

## QUESTIONS ON GRAMMAR, VOCABULARY AND DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

### Practice 15

#### REPHRASING

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

1. They thought that the music was too loud.

**FAR**

As \_\_\_\_\_, the music was too loud.

2. In spite of all my efforts, I didn't manage to persuade them to come to the concert.

**HARD**

No matter \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't manage to persuade them to come to the concert.

3. The police were forced to release the suspect because new evidence was produced.

**LIGHT**

The police were forced to release the suspect \_\_\_\_\_ evidence produced.

4. But for the sea being unusually warm, they never would have survived.

**WOULD**

If it hadn't been for the \_\_\_\_\_ been killed.

5. People know more about my novels than the plays I write.

**BETTER**

I'm \_\_\_\_\_ than as a playwright.

6. I've been informed that you've been late to the office every day this week.

**BROUGHT**

It has \_\_\_\_\_ that you've been late to the office every day this week.

7. I apologise but I totally forgot about our dinner appointment.

**CONFESS**

I must \_\_\_\_\_ my mind.

8. They made him wait for two hours, then eventually let him in.

**KEPT**

He was eventually allowed in after having \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours.

#### MULTIPLE CHOICE

2. For questions 1-8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

#### A brief history of the mall

Standardized shopping malls have become the new Main Streets of the USA according to one (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on the subject. Along with antibiotics and personal computers, the shopping mall

has been **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ as one of the top 50 wonders that have revolutionized the lives of people today. But shopping malls didn't just happen out of the blue.

The mall was originally **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ of as a community center where people would **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ for shopping, cultural activity, and social interaction. It is safe to **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ that the mall has achieved and surpassed those early expectations. The first enclosed mall was developed in a suburb of Minneapolis in 1956 and was designed to get the shopper out of the harsh weather.

The phenomenal growth and development of shopping centers was a natural **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ of the migration of population out from the cities and **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ the growth of the use of the automobile. The success and impact of the shopping mall may have something to do with their potential to **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ community life.

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| 1. A scholar      | B master     | C body       | D authority   |
| 2. A put forward  | B set up     | C picked up  | D brought out |
| 3. A imagined     | B devised    | C conceived  | D formulated  |
| 4. A cluster      | B converge   | C group      | D rally       |
| 5. A say          | B tell       | C speak      | D remark      |
| 6. A sequel       | B upshot     | C follow-up  | D consequence |
| 7. A corresponded | B paralleled | C correlated | D equated     |
| 8. A raise        | B magnify    | C enhance    | D heighten    |

### WORD-FORMATION

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

#### Technology

The twentieth century witnessed a **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ (MOMENT) change in the relationship between science and society. In World War I scientists were conscripted and died in the trenches. In World War II they were exempted as national treasures and committed to **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ (SECRET), and they rallied behind their country's war effort. The explanation of the change is not hard to find – governments came to believe that **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ (THEORY) research can produce practical improvements in industry, agriculture, and medicine.

The belief was firmly **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_ (FORCE) by developments such as the discovery of antibiotics and the **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ (APPLY) of nuclear physics to the production of atomic weapons. Science became so identified with practical benefits that the dependence of technology on science is **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_ (COMMON) assumed to be a **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ (TIME) relationship and a single enterprise. Science and technology, research and development these are assumed to be almost **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ (SEPARATE) twins. These rank among the sacred phrases of our time. The belief in the coupling of science and technology is now petrified in the dictionary definition of technology as applied science.

**MULTIPLE MEANINGS**

**4. For questions 1-5, think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.**

**1** \_\_\_\_\_

- Right now Evans is very \_\_\_\_\_ in confidence; she needs to start winning a few races again.
- There was a disappointingly \_\_\_\_\_ turnout for the youth club's open day.
- When you're cycling up a steep hill you will need to be in a \_\_\_\_\_ gear.

**2** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ the earth down around the roots after you've planted the flower.
- Jim's dad took him out into the middle of the pool and showed him how to \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- I've got my photos drying out on the kitchen floor, so whatever you do, don't \_\_\_\_\_ on them!

**3** \_\_\_\_\_

- Unbelievable – what an amazing \_\_\_\_\_ of events! Smith has come from behind to take the gold medal!
- As I'd never played this card game before, the others let me have another \_\_\_\_\_.
- ... and Walton showed a \_\_\_\_\_ of speed that left his opponents for dead.

**4** \_\_\_\_\_

- The train was delayed because of ice on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- After the accident there was a solid \_\_\_\_\_ of cars stretching back for several miles.
- In a new initiative announced today, police are to take a harder \_\_\_\_\_ on speeding motorists.

