Test 6

1 This is a talk to high school students. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of one of the verbs in the box, and a preposition.

agree	find out	know	look (× 2)	teach	think

It's that time of year again when our final-year students start to (1)..... university and all of the decisions that need to be made before then. Your teachers felt that you needed some advice on this subject and I quite (2)..... them, so I have come along today to do just that. First, talk to your teachers. Not only do they (3)..... (*you*) their subjects, but they can also give you some very useful advice about your strengths and weaknesses. Secondly, make a list of what you already (4)..... university study. That will help you pinpoint what you still need to (5)..... . The internet can be an invaluable tool, but there is little point in searching for information if you don't know what you are (6)..... , otherwise you can waste hours of valuable study time just (7)..... the computer screen.

2 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1 I agree to what you are saying, but I think there is another side to the argument.
2 The difference with your essay and mine is that I only answered part of the question.
3 Our teacher stressed the importance to checking our writing for spelling mistakes.
4 Fruit bats emerge in night to feed on the many fruit trees in the area.
5 Can you meet me tomorrow morning in 10:00?
6 I've been working in this coffee shop in six months.
7 My birthday is in 8th November; when is yours?
8 Alex started piano lessons on July last year.

3 Add the correct prepositions to the following conversation.

Mary: Thanks for coming everyone. As you know, Sue, our receptionist is off sick and it may be some time before she's back (1)..... work. I'll have a replacement tomorrow, but today we'll all need to help out.

Tom: Well, I teach (2)..... the afternoons, but I could cover reception (3)..... an hour this morning. I just need to make sure I have time to prepare for my presentation (4)..... the university (5)..... 17th June.

Mary: OK, I'll put you down for 9:00 to 10:00. What about you Margaret?

Margaret: Actually, I can do a couple of hours this afternoon because I managed to get a lot of work done (6)..... the weekend. I've promised to take my class to see a play (7)..... Friday, so I really need to get that organised this morning.

Mary: That's fine. I did have a meeting (8)..... the city (9)..... 11:00 but I can cancel that and cover (10)..... three hours from 10:00 to 1:00 myself. Well done, everyone! Thank you.

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4 Underline the correct answer.

1 I quite agree *to* / *with* you.
2 'What's Ann doing?' 'She's looking *at* / *for* her passport.'
3 I must apologise *for* / *to* being late; my car broke down.
4 After a few hours, mum finally agreed *to* / *with* take us to the movies.
5 I stopped at the shops on the way home *because* / *because of* I needed some milk.
6 'Where's Bill?' 'He's at the art gallery looking *at* / *for* the paintings.'
7 Tim and Bob couldn't go to the party *because* / *because of* their tennis match.
8 I apologised *for* / *to* everyone when my phone rang during the meeting.

5 Complete the letter using the information from the notes.

Problem	Reason
rooms were noisy	the hotel wasn't finished
couldn't use the pool	the water was so dirty
son cut his foot	he swam at the beach
trip to Mt Etna spoiled	the weather was so bad
couldn't see the top of the mountain	it was covered by cloud
missed part of the show	the bus broke down
wife sick	she ate undercooked chicken

Dear Sir

I am writing to complain about a recent holiday I took with your company.

First, our accommodation was terrible. It was very noisy as a result of (1)..... , so builders were working on it day and night. Not only that, but we couldn't use the pool because of (2)..... . We would have liked to go to the beach more often, but on the first day my son cut his foot badly as a result of (3)..... in the sea there, and we discovered there was a lot of broken glass in the sand.

Secondly, we paid a great deal of money for two trips. The first one to Mt Etna was ruined because of (4)..... . In fact we couldn't even see the top of the mountain because of (5)..... . The second trip was to a show in the local town. However, we missed the start of the show as a result of (6)..... on the way there. Furthermore, my wife ended up in hospital as a result of (7)..... at the restaurant there.

I would be grateful if you could refund the cost of our trip.

Yours faithfully

Fraser Cullen

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