

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, _____
2. I'd better be getting home now.
It's time _____
3. The suitcase was extremely heavy but he managed to lift it easily.
Despite _____
4. I didn't realise he was your brother until I saw the photograph.
It was only _____
5. My parents find fault with everything I do.
No matter _____
6. We cannot exchange tickets in any circumstances.
Under _____
7. 'I'd take a taxi if I were you', said Tom.
Tom suggested _____
8. Our water supply has never been cut off before.
We've _____

III. TRANSFORMATIONS.

1. The aupair assumed that she would be free every weekend. **TOOK**

2. I was so surprised that I couldn't say anything. **LOSS**

3. It took him a week to get over his last cold but now he feels completely healthy. **RAIN**

4. We got to the airport with only second to spare. **NICK**

5. Just relax and don't do very much. **TAKE**

6. His arrival was completely unexpected. **TOOK**

7. The bridge has been built for two years. **CONSTRUCTION**

8. £ 500 is too much for that painting. **WORTH**

IV. BLANK FILLING.

1. By the time _____ already started.
2. In addition _____ he also studies French.
3. Doctors say that the less one smokes _____ one is likely to live.
4. I insisted _____ even though she wanted to stay.
5. My sister wasn't in Paris last month so you _____ seen her there.

V. CLOZE TEST.

Anyone who glances at the financial pages of British newspapers is bound to (1) _____ across the term 'take-over-bid'. He may also (2) _____ about 'mergers', (3) _____ in practice (4) _____ to very much the same sort of thing. The only difference is (5) _____ of emphasis. A merger suggests two companies joining forces for their mutual benefit, while a take-over implies one company (6) _____ control of the other (7) _____ the other likes it or not. At one time, the Government (8) _____ to favour take-overs on the (9) _____ that the (10) _____ a company is, the more competitive it will be abroad. This analysis overlooks some disadvantages, (11) _____ all because (12) _____ one has worked (13) _____ systematically why the majority of mergers take (14) _____. A company taking over another may really want to (15) _____ up a strong combination (16) _____ of resisting foreign competition but it is just (17) _____ likely to be interested (18) _____ eliminating a smaller, (19) _____ efficient rival, (20) _____ presence in the home market is embarrassing.