FCE PREPARATION — FEEDBACK DRILL

Targeted practice based on Checkup 2 results

Name: _____ Date: _____

A. Key Word Transformations

Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use only the ONE word in CAPITALS. Do not change the word given.

1. Scientists believe that a cure for this disease will be found very soon.
   [BE]
   _____ *long before scientists find a cure for this disease.*

2. With so little sleep, she will definitely make mistakes at work.
   [BOUND]
   With so little sleep, she is _____ *mistakes at work.*

3. Electric cars will completely replace petrol cars soon.
   [THE]
   Electric cars will completely replace petrol cars in _____.

4. The minister can't make up her mind about whether to raise the minimum wage.
   [FENCE]
   The minister is _____ *as to whether to raise the minimum wage.*

5. It is very likely that the match will be postponed due to the weather.
   [PROBABILITY]
   In _____, *the match will be postponed due to the weather.*

B. Far Expressions

Part 1. Match each expression (left) to its meaning (right). Write the correct letter in the middle column.

Meanings:

A. up until now
B. not at all; the opposite is true
C. without any doubt; to a great degree
D. to say or do something extreme or unacceptable
E. in my opinion; from my point of view
F. very soon; in the coming days or weeks

Expression	Letter	
by far		
so far		
far from it		
as far as I'm concerned		
go too far		
in the near future		

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Part 2. Complete each sentence with the correct expression from the box. Use each one once only.

by far | so far | far from it | as far as I'm concerned | go too far | in the near future

1. This is _____ the best film I have seen all year — nothing else comes close.
2. _____, nobody has come forward with a solution to the problem.
3. A: Is the restaurant expensive?
   B: _____! They actually have a very affordable set menu.
4. _____, working from home is far more productive than going to the office.
5. Scientists believe that a vaccine will be available _____.
6. You can joke around, but there are times when you really _____. I wouldn't go as far as that.

C. Spelling Correction

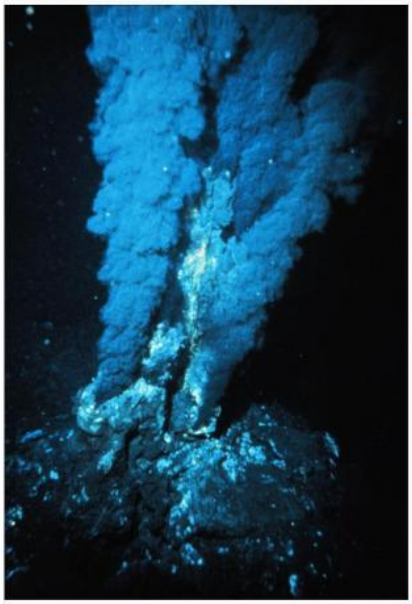
Each sentence contains one spelling mistake. Find it, circle it, and write the correct word on the line.

1. *In conclution, it is clear that social media has had both positive and negative effects on young people.*
   Correct spelling: _____
2. *Altough the new law has been welcomed by many, critics argue that it does not go far enough.*
   Correct spelling: _____
3. *It is recomended that students read widely in order to improve their vocabulary.*
   Correct spelling: _____
4. *Protecting the enviroment should be a priority for every government in the world.*
   Correct spelling: _____
5. *In my oppinion, the best way to learn a language is to speak it as often as possible.*
   Correct spelling: _____
6. *To sumarise, both proposals have merit, but the second one is more practical for our purposes.*
   Correct spelling: _____
7. *This is a film wich I would definitely watch again — it gets better every time.*
   Correct spelling: _____
8. *The begining of the novel is slow, but the second half more than makes up for it.*
   Correct spelling: _____
9. *It is necesary to consider all sides of the argument before reaching a conclusion.*
   Correct spelling: _____
10. *The ending was deeply dissapointing and left me feeling that the director had run out of ideas.*
    Correct spelling: _____

D. Open Cloze

Read the text below. Write ONE word in each gap.

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Life Without Sunlight

Few places on Earth are as extraordinary as the hydrothermal vents found at the bottom of the ocean. (1) _____ is a world of crushing pressure and complete darkness, but (2) _____ conditions seem impossible for life, entire ecosystems thrive. Clusters of tube worms, blind shrimp, and ghostly crabs gather around vents* (3) _____ release superheated water rich in minerals. This energy is gathered (4) _____ microorganisms that form the base of the food chain — not sunlight.

If scientists (5) _____ not discovered these vents in 1977, our understanding of where life can exist would have remained far narrower. The vents have since transformed biology, raising the possibility that similar ecosystems could exist beneath the icy surfaces of moons like Europa.

IMAGE: Vents*

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