

- 1 - 6931** If you had been there, we _____ a good time. B
- A. 'd had.
B. Would have had.
C. Could have.
D. Would have.
- 1 - 6962** against the yen in the past month? C
- A. Is the dollar risen.
B. Will the dollar weaken.
C. Has the dollar fallen.
D. Varies the dollar.
- 1 - 7002** I'm checking the translation. I've found three spelling mistakes D
- A. So many.
B. As now.
C. As long.
D. So far.
- 1 - 7080** She stopped last year. A
- A. Smoking.
B. Having smoked.
C. To smoke.
D. The smoking.
- 1 - 7174** It's _____ I told the news. D
- A. He / whose.
B. Him / who.
C. His / whose.
D. He / whom.
- 1 - 7187** The engine is still working; so far so good. B
- A. Il motore funziona, andiamo bene e lontano.
B. Il motore funziona ancora; fino ad ora è andata bene.
C. Il motore funziona ancora, speriamo di andare lontano.
D. Il motore funziona e d'ora in poi andrà meglio.
- 1 - 7500** The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. A "breach" is a(an).... D
- A. Outing.
B. Bargain.
C. Bid.

D. Infringement.

- 2 - 1482** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
On Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaeda _____ to bypass the U.S. counterterrorism structure. A
- A. was able
B. is capable
C. could
D. can
- 2 - 1484** Choose the best answer for this question: When do you play squash? B
- A. Wednesday the afternoon
B. On Wednesday afternoons
C. On the afternoons of Wednesday
D. Last Wednesday afternoon
- 2 - 1562** Choose the best answer for this question: Can I speak to the director, please? C
- A. Certainly, sir. Please, moment
B. Certainly, sir, if I can
C. Certainly, sir. Just a moment
D. Certainly, sir. Don't mention it
- 2 - 1568** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
The first thing we need to do is to find _____ location. A
- A. a suitable
B. a fitful
C. a right
D. an adapted
- 2 - 7003** I haven't had time to speak to Nick B
- A. Last night.
B. Today.
C. At lunchtime.
D. Yesterday.
- 2 - 7111** If you are not in the sun, you are B
- A. At sea.
B. In the shade.
C. On the moon.
D. In the shadow.
- 2 - 7139** If the weather _____ better I'd play tennis. A
- A. Were.
B. Will have been.
C. Would be.
D. Was be.
- 3 - 1395** Which word or phrase CANNOT be used complete this sentence? The Prime Minister had to _____ his talks with world leaders to return to the capital. C
- A. interrupt
B. break off
C. back out
D. put off
- 3 - 1414** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this question: _____ the head of your department? D
- A. Which
B. Whose

- C. What does
- D. Who's

3 - 1689 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
I am no longer satisfied with my job, and I would really like to find something more _____. D

- A. attracting
- B. suited
- C. exhausting
- D. challenging

3 - 7126 We have _____ time but not _____. D

- A. A lot / much.
- B. Any / a lot.
- C. Much / a lot.
- D. Some / much.

3 - 7150 If you tell _____ the truth, he _____ upset with you. D

- A. He / will become.
- B. Him / is to be.
- C. His / is becoming.
- D. Him / will become.

3 - 7177 What a year! If it weren't _____ you, I would never have got _____ it! D

- A. With / through.
- B. For / to.
- C. About / over.
- D. For / through.

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- A. An outdoor meeting.
- B. An acquisition.
- C. A Sale.
- D. An indoor sit-in.

4 - 1446 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
Visiting the Czech Republic _____ a visa, but now it's no longer necessary. C

- A. are used to requiring
- B. used requiring
- C. used to require
- D. were used to require

4 - 6919 Fleetingly means _____ C

- A. Slowly.
- B. Longingly.
- C. Quickly.

D. Partially.

4 - 6944 I never work Sundays.

B

- A. In.
- B. On.
- C. For.
- D. At.

4 - 6970 signing the contract he made a phone call.

A

- A. Before.
- B. Since he'd had.
- C. Before he has.
- D. After he had.

4 - 7038 What going out tonight?

A

- A. About.
- B. In.
- C. Up.
- D. For.

4 - 7088 What about out?

C

- A. Gone.
- B. Go.
- C. Going.
- D. To go.

4 - 7184 _____ her illness, Linda continued to play tennis.

D

- A. Although.
- B. Even though.
- C. In spite.
- D. Despite.

5 - 1396 Which of the following CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? James isn't at work today so I think he _____ be ill.

