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UNIT 1

(A) Use the verbs from the box below to fill in the gaps in sentences 1 - 20. Use each verb once only. You may need to change the tense or form.

facilitate	issue	overrun	direct	audit	write
face	put	convene	embark	budget	break
operate	put	engage	wind	recapitalise	run
float	strip	merge	form	cut	

1. All staff have been warned that they _____ the axe should productivity not improve, and that no one, no matter how senior, is exempt from having to up their performance.
2. Rumours abound that Maxwell Mining is about to _____ on the stock exchange.
3. There is talk of the two struggling companies _____, and it is believed that they would benefit significantly from synergy were this to happen.
4. The company is willing to _____ on a hostile takeover bid if necessary as it has well and truly set its sights on acquiring a majority share in Indie Motors, which is by far and away its biggest rival in the industry.
5. Management has promised to _____ an easy transition to the new ownership structure.
6. The company _____ an unexpected profit warning on Monday sparking a two-thirds drop in its share price as investors _____ in panic-selling.
7. The owners have made the decision to _____ the business up as it can no longer _____ as a going concern.
8. The owners _____ a very tight ship and are highly-regarded for what they have achieved with very limited resources in a very short space of time, owing almost completely to their efficiency and excellent organisation of the business.
9. The two former rivals have _____ an unlikely strategic alliance leaving everyone perplexed as to why they were at loggerheads for so long.
10. The board has _____ forward a motion of no confidence in the Chief Executive and his days at the head of the company now appear numbered.
11. The company's assets have been _____ down to the bare minimum with all non-core business units having been sold off.
12. The company's books were _____ by Deforbes Accountants for all three years during which they were being fiddled by the Chief Financial Officer and questions are now being asked as to whether Deforbes was negligent in carrying out its duties.
13. The additional expenditure arising from the snap decision made by the board to acquire Boovampe Limited had, naturally, not been _____ for.
14. The interim management team is looking for ways to _____ the firm and investors are being sought.
15. In an effort to _____ wage-related costs, the company has ceased to allow staff to work overtime on weekends.
16. Staff have been _____ on notice that their jobs are at risk should the company remain in financial difficulty much longer.
17. Financial mismanagement has resulted in spending _____ considerably for the second consecutive year.
18. The value of the company has been _____ down after it was found that it had not been depreciating its assets according to the guidelines of the FCA.
19. Investors reacted favourably to the news that the company had succeeded in _____ even for the first time since the restructuring and cost-cutting measures were introduced.
20. A meeting of the Board of Directors has been _____ to discuss the implications of the offer tabled by Manton Investments. It is largely assumed that they will _____ shareholders to accept same.

(B) Match **a - k** from **Column A** with their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) credit		(i) industry
(b) credit		(ii) recession
(c) double-dip		(iii) check
(d) cottage		(iv) crunch
(e) corporate		(v) floor
(f) cash		(vi) bottom
(g) junk		(vii) ladder
(h) false		(viii) flow
(i) factory		(ix) bond
(j) cut-throat		(x) business
(k) exit		(xi) strategy

(C) Now use your answers from (B) above to complete the sentences below.

- This is a(n) _____ so don't act like you are surprised that I double-crossed you. I believe you would have done exactly the same thing to me given the opportunity.
- Investors have paid a heavy price for not recognising last week's share-price low as a _____; although the stock briefly rallied earlier this week, it has plummeted to new lows as the week has progressed.
- The company went into the market blindly without having thoroughly thought through the connotations for their core business, nor did they bother to develop a(n) _____ in case things should go wrong.
- It has had its rating lowered again and is now only one level above being regarded as a(n) _____ - it's hard to believe now that just three months ago it had an AA rating.
- The company was quick to reassure shareholders that its _____ is in a very healthy state and that there is no liquidity issue - and will be none for the foreseeable future.
- They ran a _____ on her and rejected the loan application based on its poor results.
- Word on the _____ is that staff on the production line are preparing to go on strike to protest against what they perceive to be unfair conditions of employment.
- The much-feared _____ has become a reality after it was confirmed that the country has been in negative growth now for three consecutive months.
- You will never reach the top of the _____ unless you change your attitude towards your superiors; it is not only about how good you are at your job, but also how well liked you might be.
- The _____ is having an effect on the number of houses being bought. Figures for January were at an all-time low and there was a notable lack of interest in the housing market from prospective first-time buyers.
- She has grown her business from being a(n) _____ to become an international power house in the catering world with remarkable speed.

(D) Use **i - v** below to fill the gaps in the text. You will need to change the word-forms so that they are correct to fill the gaps.

(i) consort (ii) conglomeration (iii) delegate (iv) solicit (v) ascertain

It is a huge **1.** _____ with activities in diverse industries ranging from extraction and mining to call centre support services, but that hasn't stopped a(n) **2.** _____ of ambitious investors from launching a takeover bid. Unperturbed by a valuation of \$18 billion, Matriarch Investors, as the group call themselves, have sent a(n) **3.** _____ of high-powered lawyers to meet with the present owners to discuss possible terms of sale, although before discussions can begin it will first have to be **4.** _____ whether or not the owners are even willing to tolerate such talk as this takeover offer is entirely **5.** _____.

(E) Transform the word in brackets so that it fits correctly in the gap.

1. The level of market _____ (penetrate) has not been as high as desired. That said, we are confident of making steady inroads and growing our market share significantly over the next two quarters.
2. The _____ (orient) of the product appears to be towards women in their mid- to late-forties.
3. There were _____ (mitigate) factors at play and I do not think the product's failure was down to it simply having been poorly conceived.
4. The bank has been accused of _____ (prey) lending and its loan book is to be closely examined by the financial ombudsman, government sources have claimed.
5. This business is a _____ (merit) ; we are led by and reward our best and most talented staff members; who you know counts for very little here.
6. _____ (protect) and the notion of free trade are two _____ (idea) opposed economic philosophies.
7. He was awarded _____ (punish) damages over and above the amount of compensation he was due for loss of profits as the judge felt the defendant needed to be taught a lesson.
8. Our boss is a _____ (nepotic) of the highest order; he just hired his niece for the newly-vacant position of Financial Officer despite the fact that she has only recently graduated and has no relevant work experience.
9. This sets a _____ (precede) of sorts by sending out the message that the mere act of calling a lightning strike is sufficient to get you exactly what you want from the owners. I have never seen a more immediate _____ (capitulate) by those in authority, have you?
10. The decision was made _____ (lateral) ; he did not consult his partners prior to the announcement.
11. The _____ (viable) of the proposal must now be called into question on the basis that the estimated cost of the build alone is now three times greater than the original figure quoted.
12. The business is _____ (solve) as it can no longer meet the repayments on its debt.
13. The company was put into _____ (receive) by the court after it was declared bankrupt on Monday.
14. The army issued a _____ (require) order for 50 new tank units.
15. There is a strong likelihood that your home will be _____ (possess) if you continue to miss your repayments.

(F) Which of the words used to fill the gaps in (E) above mean the following:

- (i) the act of surrendering _____
- (ii) the capacity to be sustainable/successful _____
- (iii) relating to one side only _____

(G) Choose a word from the box to fill each gap. Use each word once only.

mark-up	yield	tranche	boycott	
remuneration	loophole	purveyor	mandate	mogul
margin	nominal	inventory	indemnify	

1. The _____ package was not lucrative enough to lure him away from the company.
2. He is a business _____ who holds much sway in the political sphere, too, and is viewed as one of the best ambassadors the country has on account of the high repute in which he is held abroad.
3. They exploited a(n) _____ to avoid having to pay tax on the profits from the transaction.
4. The insurance company agreed to _____ the business against losses arising from civil disorder.
5. He has been given a(n) _____ by the shareholders to proceed with the expansion of the company - how else could their overwhelming endorsement of him in the vote at the AGM be interpreted?
6. The profit _____ is not high enough to make this a viable business.
7. Included in the _____ was a one-of-a-kind platinum necklace which has been described as irreplaceable.
8. The company is a(n) _____ of jam to the royal family.
9. The _____ of goods from Zimbabwe ended when the corrupt regime was removed from power.
10. The _____ interest rate may have risen but the real interest rate remains the same.
11. There is a considerable _____ on the price of bread considering that it costs wholesalers in the region of £0.20 per loaf yet they charge £0.80 on average to consumers.
12. A large _____ of money was transferred to an account in the Cayman Islands, raising suspicions that the company's official modus operandi is but a front to mask a money laundering racket.
13. The _____ on German government bonds is lower now than it has been at any other stage since the introduction of the Euro currency.

(H) Choose a word from the box to fit in each gap below. You should use each word once only.

intangible	gagging	nest	learning	labour
insider	golden	passing	sleeping	inheritance
hyper	pyramid	majority	hush	stamp

- It is a steep _____ curve, but you are expected to climb it without someone having to hold your hand all the way; you must be quick to catch on to succeed in this company.
- The job was quite _____ intensive, which is what brought the cost up from the original estimate.
- He was paid some _____ money in return for his public silence on the issue of who the child's mother was.
- He invested in the company as a _____ partner, leaving the running of the business entirely in the hands of the other owners.
- It was exposed as a _____ scheme and he was arrested on the charge of misappropriating some £6 million in total.
- The _____ trade in this area is quite strong, which is just as well because there is not enough local business to sustain a service station round here.
- He had built up a considerable _____ egg for himself by the time of his retirement.
- The couple were exempt from paying _____ duty on their house purchase as the home's value did not exceed the threshold of £250,000.
- He strongly refutes the charge of _____ trading and claims that he is a victim of his own success.
- The judge issued a _____ order to prevent the witness releasing a statement to the press.
- He secured a _____ interest in the company when his brother died as the latter's shares passed to him.
- He was given a _____ handshake to ensure that he would leave his post without incident.
- Naturally, you will be liable for _____ tax if you stand to gain to the tune of £1 million or more from the proceeds of your father's will.
- The phenomenon of _____ inflation is seldom an issue outside of wartime, during which it is nearly impossible to avoid.
- Goodwill is one of the most significant _____ assets found on this company's balance sheet.

(I) Match the following words/phrases in **Column A** with the words/phrases of similar meaning in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) tycoon		(i) bonanza
(b) windfall		(ii) dole
(c) sabbatical		(iii) self-employed
(d) donor		(iv) pension
(e) outlay		(v) insolvent
(f) bankrupt		(vi) expenditure
(g) speculator		(vii) working class
(h) blue-collar		(viii) magnate
(i) sole trader		(ix) benefactor
(j) annuity		(x) market player
(k) unemployment benefit		(xi) leave of absence

Now complete the sentences below using words/phrases from **Column B**. You will not need to use all the words/phrases.

- He has been drawing the _____ for well over a year now so his employment prospects must surely be diminishing by the day.
- The Russian oil _____ has bought a majority share in another of the Premiership's top football clubs.
- _____ has exceeded income for the third successive quarter - soon we will have serious cash-flow issues.
- She has taken a _____ in order to spend some time caring for her terminally ill partner.
- This quarter has been a(n) _____ one for new-car sales, which have risen by 25%.
- If the company is _____ as you speculate then it is only a matter of time before it will miss one of its repayments.

UNIT 2

(A) Match the verbs in **Column A** with the appropriate phrase-endings in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) represent		(i) the election result
(b) fix		(ii) from cabinet
(c) jump		(iii) on your campaign pledges
(d) resign		(iv) defeat in the election
(e) form		(v) an ovation
(f) canvass		(vi) the constitution
(g) capture		(vii) the public mood
(h) receive		(viii) the voters
(i) concede		(ix) on the bandwagon
(j) renege		(x) a coalition government
(k) amend		(xi) your constituents
(l) convene		(xii) along party lines
(m) launch		(xiii) a delegation to represent you
(n) send		(xiv) a party manifesto
(o) vote		(xv) the speaker
(p) heckle		(xvi) a security council meeting

(B) Use from the verbs in **Column A** above to fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Use each verb once only. You may need to change the tense of the verb.

- The Prime Minister _____ that it will be very difficult for him to win the next election considering that his party's satisfaction rating in the polls is at an all-time low.
- He _____ on a promise to his constituents to campaign for the closing down of the nuclear plant in Sellafield.
- The candidate who _____ the hearts and minds of the voters with his passion for office and his integrity will win this election.
- The leader of the opposition was _____ by members of his own party when making a speech in the House of Commons yesterday.
- They _____ down the proposed amendment to the bill, which was then passed in its original form.
- She _____ an emergency cabinet meeting in light of the revelations that had emerged in the press.
- The former minister surprised her ex-party colleagues by _____ ship and running for election as a member of the Labour Party this time around.
- The test-firing of the rocket was interpreted as a less than subtle message _____ in the direction of neighbouring countries to back off or face full-scale conflict.
- Mary Malden _____ the constituency of Bath for twenty-five consecutive years.
- They were unable to _____ any sort of government on account of the election resulting in a hung parliament.
- They broke away from the Conservatives and _____ a new political party called the Neo-Conservative Party.
- To _____ a law, the bill proposing to do so must be passed by both houses of parliament.
- He _____ fewer first-preference votes than his opponent but still managed to win the seat on transfers.
- I've been out _____ for the party door-to-door every evening so far this week and I'm exhausted.
- The embattled Prime Minister faced accusations that the result of the no-confidence vote had been _____.

(C) Fill the gap in each sentence with an appropriate verb. You are not given any clues to help you.

- He _____ his seat in parliament for a second term of office.
- She _____ her seat by the narrowest of margins and bowed out of politics for good.
- The electorate came out in huge numbers to _____ their vote.
- He was _____ from the party for not toeing the official party line.

(D) Choose a verb from the box to fit in each gap. Use each verb once only. You may need to change the tense/form.

adopt	shift	hold	extend	question
pledge	turn	run	spin	polarise
call	defeat	nominate	withdraw	ratify
reject	hold	veto	suffer	pursue

1. He _____ from the presidential race for personal reasons and appealed for privacy.
2. The treaty was formally _____ this afternoon and will pass into law once signed by the President later tonight.
3. They _____ a candidate for the vacant leadership position and he was elected unopposed.
4. Since forming a government three months ago, the party has been accused of _____ an extremely liberal agenda.
5. She has confirmed that she will _____ for political office again in the September by-election.
6. Max Dalton has confirmed that he fully intends to be the leader of the party next March when the election is due to be _____.
7. The motion _____ a comprehensive defeat in the lower house.
8. The Prime Minister refused to be drawn on whether the recent press leak would make him _____ the loyalty of some of the members of cabinet.
9. No matter what way the Prime Minister's press office chooses to try to _____ this, it looks very bad indeed. This will be a damage-limitation exercise at best.
10. The government _____ to reform the voting system if re-elected.
11. A snap election has been _____ for the 25th June.
12. A referendum will be _____ on the 30th May to settle the issue once and for all.
13. Fewer people _____ out at the polls to vote in this election than ever before.
14. Public opinion has _____ seismically in the wake of these new revelations about the Prime Minister's private life.
15. The motion was narrowly _____ in what will be a major embarrassment for the Prime Minister who had proposed it in the first place.
16. He _____ his term of office by another five years.
17. The debate is becoming _____ and there appears to be little in the way of middle ground between the two sides.
18. The government has the power to _____ this proposal at the next meeting of the UN Security Council should it deem it necessary to do so.
19. The opposition party has been accused of _____ dirty tactics in an effort to boost its popularity by launching a very personal attack on the Prime Minister.
20. The electorate has emphatically _____ the outgoing government and clearly thinks there is a need for urgent change.

(E) Match each word in **Column A** with its strongest collocate in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) landslide		(i) runner
(b) front		(ii) donation
(c) exit		(iii) reshuffle
(d) political		(iv) horse
(e) dark		(v) poll
(f) hung		(vi) parliament
(g) diplomatic		(vii) immunity
(h) cabinet		(viii) victory

(F) Use the answers to (E) above to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will not need to use all the answers.

1. The Prime Minister looks set to announce a(n) _____ in response to the resignation of the Finance Minister.
2. There is no doubt that the _____ in this presidential race is James Dott, but Wallis Graham is a potential _____.
3. The latest _____ puts the two parties neck and neck with a(n) _____ the most likely outcome.
4. He has been granted _____ and so will not face prosecution.
5. The government was returned to office in a(n) _____ as expected.

(G) Use the words from the box below to complete the gaps in sentences 1 - 20.

gambit	apathy	raucous	booth	bureaucratic
spin	disaffected	rhetoric	old boys'	
swing	ovation	bipartisan	whistle-stop	
lame	appetite	incumbent	catalyst	
budget	partisan	gerrymandering	unanimous	

1. Her clever opening _____ gave her the edge in the presidential race.
2. His election may prove a(n) _____ for real and meaningful change.
3. The candidates embarked on a(n) _____ tour of the southern states.
4. This election looks set to be decided by a handful of _____ voters.
5. His _____ doctors were hard at work this morning trying to put a positive slant on the latest opinion poll figures.
6. He is just the breath of fresh air that needed to be injected into this political system which has been for far too long dominated by members of the elite _____ club.
7. He is looking more and more like the _____-duck candidate of this presidential election and cuts a sorry figure on the campaign trail - he will surely pull out of the race before long.
8. The polling _____s are set to open one hour earlier than normal at 7 a.m.
9. Voter _____ is the real talking point of this election; politicians on both sides of the political divide have failed to engage the electorate.
10. He claims to retain the _____ support of the cabinet despite the fact that the murmurings of discontent are growing louder.
11. The party's only hope of success is for it to attract _____ voters.
12. The investigation confirmed that the boundary changes were tantamount to _____.
13. This looks set to be the most eagerly anticipated _____ in living memory with speculation rife that a significant tax cut is on the cards for low-income earners.
14. The civil service in this country is very _____ in nature and there is a needless amount of paperwork necessary to get even the simplest of things done.
15. He received a standing _____ after making his final speech to the house.
16. The _____ president faces a huge challenge in translating his campaign _____ into action.
17. This is the first genuinely _____ government to be formed since the war; the house stands united in the face of the daunting task that lies ahead in trying to rebuild the nation's crumbling economy following a triple-dip recession.
18. A _____ crowd gathered in support of the candidate and he was greeted with a rousing reception as he made his way to the stage.
19. _____ laughter broke out in the audience as the unpopular leader made his speech; the extent of the mocking and level of disrespect was frankly disturbing.
20. There is a growing _____ for change amongst the electorate.

(H) Match the words/phrases in **Box A** to their definitions in **Box B**.

<p>Box A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a republic 2. the aristocracy 3. a technocracy 4. a dictatorship 5. fascism 6. a monarchy 7. a constitutional monarchy 8. a totalitarian state 9. capitalism 10. socialism 11. anarchy 12. a banana republic 	<p>Box B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. a small country ruled by a corrupt dictatorship dependent on a single export commodity b. ruled not by a hereditary leader but a government voted for by the people c. a class of people of high social rank d. a general state of lawlessness in the absence of organised government e. a political system founded on the notion of the right to own private property, and committed to free trade f. a political system founded on the notion of public ownership of property and resources, and collective and centralised administration g. a country in which people have no authority and the state absolute control h. a government with a hereditary head of state who holds most of the power i. a political movement based upon the idea of tight, centralised control of all aspects of life j. a democracy with a symbolic hereditary head of state with little power k. a system of rule whereby one person wields all the power l. a system of government which places power in the hands of those who are best qualified from a scientific and technical perspective
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(I) Match the words in **Column A** with their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) trade		(i) trade
(b) free		(ii) debt
(c) fiscal		(iii) aid
(d) welfare		(iv) ombudsman
(e) national		(v) service
(f) state		(vi) company
(g) semi-state		(vii) state
(h) civil		(viii) year
(i) attorney		(ix) general
(j) excise		(x) duty
(k) tertiary		(xi) partnership
(l) public-private		(xii) sector
(m) financial		(xiii) surplus

(J) Now use your answers to (I) above to complete these sentences. You should use each phrase once only.

- The _____ is a state-appointed individual tasked with ensuring that banks and other financial institutions behave ethically and adhere to legislation.
- The _____ scheme that has led to the building of three new schools in the London borough of Croydon must be applauded. This is a model other local councils should look to copy as not only does it result in improved educational facilities being made available to local students, it also encourages businesses to give something back to the community and play a more active role in community affairs.
- Last year's deficit has been transformed into a significant _____ this year, reflecting the improved performance of indigenous companies in the export market.
- The _____ in Ireland runs from the start of January until the end of December.
- The _____ is still underperforming compared to agriculture, the fisheries industry and manufacturing, all three of which are experiencing somewhat of a boom.
- The _____ will cripple this country for generations unless it is radically restructured.
- _____ within the European Union ensures that all companies operate on a level playing field and that exporters in particular are not handicapped by restrictive customs regulations and prohibitive import tariffs.
- The _____ on cigarettes looks set to rise again in the upcoming budget.
- The government is to consult the _____ on whether the enacting of such a law would be in breach of the constitution.
- Government intervention in the form of _____ looks set to save the country's national carrier from being forced out of business - that is assuming the European Union approves the rescue package.
- The _____ is still largely male-dominated despite a recruitment drive by the present government aimed at attracting more female workers into the employment of state bodies.
- The Electricity Supply Board looks set to be the latest _____ to be privatised as the government tries to raise funds to finance its ambitious programme of infrastructural development.
- Britain risks becoming a _____ if it continues to compensate those out of work so generously; at present, there are few incentives to encourage the unemployed back into the job market.

(K) Use the clue-word in brackets to help you find the missing word in 1 - 5 below.

The lack of an 1. _____ (extradite) treaty has caused an 2. _____ (nation) incident between the Argentinean and British governments, the latter of which is demanding the return of a British national charged in a London court with several counts of murder. Argentina has thus far refused to comply with the request. As relations between the two countries continue to 3. _____ (integral), Britain has taken the unusual step of ordering its 4. _____ (consult) staff in Buenos Aires home. Meanwhile the key witness in the case has been put in 5. _____ (protect) custody amid fears that he may be targeted by gang lords linked to the accused, James Bloom. Bloom, it appears, intends to remain on the run in Argentina and has no intention of returning to the UK to launch his defence.

UNIT 3

Job Matters

(a) Match the words in **Column A** with their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) glass		(i) in kind
(b) shop		(ii) appraisal
(c) performance		(iii) prospects
(d) working		(iv) specification
(e) career		(v) practice
(f) pay		(vi) insurance
(g) job		(vii) slip
(h) pay		(viii) conditions
(i) employment		(ix) worker
(j) salary		(x) politics
(k) Blue-collar		(xi) benefit
(l) constructive		(xii) dismissal
(m) unemployment		(xiii) freeze
(n) social		(xiv) dispute
(o) office		(xv) tribunal
(p) maternity		(xvi) leave
(q) hiring		(xvii) steward
(r) benefit		(xviii) ceiling

(b) Now use the collocations from (a) above to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You should use each collocation once only, and you will not need to change the form.

