Section 2

Words easily confused

Use the correct form of the words in the boxes to complete the sentences in each group A-I below. You may use some of the words more than once. In some cases, more than one word may be correct.

A stop avoid forbid prohibit ban prevent escape

1 Smoking has been _____ in all public places.
2 The examiner asked the students to _____ writing and put down their pens.
3 The government has taken strict measures to _____ accidents on motorways.
4 I take these pills to _____ getting seasick while travelling by boat.
5 For reasons of hygiene, animals are _____ to enter hospitals.
6 She tried to _____ her husband from informing the authorities.
7 She was lucky to _____ a conviction for shoplifting.

B blame accuse arrest charge convict sentence

1 The police _____ Mr Jones and _____ him with assault.
2 Despite the student's protests, the teacher _____ her of cheating.
3 The man was _____ of murder and _____ to twenty years in prison.
4 Don't _____ us for the broken window, we weren't playing football this morning.

C complaint annoyance accusation disappointment

1 Much to our _____, we had to wait for over an hour to purchase the tickets.
2 Despite the media hype, the concert was a real _____.
3 I wish to make a(n) _____ about the quality of the food.
4 Don't make false _____ when you don't have proof.

D chase pursue hunt follow

1 A stray dog _____ me home today and I'm thinking of keeping it.
2 My brother and I used to _____ each other around the house when we were young.
3 Police have been _____ the terrorists for weeks now but still haven't found them.
4 He wanted to _____ a career in engineering.

E cause excuse reason purpose aim

1 John has to find a good _____ for being late, otherwise he'll get into trouble.
2 The _____ of the meeting is to discuss next year's plans. If you can't attend it, you must have a good _____, as the _____ is to get everybody's opinion.
3 The carelessness of the driver was the _____ of the fatal accident.

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rob steal burgle hijack deceive cheat lie shoplift blackmail

1 The criminal's innocent looks _____ people into trusting him.
2 "Don't _____ to me. I know you weren't at school today!" shouted my mother.
3 Our house was _____ last night and all our valuables were _____.
4 Two terrorists _____ the plane and made the pilot change course.
5 The student tried to _____ during the test, but the teacher caught him and took away his paper.
6 As a teenager, Bob _____ from the local store and was even caught once.
7 Two men _____ the bank on Elm Street this morning.
8 Kim _____ John by demanding $1000 so that she wouldn't reveal his secret.

G

attack knock hit beat blow strike

1 It's dangerous to _____ people on the head.
2 The child was _____ by a vicious dog and had to be taken to hospital.
3 She never _____ on the door before entering.
4 Some football hooligans started to _____ each other after the match, so the police had to intervene.
5 He received a severe _____ on the head, which left him unconscious.
6 The church clock in the village square began to _____ ten.

H

robber thief burglar kidnapper convict criminal pickpocket victim hostage

1 The _____ demanded one million dollars as ransom for the release of their _____
2 A _____ snatched the old lady's handbag from her arm.
3 The _____ responsible for breaking into the flat next door have been caught.
4 The bank _____ escaped through the fire exit.
5 Most of the gang's _____ were old people living on their own.
6 The escaped _____ was caught within 24 hours.
7 When you travel, always be wary of _____, who can steal your wallet without you realising it.
8 Jack the Stabber is one of the country's most wanted _____. It is said that he has murdered ten people.

I

forget leave ignore neglect omit

1 I _____ to turn off the TV last night, so it was left on all night long.
2 It's cruel to _____ pets as they rely on their owners.
3 Why is Jill _____ Bill? Aren't they talking to each other anymore?
4 I don't want people to know I was involved in this project so _____ my name from the credits.
5 I've _____ the concert tickets upstairs. Could you get them?

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Derivatives

This unit deals with adjectives, adverbs and nouns that derive from verb roots.

Verb Root	Adjective = verb + -able
accept	acceptable

- Many adjectives in **-able** signify that what the verb describes can be done.
  believe → believable = that can be believed
- Some adjectives in **-able** deriving from verb roots have a different meaning:
  agree → agreeable (=pleasant)
  consider → considerable (=great in amount, substantial)
- Some other common verbs that form adjectives in the same way are: *advise, bear, cure, depend, enjoy, identify, predict, prefer, recognise, remark* and *respect*.
- When the verb root ends in **-ate**, the **-ate** is replaced by **-able**.
  irritate → irritable *tolerate → tolerable*
- When the verb root ends in **-e**, the **-e** is dropped before the ending **-able**, unless there is a **vowel**, a **c** or a **g** before the **-e**.
  admire → admirable *notice → noticeable* *change → changeable*
- Adjectives in **-able** form adverbs in **-ably**: prefer → preferable → preferably

Verb Root	Adjective = verb + -ible
access	accessible

- Many adjectives in **-ible** signify that what the verb describes can be done.
  accessible = that can be accessed
- Some other common verbs that form adjectives in the same way are: *convert, digest, resist* and *sense*.
- When the verb root ends in **-d** or **-de**, the **-d / -de** changes into **-s** before the ending **-ible**:
  comprehend → comprehensible *divide → divisible*
- When the verb root ends in **-mit**, the **-t** changes into **-ss** before the ending **-ible**.
  permit → permissible
- Adjectives in **-ible** form adverbs in **-ibly**: *sense → sensible → sensibly*