C

- A. might
- B. may
- C. can
- D. must

5 - 1436 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
You can invest your money in stocks and _____.

C

- A. divides
- B. bears
- C. shares
- D. hedges

5 - 1665 Choose the best phrase to complete the following: You _____ the meeting yesterday. It was very important.

A

- A. shouldn't have missed
- B. oughtn't to miss
- C. mustn't miss
- D. needn't have missed

5 - 1678 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
She asked me what _____.

B

- A. like the new supervisor was

- B. the new supervisor was like
- C. was the new supervisor like
- D. was like the new supervisor

5 - 7105 I wish I her before!

A

- A. Had met.
- B. Would meet.
- C. Met.
- D. Will meet.

5 - 7106 Would you like a drink? Yes,

B

- A. Thanks.
- B. Please.
- C. Welcome.
- D. All right.

5 - 7561 The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-term prospects after the events of September 11. The supplier to Boeing and Rolls-Royce said that it would cut about 10 per cent of its workforce in a cost-cutting drive, announced last month, to pre-empt lower business levels. The group, which generates two-thirds of its income from making aircraft components, also said it felt that it was inappropriate to pay a dividend. Brett Welch, the finance director, said the cost-cutting exercise would help the company when the airline industry returned to normality. Separately, Ryanair, the no-frills Republic of Ireland airline, is expected to confirm Frankfurt as its second European hub today. The move, eagerly anticipated by observers in the airlines sector, would enable the budget airline to step up its efforts to take cost-conscious business passengers from the flag carriers. If "you cast a shadow" you....

C

- A. Get it.
- B. Make it.
- C. Negatively influence it.
- D. Do it.

6 - 1634 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
The budget for next year hasn't been finalised _____.

A

- A. yet
- B. still
- C. already
- D. always

6 - 7012 I wish it rain!

A

- A. Would.
- B. May.
- C. Will.
- D. Had.

6 - 7023 " I phone you! "

B

- A. Have.
- B. Did.
- C. Had.
- D. Was to.

6 - 7082 She admitted to the handbag.

A

- A. Stealing.
- B. Steal.
- C. Stole.
- D. Stolen.

- 6 - 7083** It's about time she A
- A. Left.
 - B. Had left.
 - C. Will leave.
 - D. Would leave.
- 6 - 7137** Will you _____ about the job next week? C
- A. Make me know.
 - B. Let know me.
 - C. Let me know.
 - D. Get know me.
- 6 - 7191** They set off before daybreak. B
- A. Si sentono male da questa mattina.
 - B. Sono partiti prima dell'alba.
 - C. Questa mattina hanno messo tutto in disordine.
 - D. Sono arrabbiati da stamattina.
- 7 - 1397** One way to describe dishonest accountancy is 'creative accountancy'. Which of these idiomatic phrases means the same? B
- A. to beat the books
 - B. to cook the books
 - C. to bite the bullet
 - D. to pull the strings
- 7 - 1536** Choose the best word to complete this sentence: Did you see the _____ for a Sports Journalist in yesterday's newspaper? A
- A. advertisement
 - B. header
 - C. blurb
 - D. slogan
- 7 - 7040** The bank wouldn't change any money for me. I had no means of A
- A. Identification.
 - B. Knowledge.
 - C. Showing up.
 - D. Support.
- 7 - 7048** do? Pleased to meet you. B
- A. When do you.
 - B. How do you.
 - C. What do you.
 - D. Where do you.
- 7 - 7122** I regret my job. C
- A. Left.
 - B. The leaving.
 - C. Leaving.
 - D. To leave.
- 7 - 7148** If you had been there, we _____ a good time. B
- A. Would have.
 - B. Would have had.
 - C. 'd had.
 - D. Could have.

- 7 - 7540** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Productivity has recently.... D
- A. Slumped.
B. Decreased.
C. Plummeted.
D. Soared.
- 8 - 1616** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence: Tomorrow morning I _____ the 6.30 train to Rome to attend a European conference on world poverty. C
- A. shall go
B. going to take
C. am getting
D. have taken
- 8 - 6953** Firms can avoid middle managers. C
- A. Paid.
B. Pay.
C. Paying.
D. To pay.
- 8 - 6999** I've never a design like this before. D
- A. See.
B. To see.
C. Saw.
D. Seen.
- 8 - 7000** What time we start work? Let's start at about nine o'clock. B
- A. Are. B.
Shall. C.
Would.
D. Did.
- 8 - 7086** Leave everything as it B
- A. Might.
B. Is.
C. Will.
D. Could.
- 8 - 7108** I have never.... the Andes. B
- A. Went.
B. Visited.
C. Gone.
D. Been.
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- A. Cost-effective service.
- B. Night service.
- C. Fewer fellow passengers.
- D. Top Staff.