- I would question their _____ on the basis of the fact that the rate of turnover of staff is so high; clearly they are not finding the right people.
- Look, I've no illusions of grandeur; I'm a _____ and I'm never going to climb the corporate ladder and become some high-flyer; it's the factory slog for me from now until the day I retire.
- My company car is a(n) _____; I would sorely miss it were I to move to another job that did not offer the same perks.
- I have been claiming _____ since I lost my job in April of last year.
- I took them to a(n) _____ and the panel of experts sided with me and awarded me compensation in the sum of £4,500.
- You might have a case for _____ there if you feel you were forced out for airing a genuine grievance.
- I paid _____ for over 40 years so I have no guilt about claiming benefits now that I am out of work.
- There is a(n) _____ in this industry and the truth is that women are not allowed to progress beyond a certain point in the hierarchy.
- My _____ aren't great, but then being exposed to hazardous chemicals is simply par for the course in my line of work, I suppose.
- My quarterly _____ went very well; my ratings were good and I was praised for my efforts by my line manager.
- The _____ is going to accompany me to the meeting with the HR Manager and make my case in relation to the dispute over the disciplinary measures the company is trying to take against me.
- A _____ is in place so the likelihood of me getting another raise is nil; besides, my current salary is right at the top end of the pay scale.
- The ongoing _____ looks likely to harm the company from a PR perspective and could also yet result in strike action being taken by the employees affected.
- I consider my _____ rather good on account of my good education and track record.
- _____ is a fact of life in most companies, I'm afraid. The best person for the job is not always the one who gets it; often it is more a question of who is on better terms with the boss.
- I'm going on _____ in six weeks' time; the baby is due at the end of January.
- My _____ is not looking so healthy at the moment; I have not been doing as much overtime of late so my take-home pay is down considerably.
- The _____ has all the details you need to know about the nature of the role. Please read this carefully before submitting your application, and do so only if you truly consider yourself a strong candidate for the job.

Verb Collocations

Use the verbs from the box below to complete the sentences. All verbs should be used at least once and some will be needed more than once. The form of the verb should be changed where necessary.

table	put	cut	hand	draw
pursue	let	drive	serve	call
dismiss	reject	enter	ply	claim
overlook	reach	go	tender	hold
breach	air	climb	relieve	
lay	terminate	apply	give	
return	take	make	miss	

1. Street vendors _____ their trade on street corners across the country.
2. Please, if you have a grievance, by all means _____ it; we don't want there to be any bad feeling.
3. He has _____ in his notice; how are we going to be able to replace him?
4. Either _____ your resignation or I will fire you; it's as simple as that.
5. I can't seem to _____ down a job much longer than a couple of months.
6. I'm _____ a career break to do some travelling while I'm still young and fit enough to make the most of it.
7. We're _____ your contract of employment immediately on account of your abusive behaviour.
8. You are in _____ of your contract; consider yourself _____ of your duties as of now.
9. Why don't you _____ a leave of absence to sort out your personal problems and come back to us when you are fully better.
10. We had no choice but to _____ off two-thirds of the workforce.
11. I'm being _____ redundant - they're giving me a £250,000 pay-off.
12. The company _____ under, leaving its 50-odd staff jobless.
13. If you continue to behave so irresponsibly, rest assured that you will be _____ the sack.
14. I _____ my expenses back for the train journey I took to the meeting in Hoburn.
15. You should _____ for that position; I think you would be perfect for it!
16. On account of having _____ one of my targets, I forfeited my bonus; such is life...
17. I am presently jobless and _____ the dole.
18. I intend to _____ my notice period out in full.
19. I am not prepared to _____ on new responsibilities unless I receive a pay rise.
20. The staff at all ten of their centers _____ a lightning strike.
21. We _____ on strike about 6 days ago; so far management have refused to negotiate.
22. This industrial dispute is now drawing to a close as both parties have agreed to _____ into negotiations on a compromise agreement.
23. You _____ a hard bargain, but I agree that your role in this company is central to its success; therefore, I am prepared to offer you a considerable pay rise.
24. We were forced to _____ industrial action when our salaries were _____ by 10%.
25. I have to _____ you go, I'm afraid; it's just not working out for you here if you are honest with yourself, is it?
26. His determination is commendable, but to _____ the corporate ladder he will also require no small measure of cunning.
27. I _____ an offer on the table but it has been firmly _____. In light of this, I have nothing further to say. See you in court.
28. Both parties have agreed to _____ to the negotiating table in an effort to _____ a compromise.
29. We are being _____ in the courts for damages as a result of an allegation of unfair dismissal.
30. She was _____ on the grounds that she was no longer mentally fit to carry out her role.
31. I _____ the motion, which was seconded by my superior, Roger.
32. She was _____ for the position because the interviewing panel felt there were other candidates with more relevant experience.

Making Ends Meet

(A) Select the correct word from the box below to fill each gap. Use each word once only.

permanent	hierarchy	threshold	camaraderie	poach	suit
remuneration	fist	firm	fringe	mobile	
internship	apprenticeship	practice	review	satisfaction	
profession	white-collar	partner	wage	freelance	
recession	exposure	autocrat	class	receivership	

After my **a** _____ finished, I wasn't offered a **b** _____ position as I'd hoped I would be. My line manager said that this was not a reflection on the way I had performed but rather of the economic reality of life in post- **c** _____ Britain. Perhaps, truth told, it was no harm that I was let go. I must say I never found her brand of leadership particularly inspiring at any rate. She was a(n) **d** _____ and ruled with an iron **e** _____. There was a clear **f** _____ that had to be respected.

Well, with little money and what I had of it fast disappearing, I was fairly desperate and necessity forced my hand so I took the first job that came along - quite literally, and, before I had quite let it sink in, I was enrolled in a paid **g** _____ programme at Lawry and Sons - not one in the traditional sense as it applies to the trades mind, but rather a programme sponsored by the Law Society as an alternative route of entry into the **h** _____ by way of gaining practical, paid experience in a law firm whilst also studying part-time.

While outwardly, I would from then on be considered a **i** _____ worker; a professional in a respected field, in reality, the **j** _____ package was pretty modest and I barely kept myself above the dreaded poverty **k** _____ for the first year or two, such was the financial strain of having to cover rent and utilities as well as the bare necessities of day-to-day living in the city with the highest cost of living in Europe. However, as my studies progressed, I made a steady progression up through the ranks of the **l** _____.

Indeed, it wasn't long after I became fully qualified that I made **m** _____. And I enjoyed my work as much as a person can, em, 'enjoy' working. There was good **n** _____ in the team, and the **o** _____ benefits were considerable; I had a company car and a generous pension, which only my employer was expected to contribute to, as well as access to the company gym twenty-four, seven. Life was good.

However, things took a sudden turn for the worse when the company went into **p** _____. This threw us all and no one had expected it. Apparently, one of the partners had been found negligent in a high-profile case, paving the way for a **q** _____ (that would end up costing the company millions) to be filed against him. How ironic that on the day when the company made the situation public and informed staff that their jobs would be in serious jeopardy, I had just received a glowing appraisal in my six-monthly performance **r** _____ and a consequent pay rise of some £5,000. Well, needless to say, I could kiss that money goodbye.

Well, this time, when I found myself without a job, things were entirely different. I was a qualified, upwardly **s** _____, big-shot lawyer in demand. There would be a flood of offers coming through the letterbox. It was not like I would have to settle for some minimum **t** _____ gig. And so it proved; I was inundated with offers - several from companies that had tried to **u** _____ me from Lawry on a number of occasions already. But I found none of them particularly enticing and what was top of my agenda now was job **v** _____.

In the end, I decided that would not be found at any other law **w** _____. I had come to the point where I needed to branch out on my own, so I duly set up Fitzgerald Solicitors. At first, work was slow, so I supplemented my income by doing some **x** _____ pieces for the local newspaper on various legal cases. But eventually I began to attract more and more clients. I even represented the Montgomerie Town Residents Committee in a **y** _____ action against the local council after it had introduced a new so-called 'pavement tax' requiring homeowners to pay towards the cost of maintenance of the section of pavement directly outside their property - a tax which the residents, to an individual, boycotted.

Winning that case earned me a lot of **z** _____ and put me in demand; my financial security was thereafter secure.

(B) Find a word from Text (a) which:

1. refers to a (large) group of people abstaining from doing or cooperating with something in protest _____
2. means 'added to complete or make something else last longer' _____

Word Association

(a) First group the words in the box under the occupational headings.

1. Author 2. Investment Banker 3. Lawyer 4. Scientist 5. Police Officer

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

turmoil	specimen	technicality	floatation	writ
executor	checkpoint	dividend	pseudonym	squad
plaintiff	enforcement	critic(al)	memoir	precinct
broker	clinical trial	breakthrough	commodities	subject(s)
journal	autopsy	homicide	revenue	forensic
obituary	cordon	subpoena(ed)	counsel	genre

(b) Now, use the words above to fill in the gaps in the extracts below. Use each word once only.

1. His favourite **i.** _____ was science-fiction, though he wrote on a variety of subjects and in a variety of styles during his career, even contributing at one point to a prestigious scientific **ii.** _____. The **iii.** _____ reception was positive for all but one of his books; his **iv.** _____ was not very well-received, with suggestions that he glossed over his problems and portrayed himself as a victim. He always wrote under the **v.** _____ "Max Marks". When the newspapers published his **vi.** _____, they lamented the passing of Marks, preferring not to use the author's real name.
2. He began his career as a **i.** _____ but lost his job in the **ii.** _____ that followed the infamous market crash of '68. Later, he would return to investment banking as a trader of **iii.** _____. He went on to found his own trading firm, which had a very successful **iv.** _____ in 1982. It remains a one of the best-performing publicly-quoted investment companies with one of the highest **v.** _____ yields in its industry to this day.
3. When a **i.** _____ was issued against Maddy Tunclough for late payment of bills, she hired him as **ii.** _____ for the defence. He got her off on a **iii.** _____ and the **iv.** _____ was forced to pay the costs. Later, however, he became embroiled in controversy over the alleged bribing of witnesses, and was **v.** _____ to give evidence at a public inquiry.
4. He began his career as a **i.** _____ scientist but switched to genetics not long after graduating, and did his PHD in this area. His **ii.** _____ came when he discovered a way to isolate and remove defective genes found in unborn infants. This was achieved by administering a new form of drug. His test **iii.** _____, rather controversially, were chimpanzees. Once the effectiveness of the drug had been confirmed, he was given the go-ahead to commence **iv.** _____. However, it wasn't long before disaster struck and one of his patients fell ill and died. The **v.** _____ found that there had been an unexpected reaction of the human body to the drug which had caused a mass-mutation of cells. All testing of the drug was immediately halted and ultimately the project had to be abandoned.
5. He is part of an elite unit in the drugs **i.** _____ and is stationed in the 35th **ii.** _____. He started out as an investigator some five years ago, but such was his rate of success in solving **iii.** _____ cases that he was earmarked as one to watch. His promotion to the elite unit was swift and came one month after his most high-profile case, which was also possibly the case most-closely followed by members of the public in law- **iv.** _____ history. This was the infamous assassination of Senator Karnegie. The **v.** _____ around the senator's house extended to a radius of 5km in the immediate aftermath of his shooting. Senator Karnegie would go on to lose his life, but Inspector Doggins solved the case after a relentless pursuit of the chief suspect yielded an eventual admission of guilt.

UNIT 4

Types of Crime

Match the crime to the correct definition as in the example.

(a) abduction	[]	(i)	the striking of a person with intent to do them harm
(b) affray	[]	(ii)	a threat or attempt to strike someone, whether or not successful
(c) assault	[]	(iii)	deliberate destruction or damage of property
(d) battery	[]	(iv)	fighting in a public place
(e) blackmail	[]	(v)	breaking into a house with intent to steal from it
(f) burglary	[]	(vi)	acts of abuse against a person living in your household
(g) domestic violence	[]	(vii)	following someone around persistently when not invited to
(h) embezzlement	[]	(viii)	involvement in a dishonest scheme to trick people
(i) extortion	[]	(ix)	obtaining money or something else by abusing your power
(j) forgery	[]	(x)	dividing a voting area so as to give one party an unfair advantage
(k) fraud	[]	(xi)	repeatedly troubling or tormenting another person
(l) gerrymandering	[]	(xii)	acts of general lawlessness, often associated with football
(m) harassment	[]	(xiii)	the killing of one person by another
(n) hijacking	[]	(xiv)	not very serious crime
(o) homicide	[]	(xv)	importing or exporting goods in a way that breaks the law
(p) hooliganism	[]	(xvi)	robbing someone under threat of violence in a public place
(q) manslaughter	[]	(xvii)	lying under oath in court
(r) money laundering	[]	(xviii)	hiding the source of money gained illegally
(s) mugging	[]	(xix)	seizing a vehicle by force or threat of force
(t) perjury	[]	(xx)	falsely making or altering a piece of writing that has legal standing
(u) petty crime	[]	(xxi)	forcing a person into a particular action by use of threats
(v) racketeering	[]	(xxii)	theft of money or property a person has put in your care
(w) smuggling	[]	(xxiii)	the carrying, taking or enticing away of a person, esp. a child
(x) stalking	[]	(xxiv)	general acts of deceit or trickery
(y) vandalism	[]	(xxv)	the unlawful killing of a person without forethought or malice

Perpetrators of Crime

Write the word for the person who carries out the crime in the square brackets as in the example. Where not available just put a slash (/).

(a) abduction	[]	(n) hijacking	[]
(b) affray	[]	(o) homicide	[]
(c) assault	[]	(p) hooliganism	[]
(d) battery	[]	(q) manslaughter	[]
(e) blackmail	[]	(r) money laundering	[]
(f) burglary	[]	(s) mugging	[]
(g) domestic violence	[]	(t) perjury	[]
(h) embezzlement	[]	(u) petty crime	[]
(i) extortion	[]	(v) racketeering	[]
(j) forgery	[]	(w) smuggling	[]
(k) fraud	[]	(x) stalking	[]
(l) gerrymandering	[]	(y) vandalism	[]
(m) harassment	[]		

Vocabulary in Action

Select a word from the **Types of Crime or Perpetrators of Crime** sections to fill each gap as in the example. Use each word once only. Not all of the words will be needed. You may need to change the form/tense of the word to fit the gap.

- (a) He _____ himself by providing the defendant with a false alibi.
- (b) The newspapers are already portraying him as some sort of _____ maniac before any shred of evidence against him has been heard.
- (c) I can't believe my own sister _____ my trust fund. When Father died, he entrusted her with the management of my finances until I turned 18. She has utterly betrayed me.
- (d) If my boss pinches me on the behind once more, I swear I will have him up in front of a judge on sexual _____ charges faster than you can say Jack Robinson.
- (e) My house was _____ last week while I was away on a business trip.
- (f) He _____ what is thought to amount to some €1 billion euro before his scheme was discovered.
- (g) The price of a bottle of water these days is simply _____; how could anyone ever justify paying €2.50 for something you can get free from a tap?
- (h) How did you manage to move all those cigarettes across the border. I know they are only for home consumption James, but you've effectively become a _____ in the eyes of the law.
- (i) Isn't threatening to post graphic nude pictures of your boss on the internet unless he gives you a raise basically a form of _____?
- (j) Jim, this is the 8th time in four days we've bumped into each other in the library. I'm beginning to think you're _____ me!
- (k) You walk into prison a _____ and you walk out a hardened one - a lifer, effectively; there is something very wrong with our penal system.
- (l) The charge of murder was rejected by the jury, but the defendant was convicted on the lesser crime of _____.
- (m) I went out to my car to drive to work this morning only to find that it had been _____ the night before. Those pups of layabout, no-good neighbours of ours are responsible; I just know it. It will cost a fortune to repair.
- (n) The _____ happened mid-flight. Reportedly, the pilot was threatened at knife-point.
- (o) You made a _____ claim for welfare payments yet you think you shouldn't have to return the money. Whose rules do you play by? You are lucky you are not being locked up in jail.
- (p) The _____ identity papers were so convincing that he managed to give customs officials the slip and escape from the country.
- (q) The two drunks were charged with _____ and breach of the peace after their street-side dispute turned violent.
- (r) The little girl was _____ right in front of her mother, but the mall was so crowded that no one was able to identify the person responsible. Luckily, she was returned unharmed less than ten minutes later.
- (s) _____ often goes unreported. What is more, people think that women and children are the only victims of this type of abuse, but, in reality, it is not unheard of for men to be targeted by their spouses either.
- (t) He was charged with aggravated _____; his victim required ten stitches to his face and had to be treated for shock.

Verb Collocations

Match each verb with the appropriate phrase-ending.

(a) charge	[]	(i) to life
(b) commit	[]	(ii) on bail
(c) break out	[]	(iii) on suspicion of murder
(d) plead	[]	(iv) guilty
(e) break	[]	(v) an offence
(f) detain	[]	(vi) innocent
(g) find	[]	(vii) of prison
(h) arrest	[]	(viii) the law
(i) remand	[]	(ix) for questioning
(j) release	[]	(x) to give evidence
(k) quash	[]	(xi) with murder
(l) sentence	[]	(xii) sentence
(m) file	[]	(xiii) the verdict
(n) call	[]	(xiv) for divorce
(o) pass	[]	(xv) of all charges
(p) acquit	[]	(xvi) in custody

Verbs in Action

Use a word from the box to fill the gap in each sentence. You may have to change the tense of the verb in some cases. Do not use any word more than once.

let off	deport	interrogate	subpoena
dismiss	inspect	incarcerate	collapse
bail	extradite	apprehend	

- (a) He was _____ to give evidence at the trial of his former business partner, who was charged with trying to defraud the state.
- (b) The trial _____ when it became clear that the main witness for the prosecution was not credible.
- (c) The case was _____ by the judge who said the proceedings were a waste of time.
- (d) The assailant was _____ by police in a hideout near where the attack had taken place.
- (e) Following his sentencing by the judge, he was _____ in Loggersdale Penitentiary.
- (f) He was _____ on a bond of £18,000.
- (g) The police _____ the suspect at length before releasing him for lack of evidence.
- (h) The illegal migrant was _____ back to his home country having spent ten weeks in a sort of limbo waiting to learn his fate.
- (i) She was _____ from Britain to America on a charge of murder in the first degree.
- (j) He was _____ with a caution by police on account of the extenuating circumstances - he was only speeding due of the fact that his wife was in hospital giving birth at that very moment.
- (k) Officers _____ the crime scene found traces of blood on one of the walls in the lounge.

Types of Punishment

Match the word or phrase (a - j) with its definition (i - x) as in the example.

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|---------------------------|-----|---|
| (a) capital punishment | [] | (i) is the death penalty |
| (b) community service | [] | (ii) is when a judge says an offender must serve at least a certain amount of time in jail (he may serve more) |
| (c) probation | [] | (iii) is a sentence which will only have to be served if the criminal re-offends |
| (d) suspended sentence | [] | (iv) is a sentence all of which must be served |
| (e) parole | [] | (v) is tagging an offender to keep an eye on them |
| (f) mandatory sentence | [] | (vi) is a sum of money paid as a penalty for a crime |
| (g) minimum sentence | [] | (vii) is a sentence whereby the offender is required to work for a certain period of time voluntarily on local projects |
| (h) electronic monitoring | [] | (viii) is the payment of damages to the victim of a crime |
| (i) restitution | [] | (ix) is the early release of a prisoner on good behaviour or for compassionate reasons |
| (j) fine | [] | (x) is the setting free of a criminal under the supervision of the court or the local police |

Verb Collocations

Select a word from the box below to fit in each gap. Use each word only once. You may need to change the tense of the verb you use in some cases.

hand down	impose	dismiss
overturn	settle	claim
reach	threat	
appeal	grant	

- (a) He was _____ parole on account of his good behaviour.
- (b) The disputing parties _____ an out-of-court settlement, the details of which were not made public.
- (c) She is _____ damages of \$1 billion for loss of earnings as a consequence of the libelous newspaper report.
- (d) She is _____ to sue if the paper prints the pictures of her private holiday in Barbados.
- (e) They _____ the case on the steps of the court building, minutes before proceedings were due to get underway.
- (f) The judge _____ a mandatory life sentence to the defendant on account of the serious nature of the crime.
- (g) The judge _____ a fine of £500 on the defendant for failing to pay his parking tickets.
- (h) The verdict was _____ on appeal to the High Court.
- (i) He is _____ the verdict; the case will be reheard in ten days' time.
- (j) The judge _____ his appeal, allowing the original verdict to stand.

UNIT 5

Good Qualities and Character Flaws

(a) Match each adjective denoting character to its definition.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|---|
| 1. An <u>affable</u> person is | [] | a. a slothful or lazy one; someone who tries to do as little as possible. |
| 2. An <u>aloof</u> person is | [] | b. one who appears distant or disinterested; someone with whom it is hard to engage in meaningful conversation |
| 3. A <u>belligerent</u> person is | [] | c. good-willed and generous with their time, resources or praise of others; they desire to help others. |
| 4. A <u>benevolent</u> person is | [] | d. argumentative, and aggressive even; someone looking for a fight or argument. |
| 5. A <u>capricious</u> person is | [] | e. likely to act suddenly without thinking; someone who doesn't consider the consequences before acting. |
| 6. A <u>cynical</u> person is | [] | f. distrusting of the motives of others; they think the worst of people and are suspicious of good deeds. |
| 7. A <u>dogmatic</u> person is | [] | g. one who has a very odd or peculiar personality; they may have very strange beliefs or behave in a very strange way all the time. |
| 8. An <u>eccentric</u> person is | [] | h. one who forcibly and stubbornly defends their views; they believe they are right and are not willing to consider other ideas. |
| 9. An <u>erudite</u> person is | [] | i. one who is fond of the company of others; somebody who is very sociable. |
| 10. A <u>gregarious</u> person is | [] | j. one who is very learned and knowledgeable; someone who is scholarly. |
| 11. An <u>impetuous</u> person is | [] | k. one whose behaviour you can never predict; you never know how they are going to react. |
| 12. An <u>indolent</u> person is | [] | l. one who is very friendly, warm and polite; a person who is easy to approach. |

(b) Complete the sentences using the underlined words from section (a) above.

