

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE.

1. You cannot use an Irish bank note to buy things in English shops because it is not legal _____.
a. payment b. money c. currency d. tender
2. Thomas Mann's Dr Faustus is a long, complex, _____ rewarding novel to read.
a. yet b. while c. since d. however
3. _____ the barrier at the side of the road, the car would have crashed into the valley below.
a. But for b. Apart from c. Except d. Unless
4. The latest crisis was brought _____ by the mishandling of the economy.
a. over b. in c. down d. about
5. When the police insisted that he should move on, the tired old tramp _____ off reluctantly across the muddy field.
a. skipped b. trudged c. tore d. hopped
6. It took the panel of judges a long time to agree _____ which book should win the prize.
a. to b. by c. on d. with
7. Sarah congratulated _____ passing my driving test.
a. me b. for c. me on d. me for
8. The hotel didn't _____ my expectations.
a. come up to b. get up to c. come down to d. get down to
9. _____ happens, I shall stand by you!
a. Whatever b. What c. Which d. That
10. If this plan _____ off, I promise you'll get the credit for it.
a. lets b. goes c. comes d. gets

II. TRANSFORMATIONS.

1. I met four people at the party. Two of them were English.
I met four people at the party, _____
2. I didn't hear the news until the next day.
It wasn't _____
3. She's proud of being such a good cook.
She prides _____
4. The only way you can hope to succeed is by trial and error.
Only _____
5. It's very kind of you to give me a lift.
I appreciate _____
6. It is said that he escaped to a neutral country.
He _____
7. It's a pity you weren't short-listed for the interview.
I wish _____
8. I'm sure Liz hasn't met Harry before.
Liz _____

II. REWRITING.

1. You should have handed in your compositions by now. TIME

2. I didn't have the courage to tell him what I thought. DARE

3. The accident wasn't his fault. BLAME

4. Most people took no notice of the stranger at the bar. ATTENTION

5. That sort of behaviour is deplorable, in my opinion. APPROVE

6. We'd better leave them a note, because it's possible they'll arrive. CASE

7. She didn't get on well with her sister. TERMS

8. It seems likely that she will pass the exam. PROBABILITY

IV. BLANK FILLING.

1. I am surprised rather than disappointed that she left _____ goodbye.

2. It never _____ me that she might be lying.

3. I _____ broken into last night.

4. Unfortunately Susan came _____ flu just before she was due to go on holiday.

5. Peter never listens to any advice you give him: it's like _____ back.

V. CLOZE TEST.

(1) _____ to Thomas Carlyle, work is the main reason (2) _____ our existence. On the other (3) _____, many people dream (4) _____ winning the pools or the lottery and retiring. But in (5) _____ of the complaints that people (6) _____ about their jobs, their work always (7) _____ to them. When we start a conversation with strangers, we (8) _____ talk about the weather or ask them (9) _____ they do. (10) _____ theory, they could reply: 'I eat, drink and sleep', but in (11) _____, they understand the question. If they are out of (12) _____, they may answer that they are not doing (13) _____ at the moment. In (14) _____ words, 'doing' means the same thing (15) _____ 'working' in this conversation, and work has so (16) _____ importance for us that when someone says he is unemployed we do not know (17) _____ to go on with the conversation. In these (18) _____, it is not surprising that people would (19) _____ do unpleasant jobs than do not work (20) _____ all.