EXPERT WORD CHECK – CB p 56

1 Complete the sentences below using the correct form of the words in the box. Use each word or phrase only ONCE.

allot | bear a resemblance | initiate | invaluable | nuisance |relegate | ritual | slump | stifle | twist

1. Having a seasoned mentor guide me through my final academic year provided an _____ experience that completely transformed my career path.
2. The team was devastated when they were _____ to the lower division after a string of consecutive losses late in the season.
3. Every morning, he follows a strict _____ of drinking green tea and meditating for twenty minutes before checking his emails.
4. I don't mean to be a _____, but could you please lower the volume of your music while I am on this conference call?
5. The local government decided to _____ a new recycling program to tackle the growing waste management crisis in the city.
6. Exhausted from the long shift, she immediately began to _____ down in her armchair the moment she walked through the front door.
7. The plot of the psychological thriller was brilliant, featuring an unexpected _____ at the very end that left the audience stunned.
8. Event organizers decided to _____ forty minutes to the interactive Q&A session to ensure all attendees could participate.
9. Try as he might, the comedian could not _____ his laughter when a stray dog wandered onto the stage during his live set.
10. Many locals remarked that the newly constructed municipal library seemed to _____ to the historic town hall across the street.

2: Use of English – Multiple-Choice Cloze → Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap.

The Challenges of Creative Spaces

Managing a modern creative team requires a delicate balance of structure and freedom. If a manager enforces overly rigid protocols, they risk **(1)** _____ the very innovation they wish to encourage. True collaboration cannot thrive under stifling conditions. For this reason, forward-thinking directors often **(2)** _____ informal brainstorming sessions, allowing ideas to flow organically without immediate judgment.

However, completely abandoning structure can create its own set of problems. Without a clear daily **(3)** _____ to anchor the team's focus, daily operations can quickly devolve into chaos. Minor logistical disruptions—such as malfunctioning software or administrative delays—become a major **(4)** _____, draining energy away from deep creative work. When structure is missing entirely, overall productivity can **(5)** _____, leaving projects delayed and teams demoralized.

The key lies in smart resource management. Leaders must carefully **(6)** _____ specific time blocks for deep focus while keeping administrative tasks minimal. When done correctly, routine tasks are **(7)** _____ to the background, functioning as a supportive framework rather than an obstacle. This balanced approach provides **(8)** _____ support to designers, ensuring they have the mental freedom to introduce a unique **(9)** _____ to standard projects, ultimately delivering results that **(10)** _____ a strong resemblance to world-class craftsmanship.

Options

Gap	A	B	C	D
1	A stifling	B initiation	C slumping	D relegating
2	A allot	B initiate	C bear	D twist
3	A nuisance	B ritual	C slump	D twist
4	A nuisance	B ritual	C allotment	D resemblance
5	A relegate	B initiate	C slump	D stifle
6	A relegate	B allot	C initiate	D twist
7	A relegated	B initiated	C stifled	D slumped
8	A invaluable	B nuisance	C ritual	D structural
9	A ritual	B slump	C nuisance	D twist
10	A carry	B bear	C give	D hold

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