1. Why do you have to be so _____? Look at the fine mess your thoughtlessness has got us into; you should maybe consider the consequences next time.
2. I do wish you wouldn't be so _____; after all, how could he know about our vast wealth when we've just moved to the area. Maybe he was just offering his help to be a good citizen.
3. He actively seeks out friendship wherever he goes, such is his desire for company, and he can fit in anywhere. He is possibly the most _____ person I've ever known.
4. He is very _____; our new boss Katie walked into the room and immediately he told her that he had been running 'this joint' for years and that he would be the one really in charge.
5. He is an extremely _____ professor of Biology, widely respected throughout the world of academia for his vast knowledge of, in particular, marine ecosystems.
6. Her enthusiasm for lying in front of the television seems to know no bounds; she is the most _____ person I have ever met.
7. Forget about trying to convince Jenny; I have yet to meet a more _____ teenager; her conviction that she is right would almost be admirable were she not so very, very wrong.
8. I find him _____ enough; he is pleasant to talk to and always greets me with a smile.
9. I think, in the case of Mary, it is not fair to say that she is _____; her shyness often translates into a need for her to keep some distance from those around her, especially in large social groups.
10. She is one of the most _____ souls I have ever met in my life; she always speaks so highly of those she meets and I truly believe in doing so that she instils confidence and a sense of optimism in people.
11. My boss is the most _____ woman on the planet; one minute she's all happy and full of praise for us; the next she's screaming and shouting abuse. I never know where I stand with her from one moment to the next.
12. I wouldn't call myself _____ per se, but I must admit my lifestyle could hardly be classed as 'normal' - whatever that means...

(c) Now match the opposites, using your understanding of the words learnt in (a) and contextualised in (b). There may be more than one correct match possible for some of the words in **Column A**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) affable		(i) industrious / diligent
(b) aloof		(ii) reserved / introverted / unsociable
(c) belligerent		(iii) submissive / deferential / cooperative
(d) benevolent		(iv) conventional
(e) capricious		(v) uncultured / ignorant
(f) cynical		(vi) dependable / steady
(g) dogmatic		(vii) accommodating / agreeable
(h) eccentric		(viii) trusting / optimistic
(i) erudite		(ix) approachable / friendly
(j) gregarious		(x) standoffish
(k) impetuous		(xi) malevolent
(l) indolent		(xii) cautious / circumspect

Good Qualities and Character Flaws 2

(a) For each question, tick the word or phrase (a or b) that appears closest in meaning to the words underlined.

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|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. To be <u>insolent</u> is to be | (a) rude | (b) likeable |
| 2. To be <u>irascible</u> is to be | (a) short-tempered | (b) good-humoured |
| 3. To be <u>mendacious</u> is to be | (a) dishonest | (b) motivated |
| 4. To be <u>mercurial</u> is to be | (a) even-tempered | (b) lively but unpredictable |
| 5. To be <u>pedantic</u> is to | (a) pay attention to detail | (b) always be in a hurry |
| 6. To be <u>pensive</u> is to be | (a) deep in thought | (b) anxious about something |
| 7. To be <u>pernickety</u> is to be | (a) very witty | (b) overly fussy |
| 8. To be <u>quixotic</u> is to be | (a) a visionary | (b) predictable and boring |
| 9. To be <u>recalcitrant</u> is to be | (a) disobedient | (b) creative |
| 10. To be <u>sanguine</u> is to be | (a) serious in character | (b) cheerful and optimistic |
| 11. To be <u>scrupulous</u> is to be | (a) loyal | (b) principled |
| 12. To be <u>steadfast</u> is to remain | (a) faithful to something | (b) critical of something |
| 13. To be <u>stoic</u> is to be | (a) very emotional | (b) impassive |
| 14. To be <u>vociferous</u> is to be | (a) noisy | (b) shy |
| 15. To be <u>wilful</u> is to be | (a) easy to please | (b) overly stubborn |
| 16. To be <u>wistful</u> is to be | (a) focused on the future | (b) longing for something |

(b) Transform the adjectives from Task One into an appropriate Noun or Adverb form.

- If you are steadfast in your belief, you will defend that belief
- If you are wilful by nature, you come to be known for your
- Someone who is stoic is known for their
- If you want to complain in a vociferous manner, you might shout
- A wistful person thinks about their long-lost love.
- Is not a characteristic of someone who is unscrupulous.
- If you do something in a sanguine manner, you do it
- If you communicate with your parents in a way that is insolent, you speak to them.
- A mendacious person has the unbecoming characteristic of
- He is mercurial, so his is what makes him interesting.
- He threw the stone in an irascible rage because of his innate
- She looked towards the sky because she was in a very pensive mood.
- His is very annoying; he should really try not to be so pernickety.
- is a quality found in those who tend to be recalcitrant.
- He predicted great things for the economy; after all, it was in his nature to be sanguine.
- He approached every problem, which meant that he always found an unusual way around it; they used to call him Mr. Quixotic.

Types of People and their Roles

(a) Match the nouns **A - K** with their appropriate definitions, **I - II**.

A	a connoisseur	[]	1.	someone who is too passionate or devoted – a fanatic
B	a charlatan	[]	2.	someone who sees the way forward before everyone else
C	a degenerate	[]	3.	someone who is very knowledgeable in a particular field
D	a maverick	[]	4.	someone who hides away from the rest of the world
E	a pragmatist	[]	5.	someone who is very practical in their approach to things
F	a hermit	[]	6.	someone who is rebellious and stands apart from the rest
G	an extrovert	[]	7.	someone who is very outgoing and lively
H	an introvert	[]	8.	someone who is quite shy and reserved
I	a sycophant	[]	9.	a 'yes man' who flatters others to get what they want
J	a visionary	[]	10.	someone who has degraded themselves from the normal moral standard
K	a zealot	[]	11.	a person who claims to be something they do not possess the qualities, qualifications or skills to be

(b) Use each word from the box no more than once to complete sentences **I - 12**.

mediator	aristocrat	protagonist	luminary	villain	subordinate
proponent	mercenary	denizen	mentor	patriarch	partisan

- The _____ tried but failed to get the two opposing sides to reach some common ground, shattering all remaining hope that a quick and painless resolution to the dispute could be found.
- In terms of helping me overcome my problems with my second year biology course, he was not much of a _____, but whether he meant it or not, as a life coach he was second to none.
- He is regarded by his people as the _____ of their faith and is worshipped in much the same way as a god.
- How could he be regarded as anything but a _____ given his family's ties to the group – we must be in no doubt that his loyalties will lie with the rebels should war break out.
- He is a _____ of the public house – he is there more than he is in his own home I dare say!
- He is nothing but a _____ who will sell his services to whomever will pay him the most. Morals do not come into it.
- She is a _____ in this field so show some respect for the lady; what she has achieved in this life, others would struggle to do in ten.
- You are my _____ and you will obey me. Failure to do so will result in your dismissal.
- People make him out to be some kind of _____ just because he criticised the Queen; he is a figure of hate in this country.
- I am a big _____ of free education; I have been campaigning for the abolition of third-level fees for the best part of 20 years.
- He has been identified as the _____; the police believe that, if they catch him, his followers will drop their weapons and go home.
- He considers himself an _____ and thinks that his 'high class' makes him better than everyone else. I think his brother's sister-in-law's aunt's cousin's second-cousin-once-removed is related to the Queen. He's proper royalty!!

Ugly Characteristics

(a) Match the character trait with its definition.

A	audacious	[]	1.	recklessly bold; behaving in a wild and risky way
B	meddlesome	[]	2.	lacking any sense of guilt for your wrongdoings
C	clingy	[]	3.	very argumentative
D	remorseless	[]	4.	cruel, overly harsh or hostile
E	vindictive	[]	5.	likely to interfere in other people's affairs
F	brazen	[]	6.	unlikely to feel ashamed of your poor behaviour or behave humbly
G	quarrelsome	[]	7.	spiteful; determined to get revenge on people who wrong you
H	truculent	[]	8.	thinking a lot of yourself and overestimating your own importance
I	self-righteous	[]	9.	too intense in close relationships; needing to be around your loved ones all the time

(b) Select one of the character traits from (a) to fill each gap below. You should use each trait once only. You may have to change the form of the word for it to fit properly in the sentence.

1. He always comes across so holier-than-thou; and where does he get off doling out advice to people all the time as if he know's best - uh, he's so _____. What has he actually ever done is what I would like to know.
2. His _____ astounds me; just days after being outed as one of the most high profile and prolific drugs cheats of all time, he appears on a talk show demanding leniency. I can't believe he had the nerve to show up let alone dismiss the notion that he should issue an apology.
3. Must you always be so _____, Jane? At this rate we'll do well to simply agree on a subject for our research project before the due date. How about a compromise?
4. He became known in the business for his _____ when it came to reviewing local eateries; he seldom showed them any mercy at all and was scathing in his criticism.
5. Your _____ brother has been sticking his nose in where it's not wanted again. Tell him to stay out of the dispute; it's a private matter.
6. You have to stop _____ to Mike, Sarah. Otherwise, he'll end up feeling suffocated and will just want to escape; then you'll lose him for good.
7. The judge said that on account of the genuine _____ shown by the witness he was going to impose a more lenient sentence.
8. I can't believe you had the _____ to call your boss an idiot to his face, John. I mean, you can laugh about it now, sure, but you were lucky this time. How exactly will we cope if next time you lose your job?
9. His _____ is such that he wrote a damning review of her performance in his column despite privately admitting that he had seldom seen acting as fine. As usual, his hurt pride came before everything else.

Story: The Hopeless Romantic

Choose the most suitable word from the four options given, **a - d**, to fill each gap in the text.

At first when I tried to (1) ... a response from him, I got nothing. Poor Jeff had been (2) ... with Martha Higgins, the neighbours' 18-year-old daughter, for the best part of five years now, ever since he had laid eyes on her skipping gracefully up next-door's driveway without a care in the world as the Joneses moved in to the then-vacant 37 Downs Road. Back then, as a thirteen-year-old he had a fairly (3) ... way of expressing his feelings, one which I'm sure Martha was none too appreciative of. But, boys will be boys at that age ... a kick here, a pinch there, a hair-pull, some name-calling ... eventually, as Jeff went from little boy to hormonally-charged teenager, he began to realise that his desire to push, poke and prod Martha was transforming into something far more translatable and mature – he was in love. His stubborn denial of this was (4) ... at times; he couldn't hide his feelings from his big brother – I knew he was smitten. But as the years rolled by, Martha Higgins became more and more of a(n) (5) She had a (6) ... for the Arts and it wasn't long until Jeff by happy coincidence also developed a(n) (7) ... appetite for classic novels, poetry, painting and the like. And the fact that he seldom if ever got more than a (8) ... glance from the object of

his affection did little to dampen Jeff's spirits. It may have been rather (9) ... of him, but he had this sort of (10) ... notion of fairy-tale endings, and he believed that if he professed his undying love for Martha, she would fall into his arms. Well, it was a painful but perhaps necessary reminder that we live in the real world Jeff received from Martha that day; he was keredonked fairly (11) ... over the head with a wooden mallet by a(n) (12) Martha as he poured his heart out to her at her front door – the poor girl didn't know what was going on. Now, at last, he was just about becoming responsive again. As he opened his eyes I shook my head in that knowing 'I told you so' fashion that so irritates people who've just been made a fool of. Jeff looked absolutely distraught – like his whole world had toppled in on him. Then, (13) ..., there came a knock on the door, and who was it but Martha Higgins with a(n) (14) ... of flowers and a get-well-soon card. The smile was back on Jeff's face again and the spark of the hopeless romantic was (15) ... I could tell, even as he sat there with that enormous, stupid-looking lump on the side of his head, that he was plotting his next move. If only Martha knew what she was in for!

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| 1. | a. elicit | b. illicit | c. conceive | d. evolve |
| 2. | a. infatuated | b. mesmerized | c. entertained | d. seduced |
| 3. | a. cutting edge | b. novel | c. rare | d. familiar |
| 4. | a. visible | b. farcical | c. ingenious | d. insensitive |
| 5. | a. enigma | b. cliffhanger | c. brainteaser | d. twister |
| 6. | a. penchant | b. likeness | c. likening | d. affirmation |
| 7. | a. insatiable | b. picky | c. contented | d. partial |
| 8. | a. cursory | b. thorough | c. painstaking | d. superficial |
| 9. | a. ingenious | b. fanciful | c. insistent | d. intrepid |
| 10. | a. grave | b. fanciful | c. fortuitous | d. frank |
| 11. | a. tamely | b. infrequently | c. viciously | d. accidentally |
| 12. | a. terrific | b. comforted | c. petrified | d. pretentious |
| 13. | a. ordinarily | b. plausibly | c. inexplicably | d. punctiliously |
| 14. | a. fragrance | b. vase | c. wreath | d. bouquet |
| 15. | a. rekindled | b. resurrected | c. revamped | d. resuscitate |

UNIT 6

Homelessness

(A) Use the verbs from the box below to fill the gaps in sentences 1 - 18. Use each verb once only. Change the form if necessary.

pilfer	live	expose	obligate	bottle	cast	sponge	ride
tear	live	hit	carry	lead	turn	addict	take
weather	struggle	prey	cry	exploit	scrounge	turn	thrust

- The loss of both her parents at such an early age _____ its toll on her mentally and she became disturbed during her adolescent years.
- Those living on the streets are at their most vulnerable during the cold winter months when they are _____ to the elements.
- Society as a whole is _____ to protect the most vulnerable within our midst; young people who find themselves _____ out onto the streets are in particular need of our help and care.
- The temptation to _____ a blind eye to the plight of the homeless is ever-present, but we must not let ourselves forget the most vulnerable and needy.
- Many of the homeless have been _____ roughshod over by the unscrupulous elements within our society, people prepared to _____ them for their own immoral ends and _____ them down the path to a life of crime.
- Often, young people who run away from home and escape from an abusive environment mistakenly believe that they have _____ the worst of the storm; that is, until they realise what awaits them in their life on the streets.
- Emotional instability is only worsened when the affected individual attempts to _____ everything up inside; eventually, their issues will explode forth and the consequences may be very far-reaching.
- We cannot yet seriously consider our society a civilised place in which to live when we are content to pass by the anonymous street-folk on our daily sojourn to work and stand by idly ignoring the squalor in which they _____.
- Those _____ to make ends meet are but one missed mortgage or rent payment away from being thrown out onto the streets and _____ into a life of dire poverty.
- It is always the most vulnerable who are _____ upon, but the predatory tendencies have seldom come from such an alarming source as the government; however, the announcement that the minimum wage is to be cut in the next budget is nothing short of an attack on those on the very margins of society.
- People who _____ their noses up at the homeless as they walk past them on the street would do well to reconsider; after all, given the right combination of calamitous circumstances, it could very well be any one of us in their position. To so scornfully ignore their plight is to surely only _____ them further into the pits of despair.
- Some of the young people who make up the majority of the homeless on the streets of our city look as though they _____ the weight of the world on their shoulders.
- The homeless are _____ out for help, but no one is listening to their pleas.
- They are effectively _____ from hand to mouth, unable to think about tomorrow because they are constantly having to worry about just making it through today.
- A homeless man came up to me and tried to _____ a cigarette; I told him I don't smoke...
- Many of the homeless do not qualify for dole payments, so the accusation that they are _____ off the government is fallacious at best.
- When his wife and children left him, he _____ rock bottom and turned to drink; he has been _____ now for the best part of a decade and it has _____ his life apart.
- He was caught _____ sweets from a local shop.

(B) Match the phrase in **Column A** to its meaning in **Column B**. You will not need all the **Column B** options.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) to be on the margins (of society)		(i) waiting around with the intention of causing trouble
(b) to run amok		(ii) having no money, luck or opportunities
(c) to be down-and-out		(iii) to behave in a wild and dangerous manner
(d) to be on the game		(iv) working as a prostitute
(e) to be loitering with intent		(v) focused on what needs to be achieved
		(vi) determined to escape something
		(vii) perched on the edge of greatness
		(viii) excluded/isolated/not significantly involved

(C) Now use the phrases in **Column A** of **(B)** above to fill the gaps in the following sentences. You may need to change the form, tense, word order or phrase structure slightly.

- Those _____ have few if any friends and lack the means, faculties or desire to make a meaningful contribution to the community; they are utterly alone and despondent.
- Few of us however well-intentioned would be prepared to welcome someone in off the streets and into our home for fear they would _____ if we let our guard down and took our eyes off them for even a moment.
- He was pulled in by the police for _____, but the reality is that he was simply and innocently passing the time watching the passers-by go about their daily business.
- She was _____ and her once glamorous life was in pieces; she held little hope of finding a way back to her glory days.
- She was forced to go _____ to earn enough money to support her abusive husband's drug addiction.

(D) Match the word in **Column A** with its strongest collocate from **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) domestic		(i) history
(b) chequered		(ii) scars
(c) kerb		(iii) violence
(d) illicit		(iv) guidance
(e) soup		(v) market
(f) black		(vi) kitchens
(g) sleeping		(vii) trafficking
(h) people		(viii) abuse
(i) substance		(ix) drugs
(j) parental		(x) rough
(k) emotional		(xi) crawling

(E) Now use the answers from (D) above to fill the gaps in the following sentences. Use each collocation once only.

- He has a history of _____ and I would regard him as a loose canon with the potential to explode again at any given point in time without warning. It is tragic that he has been thrown out onto the streets but his _____ as both a parent and a father moderate the level of sympathy I have for him somewhat.
- She has severe _____ from her time under the guardianship of her foster parents, who, it later turned out, were serious dealers in _____ and psychologically unstable themselves. This girl was let down badly by the system.
- She is lacking _____ and the absence of a role model and authority figure in her life has made her especially susceptible to suggestion; it is hardly surprising that she had been led astray by the group of troubled youths she fell in with while _____.
- _____ is rife amongst the homeless; you only have to look at the huge queues of people lining up outside the methadone clinic each day to tell you that. You'd seldom observe as big a queue outside the _____, ironically.
- Those who engage in _____ must realise that they are endangering the women they pick up and that their money simply lines the pockets of pimps involved in a seedy network of _____ which stretches across the whole of Europe not to mention shady dealings in the _____.

The Role of Education in the Developing World

Use the word in brackets as a clue to help you find the correct answer for each gap in the exercise below.

Levels of **1.** _____ [literate] and **2.** _____ [number] remain startlingly high in the developing world, and will continue to be so until the West provides or sponsors new education **3.** _____ [initiate], preferably also getting directly involved. A better education is a prerequisite should the **4.** _____ [poverty] masses of Africa ever wish to hold any genuine hope of gaining their **5.** _____ [emancipate] from the metaphorical shackles of poverty. Education **6.** _____ [initiate] for young people as well as life-long learning programmes will also help to breach the gulf that separates the working classes from their ruling elite, a **7.** _____ [privilege] few who enjoy the **8.** _____ [trap] of Western wealth and the lifestyle that goes with it, while those in their midst are completely **9.** _____ [occupy] with the daily struggle for survival. Furthermore, we must promote a culture of **10.** _____ [tolerate] of corruption, and help to create a new **11.** _____ [generate] for whom education rather than an **12.** _____ [scruple] nature will reap the true rewards. Education will also help to bridge another gap; that of the cultural one which separates the West from its brethren in the developing world. The **13.** _____ [poverty] slums and shanty towns are a hotbed of religious and political **14.** _____ [extreme], but hopefully education will serve to create a better sense of **15.** _____ [understand] between all the peoples of the world, **16.** _____ [respect] of background. And this will especially be the case if the education programmes themselves are administered by Western professionals, who, in much the same way as they can teach a thing or two to their **17.** _____ [counter] in the developing world, have also, no doubt, much to learn from them in the process as well. Cooperation between people from the different cultures of the West and the developing world will also, hopefully, help to reduce levels of prejudice, bigotry, xenophobia and racial **18.** _____ [tense]. And, last but not by any means least, educating women will **19.** _____ [power] them to claim their rightful place in the social hierarchy in up-to-now male-dominated cultures. Their **20.** _____ [aspire] can shift realistically higher, and young female students can hope to go on to become tomorrow's politicians, diplomats and political leaders, or whatsoever they choose.

Immigration and the Developing World

(A) Use the words from the box to fill the gaps. You may need to use some words several times. You will not have to change the tense/form, but you may need to pluralise in some cases.

sustenance	destitution	asylum	indigenous	inferiority	deprivation	integration
obligation	cosmopolitan	corruption	oppression	inequity	deportation	assimilation
malnutrition	surrogate	metropolis	tangible	sanitation	starvation	repercussion

Most of our main **1.** _____ in the West are now pretty diverse places. However, many **2.** _____ seekers come from far less **3.** _____ parts of the world, and it can be quite a culture shock for them when they arrive in their **4.** _____ homes. Genuine **5.** _____ seekers are, by definition, fleeing a **6.** _____ threat to their very lives and should be afforded all the assistance and protection the state can provide once their status has been upheld and **7.** _____ granted. This extends as far as helping them cope with the **8.** _____ process, one of the most immediate barriers to successfully embracing which is, of course, often the language. But there are other factors which can make **9.** _____ difficult, too. Many **10.** _____ seekers carry the physical and emotional scars of **11.** _____. They may suffer from an **12.** _____ complex of sorts, too, and feel overwhelmed by the perceived 'sophistication' of their new home. Of course, the state's first **13.** _____ is to provide them with adequate **14.** _____, shelter and **15.** _____. Many may be suffering from **16.** _____, or, in the worst cases, starvation. The effects of sleep **17.** _____ may also be a concern if their recent past has been particularly traumatic and eventful. But, of course, these are the lucky ones – at least they get to remain in their adopted homes. If an **18.** _____ application is rejected, then the applicant faces **19.** _____ back to their country of origin. Sometimes, those seeking asylum know their claim will be rejected but go through the process nonetheless out of sheer desperation in the hope that it can buy them time to find some other way to stay in the country, which some manage to do, often illegally. But just because a case is rejected, that is not to say that the individual or individuals concerned will not face serious **20.** _____ if they return home. For some, the door to the West is a tantalising jar agape, but not enough so as to gain entry. Instead, they are perhaps faced with the harsh realities of famine and **21.** _____, political **22.** _____ or social **23.** _____ back in their **24.** _____ homes. The grim realities of **25.** _____ and life on the very margins are all that await the most tragic cases of the rejected.

(B) Find closest matches for the definitions listed below from the answer choices given for the last section.

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| 1. substitute _____ | 7. the state of being without money, food, shelter or possessions _____ |
| 2. unfair and cruel government of people _____ | 8. relating to or originating in a particular region, native _____ |
| 3. large city _____ | 9. food _____ |
| 4. disposal of sewage and solid waste associated with cleanliness _____ | 10. the feeling of not being as good as something else _____ |
| 5. diverse and varied, having a global feel _____ | |
| 6. injustice or unfairness _____ | |

Poverty in the Developing World

(A) Select an appropriate word from the box in the following page to fill each gap. Use each word once only and do not change the form.

