

## Rational Cloze

## Practice 1

Questions 1 to 10 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to fill in each blank.

## Old Mano and the Old Man

The gentle breeze tousled the few strands of grey hair on the head of the old man. Every evening he would be sitting on the old rickety bench (0) \_\_\_\_\_ the sunset. The little brown birds would chirp (1) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking the silence of the surroundings. The old man was not appreciating the beauty of nature but was rather distracted. His mind was somewhere as he (2) \_\_\_\_\_ blankly into space, a faraway look in his eyes.

'Hello, Uncle. You (3) \_\_\_\_\_ be thinking of your daughter again,' a voice interrupted the old man's thoughts. It was Old Mano. He (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the only one truly happy in this home. He made up his mind to not think of his yesteryears. He wanted to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the best of it. However, everyone else was quiet and lived from day to day. The atmosphere only changed during the weekends (6) \_\_\_\_\_ many visitors came. There would be much noise and laughter. The home was a hive of activity (7) \_\_\_\_\_ soon it would die down and return to its normal sense of quietness.

Old Mano looked at him, waiting for a reply to his question. It took some time (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the old man responded. As usual, the old man just nodded and shook his head with a sigh. Then, he would look away. Sometimes, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes would be misty. Old Mano felt disappointed as his attempts to be friendly had been rejected. He sighed, smiled at the old man and patted him (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his shoulder before walking away. Well, Old Mano thought there would always be another day.



0 A watch	B watches	C watched	D watching
1 A happily	B quickly	C easily	D brutally
2 A staring	B stared	C stares	D stare
3 A can	B may	C must	D should
4 A were	B was	C are	D is
5 A make	B makes	C made	D making
6 A who	B what	C when	D where
7 A so	B but	C and	D because
8 A after	B before	C while	D as
9 A my	B our	C her	D his
10 A on	B in	C at	D by