

QUESTIONS ON GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY AND DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

Practice 13

REPHRASING

1. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, using the word given.

1. The judges gave Joseph the impression that he would win the competition.

BELIEVE

Joseph _____ he would win the competition.

2. Sharon really has no idea of the difficulty of finding a parking spot.

HOW

Little does Sharon _____ to find a parking spot.

3. Ken said absolutely nothing because he was afraid of offending the women.

FEAR

Ken remained absolutely silent _____ offence to the women.

4. Barbara's total dedication to her job has always been exemplary.

HERSELF

Barbara _____ in the most exemplary way.

5. He doesn't mind at all if Kim records his speech.

OBJECTION

He has _____ his speech.

6. Nobody really expected Glen to do so well in his Biology exams.

TAKEN

Everyone _____ did so well in his Biology exams.

7. Nina has run away from home on other occasions.

TIME

This is _____ has run away from home.

8. I offered Fred the position but he refused it.

TURNED

Fred was _____ it down.

MULTIPLE MEANINGS – 1 point

2. For questions 1-5, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. (0) is an example. Each correct word is worth 0.2 points.

1 _____

- The weather tomorrow will be mostly _____ with temperatures about average for the time of year.

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- I think it's only _____ to say that the team didn't play as well as on other occasions.
- Our relatives live a _____ distance away from us, so we don't get to see them very often.

2 _____

- The company found itself unable to cope with all the correspondence it received in other languages, and so decided to _____ more bilingual staff.
- A good public speaker has to be skilled enough to _____ the attention of the audience.
- Try to _____ him in conversation, while I slip into the office and look through the papers on his desk.

3 _____

- From what I can see, Fiona will have to take her son in _____ before he becomes too ill-disciplined.
- Just leave the job to Phil – he's an old _____ at repairing torn book jackets.
- This company is the best I know, they always have a team of translators on _____ to help with enquiries from overseas customers.

4 _____

- There has been a steady _____ in the number of translated books published recently.
- Because of their increased workload, the secretaries at the company put in for a _____.
- The house is situated on a slight _____ in an otherwise flat landscape.

5 _____

- The idea of working overseas for a year to learn a language has really _____ off in recent years.
- Sometimes, I suspect that Colin has not _____ his writing career seriously enough.
- I was particularly _____ by the beautifully well-kept flowerbeds along the seafront.

CLOZE TEST A

3. For questions 1-16, read the text below and fill in each space with the word which best fits in there. Use one word only in each space.

FOOD FOR A FUTURE

John Wynne-Tyson was an original thinker _____ (1) best known book "Food for a Future was published in 1975. In his classic work, a case was _____ (2) forward for _____ (3) can only be described as a more responsible and humane attitude towards the world's food resources. It had gradually _____ (4) clear to Wynne-Tyson that the economics and ecology of meat production did not _____ (5) sense. What justification was _____ (6), he argued, for using seven tonnes of cereal to produce one tonne of meat?

Even today, the book's succinct style makes it compulsively readable. _____(7) his approach is basically an emotional one, Wynne-Tyson goes to great lengths to back _____(8) every statement with considerable supporting evidence and statistical data. Thus, even _____(9) of us who are widely read _____(10) the subject of vegetarianism will gain fresh insights from his book. It is generally agreed that his most skilful achievement is the slow revelation of his main thesis _____(11) the arguments unfold. The book concludes that a move away from an animal-based diet to _____(12) which is based on plant sources is inevitable in the long term, in _____(13) of the fact that there is no sound nutritional, medical or social justification for meat-eating. _____(14) of whether you agree with _____(15) a conclusion or not, the book certainly makes _____(16) fascinating read.

CLOZE TEST B

4. Complete each of the following gaps with the correct preposition.

1. My parents didn't approve ____ me leaving university.
2. We'll have to decide ____ what would be best to do.
3. The guest wasn't expected but he showed ____ all of a sudden.
4. It's not such an easy issue, we'll have to talk it ____ and think carefully of what should be done.
5. The robbers broke ____ the house and stole all they found on their way.
6. I'm a little bit ____ with the work that I should have done, I'm so very busy.
7. My neighbour is well ____ hiking, in fact she has joined a hiking club and regularly hikes.
8. I called ____ all the questions before the exam so there was no doubt as to what I meant exactly.
9. She came ____ a hard situation, in the end she managed to overcome it all.
10. The thief came ____ to the victim and stabbed her in her chest.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

5. For questions 1-6, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Decline and Fall

Recent figures have again shown a decrease in the number of students taking language degrees at British universities. Students are now more likely to study subjects like media studies or sports science than they are to (1) _____ for a course specializing in foreign languages. The number of students (2) _____ up places on language degree courses was down by almost 10% last year and language courses now rank amongst the ten least popular choices alongside music and mechanical engineering.

A serious (3) _____ of bilingual secretaries has already been identified in the British workforce and this is a (4) _____ of concern for the Government as international trade continues to be of increasing importance. The Government has been a keen supporter of programmes like Socrates and Erasmus, which have (5) _____ more than 12,000 people to study in another European country for a year, and (6) _____ improve their language skills, without paying tuition fees. Interest in languages, however, does not seem to have increased as a result.

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| 2. A keeping | B taking | C setting | D giving |
| 3. A drawback | B shortfall | C downturn | D undergrowth |
| 4. A creation | B cause | C reason | D result |
| 5. A enabled | B entitled | C enriched | D enlightened |
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WORD-FORMATION

6. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space.