Much of the developing world is caught in a(n) **1.** _____ of sorts, battling to overcome the psychological and physical scars of the near past - of, in many cases, colonial or **2.** _____ rule – while at the same time oddly **3.** _____ about making the changes necessary to **4.** _____ a better future. In many cases, the sums don't add up; large parts of Africa and Latin America, for example, are resource-rich and **5.** _____ well-positioned to make their mark in the 21st century, but, alas, there is something holding them back. For some, the source of the problem lies very high up indeed; in corrupt and/or unstable governments, which typically rule for the privileged few while the **6.** _____ many struggle on in **7.** _____. Others are ravaged by years or even decades of tribal war and **8.** _____, and yet more have simply been the victims of misfortune – the wrath of Mother Nature, for example, which has unleashed drought, famine and, at times, utter **9.** _____ on the hapless masses of much of Sub-Saharan Africa over the years.

But, whatever about the **10.** _____ causes, the results are as clear as day. A lack of access to education and medical care has left many countries ravaged by diseases by and large under control in the West. Think the AIDS epidemic; that immunity-crippling terminal illness that much of Africa is still struggling to get a handle on. Factors like poor sanitation, malnutrition, poor or a total lack of access to clean water, high rates of violent crime and civil **11.** _____ all play their part and contribute to the **12.** _____ reality on the ground: high infant **13.** _____ rates, low life expectancy, joblessness, substance abuse, **14.** _____, benightedness; the situation for many is dire. Where, in the West, when we talk about poverty, we do so in relative terms, here, poverty is **15.** _____. The poverty line is not drawn to distinguish those who can maintain a good standard of living from those struggling to do so, but rather it underlines the difference between life and death; the struggle to exist just long enough to welcome in another tomorrow.

absolute corruption despotic devastation hesitant indigence limbo mortality ostensibly safeguard squalor subservient underlying unrest disheartening

(B) The words below are synonyms of or similar in meaning to the answer choices for exercise (A). Write each answer-choice from (A) next to its synonym(s) below.

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| 1. essential/fundamental | _____ | 2. destruction | _____ |
| 3. filth/dirt | _____ | 4. tyrannical/autocratic | _____ |
| 5. death | _____ | 6. total | _____ |
| 7. reluctant | _____ | 8. dishonesty/unscrupulousness | _____ |
| 9. compliant | _____ | 10. secure/protect | _____ |
| 11. state of uncertainty | _____ | 12. demoralising/depressing | _____ |
| 13. destitution/poverty | _____ | 14. apparently/seemingly | _____ |
| 15. disturbance/discontent | _____ | | |

(C) Match the words in **Column A** with their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) humanitarian		(i) clash
(b) debt		(ii) aid
(c) culture		(iii) change
(d) war		(iv) tension
(e) racial		(v) doctor
(f) religious		(vi) camp
(g) refugee		(vii) zealot
(h) physical		(viii) infrastructure
(i) regime		(ix) fighter
(j) witch		(x) crime
(k) rebel		(xi) relief

(D) Use the answers to (C) above to fill in the gaps in the sentences below.

- The government has sanctioned the sending of _____ to the areas worst affected by the conflict.
- The _____ are thought to have lost considerable ground in the exchange today, and now look unlikely to threaten the capital.
- The girl died after her parents chose to take her to a(n) _____ rather than a hospital where she could get the medical care she so badly needed.
- He is a(n) _____ who stokes up hatred with his inflammatory speeches about the evils of Christendom.
- A(n) _____ was set up just across the border in Turkey to give those fleeing the conflict area shelter and access to basic essentials.
- The U.S. is demanding _____ and has pledged to support the people of the country should they rise up in arms against their leaders.
- As yet, no form of _____ has been agreed, so the country remains in the ludicrous position of having to make crippling repayments while the people on the ground starve.
- _____ is thought to have been the catalyst for the latest conflict, which is less about land than identity.
- The U.S. called it a(n) _____, but Syria says it acted with restraint and in accordance with international law in self-defence.
- The country's _____ has been more or less completely destroyed as a result of this long-running conflict - it will take years to rebuild.
- Contrary to predictions that there would be a massive _____, the group of asylum seekers have assimilated perfectly into the local community.

UNIT 7

Your Hotel

(A) Chose the correct answer option from the four choices, a - d.

1. The room was _____ decorated in gold and silver; it was quite simply over the top.
a. ostentatiously b. tantalisingly c. tactfully d. benevolently
2. They made _____ preparations in anticipation of the arrival of their celebrity guests.
a. degenerate b. decadent c. elaborate d. strenuous
3. It was a(n) _____ location with an intoxicating sense of romance, something akin to what one might find described in a fairytale.
a. chivalrous b. whimsical c. enchanting d. extravagant
4. The decor of the hotel was _____; it screamed 'five-star' from the moment you stepped into the lobby.
a. sumptuous b. picturesque c. idyllic d. quaint
5. Dinner was _____, and the after-dinner entertainment was equally exceptional.
a. delectable b. despicable c. voluptuous d. ravishing
6. The location was far from _____ and certainly not as described on the brochure.
a. nostalgic b. melodious c. opulent d. idyllic
7. The venue had a lovely, warm _____ and we felt very comfortable there.
a. semblance b. ambience c. traction d. disposition
8. The prices were _____ and there was little value for money to be had in any of the items on the menu.
a. oppressive b. exacting c. extortionate d. fraudulent
9. The _____ was decorated in an Edwardian style, but it looked like the inside of the building had been brought right up to date.
a. facade b. veneer c. guise d. camouflage
10. Our hotel room was surprisingly _____, especially taking into consideration that it was very reasonably priced.
a. decadent b. commodious c. languid d. vivacious
11. The level of service we received from all staff, without exception, was quite simply _____.
a. gallant b. solicitous c. punctilious d. exemplary
12. The hotel's description in the brochure was _____ in the extreme and we were left utterly disappointed on arrival.
a. fallacious b. pretentious c. perplexing d. erratic

(B) Put the words of similar meaning together in groups.

cramped	immaculate	spotless	elegant	inconspicuous	cluttered
quirky	offbeat	remote	subtle	chic	secluded
sombre	rowdy	garish	subdued	trendy	picturesque
boisterous	functional	quaint	refined	gaudy	utilitarian

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| 1. Charming | | |
| 2. Fashionable | | |
| 3. Understated | | |
| 4. Classy | | |
| 5. Vulgar | | |
| 6. Isolated | | |
| 7. Basic | | |
| 8. Clean | | |
| 9. Noisy | | |
| 10. Dull | | |
| 11. Not spacious | | |
| 12. Unconventional | | |

Food - Cooking and Eating

(A) Choose the correct verb from the box to fill each gap. You should use each verb once only, and you may need to change the form.

baste	simmer	salivate	marinate	garnish	gorge	braise
munch	whisk	mince	grill	drizzle	devour	

- After bringing the saucepan to the boil, allow to _____ for a further five minutes.
- _____ a little salad dressing over the top just before you begin to serve.
- _____ the egg whites and sugar together in a separate bowl.
- The mere sight and smell of the dish had us all _____ in anticipation of the gastronomic treat we were in for.
- Such was the appetite I had worked up that I had _____ every last morsel that had been put on my plate in a matter of minutes.
- She _____ the steak in a brandy-and-stock mix for two hours.
- _____ the turkey at regular intervals during the cooking process.
- _____ the dish with a sprig of mint.
- Don't _____ yourself for the rest of the evening; you don't have to have all the chocolates tonight; you can always finish the box _____ tomorrow.
- _____ the fish in the lemon-and-spice mix for about four hours before frying.
- _____ the fish on a high heat for approximately five minutes, turning halfway through.
- _____ the beef yourself is an option, but a laborious one when you can buy it from the butchers.
- I'm just going to pop into the shop a second; I need something to _____ on to keep me going until dinner.

(B) Use the words from the box below to fill the gaps. Use each word once only. You will not need to change the form of the word.

scrumptious	delectable	rare	bountiful	satiated	soggy
starchy	raw	curdled	putrid	tangy	

I had a **1.** _____ meal at the Riverdale Park Hotel last night; the best I've had dining out for as long as I can remember. And, surprisingly, the portions were **2.** _____, not the miserly servings I've grown accustomed to getting in these "high-class" eateries. Dessert was the most **3.** _____ part of the meal; a **4.** _____ lemon cheesecake with a base to die for - it really hit the spot! And the house wine was the perfect accompaniment; inexpensive but full-bodied and flavoursome; I drank until I was well and truly **5.** _____. Contrast that with my experience at the weekend in Grey's Bowl; I've never had such **6.** _____-smelling gunk served to me on a plate before. My starter was like something out of a horror movie; thinly-sliced **7.** _____ steak served on some mouldy cheese - apparently it's all the rage at the moment. Well, not likely; I would sooner eat my hat. For mains, I was served a **8.** _____ goop the waiter tried to pass off for mashed potatoes, with **9.** _____ vegetables and more exceptionally **10.** _____ beef - the blood was still oozing out of it for goodness' sake. Then, for dessert, I had the joy of tasting a custard that had **11.** _____ to such an extent that it might just as well have been scrambled egg - absolutely disgusting!

(C) Match the food term on the left with its definition on the right.

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| 1. hors d'oeuvres | a. an informal term for a beer |
| 2. a brew | b. cooking of a very high standard |
| 3. haute cuisine | c. describes when you can combine any selection of dishes - not a fixed menu |
| 4. condiment | d. a substance like salt which you add to food to make it taste better |
| 5. platter | e. a self-service meal where diners choose from a variety of foods on display |
| 6. buffet | f. a small room in a home/restaurant used for storing food |
| 7. a la carte | g. a large plate on which a variety of foods are served together |
| 8. larder | h. the appetizer or first course of a meal |

(D) Select the correct word from the box to fill each gap.

inedible	nibbles	fusion	eatery	connoisseur	beverage	casserole
fare	gourmet	consistency	culinary	assortment	accompaniment	palate

- Why is it that soft drinks are so much more expensive than alcoholic _____s in pubs?
- This is the chef's special; a(n) _____ of vegetables, each cooked in a different way.
- This sparkling wine is the perfect _____ to spicy food.
- This is a lamb _____, cooked to perfection on a low heat for five hours.
- He considers himself a(n) _____ of all things food-related. I consider him an arrogant know-it-all.
- Just plating up this dish is a(n) _____ feat in itself; it must have taken the chef forever to achieve this level of detail in his presentation.
- The local _____ which I frequent the most is Gardner's on 43rd Street.
- You will struggle to find finer _____ in any restaurant in the city; this is truly a delight for the senses.
- He runs a _____ restaurant downtown which is beloved of the hip and trendy, but, to me, his food sounds like an ill-conceived mishmash of Chinese and European flavours that were never meant to be combined.
- You don't have a very discerning _____, do you? I mean, I would have sent that plate of food back to the kitchen personally, but then who am I to say what you should or shouldn't do...
- I'm not sure this _____ cooking malarkey is all it's cracked up to be; for me, I think the word is just an excuse to serve miserly portions of food on a plate and charge astronomical prices for doing so.
- It's not really of the right _____ for a good rue sauce - far too runny, if you ask me.
- The food in that restaurant was simply _____, and while I felt a bit guilty about doing it, I was left with no choice but to return my plate to the kitchen, and get up and leave.
- I bought some crisps, nuts and other _____ to have when the neighbours come around.

Holidays

(A) Match the words or phrases in **Column A** with their strongest collocations in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) toilet		(i) luggage
(b) carry-on		(ii) lodge
(c) cab		(iii) bag
(d) foreign-exchange		(iv) sickness
(e) ski		(v) year
(f) cabin		(vi) miles
(g) departure		(vii) occupancy
(h) double		(viii) counter
(i) air		(ix) gate
(j) travel		(x) crew
(k) gap		(xi) fare

Which of the collocations above:

- is a term used to describe a long break students often take before starting their third-level education? _____
- is a form of accommodation? _____
- is a type of hotel-room booking? _____

Select an appropriate collocation from those you matched above to fill each gap in the following sentences:

- The _____ from the airport to the hotel was considerably less than I had feared it might be; I read horror stories before I got here of how tourists are frequently ripped off.
- My _____ exceeded the weight limit and had to be put in the hold.
- The _____ was changed at the last minute, causing considerable confusion amongst passengers wishing to board the flight.
- I got 1,000 bonus _____ for using my frequent flyer number when booking.

(B) Complete the following sentences by inserting the missing verb. You do not have any clues to help you.

- I don't normally _____ business class, but I had an operation only last week so comfort is my priority.
- We've been _____ on standby for the next available return-flight to Majorca.
- Please _____ via the rear exit of the plane.
- The plane _____ off from the runway without incident despite a strengthening crosswind.
- His application for a visa was _____ down due to an incident which occurred on a previous visit to the country.
- The flight has been _____ by more than three hours on account of the adverse weather conditions.
- It is customary here in America to _____ the bellboy at least 5% of the room-price.
- He remains _____ at Frankfurt airport until such time as the runway _____.
- Efforts to _____ the runway of lying snow have proved in vain as the clean-up crew have also had to contend with fresh falls.
- The plane was forced to _____ to Jefferson Airport on account of the runway closures at its original terminal destination.

(C) Use the words from the box below to fill in the gaps in sentences 1 - 12.

retreat(s)	amenity(ies)	jaunt	sabbatical	junket
capacity	promenade(s)	hiatus	recuperation	keepsake(s)
hectic	regatta(s)	diversion(s)	downtime	itinerary

- The hotel we stayed at had a great range of _____, and, as a result, we barely felt the need to venture out all week.
- When we arrived, we were informed that the hotel was full to _____, and that our room was no longer available due to an administrative error that had seen it double-booked.
- A Sunday _____ to the hills is all the holiday I need to feel refreshed and ready to face another week of work.
- The government-sponsored _____ was ostensibly a trade trip but in reality it was a holiday by any other name.
- He purchased a traditional drum as a(n) _____ to remember his trip by.
- They strolled along the _____ hand-in-hand and watched the sun set over the still ocean.
- Our Economics lecturer is on _____ for the next six months, which means we'll have someone new teaching us this semester.
- The band took a(n) _____ for three months to have a much-needed break from one another.
- He is staying at a(n) _____ up in the mountains for a few weeks; apparently isolating himself from the outside world is just the form of _____ he needs right now to help him recover from his breakdown.
- We changed our _____ somewhat from the original plan and decided to give ourselves some more _____ to relax and do nothing; we realised you were right about our schedule being too _____ and unrealistic.
- This year's _____ is predicted to be the best-attended for many a year with a crowd of 10,000 expected to turn out to see the boats off.
- For me, holidays are a welcome _____ from the grim realities of working life.

(D) Choose the correct word to fill each gap from the two answer-choices given and change the form/tense if required.

- He had an unfortunate experience on his last trip abroad so opted for a _____ holiday this time.
[foreign / domestic]
- Passengers were asked to have their tickets ready for display and _____ the plane by the rear exit only while a technical fault in the front door was being examined by ground crew. [board / disembark]
- His holiday was _____ by two days on account of his having to rush back home in time for the birth of his third grandson. [cut short / postpone]
- His daughter's injury served to _____ his return to the family home while he stayed behind at the resort to care for her. [delay / hasten]

UNIT 8

(A) Family Issues

Choose a word from the box below to fit in each gap. You should use each word once only. Pluralise if necessary.

material
promiscuous
chasm

woe
device
inept

epidemic
amok
crisis

obstinate
breakdown
conspicuous

1. Father and mother figures are becoming more and more _____ by their absence, forced to spend a greater amount of time away from the family unit due to workplace commitments.
2. The _____ of the family unit is leading to single-parent families.
3. Economic _____ are helping to create a situation whereby there are more and more families with two working parents.
4. There is not so much a gap as a huge _____ between the generations; this causes regular disputes and misunderstandings.
5. Adolescent teens are experiencing a(n) _____ of identity and are not being given sufficient parental guidance to cope.
6. Children are being left unsupervised more often and from a younger age, and given licence to run _____.
7. The prevailing culture of opting for convenience and junk foods is contributing to the obesity _____ affecting today's youth.
8. The fact that fewer and fewer families sit down to eat together at the dinner table is helping to create a generation that is socially _____.
9. Left to their own _____, many youths are turning to destructive habits like smoking and drinking.
10. The youth of today are more opinionated and _____ than ever before.
11. Young people are exploring their sexuality from a younger age and are becoming more and more _____. Experimenting in this way can lead to problems such as teenage pregnancy.
12. Parents try to compensate for the fact that they are around less by buying more gifts for their children, and, in so doing, unintentionally contribute to the skewing of values in society such that more and more emphasis is being placed on _____ things.

Teen Issues

(a) Choose the word from the box which collocates most strongly for each gap in the text.

morbidly
unrealistic
suicide

academic
virtual
pushy

friendship
self
social

calorie
sleep
sedentary

splendid
antisocial

There are a myriad of lifestyle issues affecting the youth of today. Such is the pressure heaped on many school-goers to achieve

1. _____ excellence by their parents that these 2. _____ expectations are causing children to become hopelessly depressed. Indeed, some, in their desperation to escape and their sense of guilt at being unable reach the levels of success demanded of them by their 3. _____ parents, either rebel in what is tantamount to a cry for help, or, worse still, engage in 4. _____-harm. It is no coincidence that 5. _____ rates, especially amongst young males, have been rising steadily for some time now. These are tough times to be a teen.

Then there are those who get hooked on the internet; the 6. _____ world becomes their reality. For these teens, their 7. _____ circle shrinks dramatically until, at last, their 8. _____ sphere is limited solely to their online buddies. Not alone do they commonly suffer from 9. _____ deprivation on account of their destructive addiction to game play and net-surfing, their behaviour may become so erratic and peculiar over time as to be considered 10. _____. And while they sit at their computer screens hidden away in 11. _____ isolation from the real world, such is the lack of exercise they get that their 12. _____ intake far exceeds what is necessary for them to maintain a stable weight. In essence, due to their 13. _____ lifestyle, their weight skyrockets until such time as they become 14. _____ obese.

(b) Choose the most suitable verb from the box to fit in each gap and change the form or tense if necessary.

resist	yield	gratify	foster	refine
dabble	involve	yearn	impart	exclude
compromise	establish	ostracise	become	instill

Never is it more important to fit in than during adolescence, that critical time of development when a young person's character is **1.** _____ and they find their place in the world. To be **2.** _____ or socially **3.** _____ is, in fact, probably the worst nightmare for most teens, and the majority will do anything to avoid it, even if that means **4.** _____ their own beliefs, **5.** _____ to peer pressure and doing things they normally would never dream of. But it is in the making of such compromises that a teen's life can be destroyed in an instant. Indeed, it is not at all uncommon for an otherwise perfectly decent young lad or lass to fall in with the wrong crowd and find themselves caught up in all sorts of trouble. Depending on how impressionable a teen is, and the extent to which they **6.** _____ for acceptance, there is no telling what they will do in their efforts to gain same, from **7.** _____ with drugs to **8.** _____ themselves in criminal activities. The key determining factor in **9.** _____ the likelihood of whether a young person will go off the rails is not simply their background as one might expect. It is, in fact, the extent to which their parents have **10.** _____ confidence and a sense of self-worth in them as they have grown up. A child who is at ease in their own skin and confident in who and what they represent as a person is far less likely to put themselves in a position where they will be compromising their morals simply to **11.** _____ a few peers. In short, you can give a child the best education money can buy and **12.** _____ on them all the moral virtues and wisdom you wish, but this will count for nothing unless you also **13.** _____ in them an appreciation of their own value as an individual. Only then will they be able to **14.** _____ the pressure from their peers and the natural inclination to try to **15.** _____ popular and be considered 'cool' regardless of the consequences.

Teen Mischief-making

Match the verbs in **Column A** with the phrases in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) falling		(i) around
(b) playing		(ii) with drugs
(c) dabbling		(iii) up to no good
(d) rebelling		(iv) against authority
(e) getting		(v) a run in with the law
(f) getting		(vi) the class
(g) getting/having		(vii) a criminal record
(h) ganging		(viii) one over on your peers
(i) spreading		(ix) rash decisions
(j) pulling		(x) for attention
(k) making		(xi) no thought for anyone
(l) acting		(xii) on the spur of the moment
(m) sparing		(xiii) a strop
(n) flunking		(xiv) up on one another
(o) vying		(xv) malicious rumours
(p) flouting		(xvi) the rules
(q) having		(xvii) truant
(r) sleeping		(xviii) in with the wrong crowd

Now use a number of the phrases above to fill in the gaps. You will not need to use all of them, and nor will you have to change the verb form or tense for the correct answers.

- I am _____ and it's looking very likely that I'll have to repeat.
- No doubt that 'angel' of ours is _____ again with those mischievous friends of his.
- Why must you persist in _____? One of these days you will get caught and wind up in serious trouble.
- If I catch your son _____ again, Mrs White, he will automatically be expelled; his attendance record is already appalling.
- Alex and Paula are always _____; I have to be very careful to devote equal time to them both so as not to be accused of favouritism.

Teen Relationships and Relationship Issues

Select a verb from the box which fits in each gap and change the form or tense as appropriate. Some verbs are used more than once.

fall	call	do	go	stand	break	chat	brush	ask	fall
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- We'd been _____ steady for about six months before he _____ it off.
- They _____ off the engagement just before Christmas and _____ up.
- I spent the whole night _____ her up and eventually plucked up the courage to _____ her out.
- She _____ me off and said she wasn't interested.
- When it was clear to us both that it wasn't working, we _____ our separate ways for good.
- He _____ the dirt on me with my best friend; I don't think I can ever forgive either of them.
- We'd arranged to meet outside Barney's Cafe at 8 o'clock, but she _____ me up.
- We're _____ up and going to _____ it quits.
- I _____ for her in a bad way and was besotted for the best part of two years.
- We _____ head over heels in love probably the first time we ever met; it was sort of instant.

Issues affecting School- and College-leavers

(a) Match the verbs in **Column A** to the correct phrase-endings in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) priced		(i) candidates
(b) vetting		(ii) of debt
(c) spiralling		(iii) out of the market
(d) burden		(iv) with debt
(e) saddled		(v) out of control
(f) diminishing		(vi) cost of third-level education
(g) prohibitive		(vii) value of a college education
(h) let		(viii) down by the system

(b) Now use the completed phrases to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will need to use each phrase once only. You will not need to change the verb forms.