**5** \_\_\_\_\_

- Sorry, I've rather lost \_\_\_\_\_ of my argument.
- Right now, I want you to run twice around the \_\_\_\_\_ for a warm-up.
- After a while the \_\_\_\_\_ we had been following became thick undergrowth.

**CLOZE TEST – 1 point**

**5. For questions 1-10, read the text below and fill in each space with the word which best fits in there. Use one word only in each space. Each correct word is worth 0.1 point.**

**THE SOLAR SYSTEM**

The Solar System may be defined as consisting of all those objects that are governed by the Sun's gravitational field. Other effects arising (1) ... the proximity of the Sun could equally (2) ... be

used as criteria, such as radiation pressure or interaction with the solar wind. (3) ... any of these definitions the Solar System extends (4) ... to a distance of about two light-years; the closest star, Proxima Centauri, (5) ... lying at a distance of slightly more than four light-years.

Our knowledge of this region of space certainly does not reach as far as this, (6) ... , because the most distant Solar-System objects that we know about, the comets, seem to originate at a distance of no more than 50,000 astronomical units, or less than a third of the total distance. (7) ... for the other Solar-System bodies known to us, they lie at distances of less than a few hundred AU. Our study is therefore confined (8) ... what is primarily the central region of the Solar System.

### **IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS**

**6. The following sentences include idiomatic expressions. Write down the exact word that complete each sentence in the right form. Each item is worth 0.1 point.**

- a. Talking to her really brought it \_\_\_\_\_ to me how important it is to bring children up in the right way.
- b. I wouldn't put it \_\_\_\_\_ him to have made the whole story up.
- c. How can I ever make \_\_\_\_\_ for what I've done?
- d. Her attitude brings out the \_\_\_\_\_ in me, I'm afraid.
- e. He told an anecdote which brought the \_\_\_\_\_ down, but I didn't get the joke.
- f. It's a shame we were held up, but now we can make up for \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- g. I think I put my \_\_\_\_\_ in it when I asked him what the matter was.
- h. It's a terrible portrait, it really doesn't do \_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- i. I've been cheated and I want to get my own \_\_\_\_\_. How can I get even with them?
- j. You've let her get away with being late too often: it's time you put your foot \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWER KEY**

**1. REPHRASING**

1. As far as they were concerned , the music was too loud.
2. No matter how hard I tried, I didn't manage to persuade them to come to the concert.
3. The police were forced to release the suspect in the light of new evidence produced.
4. If it hadn't been for the sea's temperature, they would have been killed.
5. I'm better known as a novelist than as a playwright.
6. It has been brought to my attention that you've been late to the office every day this week.
7. I must confess our dinner appointment slipped my mind.
8. He was eventually allowed in after having been kept waiting for two hours.

**2. MULTIPLE CHOICE**

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| 2. A <b>put forward</b> | B set up            | C picked up        | D brought out        |
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**3. WORD FORMATION**

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. MOMENTOUS   | 4. REINFORCED  | 7. TIMELESS    |
| 2. SECRECY     | 5. APPLICATION | 8. INSEPARABLE |
| 3. THEORETICAL | 6. COMMONLY    |                |

**4. MULTIPLE MEANINGS**

**1 LOW**

- Right now Evans is very **low** in confidence; she needs to start winning a few races again.
- There was a disappointingly **low** turnout for the youth club's open day.
- When you're cycling up a steep hill you will need to be in a **low** gear.

**2 TREAD**

- **Tread** the earth down around the roots after you've planted the flower.
- Jim's dad took him out into the middle of the pool and showed him how to **tread** water.

- I've got my photos drying out on the kitchen floor, so whatever you do, don't **tread** on them!

### 3 TURN

- Unbelievable – what an amazing **turn** of events! Smith has come from behind to take the gold medal!
- As I'd never played this card game before, the others let me have another **turn**.
- ... and Walton showed a **turn** of speed that left his opponents for dead.

### 4 LINE

- The train was delayed because of ice on the **line**.
- After the accident there was a solid **line** of cars stretching back for several miles.
- In a new initiative announced today, police are to take a harder **line** on speeding motorists.

### 5 TRACK

- Sorry, I've rather lost **track** of my argument.
- Right now, I want you to run twice around the **track** for a warm-up.
- After a while the **track** we had been following became thick undergrowth.

## 5. CLOZE TEST

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## 6. IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS

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- c. How can I ever make **amends** for what I've done?
- d. Her attitude brings out the **worst** in me, I'm afraid.
- e. He told an anecdote which brought the **house** down, but I didn't get the joke.
- f. It's a shame we were held up, but now we can make up for **lost** time.
- g. I think I put my **foot** in it when I asked him what the matter was.
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