9 - 1708 You are answering the phone and need to ask the caller to wait for a moment. What do you say?

- A. Please hold the line
- B. Please stay where you are
- C. Please hang up
- D. Please put me through

9 - 6988 He speaks English

- A. Definitely.
- B. Good.
- C. Fluent.
- D. Fluently.

9 - 6993 She suggested I you.

- A. Call.
- B. Calling.
- C. Will call.
- D. To call.

9 - 7062 The view from the top of the mountain is

- A. Ludicrous.
- B. Delicious.
- C. Salty.
- D. Breathtaking.

9 - 7076 If she caught the 7:30 flight, she

- A. Was arriving on time.
- B. Was arrived on time.
- C. Would arrive on time.
- D. Will arrive on time.

9 - 7077 If , I would understand you much better.

- A. You spoke up.
- B. You had spoken up.
- C. You will speak up.
- D. You were speaking up.

9 - 7509 Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) _____ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) _____ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) _____ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End,

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D

C

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specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) _____ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) _____. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Just.
- B. Yet.
- C. Already.
- D. Not.

10 - 1563 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

I have ___ admiration for working mothers.

- A. nothing but
- B. nothing than
- C. nothing other as
- D. none but

A

10 - 6936 The market demand is now due to a major slowdown.

- A. Stagnating.
- B. Looking up.
- C. Bright.
- D. Downing.

A

10 - 6963 to Mr. Kovac, haven't you?

- A. You'll speak again.
- B. He's still speaking.
- C. You already spoke.
- D. You've already spoken.

D

10 - 7025 He's very good at taking people !

- A. Through.
- B. Up.
- C. Off.
- D. Out.

C

10 - 7071 The race wasdue to the bad weather.

- A. Spiced up.
- B. Enlivened.
- C. Called off.
- D. Done up.

C

10 - 7132 The police _____ issued a warrant for Adamson's arrent.

- A. Have.
- B. Were.
- C. Was.
- D. Must.

A

10 - 7519 The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two

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vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". According to the second paragraph of the passage, vitamin producers were....

- A. Asked to sell up.
- B. Convicted.
- C. Arrested.
- D. Punished.

11 - 1408 Choose the best word to complete the following: My friend Catherine is a journalist. _____ job is very interesting.

- A. Her
- B. Their
- C. His
- D. She's

A

11 - 1700 Choose the best word to complete this question: _____ you like to come to Germany with me next month?

- A. Did
- B. Do
- C. Will
- D. Would

D

11 - 7066 If I I'd tell you right now.

- A. Had known.
- B. To know.
- C. Know.
- D. Knew.

D

11 - 7107 I was leaving the house when Tom

- A. Had showed up.
- B. Had got back.
- C. Would show up.
- D. Showed up.

D

11 - 7120 You look puzzled.

- A. Sei stanco.
- B. Sembri confusa.
- C. Sembri una persona difficile.
- D. Guarda questo puzzle.

B

11 - 7131 They have put _____ the meeting _____ next week.

- A. Ahead / during.
- B. Up / for.
- C. Off / until.
- D. On / by.

C

11 - 7517 As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) _____ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) _____ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) _____ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) _____ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) _____ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist

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Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. And.
- B. Yet.
- C. Not.
- D. But.

12 - 1476 Choose the best phrase to complete the following: Why don't you buy yourself some new clothes? If you know you look good, you _____ more confident.

- A. would certainly have felt
- B. will no doubt be felt
- C. would hardly feel
- D. will definitely feel

12 - 1543 Choose the best phrase to complete this question: Could you _____ date of birth please?

- A. say me your
- B. tell to me
- C. tell me your
- D. say to me

12 - 6960 As it was getting late, we to go.

- A. Got decided.
- B. Took a decision.
- C. Decided.
- D. Deciding.

12 - 7051 I have been tennis since 10 o'clock!

- A. Play.
- B. Played.
- C. To play.
- D. Playing.

12 - 7092 I do hope she's time!

- A. On.
- B. Out.
- C. At.
- D. In.

12 - 7180 He's been out three days in a row. He _____ be here today or the boss will have his head.

