

1 EXAM TASK You will hear twice an interview about cluttering homes. For the following questions choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to what you hear.

1 Dr Hawkins mentions the two studies to point out that

- A** many people cannot control how many things they store.
- B** British people manage their home space better than Americans.
- C** American people buy too many toys.
- D** home space is no longer important to people.

2 What reason for accumulating possessions does

Dr Hawkins not mention?

- A** They have an emotional value.
- B** They might prove useful.
- C** They are inexpensive to get.
- D** They show our wealth.

3 Most people realise the problem of cluttering when

- A** they badly lack storage space.
- B** their children leave home.
- C** they need to move house.
- D** they try to get rid of some stuff.

4 Dr Hawkins says cluttering our homes prevents us from

- A** doing regular cleaning.
- B** trying new activities.
- C** working at home.
- D** being energetic at work.

5 In the interview, Sarah mainly discusses

- A** various aspects of poor home space management.
- B** important changes in our lives.
- C** the positive results of decluttering.
- D** the reasons why people clutter their homes.

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2 EXAM TASK Read the following text, from which four sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences (A-E) the one which fits each gap (1-4) to obtain a logical and grammatically correct text. There is one extra paragraph that you do not need to use.

When my husband died in a car crash two years ago, I felt as if my whole life had turned upside down. The house kept bringing back memories of the happy past. (1)___ It seemed empty, even hostile, and I was feeling desperate to leave it forever. Thus began my search for a new home.

I was determined to leave, so I asked the estate agent to sell it as quickly as possible. The house went surprisingly soon.

(2)___ I found a flat in a bit run-down area near a suburban railway station. I could hear the sounds of trains pulling in and out of the station all night.

For the next several weeks, I looked over a few houses in the area. Most of them lacked little in terms of space, comfort and most were conveniently located. (3)___ I desperately needed to find a place that would help me make a fresh start. I wanted a house with some identity, a soul to compensate for my solitude.

The estate agent must have felt helpless as I kept turning down one house after another and, as weeks passed, our contacts became less frequent. And then, one Thursday morning he called me at my office and said he might have something for me. We arranged to go there the following day.

The house was an early 20th-century cottage some miles away from the city. The high hedge around it allowed only for a view of the roof, with a small chimney. The rusty gate let us in the front yard. (4)___ Once inside, I walked over the dusty rooms downstairs, and then up the stairs where there was a bathroom and two bedrooms overlooking the garden. The estate agent waited patiently as I took my time to look over the house. When I was done, he approached me and asked 'Surely, you don't want it, do you?'

'I do.' I said firmly and saw him give me a broad grin. 'It's perfect.'

A I was glad although that meant moving to some temporary accommodation.

B It had been emptied of all furniture and equipment.

C A narrow path took us to the long wooden porch on the front wall.

D Now the place no longer felt like home to me.

E But these features were not what I was looking for.

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3 Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.

1 The house is located off the beaten ___.

A way **B** route **C** road **D** track

2 The house is well insulated, with double ___ windows.

A glass **B** glazed **C** panel **D** surface

3 They're planning to buy a small ___ of land on the outskirts and build a house there.

A space **B** ground **C** plot **D** zone

4 The mortgage is to be paid in monthly ____ by the 20th of each month.

A rates B instalments C debts D loans

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4 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1 The room was awfully _____ so we opened the windows to air it.

2 repairing the roof is outside our _____ at the moment. We really can't afford to do it.

3 The house seemed empty: the front door was locked and the wooden _____ on the windows were closed securely, so we couldn't even look through the windows to see if there was anyone in there.

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5 Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.

1 I came _____ this advert for a flat to let in a local paper.

2 Our landlord will always kick _____ a fuss if we're late with the rent.

3 Tired of sightseeing and quite hungry, we made _____ the nearest restaurant.

4 The burglar made _____ with over £2,000 worth of jewellery.

5 He was so wrapped _____ in his work that he didn't even notice we left the room.

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6 Write sentences using the ideas below.

1 Запитайте про вартість орендної плати.

2 Скажіть, що стан даного будинку не може бути схваленим.

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7 Complete the sentences with the correct words. The first letters have been given.

1 One s_____ to the problem could be to install a security alarm.

2 The building has not been properly m_____ and is in need of urgent repair.

3 Do you help with the household c_____ in your home?

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8 Translate the fragments in brackets from Ukrainian into English. You must not write more than 6 words for each gap. Pay attention to spelling.

1 It's high time (винести сміття) _____ in the kitchen. The rubbish is already overflowing!

2 We bought the house from the previous owner (які мешкали) _____ there for nearly 50 years.

3 I'm looking for a flatmate because (не можу оплачувати) _____
such high bills.

4 If we had enough money, (я б придбав новий будинок) _____ in
the suburbs.

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