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1 Underline the correct form in *italics*.

- 1 An increasing number of tourists *visit* / *visits* sites where catastrophes occurred.
- 2 Many people *are agreeing* / *agree* that travelling with friends *reduces* / *reduce* safety concerns.
- 3 Teachers working in rural schools *are* / *is* more likely to experience burnout than their counterparts in cities.
- 4 Working in rural schools *are* / *is* rightly regarded as being considerably more challenging than working in urban ones.
- 5 Reusing plastic bottles *is* / *are* not very hygienic, unless of course the bottles *are* / *is* thoroughly cleaned between uses.
- 6 It *is being* / *is* often said that increasing taxes *discourages* / *discourage* investment and expansion.
- 7 An increase in entry fees at popular national parks *are* / *is* unlikely to boost tourism.
- 8 Not everybody *understands* / *understand* how reusing plastic bags *do* / *does* any good at all.
- 9 Contrary to popular belief, most news *does not involve* / *do not involve* celebrities or catastrophes.
- 10 A huge amount of information *are* / *is* available on the Internet, but unfortunately not all sources *are* / *is* reliable.

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Complete the sentences with the correct Present Simple form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 Visiting national parks is a great form of tourism and should be promoted, as long as the growing number of visitors _____ the animals that _____ there. (*not/adversely/impact* // *live*)
- 2 A large number of people _____ that education in single-sex schools _____ more beneficial to students. (*agree* // *be*)
- 3 There _____ no conclusive evidence that paying employees higher salaries _____ their loyalty. (*be* // *ensure*)
- 4 Fierce competition for jobs _____ that graduates really _____ to stand out when applying for a job. (*mean* // *need*)

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- 5 Maintaining friendly relationships with colleagues _____ people improve their work-life balance. (*help*)
- 6 In some countries, non-compliance with traditional cultural practices _____ punishable by law. (*be*)
- 7 Most news _____ people sad. (*make*)
- 8 Students who _____ the advice of a career counsellor _____ to be more successful than those who do not. (*heed* // *tend*)
- 9 Most people actually _____ that the police _____ a very good job. (*believe* // *do*)
- 10 Small fish _____ fewer contaminants than big fish like tuna. (*accumulate*)

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Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets, Present Continuous or Present Simple.

- 1 The population of the world _____ very fast. (*rise*)
- 2 I _____ that wars _____ problems. (*firmly/believe* // *not/solve*)
- 3 More people than ever before _____ their DNA analysed to discover their ethnic heritage. (*have*)
- 4 In general, people _____ so that their children can have a brighter future. (*emigrate*)
- 5 It is often said that we should act according to what we _____ to be right. (*consider*)
- 6 Most sociologists _____ that official crime statistics _____ the true level of criminal behaviour. (*agree* // *not/accurately/reflect*)
- 7 Polar bears are now an endangered species because the ice caps _____ (*melt*)
- 8 People _____ the Internet to find answers to questions and to find the products and services they _____. (*search* // *need*)
- 9 One of the reasons why society _____ increasingly fragmented is that people spend more and more time online. (*become*)
- 10 Before applying for a job, people should make sure their skills and experience _____ what the company _____. (*match* // *look for*)

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Underline the most suitable form in *italics*.

- 1 Newspapers *continued* / *have continued* to decline after the advent of the Internet.
- 2 I believe that people *have felt* / *felt* less lonely when family ties *were* / *have been* stronger.
- 3 Technology *has altered* / *altered* the way people interact with each other.
- 4 In my opinion, globalisation *resulted* / *has resulted* in the loss of local traditions.
- 5 Our grandparents *did not expect* / *have not expected* as much out of life as we do today.
- 6 Internet addiction *was* / *has been* recognised as a mental disorder for several years.
- 7 Research *has shown* / *showed* that the adult brain still produces new cells and forms new neural connections.
- 8 Before the discovery of penicillin, bacterial infections *accounted* / *have accounted* for a large proportion of deaths.
- 9 Since Armstrong and Aldrin *have walked* / *walked* on the moon in 1969, man's ambition for space exploration *reached* / *has reached* new heights.
- 10 Facebook, which *was* / *has been* launched over a decade ago, *had* / *has had* and continues to have a dramatic effect on local communities.

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Put the verbs in brackets into the most suitable form, Present Perfect or Past Simple.

- 1 The gap between old and young _____ due to technology. (*widen*)
- 2 Many people _____ trust in the business world since the global financial crisis that _____ in 2008. (*lose* // *break out*)
- 3 Text messaging _____ the preferred mode of communication for teens. (*become*)
- 4 A low standard of living meant people _____ a long lifespan. (*not/enjoy*)
- 5 It is obvious that social networking sites _____ individuals closer together. (*bring*)
- 6 Deforestation in the Amazon _____ many years ago, but it _____ _ unprecedented levels. (*begin* // *now/reach*)
- 7 Some women choose to delay having children until they _____ the career ladder. (*climb*)
- 8 Once they _____ released from prison, many first-time offenders turn to crime again. (*be*)
- 9 Today, we even find it hard to imagine how people _____ their free time before the Internet. (*spend*)
- 10 One of the greatest teachers I _____ was when I _____ a degree course in Project Management. (*ever/have* // *take*)

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