- The rate of youth unemployment is _____.
- Moreover, the _____ is putting many good students from disadvantaged areas off the idea of pursuing their studies further.
- After all, the only option open to them is to finance their education through loans and face having to deal with a huge _____ as they start into their working lives.
- And yet, more and more today, recruiters _____ require that applicants for even fairly basic administrative roles have at least a foundation degree.
- The _____ is clear for all to see, so why is it then that something that is worth less nowadays actually costs more?
- Those lucky enough to be able to pursue their college education are _____ on exiting the system, and will be struggling to pay this off for much of their early working life.
- Graduates would be justified in feeling aggrieved and _____, having been made false promises and given assurances about the opportunities that would present themselves on attaining a college education only to discover that their prospects are very bleak indeed.
- And they also have to contend with the reality of having been _____ when it comes to buying property; they will not get a foothold on the property ladder for a good many years.

Life for 20-something-year-olds

toil midnight oil	balance climate	rat race commuter belt	exorbitant suburbia	brownie points
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The notion of work-life **1.** _____ is something many a 20-something-year-old would have a good chuckle at, for theirs is the grim reality of the **2.** _____, which they are caught up in from the moment they leave university, if, that is, in the harsh economic **3.** _____ that exists at present, they are lucky enough to find a job in the first place. And to make matters worse, **4.** _____ house prices push them further and further out into the **5.** _____, from where they have to endure long commutes to and from work daily. And even here in **6.** _____, affordable accommodation is basically a thing of the past, so not only have they to contend with the debt burden they inherited on leaving college, they also have mortgage or rental payments to cover. In an effort to safeguard their precious jobs, and, indeed, their financial futures, they work tirelessly, doing overtime and staying in the office after hours hoping to score **7.** _____ with the boss. They return home late at night having burnt the **8.** _____, tired and stressed, and with little time to unwind before they are into another day's **9.** _____.

Buying a House

Choose the word that best fits for each gap from the box below. Use each word once only.

prudence proportion	arrears bust	foreclosure plummet	repossession revelation	negative equity deposit
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There has never been a worse time to be in the house-buying game. Well, never, that is, assuming you are a first-time buyer. If you are an investor, you will likely be rubbing your hands with glee; after all, demand for rental properties has seldom been so strong. The average age of first-time buyers in the U.K. has now risen to 37, and this is a particularly shocking **1.** _____ when one takes into consideration the fact that parents are stumping up more and more funds towards their children's first house purchases. The reason for this is that the **2.** _____ of the funds banks expect first-time buyers to put up by way of a **3.** _____ has increased considerably in recent years and can be 25% or more, depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant(s). But it is not that banks are being difficult or greedy per se; it is simply a matter of sensible lending. In countries like Ireland and Spain where the property market has gone from boom to **4.** _____, huge numbers of first-time buyers are struggling in **5.** _____, unable to meet their monthly repayments and accumulating substantial levels of **6.** _____. And in such cases, banks have little option but to threaten **7.** _____. In this scenario, **8.** _____ and the prospect of homelessness loom large on the horizon as the most probable outcomes. So it is hardly surprising then that banks here in the U.K. are looking to avoid creating a similar situation. And while the U.K., and particularly the London, property market has not seen the same level of fluctuation as those of either Ireland or Spain, it would not take very much to tip the market over the edge, and for house prices to then **9.** _____. **10.** _____, it is clear, is the order of the day.

UNIT 9

Three of a Kind: Find the missing word.

For each group of sentences, 1 - 7, there is one suitable word which will fill all the gaps. Find out what it is and write it in the space provided.

Example

(a) He was rushed to the Accident and Emergency room.

(b) There was a medical emergency on my flight to Seoul - luckily a doctor was on hand to help.

(c) I work in the ER, also known as the Emergency Room. It's not pleasant work, but I do save lives on a daily basis.

1. (a) The doctors removed a foreign _____ from his skull.
(b) His _____ temperature had fallen dangerously low and he was suffering from hypothermia.
(c) His _____ -fat content was far too high and he was put on a special diet.
2. (a) The patient had a very low _____ threshold, so the doctor administered a strong local anaesthetic.
(b) He was complaining of a throbbing _____ in his head, and then suddenly collapsed on the floor.
(c) She prescribed the patient some strong _____ relief tablets.
3. (a) She was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of _____ cancer.
(b) The burn wound required a _____ graft, but seems to have healed quite well since the procedure.
(c) Her _____ came out in an itchy red rash, which doctors blamed on an allergic reaction to the medicine she was taking.
4. (a) The surgeon was forced to remove the organ entirely from its socket, and replace it with a glass _____.
(b) The doctor prescribed special _____ drops to counteract the dryness problem.
(c) His black _____ was caused by none other than his six-year-old daughter, who accidentally hit her father in the face with a toy doll she was swinging around in the air as part of some sort of game.
5. (a) The patient complained of _____ spasm in the neck area. However, the symptom disappeared within a few days.
(b) The extent of the _____ fatigue experienced by the patient was such that he struggled to perform any task requiring even the slightest use of force.
(c) The heart is principally composed of cardiac _____ - not the type, mind, that you can build up by going to the gym; this is a special kind found only in the walls of the heart.
6. (a) The white blood _____ are those which perform the immunising role and protect the body against infections and disease.
(b) Cancerous _____ were basically once normal, but have mutated and begun attacking surrounding _____ and invading the rest of the body.
(c) Examination of the _____ under a microscope revealed that the damage was deeper than previously thought and that the disease was highly invasive.
7. (a) He fractured the metatarsal _____ in his big toe and was sidelined for six weeks. He only returned to training for the first time with the rest of the team on Saturday.
(b) Multiple myeloma is a cancer of the _____ marrow. This type of cancer is very serious unless caught early.
(c) The suspected break to the _____ proved to only be a bad sprain on further examination.

Medical Abbreviations [Write these common abbreviations out in full.]

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| 1. ER _____ | 4. ICU _____ | 7. ENT Surgeon _____ (clue: parts of the body) |
| 2. A & E _____ | 5. GP _____ | 8. TB _____ (clue: type of disease) |
| 3. STD _____ | 6. DOA _____ | 9. PM _____ (clue: ... Autopsy) |

Word Association

(a) Complete the following exercise by linking each adjective (**Column A**) to the noun with which it collocates (**Column B**). If in doubt, the strongest collocation should be selected.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) allergic		(i) tumour
(b) infectious		(ii) trial
(c) malignant		(iii) anaesthetic
(d) clinical		(iv) procedure
(e) general		(v) clock
(f) digestive		(vi) condition
(g) cardiac		(vii) disorder
(h) surgical		(viii) arrest
(i) biological		(ix) system
(j) critical		(x) illness
(k) congenital		(xi) consultation
(l) post-operative		(xii) disease
(m) terminal		(xiii) reaction
(n) bipolar		(xiv) disorder

(b) Now match the collocations with their definitions:

Collocation	Definition
	a mental condition characterised by extremes of happiness and sadness
	a condition that will result in death no matter what
	an extremely serious state of health that is immediately life threatening
	a medical operation that involves making incisions into the body
	a condition whereby the heart stops functioning
	the part of the body that processes the food we eat
	a drug administered to a patient which puts them to sleep
	the progression of time in a woman from puberty to menopause
	an illness which can be passed from one person to another
	an aggressive form of cancer that will spread around the body
	when the immune system responds in a harmful way to exposure to something
	a way of testing a new form of medicine or treatment on human subjects
	a health problem present at and from birth
	a meeting with a doctor after having undergone surgery

(c) Complete the following paragraph using some of the collocations above. Use each collocation once only:

Coming to Terms with Cancer

The prognosis was not good; I may not have had a(n) terminal illness, but the cancer was at an advanced stage and had spread to the lymph nodes. All this I learned at a rather intense _____ I had with my doctor following the excision of the lump on my throat for biopsy. The doctor had assured me the lump was probably benign, so, as you can probably imagine, it came as quite a shock to learn that I had a(n) _____, and that the cancer had already spread. As if that wasn't traumatic enough, I then had to prepare myself for another _____ the doctor would perform the very next day - he said it couldn't wait. I would be put under _____ again and would be out for about one hour. I would feel very groggy for a good two hours after waking up. 'Why not try chemo?' I asked him. Turns out I have a history of _____ to this form of treatment in my family - it nearly killed my uncle. Apparently, chemo would do more harm than good where my body is concerned.

At the moment my head is all over the place. The last few days have been a lot to take in. And the situation is complicated by the fact that my partner and I were planning to have a baby. That will have to be postponed indefinitely. But, the thing is, I'm 33 now and my _____ is ticking. Will I ever be able to have a child?

Word Transformation

In the box below there are 15 words. You will need to use each word once only in completing sentences 1 - 15. You will have to change the form of the correct word in order for it to fit the gap in the relevant sentence.

impair	defect	symptom	immune	hereditariness
deficient	diagnose	remiss	prescribe	spine
dependent	prognose	morbid	therapy	elect

- The tests showed up an iron _____, so now I have to take supplements every morning.
- His alcohol _____ is becoming a real issue which could potentially ruin his life.
- The patient's _____ heart valve was operated on successfully this morning.
- You have an enhanced _____ to this strain of the flu virus - there is no chance of you falling ill.
- _____ injury this severe can often result in paralysis - you are a very lucky man.
- Why is it that I can never seem to read the handwriting on the doctor's _____, but, when I hand it to the pharmacist, she seems to understand perfectly.
- The _____ benefits of gardening are widely acknowledged.
- I expect that I will get breast cancer sadly at some point in my life - it's _____, you see - my mother and grandmother before me had it.
- I'm having _____ surgery to have the lesion removed. It's a prudent step; in two or three years' time, what's to say it won't have mutated into something far more deadly?
- The cancer is in _____ thank goodness - though I haven't got the all-clear just yet...
- The patient is _____ obese, which is severely impacting on his quality of life.
- The _____ is good - as the disease was caught early I have an excellent chance of recovery.
- The _____ of arthritis came as a shock to me - I'm only 32 for goodness' sake.
- A mouth ulcer that lasts more than three weeks may be _____ of oral cancer.
- The accident left him with a permanent visual _____.

Word Association 2

(a) **Column A** contains verbs which collocate strongly with nouns in **Column B**. Decide which verb goes with which noun.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) sedate		(i) the limb
(b) administer		(ii) the wound
(c) dress		(iii) an improvement
(d) deliver		(iv) the baby
(e) probe		(v) the wound
(f) amputate		(vi) the sample
(g) admit		(vii) the patient to the ward
(h) detect		(viii) the drug
(i) analyse		(ix) the treatment
(j) burp		(x) the baby
(k) discontinue		(xi) the patient
(l) develop		(xii) an allergy

(b) Use the verbs from **Column A** above to fill in the gaps in the extract below. You should use each verb no more than once. You will not need all the verbs. You may need to change the tense of the verb concerned.

He was _____ to hospital after the car accident to have his leg _____.
 When the doctor _____ the wound, however, he decided the leg could be saved. The operation was a success, but the patient had an adverse reaction to the post-op medication he was being _____, and his wound got infected as a result. The doctor immediately _____ the course of antibiotics the patient had been on, and the wound was _____ promptly. A routine blood test _____ in the lab then resulted in a very disturbing discovery - the patient was a carrier of the AIDS virus, unbeknownst to himself. The doctor was forced to _____ the bad news to the patient, who had to be _____ on learning of the revelation, such was his state of shock.

Odd One Out

(a) For each of the following, 1 - 12, identify and circle the odd one out.

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|-----|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) aching | (b) bleeding | (c) throbbing | (d) nagging |
| 2. | (a) scalpel | (b) probe | (c) forceps | (d) bandage |
| 3. | (a) break | (b) crack | (c) fracture | (d) wound |
| 4. | (a) sling | (b) splint | (c) syringe | (d) brace |
| 5. | (a) stretcher | (b) crutch | (c) drip | (d) wheelchair |
| 6. | (a) blister | (b) fever | (c) rash | (d) spot |
| 7. | (a) coherent | (b) responsive | (c) conscious | (d) comatose |
| 8. | (a) vomit | (b) perspiration | (c) phlegm | (d) pus |
| 9. | (a) constipation | (b) indigestion | (c) meningitis | (d) diarrhoea |
| 10. | (a) contagious | (b) congenital | (c) hereditary | (d) genetic |
| 11. | (a) recuperating | (b) terminal | (c) lethal | (d) fatal |
| 12. | (a) coroner | (b) doner | (c) consultant | (d) physician |

(b) Next, using one word from the options, a - d, for each question, 1 - 12, above, fill in the gaps in I - XII below. For Question I below, you will find the right answer-option by reviewing a - d in the corresponding question (Question I) above, and so on.

- I The patient is _____ profusely from a wound to the lower abdomen. He needs to get to hospital immediately.
- II Using his trusty _____, the dentist carefully extracted the tooth.
- III Although incredibly painful, it proved to be little more than a hairline _____, which would almost certainly have healed up within two to three weeks by itself.
- IV He needed to wear a _____ to support his back, which had been giving him trouble for some time.
- V Why they brought out the _____ is quite simply beyond me. The striker was back up on his feet in next-to-no-time and scored a goal barely five minutes later.
- VI Don't even think about bursting that _____ - what a disgusting thing to do.
- VII By midnight and not having had any coffee for five hours, I was virtually _____ but still had more work to do before I could call it a day.
- VIII I became more alarmed when I started to cough up blood in my _____.
- IX Despite _____ being little more than an inconvenience which requires a few impromptu toilet visits in this part of the world, it remains a serious killer in poorer countries.
- X The area was cordoned off in the interest of safety until such time as it was established that the disease was not _____.
- XI The deceased had ingested a _____ dose of pain killers.
- XII You need to register as a _____ if you want your organs to be made available to those in need upon your death.

Fifty : Fifty

For each question, chose the correct word to fill the gap from the two options given.

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| 1. I think you are at the wrong registration desk; this is for those staying in the hospital overnight after surgery for monitoring, but you are an _____. | outpatient / inpatient |
| 2. I have suffered on-and-off with the problem very occasionally for 20 years, but it hasn't been a(n) _____ complaint until now - it used to go away in a matter of days. | chronic / acute |
| 3. The _____ is there to support your arm in the horizontal position temporarily until you get it set in plaster. | cast / sling |
| 4. The _____ or 'fits' as my doctor terms them are apparently a symptom of the brain tumour and will only get worse as time goes on. | spasms / seizures |
| 5. Please tell me the _____ is good - I'm not ready to die. | prognosis / diagnosis |
| 6. The good news is it's _____; the bad news is it's in a part of the body which is inoperable. All they can do, they said, is help me manage the side-effects | malign / benign |
| 7. My grandmother has senile _____, so it's not like it used to be around her - she barely resembles the person I remember from my childhood. | dementia / amnesia |

UNIT 10

Marketing and Advertising

(a) Identify the verb-noun collocations by matching the verbs in **Column A** to the phrase-endings in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) drum		(i) a marketing campaign
(b) plug		(ii) up interest
(c) launch		(iii) brand awareness
(d) target		(iv) a niche
(e) catch		(v) a product
(f) corner		(vi) the viewer's attention
(g) create		(vii) a press release
(h) issue		(viii) the market
(i) reinvent		(ix) market research
(j) carry out		(x) your brand
(k) generate		(xi) goodwill

(b) Match each word/phrase in **Column A** to the correct definition in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) cold calling	(i)	the point in time in the day after which adult-content programmes can be aired
(b) mass marketing	(ii)	the period of the day when the most viewers/listeners are tuning in
(c) subliminal messages	(iii)	public exposure of your brand or company that is harmful
(d) negative publicity	(iv)	ringing someone on the telephone without invitation to
(e) generic advertising	(v)	targeting the whole market in your advertising campaign
(f) prime time	(vi)	information delivered to your subconscious
(g) brand recognition	(vii)	promoting not a single brand but a category or class of product
(h) the classifieds	(viii)	the specific pages of a newspaper or magazine arranged in categories that feature advertisements and jobs
(i) the watershed	(ix)	how well your brand is known in the target market and beyond
(j) billboard / hoarding	(x)	a short catchy tune or song used in a commercial
(k) jingle	(xi)	a well-known phrase associated with an ad / person
(l) logo	(xii)	a selection of people brought together whose responses to certain things are studied in the hope that this will give an insight into general market feeling
(m) slogan / catchphrase	(xiii)	a symbol or design that identifies a product
(n) focus group	(xiv)	a large outdoor advertising sign

(c) Use a selection of the words/phrases in **Column A** above to complete sentences 1 - 12 below. You will not need to use all the words/phrases in **Column A**, and you should not use any word/phrase more than once.

- I found a job that might be of interest to you in _____ under 'Teaching Posts'.
- They allow graphic imagery like that to be shown after _____.
- The _____ has become a product in its own right; so catchy is it that it has entered the Billboard Top 100.
- MacDonald's scores very highly in the _____ stakes; it is one of the best-known in existence.
- _____ advertising slots are always more expensive on account of the number of people tuning in.
- I think companies that engage in _____ are doing themselves more harm than good; after all, who wants to have to answer the phone to unsolicited callers?
- The _____ gave us surprising feedback which may prompt us to rethink our market-entry strategy and product positioning.
- The Irish Tourism Board has begun a €20-million _____ campaign on behalf of the hospitality industry.
- The unpopular artist craved attention, but not the type of _____ she got when it was revealed that she was a tax dodger.
- Their _____ has undergone a redesign to make it more distinctive and memorable to behold.
- It is claimed that the new army ad campaign is sending _____ to young people encouraging them to join up.
- The _____ became so well-known that even now, ten years on, it is more strongly associated with the brand than anything they've used since. As a result, they are considering using it again as the caption for some of their printed adverts.

(d) Change the form of the word in square brackets so that it correctly fits the gap in each case.

The **1.** _____ [**rate**] are down slightly on this time last year, but then that may be explained by a general downward trend in numbers tuning in. Our key **2.** _____ [**demography**] remains middle-aged men, who account for almost 75% of our **3.** _____ [**viewer**]. There has been some success in **4.** _____ [**penetrate**] new markets, and the show is now on terrestrial television in over 20 different countries, as well as **5.** _____ [**subscribe**] satellite channels in another 5. As for the offshoot **6.** _____ [**merchant**], it is selling well in shops, helped in no small way by the deliberate **7.** _____ [**place**] of products in scenes in each episode of the show.

(e) Select one word from the box to fit in each gap in sentences 1- 14.

cash cow	target market	agency	buzzword	press
circulation	trade magazine	soundbites	tabloid	infomercial
pitch	direct mail	market share	spot	spread

- The latest edition of the magazine is already in _____.
- The iPad has become a(n) _____ for Apple, bringing in a steady stream of revenue.
- Know your _____ - who is this product for? There is no point taking our planning of the campaign any further before you have established at least this.
- It's a(n) _____ in which you'll find articles and advertisements related to civil engineering.
- We receive so much _____ from these ad agencies it's ridiculous. Do they really expect us to read any of this unsolicited nonsense that comes through our letterbox?
- Your _____ was relatively effective; you spoke clearly and got your message across well, and, personally, I found your argument rather convincing.
- All I've been hearing on the radio this morning is _____ from political statements made by the candidates; I can't wait until this election is over.
- Your _____ is still growing, but I think you must be realistic and expect the rate of growth to slacken some over the next quarter.
- I'm managed by a different _____ than before but Knowles Vance still looks after my P.R.
- 'Diversity' is the new _____ in education.
- We've taken out an advertisement in the Daily Times - a full two-page _____.
- That's pure _____ journalism; sensationalising a story into a problem which doesn't really exist.
- Refer all inquiries to our _____ office; this is now a damage-limitation exercise and we need to be careful what we say.
- That last ad was more like a(n) _____; it must have lasted at least three minutes; I thought there was a 30-second limit per _____.

In the News

(a) Match the words/phrases in **Column A** with their collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) independent		(i) edition
(b) investigative		(ii) media
(c) in-depth		(iii) journalism
(d) rolling		(iv) news
(e) eyewitness		(v) news
(f) headline		(vi) coverage
(g) first		(vii) reports
(h) broadsheet		(viii) newspapers
(i) terrestrial		(ix) bias
(j) editorial		(x) privilege
(k) journalistic		(xi) television

(b) Which of the above collocations means:

- a reporter's right to refuse to divulge his source
- constant updates on happenings in the world
- when the opinion of the person in charge creeps into articles
- broadcasting which does not involve satellite transmissions

(c) Select a verb from the box to fill each gap and change the tense/form of the word if necessary.

interrupt	make	issue X 3	go	cause	stream
lead	cross	withdraw	round	spoof	protect
launch	chase	verify	anchor	cut X 2	break

- They were forced to _____ the transmission when the presenter started making disparaging comments about his guest; it was clear that the former was inebriated.
- They were forced to _____ the accusation and _____ a full apology live on air.
- He _____ a rebuttal of the accusation and denied any personal involvement with the mafia boss.
- The press release was _____ at approximately 12:00 p.m., about half an hour before she was taken into custody by police.
- The BBC journalist who _____ the story is _____ his source and refusing to be drawn into conversation on how he came about the facts of the case. Meanwhile, leaders around the world are still trying to absorb this shocking news and decide how to respond.
- They _____ a live broadcast of the programme on the internet for online users to follow.
- They _____ to a commercial break midway through the report when someone realised that they had been _____.
- The story _____ a sensation when it broke, but all parties implicated issued immediate denials of their involvement in the cover-up.
- He _____ the show for a record 30 years before retiring last may.
- There now follows a _____-up of all the local news in your area.
- The broadcast _____ out live to an audience of over 170 million people.
- The substance of the story was carefully _____ prior to its release.
- He has been _____ this lead for some time now, but, alas, I think it has finally come to a dead end.
- The news channel was _____ amid much fanfare in Spring.
- We are going to _____ over live now to our reporter on the ground in Zimbabwe.
- The Six O'Clock News _____ with the story about the man who had faked his own death as part of a £200-million insurance scam.
- Her engagement actually _____ the headlines in what can only have been described as a very slow day for news.
- We _____ this broadcast to bring you some breaking news.

Hollywood and the Film Industry

(a) Match the words in **Column A** with their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) feature		(i) premiere
(b) release		(ii) cut
(c) movie		(iii) reception
(d) final		(iv) cast
(e) general		(v) release
(f) ensemble		(vi) performance
(g) red		(vii) lady
(h) opening		(viii) night
(i) critical		(ix) carpet
(j) tour de force		(x) date
(k) leading		(xi) film

(b) Use the collocations above to fill the gaps in the paragraph below.

