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EXERCISE 7

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Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

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After buying a new house, the next step is to get it renovated. You need not read this article further **1** _____ you are the type who will be happy doing this yourself and are able to live with the consequences.

2 _____, if you are thinking of engaging a professional to do the interior designing for your dream home, there are a few important things you need to know and consider.

Firstly, most designers, including interior designers, **3** _____ imaginative people. Apparently, the more creative a designer is, the better he **4** _____ be. After all, he has to imagine himself as the client even if it is

only for a moment, and to design a home he thinks his client **5** _____
be happy with.

In addition, the designer has to bridge both the client's expectations and
budget **6** _____ his imagination. For something special to be created,
a relationship has to evolve **7** _____ the client and the designer. The
client should thus be confident with his own choice **8** _____ designer
and trust that he can deliver with full confidence.

So **9** _____ do you select an interior designer for your new
home? Referrals and recommendations are still your best bet. A designer
with a good source of home accessories and furniture suppliers is a bonus
10 _____ he can often get better prices from his network of retailers and
suppliers. This, in turn, will help you to save a hefty sum of money!

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INTERMEDIATE**EXERCISE 8****110**
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Muslims in Singapore observed their annual sacrificial ceremony or korban during Hari Raya Haji on Tuesday. Hari Raya Haji teaches Muslims the importance of devotion and enables them to express **1** _____ gratitude.

2 _____ the rainy weather, thousands of Muslims thronged the more than 60 mosques in Singapore to join in the Hari Raya Haji prayers.

About 8000 sheep were slaughtered island wide. After the ritual killing and skinning, the meat **3** _____ distributed to the poor and needy. The minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs was at the Istiqamah Mosque in Serangoon

4 _____ he helped to distribute the slaughtered meat to both the poor and needy.

The Hari Raya Haji celebrations attracted Singaporeans from across the religious spectrum. 5 _____ non-Muslim ministers and grassroots leaders also joined in to observe the korban rites, in a show of solidarity and multi-racial understanding.

Some of the ministers even came fully attired 6 _____ the baju kurung.

After inspecting the korban process, the minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs said the community was confident that last year's delayed delivery of the sheep 7 _____ not be repeated. Some mosques had to cancel the korban then 8 _____ bad weather delayed the arrival of sheep from Australia.

The minister also added, "Since confidence 9 _____ been restored, let us work together now to maintain the standard that we have achieved."

Then they dined on nasi briyani, cooked with meat 10 _____ the sacrificed sheep.

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BASIC**EXERCISE 29**15
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Read the passage. For each question from 1 to 5, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

My friends and I are very fond of games, so our parents will regularly (1) organise friendly 'mini-matches' where we can all spend time in friendly competitions every Sunday morning. Our parents take turns to come up with themes for the activities. The (2) forthcoming competition is an obstacle race. My parents will be the judges for that competition. In the race, we have to be (3) nimble.

We are always punctual for these games as we love the (4) challenge. We are always told that we should just do our best, have fun and accept whatever outcome (5) graciously. However, some of us are still not able to control our emotions at times and will burst into tears.

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| 1 | (1) conform
(2) regulate | (3) arrange
(4) position | () |
| 2 | (1) fierce
(2) recent | (3) coming
(4) previous | () |
| 3 | (1) agile
(2) clumsy | (3) inflexible
(4) responsive | () |
| 4 | (1) fun
(2) test | (3) thrill
(4) adventure | () |
| 5 | (1) angrily
(2) bravely | (3) seriously
(4) courteously | () |

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INTERMEDIATE**EXERCISE 30**15
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Read the passage. For each question from 1 to 5, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

The giraffe's closest (1) kin is the okapi. Unlike the giraffe, it lives alone in the (2) dense equatorial forest of Zaire, Africa. It neither has a long neck nor long limbs.

An okapi looks like a (3) hybrid of a horse and a zebra. It was not named scientifically until 1901.

Okapis are being hunted for food and their natural (4) habitats are being destroyed. An estimate of only 30 000 individuals are left. About 5000 are kept in (5) wildlife reserves. Although okapis are protected by law, they are still threatened by poachers and habitat destruction.

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| 1 | (1) friend
(2) animal | (3) relative
(4) neighbour | () |
| 2 | (1) dark
(2) thick | (3) scorching
(4) crammed | () |
| 3 | (1) mixture
(2) family | (3) crossbreed
(4) combination | () |
| 4 | (1) houses
(2) quarters | (3) hearths
(4) territories | () |
| 5 | (1) agricultural
(2) nature | (3) artificial
(4) man-made | () |

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 x 1 = 15 marks)

There has been some concern in Malaysia about the giant turtles which come to nest on the beach in Trengganu. Great efforts have been made to **1** the female turtles when they come out of the water to lay their eggs in the sand.

These heavy turtles, **2** almost seven hundred kilograms, drag themselves up the **3** at night once a year during the egg-laying **4**. With their flippers, they dig deep holes in the sand and each can lay up to one hundred and fifty eggs. Normally, about six hundred or so turtles would **5**, but the number is **6** all the time. Less than half of this number showed up this year.

The problem stems from the fact that the **7** want to make money from them. They **8** tourists who wish to view the egg laying exorbitant fees. When the tourists are excited, the noise they make keeps the turtles away from the beach. Sometimes, the turtles **9** to lay eggs when torches are shone on them by tourists. The tourists even **10** to sit on their shells and ride these animals up the beach.

There are also accidents **11** by the thoughtlessness of certain people. Turtles, which usually **12** on jellyfish, sometimes eat plastic bags **13** in the sea. As a result, the turtles are often **14** to death. Others get **15** in the nets left by careless fishermen.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 x 1 = 15 marks)

The greatest structure ever built by Man is the Great Wall of China. Built more than two thousand years ago, it covers a length of over eight thousand kilometres, **1** _____ it the longest wall in the world. The **2** _____ of the wall was started by the first emperor of China. He wanted to **3** _____ out the fierce nomads from the north. These Mongols rode into China, killing people and robbing them. The wall was also meant to keep his people busy, so that they would have no **4** _____ to give him trouble. A million labourers worked with their hands on the construction of the wall, and thousands died as a **5** _____.

From a **6** _____, the wall looks like a snake wriggling around mountains and valleys. In most parts, the wall **7** _____ up to nine metres high. Along the top runs a road five metres wide that allows five horses to run side by side or ten men to march **8** _____.

At every few hundred metres, there is a watchtower **9** _____ guards used to watch out for their enemies. They collected animal waste which they would burn to **10** _____ smoke to warn of the enemy's advance. If an **11** _____ was launched at night, they lit fires. Then the emperor's soldiers would rush to **12** _____ the wall.

Today, the wall is of little use for defence. However, it is China's greatest tourist **13** _____, drawing visitors from all over the world. They make the difficult **14** _____ to the top and have their pictures taken. No visit to China is **15** _____ without a visit to the Great Wall.