The Price of Coffee

A. VOCABULARY: Prices and values

Complete the sentences with the expressions from the box.

come up with	pay a fair price for	rely on	~~make the most of~~
depend on	has an effect on	invest in	
take advantage of	treat myself to	charge for	

1 You should make the most of the beautiful weather today. It's going to rain tomorrow.
2 Prices _____ what people are willing to pay.
3 Drinking too much coffee _____ my ability to sleep at night.
4 After a bad day, I _____ a bowl of ice cream.
5 Our guests can _____ many facilities at the hotel, such as restaurants, meeting rooms, and workout rooms.
6 I am willing to _____ food, but I think $12 for a sandwich is too much.
7 You can _____ the service at the restaurant. It's always fast.
8 To be successful, businesses need to _____ new ideas on a regular basis.
9 Should I _____ Sam's business? I'll make money if it's successful.
10 I'll never go back to that restaurant. They _____ a glass of water!

B. GRAMMAR: Modifying comparisons

Compare the bakeries below. Use the words in parentheses and a bit, a little, much, a lot, more, way more, or by far.

	Bob's Bakery	Crazy 4 Cake	Sweet Surprises
Price for cakes	$15	$25	$12
Busy times	11 a.m.–3 p.m.	all day	12 p.m.–2 p.m.
Likes	255	765	450
In business since	1952	2008	2010

1. Crazy 4 Cake has been open a little longer than Sweet Surprises. Of the three, Bob's Bakery has been open by far the longest (long)
2. Crazy 4 Cake is _____, but Bob's Bakery is _____ than Sweet Surprises. (expensive)
3. Sweet Surprises is _____ than Bob's Bakery, but Crazy 4 Cake is _____. (popular)
4. Crazy 4 Cake is _____ of the three. Bob's Bakery is _____ than Sweet Surprises. (busy)

Complete the sentences with as... as and almost, nearly, nowhere near, or just.

1. The pizza at Arturo's is much better than the pizza at Gina's.
   Gina's pizza is not nearly as good as Arturo's.
2. The servers at Gina's are a little friendlier than the servers at Arturo's.
   Arturo's servers are _____ Gina's are.
3. The seats at Gina's are really comfortable. Arturo's seats aren't comfortable at all.
   Arturo's seats are _____ Gina's are.
4. Arturo's and Gina's are big. They both have 25 tables. Gina's is _____ Arturo's is.
5. Gina's and Arturo's are new. Gina's opened in June of 2017. Arturo's opened six months later. Gina's is _____ Arturo's is.

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