Reading Part 2a

Read the text. Choose the correct answers to complete the text.

Prius Shoes

Prius is a German company that has shoe shops in big cities in several European countries. **(1)** ..... of their customers are teenagers and young adults. The assistants are usually young as well. Prius shops are painted in **(2)** ..... colours and have lots of space. Their shoes, boots and trainers are quite expensive – they sell a lot of the top brands. But they have their own brand of shoes **(3)** ..... , and often have special offers.

Prius always have their shops in city centres. They play quite loud music and always **(4)** ..... their doors open to make people feel they want to go inside. They also have comfortable sofas for customers waiting to **(5)** ..... shoes on.

1. a) Much
   b) Any
   c) Most

2. a) bright
   b) fit
   c) sweet

3. a) else
   b) too
   c) so

4. a) keep
   b) stay
   c) take

5. a) turn
   b) get
   c) try

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Reading Part 2b

Read the text. Choose the correct answers to complete the text.

An interesting job: careers advisor

Sarah Lewington is a careers advisor who works in various schools in her local area. Mostly she sees students one-to-one for short interviews. In these, she aims to chat to students of different ages about their possible career **(1)** ..... and to give them useful information to help them **(2)** ..... their decisions about their future. She needs to know what school subjects the students enjoy, whether they have any strong ideas about possible careers and what they understand about the jobs they do **(3)** ..... an interest in. She also likes to **(4)** ..... out about the students' personalities and what they enjoy doing outside the classroom. With older students, she might help them prepare CVs or fill in application **(5)** ..... for jobs.

1. a) ways
   b) options
   c) varieties

2. a) come
   b) make
   c) set

3. a) show
   b) become
   c) are

4. a) carry
   b) get
   c) find

5. a) contracts
   b) forms
   c) certificates

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Reading Part 2c

Read the text. Choose the correct answers to complete the text.

The paradox of open plan offices

Open plan offices are promoted as improving collaboration and group collective intelligence. In a workplace with no physical barriers, no closed-off individual spaces, everyone thinks collaboratively and knowledge **(1)** ..... . Also, everyone intermingles regardless of seniority, so that everyone feels valued and respected. **(2)** ..... , that's the theory.

The reality, however, according to a recent report, is high **(3)** ..... of noise and distraction, difficulties in concentrating, and reduced productivity and job satisfaction. Ironically, a system designed to produce a friendly, democratic environment, actually creates far fewer face-to-face interactions and private conversations.

What appears to happen is that employees instinctively seek strategies to **(4)** ..... their privacy. So they tune out with headphones, and use email to contact others rather than risk a face-to-face interaction in front of a large audience. The **(5)** ..... result is an office with a deathly silence!

1. a) surrounds
   b) publicises
   c) spreads

2. a) As such
   b) At least
   c) Even so

3. a) totals
   b) levels
   c) degrees

4. a) preserve
   b) screen
   c) store

5. a) eventual
   b) concluding
   c) forthcoming

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