



1. Choose the part of the sentence that suits the meaning of the situation best:

1. While in France I encountered a few problems using the language. When I was speaking as I was taught to at school, ____ . Perhaps my language was old-fashioned or the pronunciation was wrong.
1. the people always rushed away from me.
 2. some of the people invited me home
 3. the people often smiled at me
 4. I was met with much respect
2. Stopping by the shop, Mary noticed that something had changed since her last visit two day before. It was not that any of the things were moved to make space, ____ because it seemed to become more spacious.
1. perhaps they had moved the walls
 2. maybe the walls were painted light blue
 3. perhaps the walls were painted red
 4. maybe there was another shopgirl
3. It was the evening of Ann's departure, and though Nick tried to tell jokes, ____ . They realised well that they wouldn't see each other for a few months.
1. The atmosphere wasn't a jolly one
 2. Everyone was crying and weeping
 3. Ann laughed all the time
 4. The birds in the trees stopped singing
4. No one could foresee what might happen, if the experiment went wrong, and when, from the very beginning, the parameters began to differ more and more from the ones predicted by sense, ____ because at least no danger could there be to their lives.
1. it was stopped at once
 2. it still went on in nervous silence
 3. it made everyone laugh
 4. it was a great surprise for the lovers
5. Bob came specially to the station in the hope of meeting Natalie. He knew well enough that she always arrived by 4.30 train and usually took one of the first carriages. And though it was already half past six, ____ because he didn't know that she was ill.
1. he was already nervous and uneasy
 2. the train hadn't arrived
 3. his friend was still singing a song
 4. he was still waiting
6. "Allow me to help you with the suitcases", said Roger and wanted to take Julia's largest trunk. It was very useful, because it was too heavy for her to carry it herself. "____", answered she with a smile and cried for the porter. She never trusted the strangers.
1. No, thank you, I don't need any help
 2. Oh, yes, please. I'll be very grateful to you
 3. No, but I hope we'll meet tonight.
 4. Do, please. I won't manage it myself

2. Read the text and chose the correct answer:

As a result of the recent oil crisis, 9.9 million of California's 15 million motorists were subjected to an odd-even plan of gas rationing. The governor signed a bill forcing motorists with license plates ending in odd numbers to buy gas only on odd-numbered days, and those ending in even numbers on even-numbered days. Those whose plates were all letters or specially printed had to follow the odd-numbered plan.

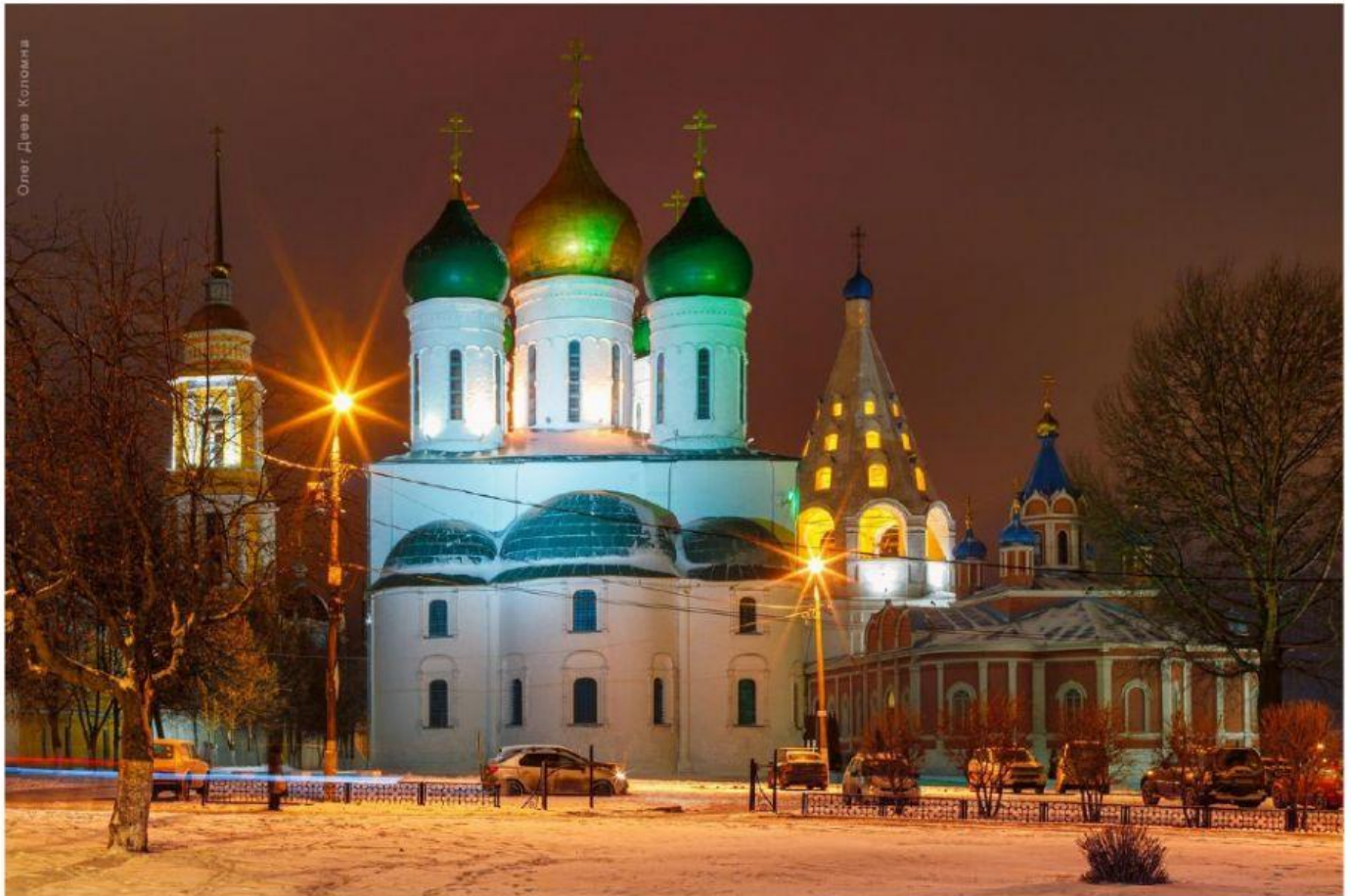
Exceptions were made only for emergencies and out-of-state drivers. Those who could not get gas were forced to walk, bike, or skate to work,

This plan was expected to eliminate the long lines at many service stations. Those who tried to purchase more than twenty gallons of gas or tried to fill a more than half filled tank would be fined and possibly imprisoned.

7. All of the following are true except: _____.
1. officials hoped that this plan would alleviate long gas lines
 2. a gas limit was imposed
 3. California has 9.9 million drivers
 4. the governor signed the bill concerning gas rationing
8. Those who violated the rationing program _____.
1. were forced to walk, bike, or skate to work
 2. were fined and possibly imprisoned
 3. had to wait in long lines
 4. were forced to use odd-numbered days
9. The gas rationing plan was not binding on _____.
1. even-numbered license plates
 2. odd-numbered license plates
 3. all-lettered plates
 4. out-of-state plates
10. California was forced to adopt this plan because _____.
1. a recent oil crisis necessitated it
 2. too many drivers were filling their tanks with more than twenty gallons and spilling
 3. people were not getting enough exercise and needed to walk, bike, or skate
 4. too many motorists had odd-numbered plates

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