

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE.

1. The old man did not say a word but only _____ his head in agreement.
a. moved **b. nodded** c. shook d. turned
2. He is planning to go _____ business with his best friend.
a. onto **b. into** c. in d. to
3. We are too late to get tickets for tomorrow's concert: there isn't a single _____ left.
a. space b. room **c. seat** d. place
4. If you want to lose weight, you must cut _____ fried food, cakes and chocolates!
a. back b. off **c. out** d. away
5. The audience were enjoying the show immensely, _____ their feet in time to the music.
a. hitting **b. tapping** c. clapping d. beating
6. The tax inspector will call next month to _____ the company's accounts.
a. check b. arrange c. control d. search
7. Paul left his last job when he realised there was no chance _____ promotion.
a. about b. in c. to **d. of**
8. I've just heard _____ interesting news: Barbara and David are engaged to be married!
a. some b. an c. these d. about
9. The label states that this product has been fully _____ for safety.
a. applied b. tried **c. tested** d. proved
10. My parents' house isn't very far: if there's no traffic we should be there in _____ an hour.
a. less b. below c. over **d. under**

II. REPHRASING.

1. I waited for him until 6.30 and then gave up.
I waited for him until 6.30, **at which time I gave up.**
2. I'd better be getting home now.
It's time **I went home.**
3. The suitcase was extremely heavy but he managed to lift it easily.
Despite **the fact that the suitcase was extremely heavy he managed to lift it easily**
4. I didn't realise he was your brother until I saw the photograph.
It was only **after seeing the photograph that I realised he was your brother.**
5. My parents find fault with everything I do.
No matter **what I do my parents always find fault with it.**
6. We cannot exchange tickets in any circumstances.
Under no circumstances can we exchange tickets.
7. 'I'd take a taxi if I were you', said Tom.
Tom suggested **taking a taxi.**
8. Our water supply has never been cut off before.
We've never had our water supply cut off before.

III. TRANSFORMATIONS.

1. The aupair assumed that she would be free every weekend. **TOOK**
The aupair girl took it for granted that she would be free at the weekend.
2. I was so surprised that I couldn't say anything. **LOSS**
I was so surprised that I was at a loss for words.
3. It took him a week to get over his last cold but now he feels completely healthy. **RAIN**
It took him a week to get over his last cold but now he is as right as rain.
4. We got to the airport with only second to spare. **NICK**
W got to the airport in the nick of time.
5. Just relax and don't do very much. **TAKE**
Just take it easy.
6. His arrival was completely unexpected. **TOOK**
His arrival took us by surprise.
7. The bridge has been built for two years. **CONSTRUCTION**
The bridge has been under construction for two years.
8. £ 500 is too much for that painting. **WORTH**
That painting isn't worth £ 500.

IV. BLANK FILLING.

1. By the time **we arrived at the theatre the concert had** already started.
2. In addition **to studying English** he also studies French.
3. Doctors say that the less one smokes **the more** one is likely to live.
4. I insisted **on leaving** even though she wanted to stay.
5. My sister wasn't in Paris last month so you **couldn't have** seen her there.

V. CLOZE TEST.

Anyone who glances at the financial pages of British newspapers is bound to (1) **come** across the term 'take-over-bid'. He may also (2) **read** about 'mergers', (3) **which** in practice (4) **amount/come** to very much the same sort of thing. The only difference is (5) **one** of emphasis. A merger suggests two companies joining forces for their mutual benefit, while a take-over implies one company (6) **taking** control of the other (7) **whether** the other likes it or not. At one time, the Government (8) **used/tended** to favour take-overs on the (9) **grounds** that the (10) **stronger/bigger/larger** a company is, the more competitive it will be abroad. This analysis overlooks some disadvantages, (11) **above** all because (12) **no** one has worked (13) **out** systematically why the majority of mergers take (14) **place**. A company taking over another may really want to (15) **build** up a strong combination (16) **capable** of resisting foreign competition but it is just (17) **as** likely to be interested (18) **in** eliminating a smaller, (19) **more** efficient rival, (20) **whose** presence in the home market is embarrassing.