His latest **1.** _____ is going to have its **2.** _____ at the Cannes Festival before going on **3.** _____ on April 31st. The Cannes' screening is sure to be the most anticipated **4.** _____ of the year to date. But with the general **5.** _____ almost upon us, fans of the book franchise on which the movie is loosely based will soon have their patience rewarded. The film features an **6.** _____ which includes Brad Pinter, and, of course, Tilly Scoresty as the **7.** _____. The **8.** _____ will matter little in truth because fans will flock to the cinema in their droves, but, at any rate, nothing less than a **9.** _____ is expected from Tilly if she is on form. Tilly will be out on the **10.** _____ with the rest of the cast at Cannes on Thursday night - and she'll have to stick around a good while longer than normal if the rumours about the length of the **11.** _____ of the movie turn out to be true.

(c) Use the words from the box below to complete sentences 1 - 20. Use each word once only.

screen test	stock	plot	sequel	mainstream
screenplay	protagonist	running time	cliffhanger	anticlimactic
remake	flop	post-production	tearjerker	typecast
chemistry	adaptation	extra	swashbuckler	method

- The _____ went well in so far as she could tell, but then, for some reason, she didn't get the part; perhaps she just wasn't right for the role.
- With a _____ of over three hours, the movie tends to drag out a bit in places.
- The film was heavily edited in _____ and this led to a major falling-out between Mark Summers, whose part was practically erased, and John Eldorf, the director.
- He began his career as a movie _____ in the film *Monk Blood*, where he was spotted by a talent scout and signed up to one of the big agencies.
- The _____ was not met with the universal praise which greeted the first installment in this movie franchise.
- He is a _____ actor, and he likes to be 'in character' throughout the entire filming process, which those around him find infuriating at times.
- You risk being _____ if you continue to play the role of the villain in all your movies.
- The ending was rather _____ considering the fact that the film had been so intense throughout.
- He turned his back on the _____ studios to set up his own small independent production company.
- This is a classic _____ which leaves you sitting on the edge of your seat in anticipation until the big reveal at the very end, and looking forward to what's to come in the next installment in the series.
- It was a right _____; even Mark was getting emotional.
- I would describe it as an all-action _____; it is non-stop from start to finish and the level of intensity never drops.
- Apart from some obvious _____ holes, it was a decent enough movie and watching it was a most enjoyable way to spend the evening.
- The screen _____ of the book did not live up to expectations. Fans were left very disappointed.
- Despite a very positive reception from the critics, the movie became a box-office _____.
- The on-screen _____ between the two leading actors was marvellous to behold and made the story all the more believable.
- The _____ is an unlikely hero in the shape of Mark Milton, a shy, sheepish librarian.
- Milly Rove is basically a _____ character; your typical Stepford-Wife type.
- It's a _____ of a 1921 film noir classic.
- The _____ was a collaborative effort between Minty Walsh and Oxtail Monrath. It was Monrath who had originally approached studio bosses with a sort of vague outline of the plot and a hastily-prepared script.

(d) Select an appropriate verb from the box to fill each gap. You may need to change the tense.

stay	inspire	base	pick	adapt	shortlist	cast
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- He _____ a relative unknown in the lead role but it proved to be an inspired decision; reviews of the actor John Mulqueen's performance were unanimous in their praise.
- The film has been _____ for several awards but has yet to win any.
- The movie is _____ loosely on a play written by Cartright, but Cartright himself had nothing to do with the film version beyond, that is, banking a considerable sum of money in royalties.
- It was _____ from the book of the same name, but the director took some liberties in his retelling of the story.
- My friends _____ holes in the plot, but I thought the movie was quite praiseworthy.
- Although _____ by true events, this is a complete work of fiction and the characters are not based on the real people involved in the story.
- For the most part this production _____ true to the original 1970s classic, but it does not come close to matching it for sheer impact and shock value.

The Music Industry

(a) Match verbs 1 - 14 with the phrase-endings i-xiv to complete the collocations.

1. sign	[]	i. the roof off
2. cover	[]	ii. a stadium
3. do	[]	iii. out an arena tour
4. top	[]	iv. the lyrics
5. go	[]	v. the charts
6. sell	[]	vi. a signing at a music store
7. fill	[]	vii. a tour date
8. lift	[]	viii. the house down
9. bring	[]	ix. a rousing rendition
10. collaborate	[]	x. with a fellow artist
11. add	[]	xi. the American market
12. crack	[]	xii. to a record label
13. give	[]	xiii. an original song
14. mime	[]	xiv. solo

(b) Now use verbs 1 - 14 above to complete the sentences which follow. You may have to change the tense or form. Use each word once only.

- He _____ a record deal reputed to be worth £10 million.
- The _____ art was designed by his wife, who is a well-known and moderately successful artist in her own right.
- The audience felt short-changed when she _____ her latest release; they had come to see her perform live.
- She _____ the performance of a lifetime at the Grammy Awards ceremony.
- He started out _____ gigs in his local pub, but after being spotted by a talent scout he was approached by one of the largest record labels in the country.
- He _____ under the pressure of constant media attention; he just wasn't meant for life in the limelight.
- She _____ with several artists on her latest album, but this has failed to impress the critics who have been scathing in their reviews.
- His song 'Sally-Anne' is still _____ in a lot of revenue from royalties some twenty-three years after it was first released.
- Demand for her latest album is not going to match that which there was for 'Ondine', her debut offering - at least, that's assuming the first-week _____ figures are anything to go by.
- He has _____ playing the guitar to his impressive repertoire of musical talents.
- It had been hoped that her debut single would reach the _____ spot, but she should be pleased with position two in the charts at any rate.
- The troubled musician received a _____ on learning of her song's reentry into the charts.
- Her new-found popularity insured that she was able to _____ the 20,000-seat venue to capacity.
- He _____ on to record a further nine albums in what can only be described as a stellar career.

(c) Select a word from the box to fill each gap in the extract. Use each word once only. You will not have to change the form of the word.

supporting tune	demo playlist	key ballads	flat posthumous	range
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- She received a _____ award for her contribution to music. Her son accepted it on behalf of his mother, who, though now deceased, will surely live on in our memory for a very long time to come.
- He is _____ Mexirod on their tour of Canada this autumn.
- If you think you have what it takes, send me in your _____ tape and I promise I will have a listen.
- The band became known for its trademark power _____.
- The D.J. invited listeners to call in with their suggestions for the _____.
- The judge on the talent show accused the band of singing out of _____ and murdering the lyrics of a perfectly good song.
- He had a lovely tone in his singing voice but his _____ was very limited and he simply could not reach the high notes.
- You were not singing in _____; in fact, your voice sounded quite _____. I'm afraid we will not be putting you through to the next round on this occasion, but thank you for auditioning.

(d) Match 1 - 8 with the strongest collocations from i - viii.

1. house	[]	i. listening
2. indie	[]	ii. act
3. easy	[]	iii. album
4. booking	[]	iv. music
5. recording	[]	v. manager
6. studio	[]	vi. contract
7. road	[]	vii. band
8. supporting	[]	viii. agent

(e) Now use the completed phrases from (d) to fill in the blanks below. Use each phrase once only.

- They were a top draw for this pub for many years, so it seemed a no-brainer to make them the official _____.
- The _____ was, in my opinion, actually more entertaining than the headline band.
- These guys are great; I can't wait until their first _____ is released next weekend.
- What they play is more _____ than mainstream pop. Even so, they've built up a large fan base.
- He's the king of _____; I can't think of any artist I'd chose over him if I just want to put my feet up and unwind.
- The _____ has got us an extra gig on Sunday on account of how well the last one went down.
- As _____s go, she's right up there with the best of them; she makes sure everything runs smoothly but you'd hardly even know she was there from beginning to end of tour.
- They've somehow bagged a million-dollar _____ with Sony, despite the fact that they have yet to even have a top-ten hit.

The Critics and Reviews

(a) Chose an appropriate word from the box to complete each gap. Use each word once only.

lauded	authentic	compelling	amplify	frenetic	groundbreaking
interwoven	ensemble	hype	abysmal	virtuoso	finale
consensus	incoherent	acclaim	unanimous	unparalleled	suspense

- The film has thus far met with almost universal _____, with many describing it as a modern-day masterpiece and director Cloud Bond's finest moment.
- The _____ that surrounded the launch of Mile Down is about the best thing this film ever had going for it - this is a truly _____ dramatization of one of the most significant moment's in our nation's history.
- This is a essentially two stories expertly _____ by the author into one utterly _____ novel.
- _____ as one of the most successful remakes in cinematic history, fans of the original will love this film as director Willheim Nording has stayed true to the story here on almost every possible level while somehow creating something refreshingly original and new.
- I would go along with the _____ on this one; while Yardie has punched above its weight at the box office and supplanted Maori Wave in the number-one position, it is at best lightweight and mediocre, and the director has played it very safe here.
- This movie steams along at a _____ pace. It is full of _____ and the director produces some truly intense, edge-of-seat moments in the lead up to and during the big _____.
- Stevens is _____ as an actor in his generation, and only he could have delivered the _____ performance the role of this particular protagonist demands.
- Both the leading actor and director have received _____ praise for their parts in this production, praise which this critic believes is entirely justified, for it is rare indeed for two artists at their peak to _____ one another's gifts so brilliantly.
- While hardly _____ in the sense that it sticks to tried and tested special effects methods, this film is technically brilliant and possessed of an _____ feel of which so many of its recent cinematic counterparts have been bereft.
- The plot is largely _____ and there is more talent in my right thumb than is possessed by the entire _____ that makes up this sorry cast.

(b) Choose a verb from the box to fill each blank. Use each verb once only. You may need to change the tense or form.

come	deliver	convey	promise	tackle	delve
scratch	trivialise	evoke	miss	rave	

Most critics have _____ about this movie. I must admit to having been left somewhat disappointingly underwhelmed, however, and feeling as if this very complex subject has but barely had its surface _____ in *Abdominal Pain*. I mean, the issue of teen suicide is a very serious, important and current one, so it is admirable that the filmmakers have tried to _____ it, but, in doing so, they have _____ little into the underlying causes of the problem, which is a _____ opportunity, I feel. *Abdominal Pain* _____ much but _____ little, I'm afraid. The sense of desperation teens struggling with their identity and having no one to turn to must feel is not really _____ here. And while the director does succeed in _____ a certain sympathy in the audience for the lead character, Rory Mole, a terrible depressed and lonely 15-year-old suffering from undiagnosed bi-polar disorder, his plight is _____ and there is an almost comedic element to his what should be tragic story. Mike Clough has _____ up short here in his directorial debut, and he will do well to recover from this big-screen disappointment.

(c) Use the clue- or stem-word to create an adjective to describe a novel or aspect thereof, as in the example below.

1. a (nail) _____ finale
2. a (harrow) _____ tale
3. an (enigma) _____ character
4. an (toxic) _____ experience
5. a (viscera) _____ hatred
6. a (buoy) _____ ending
7. an (apology) _____ and bold critique
8. an (engage) _____ story
9. a (pretend) _____ and shallow effort
10. a (fresh) _____ honesty

(d) Use the answers from (c) above to fill in the gaps in the sentences below. Use each word once only.

1. It is _____ to see how frank the author is in this biography, and his honesty is all the more laudable on account of it being his own memoirs that he is penning here.
2. Hume adopts a tried and tested formula in his new rom-com, and is _____ about doing so.
3. The _____ prospect of having to relive her ordeal in the courtroom does not deter our heroine.
4. One leaves the theatre feeling decidedly _____ after this feel-good play.
5. It is an _____ combination of intensity and passion that has the viewer rapt throughout and yearning for more at the end.
6. The audience is on the edge of its collective seat during this _____ climax, and there is a delightful twist in the very last scene to surprise and even shock you.
7. He doesn't pull off sophisticated, which appears to have been the aim here, but simply comes across as _____.
8. Joseph is a fascinating and _____ creature. Oh to get inside the head of our hero! But, alas, the author gives us only the occasional tantalising peak into his thought process and we are left pining for the sequel to find out more about this curious and oddly endearing fellow.
9. The idea of Nell Burges and Ed Reeves acting alongside one another again is an _____ thought.
10. His approach to writing is _____ rather than intellectual.

(e) Find the eight synonyms of **VERY INTERESTING** and the eight synonyms of **BORING** and group them below.

dull	riveting	prosaic	enthraling	bromidic	enrapturing	pedestrian	captivating
vapid	spellbinding	wearisome	insipid	absorbing	gripping	fascinating	lustreless

1. **Very Interesting** : _____
2. **Boring**: _____

Television, Radio and the Internet

(a) For each word below, find the three strongest collocations from the box. Some of the words in the box may fit in more than one gap, but there will only be one answer which will enable you to complete the exercise and fill in all the gaps correctly.

pay-per-view	cable	social	upgrade	wireless	broadcast
broadband	firewall	premiere	open source	bluetooth	reality
hopping	anti-virus	prime-time	server	search engine	studio

1. _____ channel
 _____ channel
 channel _____

2. _____ connection
 _____ connection
 _____ connection

3. internet _____
 internet _____
 internet _____

4. _____ network
 network _____
 _____ network

5. _____ software
 _____ software
 software _____

6. _____ television
 _____ television
 television _____

(b) Choose a word from the box to fill each gap. Use each word once only.

netizen(s)	picking(s)	infomercial(s)	terminal(s)
stock(s)	commercial(s)	watershed(s)	terrestrial(s)

The standard of television programming produced in this country is in _____ decline. The _____ has become a meaningless term confined in its applicability to bygone days when adult content felt the full force of censorship and was not allowed to appear on the box until after 9:00 p.m. Nowadays, however, it seems anything goes any time. And, truth told, whatever anything is, it seldom 'goes' for much longer than a half hour or so at any rate before it is interrupted by a _____ break. And don't even get me started on those appalling _____ most of the networks run right the way through the night, one after another, for up to thirty minutes at a time. It is truly painful. _____ television is now, as far as I am concerned, a laughing _____. All the quality has been bought up by the satellite networks, with their big-money weight behind them, but even here _____ is/are slim. In protest at the dire state of things, I have become a converted _____. I look to the web now to find good content. There, I can find just enough re-runs of quality programmes to prevent myself from falling into utter despair and pining for the good old days of yesteryear.

(c) Choose a suitable verb to fill each gap. You are not given any options/clues.

While the internet 1. _____ up a whole new world of knowledge and information for this and future generations to explore, it also 2. _____ a number of serious concerns for parents with young, net-savvy children. For starters, it is exceptionally difficult to 3. _____ your children's net activity and 4. _____ abreast of whom they are interacting with online. Secondly, there is little if any censorship of the internet, so parents must be 5. _____ to do the censoring themselves or 6. _____ on software products to do it for them. Even still, there are ways around the best-intentioned of such programmes, and, besides, the alarming level of growth in cyber-bullying is indicative of a trend parents should, perhaps, be far more concerned about. It used to be that children were 7. _____ from the bullies one they 8. _____ to the safe confines of their home, having escaped their schoolyard tormentors, but not anymore. There is nowhere to 9. _____ thanks to social networks like Facebook, which, if anything, make the 10. _____ far and wide of malicious rumours and the like easier than ever before given the virulent nature of the internet.

UNIT 11

The Developing World and Global Warming

(a) First, complete the collocations by matching up the partial phrases in **Column A** with their complements in **Column B**. Where in doubt, select the strongest collocation.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) two-tiered		(i) countries
(b) resource-rich		(ii) diamonds
(c) the general		(iii) a blind eye
(d) injection		(iv) administrations
(e) blood		(v) some restraint
(f) corrupt		(vi) populous
(g) turning		(vii) the finger at
(h) the greater		(viii) good
(i) point		(ix) of funds
(j) show		(x) the financial rewards
(k) carbon		(xi) footprint
(l) reaped		(xii) protection
(m) environmental		(xiii) the fruits
(n) enjoy		(xiv) society

(b) Now, use the completed collocations to fill in gaps **1 - 15** below. There are 15 gaps and 14 collocations so you will need to use one collocation twice. You will not need to change the word forms.

We live in a **1.** _____ today, of this there can be no doubt. And never is that more apparent than when we compare industrialised nations with the developing world. Call it the **2.** _____ global _____ then, if you will. In essence, we have a situation now where, ironically, the **3.** _____ of Africa are the most impoverished. They, it seems, are the victims of mass exploitation by the West. Only recently, some of the travesties caused by Western greed and materialism were exposed, such as the lucrative underground trade in so-called **4.** _____. But it doesn't end there. What we all too often see is Western nations doing slightly shady deals with **5.** _____ in the impoverished regions of the world and simply **6.** _____, knowing full well that the proceeds of such deals will be siphoned off into Swiss bank accounts while the ordinary people on the ground continue to endure deplorable living conditions and constant suffering never to benefit from this potentially life-saving **7.** _____. By continuing to trade with and support corrupt governments, the West is giving its tacit approval to what is going on. It is, essentially, condoning the gross exploitation of **8.** _____ of Africa and parts of Latin America by an elite few in power.

And as it contributes to their suffering, the West also has the audacity to demand these impoverished nations' complicity when it comes to solving the Global Warming crisis; it expects them to lower their **9.** _____ and limit the extent of their industrial progress for **10.** _____. This is more than a little rich coming from those whose harmful activities and recklessness it was caused this environmental crisis in the first place. It is more than a little hypocritical for the industrialised world to **11.** _____ less-developed countries now and demand that they **12.** _____ and develop an environmental conscience. The West has already **13.** _____ of its exploitation of Mother Earth, so what right have we to ask others to suffer while we continue to **14.** _____ of their cheap labour and our industrial superiority?

We have no right whatsoever to ask this sacrifice of them; they are as deserving of a better future as we are, and if we genuinely expect them to give up their push for progress on an industrial level in the name of **15.** _____, then we must compensate them fairly for their loss - and not simply by transferring money to the rich and powerful, but by ensuring that financial aid reaches every man, woman and child who desperately needs it.

(c) In the context of the above text (b), find a phrase that means the following

1. silent and unofficial but clear endorsement of something _____
2. transactions that probably have a less than honest worthy/purpose _____

Environmental Issues in the Developing World

(a) Use one word from the box to fill each gap, 1 - 18. You should not need to change the form of the correct word. Use each word once only.

capital	disregard	face	lucrative	tusks	premium
trigger	scorn	rung	habitats	plains	poaching
scream	executioner	trophy	limbs	trinkets	verge

It is hardly surprising, in light of their desperation, that the peoples of the developing world who are on the very bottom 1. _____ of the ladder have little time for the conservationists and environmentalists who 2. _____ bloody murder at what they perceive to be a total 3. _____ for the environment in some parts of the "Third World". And while they - the nature campaigners, that is - have, on the 4. _____ of it, a very valid point - after all, serious, and, in some cases, irrevocable, harm has been done to many precious 5. _____ and the rare creatures that inhabit same - we must understand that the rules of supply and demand are in play here in the developing world just as much as anywhere else. For example, on the African 6. _____, where 7. _____ is still rife, and in the mountain forests where rogue hunters patrol, ask yourself this; would they bother if there wasn't a market for their kill? Believe me, for every bull elephant slaughtered for its ivory 8. _____, there is a rich, greedy, fat-cat collector ready to pay a 9. _____ to acquire this 'find' - in fact, there are probably ten of them. Similarly, for every mountain gorilla murdered, whose dismembered 10. _____ appear in tourist outlets as so-called 'ornaments' - ashtrays and jewellery boxes, if you don't mind - there has to be a willing buyer; an admirer of these grotesque 11. _____. And there are plenty of them it turns out. It's the same principle with rare animal furs and skins; who do you think buys the crocodilian handbag? I doubt the local tribespeople could afford the price tag, don't you? It is an absolute tragedy that endangered species of animals are being hunted to the 12. _____ of extinction, of this there can be no doubt. But we must try to understand the reasons why this is happening. The reality is that poaching will continue while it is a 13. _____ occupation and while the prospects of finding other forms of employment are very poor. Developing nations need our help, not our 14. _____. Save that for the few unscrupulous 15. _____ hunters still out there; rich, spoilt, despicable Western brats who get a kick out of taking aim at some of the world's most precious and endangered species; it is a good thing for them that we live in a civilised world where the death penalty has, by and large, been removed from the list of possible punishments our courts can hand down. That said, since they have made themselves judge, jury and 16. _____ for the innocent creatures they have slain, perhaps nothing less than a 17. _____ sentence would be good enough for these 18. _____ happy delinquents.

(b) In the context of the above text (a), find a phrase that means the following:

1. spend more than the market value _____
2. on first examination/as it first appears _____
3. damage/hurt from which there is no possibility of recovery _____
4. about to die out completely _____
5. a person who kills game purely for their own entertainment _____
6. enjoys using their weapon a lot _____
7. in charge of every decision made in an unfair process _____
8. complain bitterly and forcefully _____
9. at the lowest level of pay or status _____

(c) Use the words in the box, which are also found in Text (a), to fill the gaps in the text below. Refer to Text (a) to get a sense of meaning in context if necessary. Use each word once only. Pluralise if necessary.

scorn	rife	delinquent	slain
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1. He poured _____ on the idea that employing poachers as park wardens might actually help alleviate the problem, and yet it seems the initiative has worked very well. Given an alternative form of employment, the poachers have excelled in their new, legitimate work, and are now doing a lot of good.
2. They buried the _____ in a large pit; the stench of rotting corpses was foul.
3. Corruption is _____ in the current administration and young people are beginning to lose faith in their elected representatives and the political system as a consequence.
4. These _____ are good for nothing; they are in and out of jail almost as a hobby.

Environmental Issues in the Developing World 2

(a) The words in the box can be used to fill gaps 1 - 16. However, in many cases, you will either have to change the form or the tense. Use each word once only.

cede	expand	flatten	prowl
motivate	compel	stampede	push out
catch up	compromise	win out	encroach
contribute	nullify	diminish	claim

While there will always be a minority of poachers 1. _____ by their innate cruelty and greed, it is probably fair to say that the vast majority are 2. _____ in this awful activity out of economic necessity. Similarly, in developing countries where overpopulation is becoming increasingly problematic, and as communities 3. _____ further and further _____ into the wilderness to find a place to live, they are 4. _____ on the habitat of wild and dangerous animals more and more. There is bound to be increased contact between and conflict with natural predators and wild animals that would not otherwise be in the line of fire, and this is another cause of their 5. _____ numbers. When it is a straight choice between survival and an environmental conscience, the former 6. _____ every time, and instinct as well as their sense of responsibility to their families will compel farmers and community leaders to hunt and kill dangerous predators 7. _____ around their villages in the night, and herds of elephants capable of 8. _____ their way through and 9. _____ whole towns. Moreover, many of these communities lead an agrarian lifestyle, and when their livestock - and so, by implication, their livelihood - is threatened by predation, this will also inevitably 10. _____ them to act to 11. _____ the threat. And there are other considerations, too; after all, livestock needs a place to graze and land is also required for the cultivation of crops. And with an ever-expanding number of mouths to feed, the only logical solution is to 12. _____ more of the land for agricultural purposes. This leads to trees being cut down, and 13. _____ the stability of the soil. Precious nutrients are quickly washed away and the land becomes more and more arid, 14. _____ to another of the dangerous climate-related phenomena; that of desertification. Indeed, deforestation and the 15. _____ of the deserts go hand-in-hand. Not alone are farmers claiming more of the land for themselves then, vast swathes of habitat are being 16. _____ to the advancing desert. For many wild animals, their entire ecosystem is being destroyed, putting their long-term survival in extreme doubt.