Verb Root	Noun = verb + -ery
cook	cookery

- Some other common verbs that form nouns in the same way are: *rob* and *trick*.
- When the verb ends in **-e** or **-er**, the **-e/-er** is replaced by **-ery**.
  discover → discovery *forge → forgery*

Verb Root	Adjective = verb + -ent / -ant	Noun = verb + -ence / -ance
confide	confident	confidence
ignore	ignorant	ignorance

- Some other common verbs that form adjectives in **-ent** and nouns in **-ence** are: *correspond, depend, differ* and *exist*.
- Another common verb that forms an adjective in **-ant** and a noun in **-ance** is: *resist*
- When the verb root ends in **-ate**, the **-ate** is replaced by the **-ant** and the **-ance**:
  tolerate → tolerant → tolerance
- Some verb roots form only **nouns** in **-ance**, not adjectives in **-ant**:
  assist → assistance *attend → attendance*

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- Some adjectives and nouns which derive from verb roots do not follow the rules presented above:
  appear → apparent → appearance
  insure → insured → insurance
  interfere → interfering → interference
  obey → obedient → obedience
  perform → performing → performance
  please → pleasant → pleasure
  signify → significant → significance

Verb Root	Noun (person) =verb + -ant
assist	assistant

- Nouns in **-ant** referring to people signify a person that does what the verb describes.
- Some other common verbs that form nouns in the same way are: *account, attend, consult, contest, defend, depend, inhabit* and *serve*.
- When the verb root ends in **-ate** or **-y**, the **-ate/-y** are replaced by **-ant**.
  immigrate → immigrant *occupy → occupant*
- Be careful with the noun (person) deriving from the verb **apply**.
  apply → applicant

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1 I have to buy a _____ book as I'm _____ at cooking. **COOK, HOPE**
2 There has been a _____ change in his behaviour lately. **NOTICE**
3 My friend was in for a(n) _____ surprise when he saw that his house had been _____. **PLEASE**
4 The food at the restaurant was _____, but the service was awful. **BURGLE**
5 I can't stand this _____ heat! I have to buy an air-conditioner. **TOLERATE**
6 This disease is still _____, so it is _____ to be extra careful. **BEAR**
7 Many students lack in _____ when it comes to _____ English. **CURE, ADVISE**
8 He is _____ clever for his age. **CONFIDE, SPEAK**
9 Some students are totally _____ and their behaviour in general is _____ **REMARK**
10 Kelly's house was not _____ against fire, so the _____ company will not pay for the damage. **OBEY**
11 He was charged with _____ and was imprisoned for six years. **ACCEPT**
12 My trip to Japan was _____. I had an _____ time. **INSURE, INSURE**
13 Visa _____ must have their passports with them. **FORGE**
14 Despite his young age, he behaved very _____. **FORGET, ENJOY**
APPLY
SENSE

Examination Practice

A Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

A WILD HUNT

Living in a modern society, we cannot (1) _____ the acts of crime that take place every day. Criminal activity ranges from stealing to the more serious crimes of kidnapping and murder.

Just recently, a hunt was on for two men who (2) _____ an off-licence in broad daylight. The shop owner tried

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to call the police, but he received a severe blow to the back of his head, which left him unconscious. It appears that the two (3) _____ had planned everything very well, since they (4) _____ getting caught. They were seen getting on their motorbike holding guns by two policemen in a patrol car, who started (5) _____ them. (6) _____ , the robbers managed to get away through the back streets. All exits from the city were closed (7) _____ immediately. Even the airport was put on alert and flights were delayed, as strict security measures were (8) _____ and all passengers were asked to give proof of their identity. Many people considered this a nuisance and were shocked (9) _____ these tactics. So, they put the (10) _____ for the situation on the police and (11) _____ them of incompetence. In the end, the police (12) _____ responsibility for the setbacks.

1	A ignore	B neglect	C forget	D omit
2	A stole	B robbed	C shoplifted	D hijacked
3	A criminals	B convicts	C pickpockets	D burglars
4	A escaped	B avoided	C prevented	D stopped
5	A arresting	B chasing	C hunting	D following
6	A Despite	B Therefore	C Although	D However
7	A down	B off	C up	D away
8	A taken	B followed	C put	D made
9	A with	B about	C from	D by
10	A fault	B accusation	C blame	D cause
11	A charged	B accused	C blamed	D convicted
12	A got	B recognised	C took	D received

B Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

ANTIBACTERIAL SOAPS

A (1) _____ number of people feel that washing with antibacterial soaps is the (2) _____ thing to do. Unfortunately, their (3) _____ has led them to believe that these soaps are (4) _____ to normal ones. However, research has shown that there is no real (5) _____ between washing with ordinary soap or soap (6) _____ antibacterial agents.It has also been proved that being too clean actually has (7) _____ effects, as our (8) _____ do not become (9) _____ to germs. This (10) _____ has come as a surprise, especially to those who believe that bacteria have to be fought with every means known to man.

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SENSE
IGNORE
PREFER
DIFFER
CONTAIN
DESIRE
BODY
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