- A. Should be.
- B. Will better.
- C. Had better.
- D. Would be.

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would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. An "alliance" is....

- A. Partnership.
- B. Lodge.
- C. Club.
- D. Trading post.

13 - 1583 Choose the best phrase to start this sentence:
_____ Inverness is in Scotland.

- A. Supposed
- B. My opinion
- C. I think
- D. According to mine

13 - 6925 Which is the correct plural?

- A. Congresseswomen.
- B. Congress'woman.
- C. Congresseswoman.
- D. Congresswomen.

13 - 6951 We seem to be for bankruptcy!

- A. Dreaming.
- B. Aiding.
- C. Concentrating.
- D. Heading.

13 - 7031 The meeting was to another day.

- A. Put off.
- B. Cast away.
- C. Made up.
- D. Thrown out.

13 - 7070 Some new shares have just been

- A. Bred.
- B. Issued.
- C. Elevated.
- D. Conceived.

13 - 7073 " He it!".

- A. Made me to do.
- B. Made me do.
- C. Made me done.
- D. Made me doing.

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- A. A sweet warning.
- B. A legal warning.

- C. An unfounded warning.
- D. A severe warning.

14 - 1479 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
The manager thinks we should accept the contract and I ____.

D

- A. agreeable
- B. am agree
- C. was agreed
- D. agree

14 - 1593 Which of the following sentences is NOT correct?

D

- A. He was fired for stealing from his employer
- B. He was given the sack because he was always late for work
- C. He was dismissed for molesting female members of staff
- D. He was redundant because he argued with the boss

14 - 1712 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
Would you like a coffee before ____ back to work?

C

- A. to go
- B. you had gone
- C. you go
- D. you will go

14 - 6959 other market possibilities, he mentioned a promising deal.

D

- A. Suddenly he'd mention.
- B. While we were having.
- C. During our discussion.
- D. While we were discussing.

14 - 7014 He's very good languages!

B

- A. About.
- B. At.
- C. On.
- D. In.

14 - 7142 On second thought, your solution seems the best.

A

- A. Ripensandoci bene, la tua soluzione sembra la migliore.
- B. Non voglio pensare di nuovo alla tua soluzione.
- C. Non ho pensato a una soluzione migliore della tua.
- D. Senza pensarci due volte, la tua soluzione non sembra la migliore.

14 - 7181 It took me twenty minutes to realise I _____ in the wrong file.

D

- A. Had looked.
- B. Have been looking.
- C. Looked.
- D. Had been looking.

15 - 1451 Choose the best word to complete the following: He said I was overweight and should go on a diet.
After all the problems I've had this year I think that is so _____!

D

- A. polite
- B. easy-going
- C. kind
- D. rude

15 - 7027 Turn the lights when you come in, will you?

D

- A. In.

- B. For.
- C. At.
- D. Out.

15 - 7055 I have lived in Worcester ten years.

A

- A. For.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. As.

15 - 7069 The man was for questioning.

D

- A. Drunk.
- B. Away.
- C. Traumatized.
- D. Detained.

15 - 7136 Maria's coffee bar was _____ she decided to franchise it.

D

- A. Such successful as.
- B. Such successful that.
- C. So successful than.
- D. So successful that.

15 - 7140 If he knows the answer, he _____ it.

B

- A. Is repeating.
- B. Will repeat.
- C. Repeated.
- D. Can to repeat.

15 - 7168 She fainted, but came to shortly afterward.

D

- A. È svenuta, ma ricorda tutte le cose recenti.
- B. È svenuta ma poco dopo è svenuta di nuovo.
- C. È svenuta, ma non ricorda niente delle cose recenti.
- D. È svenuta, ma ha ripreso conoscenza poco dopo.

16 - 1371 Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Your purse? ____ in your office?

D

- A. Haven't you
- B. Isn't
- C. Aren't
- D. Isn't it

16 - 1740 Choose the best word to complete the following: I have a lot of responsibility. I also have to deal _____ all customer complaints at the department store.

B

- A. to
- B. with
- C. by
- D. for

16 - 6935 Mr. Smith doesn't work _____ Fridays.

C

- A. Until.
- B. At.
- C. On.
- D. By.

16 - 6938 Downsizing is certainly cruel.

A

- A. Rather.

- B. Just.
- C. Yet.
- D. Surely.

16 - 6956 We shall make the payment in due

C

- A. Space.
- B. Weather.
- C. Course.
- D. Time.