(b) Match the words in **Column A** taken from Text (a) above with their definitions in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) innate		(i) something you are born with
(b) conscience		(ii) very dry and hostile to life
(c) agrarian		(iii) a long strip or large area (of land)
(d) cultivation		(iv) the drying out of land to the extent that it becomes very arid
(e) arid		(v) the felling, burning or removal by other means of very large numbers of trees
(f) desertification		(vi) all the living things in an area and how they interact
(g) deforestation		(vii) the farming of land / preparing of land for crops
(h) swathe		(viii) of or relating to agriculture
(i) ecosystem		(ix) the part of you that judges whether your actions are moral or immoral

(c) Use the words from **Column A** above to complete these sentences.

- His _____ sense of empathy with the natural world saw him champion the cause of the endangered grey wolf population, despite how unpopular this made him amongst the local population, which was mainly comprised of sheep farmers.
- His guilty _____ prevented him from granting planning approval for the new mall. It would not only have been an eyesore but also the death knell of the local snail population.
- The _____ is very finely balanced and the invasion of this non-marsupial creature will have a devastating effect on local wildlife.
- _____ of the land brought them into direct conflict with the natural world. Only, in this case, the latter won out; eventually, the abundance of predatory animals in the area became too much of a liability for the locals to put up with and they left, surrendering their farms back to Mother Nature.

5. A _____ of rock the size of a small island split from the mainland and fell into the sea causing a tsunami.
6. _____ is one of the most significant factors contributing to the global warming phenomenon. Trees are nature's regulator of carbon dioxide levels. The depleting reserve of trees in the world will have far-reaching consequences.
7. The nomadic tribes of the Sahara are some of the few peoples well positioned to cope with the problems which will inevitably arise as a result of _____.
8. They are a(n) _____ people; their livelihoods centre around working the land.
9. A massive land-reclamation project is underway in the _____ southwest of Jordan, where it is hoped to stem the progress of the desert and indeed put it back into retreat.

Environmental Issues in the Developing World 3

For each gap, choose the correct answer from options a - d.

The issues for **1.** _____ economies are a little more straightforward. The desire to build on undeveloped land is not **2.** _____ out of desperation or necessity, but is a result of the relentless march of progress. Cheap labour and a relatively highly-skilled workforce make these countries highly competitive and there is a flood of inward investment, particularly from **3.** _____ looking to take advantage of the low wages before the cost and standard of living begin to rise. It is factors such as these that are making many Asian economies extremely attractive when viewed as investment opportunities at the moment. Similarly, in Africa, the relative **4.** _____ of precious metals and natural resources tends to attract a lot of **5.** _____ companies and a whole sub-industry develops around and is completely dependent on this foreign-direct investment. It is understandable that countries that are the focus of this sort of attention can lose sight of the environmental implications of large-scale industrial development, and this can have devastating consequences for the natural world. And it is a **6.** _____ cycle because the more industrially active a nation becomes, the greater the demand for and harvesting of natural resources. For some, the environmental issues, though they can hardly be ignored, are viewed as a **7.** _____ concern. Indeed, having an environmental conscience or taking environmental matters into consideration when it comes to decisions on whether or not to build rubber-tree **8.** _____ or grow biofuel crops would be quite **9.** _____ indeed. For those involved in such schemes it is a pretty black-and-white issue. And, for vast **10.** _____ of land in Latin America, for example, it is clear that the welfare of the rainforests matters little to local government when vast sums of money can be made from cultivating the land.

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| 1. | (a) | emerging | (b) | emergent | (c) | convergent | (d) | resurgent |
| 2. | (a) | grown | (b) | born | (c) | bred | (d) | arisen |
| 3. | (a) | multinationals | (b) | migrants | (c) | continentals | (d) | intercontinentals |
| 4. | (a) | premonition | (b) | abundance | (c) | amplitude | (d) | accumulation |
| 5. | (a) | exploitation | (b) | exploration | (c) | surveyance | (d) | research |
| 6. | (a) | vacuous | (b) | viscous | (c) | vexatious | (d) | vicious |
| 7. | (a) | parallel | (b) | extrinsic | (c) | peripheral | (d) | exponential |
| 8. | (a) | plantations | (b) | homesteads | (c) | ranches | (d) | holdings |
| 9. | (a) | proscriptive | (b) | prohibitive | (c) | prospective | (d) | imperative |
| 10. | (a) | regions | (b) | plots | (c) | tracts | (d) | sectors |

Abbreviations

Write the following acronyms and molecular formulas out in full.

1. NGO _____
2. CO₂ _____
3. CH₄ _____
4. WWF _____
5. GM Food _____
6. CFCs _____

Hint: an organisation that is independent of the government

Hint: a type of gas which trees absorb

Hint: a type of gas cattle produce a lot of

Hint: a leading international nature organisation (panda logo)

Hint: crops that scientists have tampered with

Hint: produced by aerosol sprays

Observed Global Climate Change

The words in the box can be used to fill gaps 1 - 10. However, in many cases, you will either have to change the form or the tense. Use each word once only.

concur	onset	register	local	fluctuate
occur	alarm	intense	observe	convince

There is now, by and large, 1. _____ among scientists that Global Warming is real. The fact that an average surface temperature rise of approximately one degree was 2. _____ during the 20th century, in addition to the fact that the rate of warming 3. _____ in the latter half of same and was nearly double that of the first 50 years is enough to 4. _____ most scientists. Climate proxies also suggest that, with the exception of 5. _____ warming and cooling events such as Europe's Little Ice Age, this is the first significant and prolonged temperature 6. _____ in the best part of 2000 years on a global level. Further evidence in support of the warming hypothesis comes by way of the fact that, also during the 20th century, a considerable rise in sea levels was 7. _____, and, across both hemispheres, southern and northern, glaciers went into retreat, and remain so. Oceanic warming, albeit gradual up to now, has also been confirmed, and the 8. _____ rate of melting of polar ice, coupled with a general rise in humidity and the increasingly early 9. _____ of spring each year are factors the likelihood of the simultaneous coincidental 10. _____ of which scientists say is virtually nil.

Causes of Climate Change

(a) **The Role of Humanity:** Change the form of the word in square brackets suitably to fit each gap.

The greenhouse effect is essentially the process by which the 1. _____ [absorb] and 2. _____ [emit] of infrared radiation by gases in the atmosphere warms the planet's lower atmosphere and surface. Put simply, the so-called greenhouse gases which cause this effect basically redirect heat that would otherwise escape back into outer space down towards the surface of the earth. This phenomenon is actually key to creating conditions 3. _____ [conduct] to life on Earth. Without the natural 4. _____ [occur] of these gases and consequent planetary warming, Earth would actually be a very 5. _____ [hospitable] place. The problem, however, began in the 1800s during the industrial revolution. The increased amount of industrial activity led to additional volumes of greenhouse gases being produced unnaturally as a result of human activity. Obviously, as the level of industrial activity has increased dramatically over the last several centuries, so too then has the rate of production and emission of greenhouse gases. Human activity has therefore altered the balance of things with 6. _____ [concentrate] of greenhouse gases such as CO₂ and methane in the atmosphere significantly higher today than at any other time in the past 800,000 years of Earth's history. About two-thirds of the additional CO₂ released is attributed to the burning of fossil fuels, while the rest of the increase in atmospheric greenhouse gas levels is put down to changes in land-use, in particular 7. _____ [forest], and population growth, which, for example, has led to greater numbers of livestock than ever before being reared for 8. _____ [consume], and a consequent significant increase in methane emissions. The 9. _____ [deplete] of the tropospheric ozone layer, caused by chlorofluorocarbons, has also had a significant warming effect on the Earth's surface, but this is not to be confused with the greenhouse effect as the two phenomena are largely 10. _____ [relate]. Given the relative 11. _____ [abound] of fossil fuels, our 12. _____ [depend] on them, and the 13. _____ [emerge] of new and more efficient methods of 14. _____ [extract], the likelihood of a significant reduction in carbon emission levels in the near future seems very unlikely. Therefore, the problem of global warming also appears very unlikely to moderate. Besides, many scientists believe the damage already done may be 15. _____ [reverse].

(b) **Nature's Role:** Use the words from the box to fill gaps 1 - 6. You may have to change the tense or form, and you should only use each word once.

exacerbate	emit	penetrate	reflect	intensify	reverse
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If anything, while humankind has been 1. _____ the warming situation, nature herself, by happy coincidence, has been behaving in such a way as to partially 2. _____ the effects, and, over the last half a century or so, in particular, nature has had a significant cooling effect. For a start, there has been a significant 3. _____ of volcanic activity, and the consequent release of particulates and soot contributed to what is termed Global Dimming, a cooling phenomenon whereby more of the Sun's rays are prevented from 4. _____ the atmosphere and reaching the planet's surface, and are instead 5. _____ back out into space. Another cooling factor is that of solar output. If anything, less solar radiation has been 6. _____ by the Sun in the past thirty years or so.

Common Collocations to do with Global Warming, the Environment and Nature

(a) Match the words in **Column A** to their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) greenhouse		(i) metals
(b) precious		(ii) shortage
(c) renewable		(iii) sprays
(d) sustainable		(iv) destruction
(e) water		(v) converter
(f) habitat		(vi) spill
(g) aerosol		(vii) rain
(h) paddy		(viii) fields
(i) acid		(ix) development
(j) catalytic		(x) efficient
(k) dumping		(xi) change
(l) energy		(xii) energy
(m) climate		(xiii) ground
(n) oil		(xiv) gases

(b) Match the words in **Column A** to their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) industrial		(i) wave
(b) heat		(ii) farming
(c) bush		(iii) waste
(d) geothermal		(iv) footprint
(e) toxic		(v) disposal
(f) factory		(vi) power
(g) exhaust		(vii) waste
(h) coastal		(viii) extinction
(i) endangered		(ix) fumes
(j) mass		(x) erosion
(k) food		(xi) chain
(l) animal		(xii) welfare
(m) waste		(xiii) species
(n) carbon		(xiv) fire

(c) Match the words in **Column A** to their strongest collocates in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) fossil		(i) proxies
(b) nuclear		(ii) fuels
(c) refuse		(iii) fallout
(d) organic		(iv) turbine
(e) landfill		(v) collection
(f) compost		(vi) site
(g) exhaust		(vii) produce
(h) wildlife		(viii) waste
(i) septic		(ix) fumes
(j) recyclable		(x) campaigner
(k) oil		(xi) slick
(l) climate		(xii) resources
(m) non-renewable		(xiii) tank
(n) wind		(xiv) heap

The Potential Consequences of Global Warming

Use the words from the box to fill in gaps 1 - 8. You will not need to change the form of the words. Use each word once only.

inhospitable	vulnerable	refugees	displacement	inundated	cover	deglaciation
migration	frequency	diversity	extent	erosion	retreat	decimate

1. Already there is some evidence of the _____ of certain ice sheets in the Arctic. Scientists say that this could get worse. The majority of mountain glaciers throughout the world in both hemispheres are also presently in _____.
2. Snow _____ and sea ice _____ are also expected to decline considerably.
3. There is expected to be a higher _____ of extreme weather such as drought, flooding and the formation of intense storm systems.
4. Scientists predict that the _____ of many ecosystems will be reduced and many species will be made extinct. Certain ecosystems such as tundra, mangroves and coral reefs are thought to be particularly _____.
5. Oceanic acidification is predicted to accelerate considerably and this could _____ entire populations of certain sea creatures at the base of the food chain that rely on carbonate ions to make structures they need to survive.
6. There is likely to be more coastal _____ and coastal flooding on account of rising sea levels, as well as a reduction in the fresh water supply, which could cause severe water shortages.
7. Rising sea levels will also cause certain coastal areas to be _____ and submerged, resulting in further localised population _____.
8. Crop yield in certain parts of the world which experience significant localised warming will be adversely affected, which could result in mass _____ and the creation of so-called climate _____. Contrariwise, countries lying in more northerly regions could benefit from better annual yields on account of their climates becoming milder and less _____.

Doing our bit for the Environment

Select an appropriate verb from the box to fill each gap.

releasing	upgrading	enacting	separating	ensuring	prosecuting	providing
sponsoring	adhering	arranging	lobbying	forming	protecting	ensuring
fitting	investing	substituting	switching	exploiting	subsidising	fitting

Individuals:

1. _____ elected representatives to get them to pursue an environment-focused agenda
2. _____ pressure groups to campaign for the introduction of environmental protection legislation
3. _____ our homes are properly insulated and 4. _____ double glazing
5. _____ waste into recyclable and non-recyclable items
6. _____ to energy-saving light bulbs and 7. _____ household appliances are turned off when not in use
8. _____ our cars for bikes or public transport where possible and practical
9. _____ to carpool with work colleagues or friends
10. _____ solar panels on our roofs

Government:

11. _____ the public transport system
12. _____ renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power
13. _____ the renewable energy industry to make it more competitive on price
14. _____ incentives to customers to switch to alternative energy sources
15. _____ areas of natural beauty and special environmental significance
16. _____ those involved in illegal dumping
17. _____ laws to protect endangered species
18. _____ in research into alternative forms of energy
19. _____ to the terms of the Kyoto Agreement
20. _____ international initiatives to protect the environment
21. _____ adequate funding to enable the proper policing of environmental protection laws

The Natural World

Use the words from the box below to fill in the gaps in sentences 1 - 26. You will not need to change the form of the words. Use each word once only.

feral	placental	conservation	predation	identity	stock
range	apex	stray	alpha	resurgent	cull
sheds	solitary	territory	breach	tropics	status
eradication	prey	insulation	heat	adverse	
indigenous	gestation	nesting	run	ban	

- The Canadian government's authorisation of the seal-pup **a.** _____ annually is extremely controversial and brings the wrath of conservationists down on it.
- During the annual Alaskan salmon **b.** _____, such is the abundance of spawning fish that the local bear population enjoys a veritable feast. However, overfishing has depleted the **c.** _____ of wild salmon considerably.
- The disappearance of sea ice has forced polar bears into swimming increasingly long distances in search of suitable **d.** _____.
- The international **e.** _____ imposed on whale hunting is not adhered to by several countries, including Norway and Japan.
- The increasing popularity of so-called eco-tourism is having a(n) **f.** _____ effect on once isolated areas like Galapagos.
- If global warming continues apace, diseases now confined to the **g.** _____, such as malaria, will quite possibly make their way as far north as the United Kingdom.
- Although the population of wolves in Spain is stabilising thanks to **h.** _____ efforts, there is still a long way to go before long-term recovery is guaranteed.
- The **i.** _____ population of red squirrels in parts of Scotland is a sign that efforts to control the population of greys have been somewhat successful.
- Shark attacks along the Australian coastline are usually a case of mistaken **j.** _____.
- The **k.** _____ period of the red deer lasts typically 240 to 262 days.
- Male wildebeest are willing if necessary to fight to the death over a female in **l.** _____.
- Unlike its cousin the lion, the leopard is a **m.** _____ beast which will only seek out the company of others of its species during the mating season.
- Watching a whale **n.** _____ the surface is a spectacle that is hard to forget.
- The lion is an **o.** _____ predator; the only serious threat to it comes from man.
- The **p.** _____ male of a band of gorillas will typically have a distinctive area of silver-coloured fur on its back.
- q.** _____ mammals dominate much of the rest of the world in much the same way as marsupials are abundant in Australia.
- Over thousands of years, much of New Zealand's **r.** _____ population of birds evolved to become flightless on account of there being no significant threat of **s.** _____ on the ground. Unfortunately, when the possum was introduced from Australia, such species had little or no defence and became easy prey for the foreign invader.
- The population of grey wolves in Yellowstone is thriving and scientists suggest the species no longer needs its protected **t.** _____.
- The **u.** _____ of the Polynesian rat from the small offshore islands of New Zealand has seen the indigenous bird population stage a remarkable recovery.
- Conservation efforts are ongoing on the Ionian island of Zakynthos to safeguard the future of the loggerhead sea turtle. Volunteers patrol the beaches that act as its nesting ground throughout the **v.** _____ season.
- The Arctic fox **w.** _____ its winter coat at the onset of spring.
- Blubber is a very effective form of **x.** _____ against the freezing cold temperatures seals often encounter in the ocean.
- The wolves had a huge **y.** _____ and travelled more than 50km per day.
- The pride males regularly marked their **z.** _____ to warn off rivals.
- The city has a problem with **al.** _____ dogs and needs to look at neutering the male population to prevent the problem getting worse.
- The **bl.** _____ horses that roam the Snowy Mountains of Australia are known as the Brumbies.

UNIT 12

(A) Select the correct answer option (a - d) for each question (1 - 20)

1. It was a(n) _____ effort on our part to try to convince her not to make such a rash decision and quit her job before she had anything lined up; she was never going to listen to us anyway.
2. The violent scenes in that movie were simply _____ and added nothing to the storyline. All they served to achieve was to force the Film Censor's hand so as to prevent under 12s from being able to view what was otherwise a perfectly suitable film for them to watch.
3. Living as a foreigner in such a(n) _____ place as this, it is hardly surprising that I get stared at walking down the street; I stand out like a sore thumb.
4. Rumours abound that the announcement of the merger of the two companies is _____; apparently it is as good as a done deal.
5. He had the _____ build of someone half his age involved in professional athletics; it was as though he never aged at all, and yet I seldom saw him do exercise of any kind and he never went to the gym.
6. The _____ details of the deceased's year-long affair with his secretary emerged during the trial as the prosecution tried to build a strong case for motive to murder. This much is clear; most people in Jane Ayre's shoes probably would have wanted their lying, cheating, money-grabbing husband dead.
7. It is one thing to simply tell a white lie, James, but you have been downright _____; I will never be able to trust you again.
8. The chances of finding those trapped in the snow after the avalanche now are _____; after all, most avalanche survivors suffocate within 15-30 minutes of being buried alive. It has been nine hours now that the rescuers have been searching.
9. There is a(n) _____ of books on the subject, so you should have no trouble whatsoever researching ideas for your project.
10. She has a(n) _____ way of making her point which is brilliantly effective; I find it leaves those with whom she argues at a loss for what to say next, so taken aback are they by her succinct ripostes.
11. He is no doubt a(n) _____ talent, but I question whether or not he has the temperament to succeed in this sport.
12. He is a(n) _____ goal scorer; not even the great Malcolm Mound managed to convert his chances with the same regularity during his spell at the club.
13. The two houses are _____ to each other and yet they are so differently styled that you could be forgiven for thinking they were built in completely different eras.
14. He left a(n) _____ on my answerphone about having to 'disappear' for a few weeks, saying that 'everything would be all right' and that he would sort it out. I am still struggling to understand what this is all about, but it can't be good.
15. The diamond is of _____ origin; indeed, I strongly suspect that it has been smuggled into the country illegally from one of the African conflict zones.
16. That is a(n) _____ abuse of power; be warned, you will not win any friends behaving like this and walking all over everyone.
17. The bottom fell out of this _____ cardboard box while I was carrying it up the stairs; how cheap of the courier company to use such cut-rate packaging.
18. He wore a(n) _____ expression for weeks following the news that he had not got the promotion.
19. He has a(n) _____ collection of butterflies which he bought from the local Natural History museum.
20. There is a(n) _____ of new homes being built in the region and at the moment demand far outweighs supply. Something must be done to redress the balance.

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| 1. | a. futile | b. brazen | c. aqueous | d. dubious |
| 2. | a. docile | b. gratuitous | c. dormant | d. arduous |
| 3. | a. eminent | b. convivial | c. extraneous | d. homogenous |
| 4. | a. imminent | b. eminent | c. frugal | d. culpable |
| 5. | a. doleful | b. esoteric | c. lithe | d. intrepid |
| 6. | a. brazen | b. inherent | c. ponderous | d. lurid |
| 7. | a. prudent | b. reclusive | c. precipitous | d. mendacious |
| 8. | a. oblique | b. miniscule | c. inherent | d. prolific |
| 9. | a. prolific | b. plethora | c. nominal | d. frugal |
| 10. | a. laconic | b. frugal | c. congenial | d. apprehensive |
| 11. | a. prodigious | b. coherent | c. eminent | d. flagrant |

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| 12. | a. prolific | b. brazen | c. indulgent | d. innate |
| 13. | a. contiguous | b. munificent | c. gregarious | d. noxious |
| 14. | a. gaudy | b. lustrous | c. munificent | d. cryptic |
| 15. | a. latent | b. dubious | c. laconic | d. lucrative |
| 16. | a. latent | b. lucrative | c. flagrant | d. miniscule |
| 17. | a. flimsy | b. lustrous | c. intrepid | d. haughty |
| 18. | a. prudent | b. reclusive | c. doleful | d. officious |
| 19. | a. reticent | b. ponderous | c. esoteric | d. reciprocal |
| 20. | a. plethora | b. miniscule | c. dearth | d. vestige |

(B) Choose the correct verb from the box below to complete each sentence and change the tense as required.

subjugate	vindicate	reverberate	replenish
strive	proliferate	salvage	reproach
prevail	shun	revere	scatter
squander	shatter	quench	quash

- The conviction was _____ and the judge ordered the immediate release of the prisoner.
- The miniscule amount of rain water I had managed to collect in the carton overnight did little to _____ my thirst.
- The soldiers were finally able to _____ their supplies after eight days having been cut off from civilisation by the huge storm and accompanying deluge.
- His father _____ him for not having properly prepared for his final exams.
- The neighbourhood _____ with the sound of gunfire as the protest march descended into violence.
- He is _____ by his countrymen as the father of the nation; it was his determination, inspiration, courage and tactical prowess that propelled his people to victory over the occupying forces in the most emphatic of manners - there would be no going back to the days of empire.
- They _____ what they could from the wreck as quickly as possible before high tide returned to swallow it up again.
- Limbs and other body parts were _____ across the scene of the wreckage; it was utter and complete devastation.
- His seemingly impenetrable self-confidence was finally _____ when his arch rival, the man who had had to be content with coming second to him for all of nearly ten years, sprinted effortlessly towards the finish line leaving him in his wake; the champion had been dethroned at last.
- After the story was leaked to the press, he was _____ by his former friends and colleagues in the party; a man who had once been hotly tipped as a potential leader of the Conservatives was now well and truly staring into the political abyss.
- I have no sympathy for him whatsoever; he has _____ millions of pounds foolishly for his own indulgence; an idiot and his money are very soon parted.
- After an epic three-day battle the Greeks _____ at last and the Prussian empire was defeated.
- Small-to-medium-sized businesses have _____ over the last few years, thanks, in part, to a new government initiative offering very generous grants and tax incentives to would-be entrepreneurs.
- He felt _____ when his much maligned theory was endorsed by the experts at Loterdale Laboratory as a result of the cumulative findings of fifteen years' research in what was, at the time, the most comprehensive study that had ever been conducted in the field.
- We must _____ always to seek betterment, both the mental and physical kind, for growth and the quest to achieve same define what it is to be human.
- The rebel armies _____ vast swathes of government-controlled land and it soon became clear that the Empire had no future.