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| 1. EXIST | 5. DEPEND | 9. CONSERVE |
| 2. CHARACTER | 6. ORDINARY | 10. ROUND |
| 3. RECOGNISE | 7. RIGID | 11. INCREASE |
| 4. CEREMONY | 8. ZEAL | |

Curiosity goes back to the dawn of human _____(1). This irrepressible desire to know is not a _____(2) of inanimate objects. Nor does it seem to be attributable to some forms of living organism which, for that very reason, we can scarcely bring ourselves to consider alive. A tree, for example, does not display _____(3) curiosity, nor does a sponge or even an oyster. If chance events bring them to poison, predators or parasites, they die as _____(4) they lived.

Early in the scheme of life, _____(5) motion was developed by some organisms. It meant an _____(6) advance in their control of the environment. A moving organism no longer waited in stolid _____(7) for food to come its way, but went out after it. The individual that hesitated in the _____(8) search for food, or that was overtly _____(9) in its investigation, starved.

As organisms grew more complex, more messages of greater variety were received from and about the _____(10) environment. At the same time, the nervous system, the living instrument that interprets and stores the data collected by the sense organs, became _____(11).

PHRASAL VERBS

7. Fill the gaps in the sentences below with suitable forms of the phrasal verbs below:

Hold back (x2) hold on hold out (x2) hold out for keep down
keep in with keep off keep out of

1. The clouds look pretty ominous, I don't _____ much hope of sunny weather.
2. Fortunately, their supplies _____ till the rescue party got to them.
3. You'd better _____ the subject of his first marriage. He'll get upset otherwise.
4. They managed to _____ their costs _____ by employing part-time workers.
5. It was a private argument, so I thought it best to _____ it.
6. She felt that her boss's attitude was _____ her _____ in her career.
7. If she wants to get on, she'll have to _____ her boss, not disagree with him.
8. Tell me exactly what you think – don't _____ anything _____.
9. They didn't think our offer was high enough, so they _____ more.
10. As they climbed up the cliff, the leader told them to _____ tight.

ANSWER KEY

1. REPHRASING

1. Joseph was made/led to believe he would win the competition.
2. Little does Sharon realise how hard it is to find a parking spot.
3. Ken remained absolutely silent for fear of causing offence to the women.
4. Barbara dedicates herself to her job in the most exemplary way.
5. He has no objection to Kim recording his speech.
6. Everyone was taken aback that Glen did so well in his Biology exams.
7. This is not the first time Nina has run away from home.
8. Fred was offered the position but turned it down.

2. MULTIPLE MEANINGS

1 FAIR

- The weather tomorrow will be mostly fair with temperatures about average for the time of year.
- I think it's only fair to say that the team didn't play as well as on other occasions.
- Our relatives live a fair distance away from us, so we don't get to see them very often.

2 GET/ENGAGE

- The company found itself unable to cope with all the correspondence it received in other languages, and so decided to get/engage more bilingual staff.
- A good public speaker has to be skilled enough to get/engage the attention of the audience.
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3 HAND

- From what I can see, Fiona will have to take her son in hand before he becomes too ill-disciplined.
- Just leave the job to Phil – he's an old hand at repairing torn book jackets.
- This company is the best I know, they always have a team of translators on hand to help with enquiries from overseas customers.

4 RISE

- There has been a steady rise in the number of translated books published recently.
- Because of their increased workload, the secretaries at the company put in for a rise
- The house is situated on a slight rise in an otherwise flat landscape.

5 TAKEN

- The idea of working overseas for a year to learn a language has really **taken** off in recent years.
- Sometimes, I suspect that Colin has not **taken** his writing career seriously enough.
- I was particularly **taken** by the beautifully well-kept flowerbeds along the seafront.

3. CLOZE TEST A

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4. CLOZE TEST B

1. My parents didn't approve **OF** me leaving university.
2. We'll have to decide **ON** what would be best to do.
3. The guest wasn't expected but he showed **UP** all of a sudden.
4. It's not such an easy issue, we'll have to talk it **OVER** and think carefully of what should be done.
5. The robbers broke **INTO** the house and stole all they found on their way.
6. I'm a little bit **BEHIND** with the work that I should have done, I'm so very busy.
7. My neighbour is well **INTO** hiking, in fact she has joined a hiking club and regularly hikes.

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8. I called **OUT** all the questions before the exam so there was no doubt as to what I meant exactly.
9. She came **THROUGH** a hard situation, in the end she managed to overcome it all.
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5. MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Comentado [Office1]: The phrasal verb *take up* can also be used with the meanings of "taking up/occupying space" and also "start a new activity or hobby", eg *this table would take up too much space in the living room; I've just taken up zumba*".

6. WORD-FORMATION

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| 1. Existence | 4. Unceremoniously | 8. Zealous |
| 2. Characteristic | 5. Independent | 9. Conservative |
| 3. Recognisable/recognizable | 6. Extraordinary | 10. Surrounding |
| | 7. Rigidity | 11. Increasingly |

7. PHRASAL VERBS

1. The clouds look pretty ominous, I don't **HOLD OUT** much hope of sunny weather.
2. Fortunately, their supplies **HELD OUT** till the rescue party got to them.
3. You'd better **KEEP OFF** the subject of his first marriage. He'll get upset otherwise.
4. They managed to **KEEP** their costs **DOWN** by employing part-time workers.
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