16 - 7178 To _____ it may concern, I hereby designate Mathilda Jones _____ my attorney.

C

- A. Whoever / such as.
- B. Who / as.
- C. Whom / as.
- D. Whom / like.

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B

- A. Overweight.
- B. Well-known.
- C. Wealthy.
- D. Spacious.

17 - 1386 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
I really like ____ to foreign countries.

D

- A. travel
- B. seeing
- C. visit
- D. going

17 - 1725 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
I ____ haven't seen the film that won the Cannes Film Festival this year.

C

- A. again
- B. already
- C. still
- D. yet

17 - 6917 Which number is written correctly?

A

- A. Three thousand two hundred and forty two.
- B. Three thousand two hundred and fourty two.
- C. Three thousands two hundred and forty two.
- D. Three thousands and two hundreds and forty two.

17 - 7046 How you are here?

A

- A. Come.
- B. Do.
- C. Go.
- D. Have.

17 - 7144 I tried to come, but I couldn't make it.

A

- A. Ho provato a venire, ma non ce l'ho fatta.
- B. Volevo proprio venire, ma non ce l'ho fatta.
- C. Sono venuto lo stesso, anche se non potevo.
- D. Potevo venire, ma non volevo farlo.

17 - 7197 She felt _____ when she first arrived because she had _____ to talk to.

C

- A. Lonely / anybody.
- B. Lone / no one.
- C. Lonely / nobody.
- D. Alone / somebody.

17 - 7557 In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. If you "back someone" you.....

A

- A. Support them.
- B. Show friendship towards them.
- C. Vote for them.
- D. Help them.

18 - 1713 Choose the best word to complete the following: My boss _____ to Florence for a meeting last week. He came back on Friday.

B

- A. were
- B. went
- C. was
- D. wore

18 - 1717 Which adverb CANNOT be used complete this sentence:
This illness is thought to be _____ genetic in origin.

D

- A. mainly
- B. principally
- C. primarily
- D. organically

18 - 6922 He was sorry to _____ your birthday.

C

- A. Forgot.
- B. Loose.
- C. Forget.
- D. Lost.

18 - 6986 A flashlight is a battery-powered light you can carry around with you.

C

- A. So that.
- B. In order.
- C. That.
- D. What.

18 - 6995 I want to the store.

B

- A. That you went.
- B. You to go.

- C. You'd go.
- D. Who you go.

18 - 7498 In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) _____ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) _____ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) _____ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) _____ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) _____ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Were used to.
- B. Used to.
- C. Use to.
- D. Were use to.

B

18 - 7544 Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. "Shortcomings" are....

- A. Lay-offs.
- B. Low sales.
- C. Faults.
- D. Low revenues.

C

19 - 1428 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
Rome is _____.

- A. a city very beautiful
- B. a very beautiful city
- C. very beautiful city
- D. the city very beautiful

B

19 - 1707 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
I'll pay you back the money _____ I can get to the bank.

- A. sooner
- B. as soon
- C. as soon as
- D. no sooner than

C

19 - 6971 The company took shortly after the deal.

- A. Up.

D

- B. Down.
- C. Out.
- D. Over.

19 - 7165 She's not very keen _____ basketball.

A

- A. On.
- B. With.
- C. Around.
- D. To.

19 - 7167 They went over my work with a fine-toothed comb.

A

- A. Hanno passato al vaglio il mio lavoro.
- B. Hanno rifatto il mio lavoro con più precisione.
- C. Hanno continuato il mio lavoro con un pettine più fine.
- D. Hanno soppresso il mio posto di lavoro in modo agguerrito.

19 - 7537 In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. The phrase "few firms are sheltered" means.....

C

- A. Not many companies are competitive.
- B. Not many companies are sold.
- C. Not many companies are protected.
- D. Not many companies are international.

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A

- A. Adjusted specifically to.
- B. Low-keyed.
- C. Musically accompanied.
- D. High class.

20 - 1412 Choose the best phrase to complete the following: Hello, reception? _____ an external line please?

C

- A. I would
- B. Can have
- C. Can I have

D. Can you give

20 - 1431 Choose the best phrase to complete the following: If you are going to be interviewed for a new job, you _____ as much as possible about what the interview will be like. Who'll be interviewing you? Does the interview include any tests or exercises?

- A. should find out
- B. must look for
- C. have to look after
- D. may find

A

20 - 1533 Choose the correct question for this answer: She's a film director.

