Use of English

The Rise of Minimalism

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

Minimalism isn't just about having fewer (1) _____ - things you own; it's a mindset shift that's transforming how people live. (2) _____ by a desire for simplicity and mental clarity, minimalism encourages people to focus on what truly matters and let go (3) _____ excess. The movement started as a reaction to consumer culture, with many individuals (4) _____ that fewer items can lead to greater happiness and freedom. Minimalists often report feeling less stressed and more fulfilled as they (5) _____ both their homes and their minds.

1. _____	2. _____	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____
A) attachments	*A) Driven*	*A) from*	*A) discovering*	*A) demolish*
B) possessions	*B) Hidden*	*B) by*	*B) finding*	*B) debunk*
C) materials	*C) Found*	*C) for*	*C) exploring*	*C) declutter*
D) needs	*D) Broken*	*D) of*	*D) covering*	*D) devote*

When Luck Runs Out

Alex had never believed in superstitions before, brushing off Friday the 13th as nonsense. But this time, things went differently. His alarm (6) _____, so he woke up late. Then, as he was rushing out, he spilled coffee (7) _____ his shirt and missed the bus by seconds. At work, every task seemed to fall apart—his computer crashed, files disappeared, and his presentation (8) _____ mid-slide. By lunchtime, he was questioning everything he'd once laughed at. "If I had stayed in bed," he thought, "this day (9) _____ have gone so wrong." Now, Friday the 13th wasn't just a joke; it felt (10) _____ a warning he'd never ignore again.

6. _____	7. _____	8. _____	9. _____	10. _____
A) has failed	*A) on*	*A) freeze*	*A) hadn't*	*A) like*
B) had failed	*B) at*	*B) frozen*	*B) didn't*	*B) as*
C) had been failing	*C) in*	*C) freezed*	*C) wouldn't*	*C) as if*
D) was failing	*D) for*	*D) froze*	*D) hasn't*	*D) such*

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