

**Unit 2. CITY LIFE****Worksheet 3: FURTHER PRACTICE****I. Choose the best answer.**

1. The rents in this area are \_\_\_\_\_ the highest in the city.  
A. far from away      B. away by far      C. far and away      D. far too away
2. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ my brother is.  
A. nowhere like so ambitious as      B. nothing near as ambitious as  
C. nothing as ambitious as      D. nowhere near as ambitious as
3. This winter wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ as difficult as last winter.  
A. almost      B. nearly      C. closely      D. just
4. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a swimmer as my sister.  
A. better      B. good as      C. not as good      D. so good
5. The hotel was \_\_\_\_\_ from the most luxurious I've stayed in.  
A. away      B. far      C. little      D. more
6. The number of working women \_\_\_\_\_ from 49% to nearly 65% in China today.  
A. is increasing      B. have increased      C. has increased      D. has been increasing
7. \_\_\_\_\_ cold and exhausted, Andrew managed to walk home.  
A. Despite      B. Whatever      C. In spite of      D. Although
8. It's recommended that Tim \_\_\_\_\_ that course.  
A. takes      B. take      C. taking      D. will take
9. She is no longer dependent \_\_\_\_\_ her parents.  
A. on      B. of      C. to      D. with
10. \_\_\_\_\_ the barrier at the side of the road, the car would have crashed into the valley below.  
A. But for      B. Unless      C. Except for      D. Apart from

**II. Match column A with column B and then fill in the blanks with the correct idioms.**

Column A	Column B	Answer
0. as clear as	a. lead	0. e ( <i>as clear as a bell</i> )
1. as fresh as	b. life	1. _____
2. as hard as	c. a mule	2. _____
3. as heavy as	d. a rock	3. _____
4. as large as	e. a bell	4. _____
5. as stubborn as	f. a beetroot	5. _____
6. as steady as	g. nails	6. _____
7. as thick as	h. a daisy	7. _____
8. as red as	i. thieves	8. _____

0. She has a lovely voice; it's as clear as a bell.
1. I never expected to actually meet such a great actress, but when I arrived at the party, there she was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Although she had been up all night, after a short nap she looked \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He's nice enough as a neighbour, but as a businessman he's \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Those boys are \_\_\_\_\_. You hardly ever see them apart.
5. When she realized her embarrassing mistake, she turned \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I don't think I can move this sofa. It's \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I'll never convince John to do it if he doesn't want to. He's \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Compared with her shiftless, unreliable husband, she's \_\_\_\_\_.