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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