(C) Match the words in the left column with their definitions in the right column.

1. ponderous	[]	steep
2. precipitous	[]	in name or thought only, not real
3. presumptuous	[]	extremely dangerous
4. teacherous	[]	slow and awkward, boring
5. tentative	[]	dangerously unpredictable
6. volatile	[]	careful, or uncertain of being completed
7. sketchy	[]	overly proud of self or stuck up
8. sporadic	[]	resolutely fearless
9. taciturn	[]	rude in speech or behaviour
10. surreptitious	[]	careful and cautious and wise to be so
11. tenacious	[]	making provision for the future, especially to do with money
12. superfluous	[]	withdrawn, very anti-social
13. prudent	[]	determined
14. provident	[]	active at night
15. reciprocal	[]	connected in such a way that one completes the other
16. scrupulous	[]	unnecessary, more than needed
17. reclusive	[]	having moral integrity
18. petulant	[]	occasional, infrequent
19. nocturnal	[]	saying little
20. ghastly	[]	awful, unpleasant and shocking
21. haughty	[]	physically harmful or destructive
22. intrepid	[]	discrete, secret
23. noxious	[]	containing few details, vague
24. nominal	[]	made up of parts or things that are very different from one another
25. heterogenous	[]	disrespectful and brazen

(D) Now use some of the words 1 - 25 above to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will not need all the words, and you should use each word once only.

1. She seemed to have a rather _____ manner and held herself in very high regard indeed.
2. The new colour you've chosen for the walls is quite possibly the most _____ thing I've ever seen; it is utterly tasteless.
3. As _____ gasses continued to flow into the air pocket in which the minors were trapped, it was clear that time was running out to launch a successful rescue operation.
4. The Queen is the _____ head of state of Great Britain.
5. Bats are _____ creatures, it's true, but, contrary to what most people believe, while they often rely in the main on sonar and enhanced hearing, most species do, in fact, also have reasonably good eye-sight.
6. There was a(n) _____ agreement in place between the two countries to waive the visa requirements for short-stay holidaymakers of either nationality travelling between the two states.
7. He was as _____ as they come, never venturing much further afield than his front gate to pick up the post; his wife had to do all his errands for him while he virtually led the life of a hermit.
8. The _____ adventurers successfully scouted the heretofore unexplored region of the Amazon that is home to the Tupi tribes.
9. There were some _____ skirmishes, but there have been no full-scale engagements thus far in what is now being termed a phoney war.
10. Details as to exactly what happened remain _____, but what is now clear is that despite the large number of injuries sustained, no one has been critically hurt.
11. The eagle perched itself on the _____ cliff edge, scouting the horizon for its next unlucky victim.
12. Observers in the country describe the situation as highly _____, and suggest that there is no telling what could happen next.
13. The reporter's _____ style of delivery often made for painfully slow and dull viewing. He was kept in his job purely on account of his ability to read the situation on the ground accurately and always be first to break the big story.
14. The celebrity's cameo was _____ at best and served to distract viewers from concentrating on the actual story, which was, after all, a very serious and important one that deserved to be told.
15. Her _____ glance now and then was enough of a cue for the man to realise that she was very attracted to him.

(E) Choose the correct verb from the box below to answer each question. Change the form or tense if required.

enthral	alleviate	enchant	annex	extol	ingratiate
stifle	elucidate	revere	concoct	perch	postulate
curtail	vilify	instigate	malign	pillage	pervade
exacerbate	disparage	grumble	chastise	lament	endeavour

1. This new measure will prove counterproductive and only serve to _____ growth, ensuring that it takes us longer than necessary to climb our way out of this recession.
2. He has been _____ in the press and cast as some sort of devil figure. Perhaps some perspective is needed; after all, his only crime was to criticise the royal family.
3. William Butler Yeats is one of Ireland's most _____ poets of the 20th century.
4. I _____ that the reason why e-cigarettes have been banned in some countries is down more to the strength of the cigarette manufacturers' lobby than it is any underlying health concerns. Research has shown them to be 99% safer than ordinary cigarettes after all.
5. Priceless works of art _____ during the war are now being returned their rightful owners.
6. The jaguar stood motionless, _____ high above the oblivious boar on a rock, ready to pounce at just the right moment to catch its unwitting victim completely unawares.
7. Despite efforts to clean up the streets and lock up the gang leaders, gang rule still _____ in many parts of New Mexico, and the ordinary people continue to live in fear.
8. I will _____ now to explain my proposal to you and I truly hope you will be as enthused by it as my staff and I are.
9. You will only _____ the situation by attempting to make contact with your brother again; he has been severely hurt by your actions and your relationship may well be beyond repair.
10. He _____ the virtues of simplicity, but he failed to win very many in the audience over to his vision of life in the 21st century.
11. He made several _____ remarks about his ex-wife in public and she is now threatening to sue him for defamation of character.
12. It is hoped that the shipment of food and supplies will _____ the humanitarian crisis in famine- struck Uganda.
13. He had to _____ his holiday and take the next flight home from New York to rush to the bedside of his terminally ill mother. He arrived just in time to say his last goodbyes.
14. I was _____ by the pristine beauty of this magical forest from the moment I laid eyes upon it; it truly was a sight to behold.
15. If you constantly _____ about life and tell everyone your sob story, you will quickly find yourself isolated and without friends; no one likes to be depressed and we all have our own problems to deal with. Perhaps you need an injection of positivity in your life; it could be just the medicine you need to help you turn things around.
16. The violence was _____ by a small hardcore element that had infiltrated the otherwise peaceful group of demonstrators.
17. He _____ his decision to take the shot when he realised his teammate had been unmarked in the box, but it was by then too late and all he could do was watch on as the ball sailed high over the cross bar.
18. When Germany _____ Austria before World War Two, its forces met with little resistance as they marched towards the capital. In fact, they were, by and large, welcomed with open arms.
19. He _____ an alibi so convincing that the jury found in his favour and he was released from custody a free man.
20. His political pedigree has been _____ by members of the press, with whom he is terribly unpopular.
21. Stop trying to _____ yourself with the boss all the time; the rest of the team will turn against you and will be left feeling very alone and isolated.
22. The government has been _____ in the press for cutting social welfare payments in the latest budget. As one commentator put it, 'Why on earth should the poorest of the poor be made to suffer even more? Isn't it about time we targeted high-income earners for more tax.'
23. The reasons why it is necessary to change our ways to help fight global warming have been _____ by scientists many times, but the message still isn't getting across to Joe Bloggs on the ground.
24. I was _____ by the story and must admit I found it one of the most captivating films I have viewed in many a year.

(F) Match the noun in the column on the left with its definition in the column on the right.

1. prodigy	[]	basic
2. proximity	[]	a barrier to progress, an obstacle
3. rudimentary	[]	abuse, lack of care, failure to carry out your responsibilities
4. tyro	[]	vague, unclear, uncertain, open to interpretation
5. uproar	[]	the act of weakening or damaging by harassment, abuse or attack
6. vehemence	[]	sickness, when you feel ill enough to vomit
7. vestige	[]	dishonest talk or behaviour, saying contradictory things to different sides
8. consensus	[]	a novice, someone new to an activity
9. attrition	[]	general agreement, majority of opinion
10. ambiguous	[]	a right you have not necessarily afforded to everyone
11. animosity	[]	exposure to death, loss, threat etc., at risk
12. duplicity	[]	a slight difference in appearance, meaning, or sound etc.
13. impediment	[]	the expression of strong feelings
14. nuance	[]	a lot of angry complaints about something
15. nausea	[]	a trace, mark or sign left by something which has now disappeared
16. prerogative	[]	ill will or bad feeling
17. neglect	[]	nearness to something
18. jeopardy	[]	a person with great ability that shows itself early on in life

(G) Use words 1 - 18 from the previous exercise to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will need to use each word once only. You will not have to change the form. Pluralise if required.

1. There is a lot of _____ between them stemming from when she left him for his younger brother. Naturally, he found it hard to forgive her for that and the tension in the room is palpable when they are together.
2. It is a rather _____ role; I am not sure it is entirely clear from the job specification what will be required of me, but all I can do is go in there and give it my best shot.
3. This is quite simply a war of _____ and the winner will be the last man standing.
4. I am afraid that my job will be in _____ when this merger finally goes through; I mean, there are sure to be some non-core members of staff who lose their jobs as a result of synergy. Will I be one of them?
5. The general _____ is that she will stand down at the next election and allow the deputy leader to take over.
6. Whether and when I take time off is entirely up to me; that is my _____ - one of the luxuries of actually owning the company.
7. The most significant _____ to change in the company is its CEO; sadly, while he's at the helm our problems look certain to continue.
8. She suffered from _____ at the hands of her abusive, alcoholic mother.
9. It's a fairly _____ piece of kit - no complicated technology inside or anything - but, that said, I have yet to find a more modern rival product to match its accuracy and portability.
10. One of the _____ of my new role as Financial Officer compared to my previous job title of Accounts Manager is that I am now officially responsible for allocating departmental spending. Other than that, the two jobs are virtually identical.
11. _____ is a common side-effect of undergoing a course of chemotherapy treatment.
12. He is but a(n) _____ and I wouldn't go taking his advice too seriously. If you want the views of an old hand, why don't you ask Max Minton? He's been working here for donkey's years.
13. This engine is the last _____ of a once great car manufacturer of the early 20th century.
14. She is some sort of child _____; at the age of twelve she has already been enrolled in an undergraduate degree course.
15. Residents on the east coast of Ireland are extremely hostile to the idea of further development of the Sellafield nuclear power plant given its relatively close _____ to them; should disaster strike and an easterly wind be blowing, they will be right in the line of fire of the radioactive gasses.
16. The announcement of a new value-based tax on houses has caused _____ with many saying they will refuse to pay the charge.
17. His _____ really is quite remarkable; he told our firm that he wanted the merger as much as anyone and would help us convince the major shareholders to come on board, but now I learn that he has advised them to reject the bid.
18. Such was the _____ with which she spoke that it was difficult not to be convinced by her argument.

(H) Change each noun or verb below into its adjectival form.

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| 1. rigor | _____ |
| 2. rancour | _____ |
| 3. tremor | _____ |
| 4. vigilance | _____ |
| 5. vanity | _____ |
| 6. gluttony | _____ |
| 7. hypocrisy | _____ |
| 8. philanthropy | _____ |
| 9. diligence | _____ |
| 10. aroma | _____ |
| 11. deference | _____ |
| 12. comprehension | _____ |
| 13. meddle | _____ |
| 14. efface (self) | _____ |
| 15. office | _____ |
| 16. indulge | _____ |
| 17. revere | _____ |
| 18. vindicate | _____ |

(I) Now, complete the sentences below using the adjectival forms in your answers to 1-18 above. Do not use any word more than once.

1. He is one of the most _____ people I have ever come to know; if you cross him, he will make you live to regret it at some point, whether it takes him a year or ten - and that's another thing; he has a very long memory indeed when it comes to his grudges.
2. The _____ opening of the new parliament is scheduled for the 30th May, just before parliament breaks up for the summer.
3. He examined the delicate artefact with _____ care. I doubt he could have been any more careful were he holding his own child in his arms.
4. Max is _____ in the extreme, and can't help but try to become involved in the affairs of those around him. What he doesn't realise, however, is that he is involvement is seldom if ever helpful and usually makes things worse.
5. I like to garnish the plate with some _____ herbs as I find it improves the mood of diners no end and adds to the dining experience. Perhaps that is part of the secret behind the excellent reviews my humble eatery has been receiving of late.
6. Sometimes, in her efforts to please those higher up in the company than her, I think she goes a tad too far and is much too _____. I think her bosses would respect her more if she spoke up as and when she felt mistakes were being made rather than just passively looking on out of some sense of misguided respect.
7. He is truly the most _____ man I have ever had the displeasure of knowing; he pays such careful attention to his looks that it is bordering on pathetic.
8. Ordering a second portion of that delicious chicken pie would be a tad _____ I suppose, wouldn't it? Still, though, I'm tempted!
9. The product has undergone _____ testing so we are quietly confident of its durability and functionality.
10. She is not a very charismatic manager and hardly 'inspires' her staff, but she is exceptionally _____ and I like to think that in having such a good work ethic she leads by example.
11. He is a very _____ and humble man and always credits his team when they get a good result. Yet we all now that much of the credit for their improved performances this year is down to his excellence as a man-manager.
12. She is too _____ towards her grandchildren and frankly spoils them. That makes life very difficult indeed for their parents.
13. Their victory in the fourth round was as _____ as it gets; 4-0 and they dominated possession from the off.
14. He is known not just as a fine businessman, but also for his _____ activities; I have heard told that he gives as much as 50% of his net earnings to good causes each year.
15. You need to be extremely _____ in a neighbourhood like this when bringing up young children; this is not a safe place for them really.
16. So violently _____ was it during the quake that all the plates on my kitchen shelving unit cracked.

17. The _____ nature of his feelings towards me took me by surprise; I had no ill feeling for him at all and couldn't understand it. The past is the past and I very much hope he can move on - this hatred he has must be eating him up inside.
18. It was _____ of you to demand that I stop smoking, George. Unless you can kick the habit yourself, don't go telling other people what they should do.

(J) Select the correct answer option (a - d) for each question (1 - 25)

1. He still _____ for her to this day; it is tragic really, considering she left him all of twenty-eight years ago. He is stuck firmly rooted in his past.
2. The government troops were able to _____ the rebellion with little difficulty. It's leaders were not at all prepared for any form of lengthy engagement.
3. All he could do to sustain himself until help arrived was to _____ in the forest for berries and just pray that they were not of the poisonous variety. He was exceptionally fortunate to come out alive.
4. His reputation has been _____ unfairly by the allegations of corruption, and he will forever be known as the politician accused of paying for favours from visiting state officials with 'brown envelopes', despite the fact that he has been completely exonerated of any wrongdoing.
5. This issue _____ race and may well serve to unite a people that were until this moment bitterly divided and obsessed with skin colour to an exceptionally unhealthy degree.
6. He has been _____ in the press for his outdated views on the issue of abortion, which, until now, he had never spoken publicly about. Methinks he probably wishes he had stayed stum, as it were.
7. As a politician he is highly respected for his moral integrity, but as a speaker, my oh my, he does _____ on rather ponderously; he nearly put me to sleep.
8. The incumbent president has said that he will not _____ on his promise to pull the troops out of Iraq by the end of the year, despite the fact that conditions on the there ground are worsening by the day.
9. Maxine will _____ you for all your worth in the courts if this ends acrimoniously. It is better to cut your losses and make an out of court settlement.
10. You may yet _____ the day that you crossed me; I will not forget this, and will be watching you like a hawk.
11. His reputation as a 'green' politician was _____ by the news that he owns seven sports cars and a fleet of private jets.
12. We must not _____ ; after all, the show starts at 2 and it is already getting on for a quarter past one.
13. The couple tried to _____ their romance but soon they both had to come to terms with the reality that the spark had gone for good.
14. Crisis was _____ when the Chinese government backed down on its demand to have the island returned to it before the deadline. Its leader saved face by securing a pledge from the Korean government to cede control before the end of 2025.
15. The hostile crowd in the stadium _____ the footballer, chanting the name of one of the opposing players, Milton Frack, who, it is alleged, is having an affair with his wife of eight years.
16. He _____ for the position but was overlooked. The fact that the promotion was awarded to his good friend and colleague made it a slightly easier pill to swallow.
17. He doesn't believe in _____ his words and tends to tell it how it is no matter what the situation. That's all well and good, but sometimes a little bit of diplomacy is called for.
18. Unless the rebels lay down their weapons and _____ violence once and for all, we will not engage with them at the negotiating table.
19. By making these libellous allegations against me, you are attempting to _____ my moral integrity. Rest assured that I will first see to it that this remains intact and then take you to the cleaners in the courts.
20. He is _____ with a sense of morality that is rare amongst politicians in this country. It is little wonder that he has become the so-called people's champion.
21. He _____ around the track effortlessly and left the other runners trailing in his wake.
22. Her close personal friends never _____ in their belief in her, whatever was written in the press.
23. I shall _____ this moment for as long as I live; the road has been a long and at times difficult one, but winning this award today and getting such an endorsement from my peers in the industry has made it all worthwhile.
24. As a celebrity he was rather unusual in that he preferred to _____ the limelight in as much as was possible.
25. The inebriated driver drove straight into a tree, _____ a huge hole in the front of her car.

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| 1. | a. pines | b. milks | c. prattles | d. endows |
| 2. | a. sully | b. deride | c. quell | d. falter |
| 3. | a. dally | b. avert | c. forage | d. shun |
| 4. | a. sullied | b. rued | c. loped | d. impugned |
| 5. | a. transcends | b. rekindles | c. endows | d. taunts |
| 6. | a. gouged | b. derided | c. tendered | d. undermined |
| 7. | a. milk | b. prattle | c. mince | d. transcend |
| 8. | a. renege | b. avert | c. tender | d. eschew |
| 9. | a. rue | b. dally | c. taunt | d. milk |
| 10. | a. rue | b. tender | c. lope | d. milk |
| 11. | a. savoured | b. shunned | c. taunted | d. undermined |
| 12. | a. pine | b. lope | c. eschew | d. dally |
| 13. | a. rekindle | b. endow | c. tender | d. mince |
| 14. | a. quelled | b. averted | c. savoured | d. impugned |
| 15. | a. taunted | b. shunned | c. loped | d. faltered |
| 16. | a. endowed | b. eschewed | c. tendered | d. rekindled |
| 17. | a. mincing | b. gouging | c. loping | d. eschewing |
| 18. | a. shun | b. renege | c. eschew | d. impugn |
| 19. | a. falter | b. avert | c. impugn | d. prattle |
| 20. | a. endowed | b. quelled | c. shunned | d. averted |
| 21. | a. gouged | b. loped | c. rued | d. milked |
| 22. | a. derided | b. taunted | c. faltered | d. reneged |
| 23. | a. dally | b. rekindle | c. prattle | d. savour |
| 24. | a. gorge | b. renege | c. milk | d. shun |
| 25. | a. pining | b. foraging | c. gouging | d. mincing |

(K) Fill in the gaps using the words from the box below. Use each word once only. Do not change the form.

propensity predilection aberration quibble penchant gaffe throwback puissance

- My only _____ is that the colour isn't very nice, but otherwise I think you have chosen well.
- He is a(n) _____ to the days of the neanderthals, so outdated are his views on the place of women in society.
- It was an embarrassing _____; I'll grant you that, but it will soon be forgotten and your reputation should remain relatively intact. Choose your words more carefully next time though.
- We will put the full _____ of the nation into this campaign and we will emerge victorious.
- She has a(n) _____ for men a lot younger than her.
- He has a(n) _____ to talk too much when he gets nervous.
- His behaviour in this particular instance was a(n) _____, I assure you; he is normally a very dependable guy.
- He has a(n) _____ for Italian food, I have noticed.

(L) Fill in the gaps using the words from the box below. Use each word once only. Do not change the form.

pedantic feckless quintessential cumbersome indecorous fallible

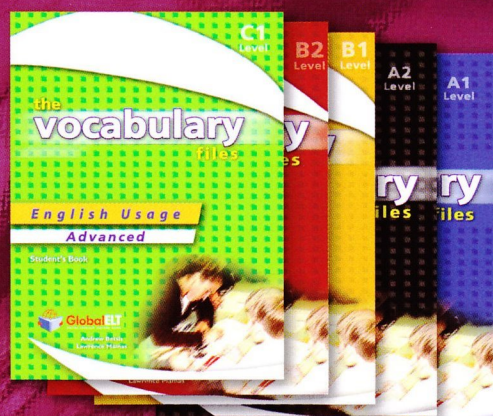
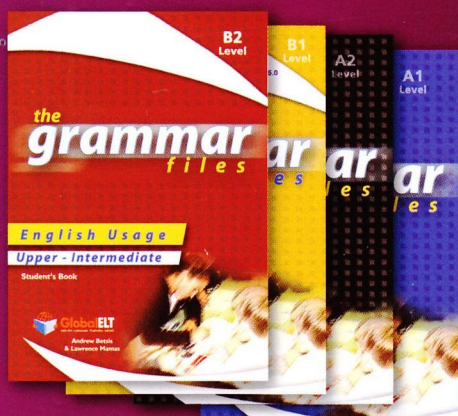
- Greek salad is the _____ starter at a Greek restaurant.
- The _____ bureaucracy of our civil service is frustrating, to say the least; nothing gets done quickly.
- He is nothing but a(n) _____ drunk; his contribution has shrunk to such a degree as to render him virtually useless.
- We are all _____ to varying degrees I'm afraid; to err is simply human.
- His _____ behaviour did not win him many new friends at the United Nations; it is as though he was out to insult everyone he spoke to, embarking on some sort of diplomatic suicide mission.
- He is a nice fellow, but a tad too _____ for my taste; he needs to unbutton the top collar on his shirt now and then and let himself go, but, alas, that will never happen to such a stickler for the rules.

the Level C2 vocabulary files

Key Features

The **Vocabulary Files** series consists of 6 Books for CEF Levels: **A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2**

- The aim of the series is to give students the chance to expand their vocabulary in different areas. Each unit deals with a common Vocabulary topic. In the C2 book the vocabulary is taught through a variety of exercises.
- This series can be used as **Time Fillers**; when teachers have some extra time and they need something to do to help students revise what they have already been taught. Alternatively, it can also be used to help weak students enrich their vocabulary in various common topics.
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