- A. What does your sister work?
- B. What job your sister does?
- C. What job does your sister?
- D. What does your sister do?

D

20 - 1687 Which of the following would be an appropriate way to begin a formal letter to a person you don't know?

- A. Dear Responsible
- B. Dear Mrs
- C. Illustrious Mister
- D. Dear Sir

D

20 - 1704 Choose the best word to complete the following: I'm always exhausted because my job is so demanding. I'm _____ a coffee bar in the centre of town at the moment, so I'm busy every day except Sundays.

- A. directing
- B. running
- C. working
- D. having

B

20 - 7538 Bromley Limited (1) _____ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) _____, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) _____ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) _____ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) _____ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. At top of.
- B. At the top.
- C. On top of.
- D. On top the.

C

20 - 7559 The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-term prospects after the events of September 11. The supplier to Boeing and Rolls-Royce said that it would cut about 10 per cent of its workforce in a cost-cutting drive, announced last month, to pre-empt lower business levels. The group, which generates two-thirds of its income from making aircraft components, also said it felt that it was inappropriate to pay a dividend. Brett Welch, the finance director, said the cost-cutting exercise would help the company when the airline industry returned to normality. Separately, Ryanair, the no-frills Republic of Ireland airline, is expected to confirm Frankfurt as its second European hub today. The move, eagerly anticipated by observers in the airlines sector, would enable the budget airline to step up its efforts to take cost-conscious

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business passengers from the flag carriers. "A cost-cutting drive" refers to an....

- A. Attempt to reduce employers.
- B. Attempt to cut costs.
- C. Act of faith.
- D. Attempt to stave off incoming airlines.

21 - 6912 I'm afraid we can't comment _____ the court's decision at this time.

- A. On.
- B. At.
- C. Of.
- D. To.

A

21 - 6974 I don't work in this sector and does she!

- A. Either.
- B. Neither.
- C. Even.
- D. Or.

B

21 - 6976 They sold their house they could buy a boat.

- A. For that.
- B. To allow.
- C. In order.
- D. So that.

D

21 - 7068 A new wall is built.

- A. Just.
- B. Has been.
- C. Been.
- D. Being.

D

21 - 7158 _____ my family knew about my boyfriend.

- A. No one.
- B. None of.
- C. Not any.
- D. Anybody of.

B

21 - 7170 Everyone was surprised when he turned down the offer.

- A. Sono rimasti tutti senza parole quando lui ha abbassato l'offerta.
- B. Si sono tutti sorpresi che la sua offerta fosse così bassa.
- C. Lui ha sorpreso tutti quando ha cambiato l'offerta.
- D. Tutti erano sorpresi quando ha rifiutato l'offerta.

D

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- A. By.
- B. Under.

B

- C. According.
- D. Of.

22 - 1730 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
By this time next week we _____ the new computer system.

- A. will installing
- B. have installed
- C. will have been installing
- D. will have installed

D

22 - 6957 I don't suppose I could have a glass of water,?

- A. Do I.
- B. Couldn't I.
- C. Could I.
- D. I suppose.

C

22 - 7087 I wish it snow!

- A. Will.
- B. Has.
- C. Had.
- D. Would.

D

22 - 7135 _____ is very much a part of Barbara's character.

- A. Helpfulness.
- B. Helpful.
- C. Helping.
- D. Help.

A

22 - 7179 Call me at 10 p.m. By that time my parents _____.

- A. Will have left.
- B. Will leave.
- C. Have left.
- D. Will have been leaving.

A

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- A. Culinary sport.
- B. New recipes.
- C. Wild animals.
- D. Exotic kitchen utensils.

C

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- A. Plain passenger.
- B. A new plane.
- C. Vehicle that carries flags.
- D. National airline.

23 - 1426 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:

The notebook ____ in the office yesterday evening, but now it's gone!

- A. was
- B. were
- C. aren't
- D. be

A

23 - 1609 Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:

There's ____ speculation about who will become the new leader of the Labour Party when the Prime Minister retires.

- A. too much
- B. a lot
- C. very
- D. many

A

23 - 6969 Neither you Tom should use that knife!

- A. Either.
- B. Or.
- C. Nor.
- D. Heather.

C

23 - 7015 I wish it rain so much in this place!

- A. Wouldn't.
- B. Shouldn't.
- C. Didn't.
- D. Hadn't.

C

23 - 7043 They say that "... killed the cat ", so don't be nosy!

- A. Intimacy.
- B. Curiosity.
- C. Pregnancy.
- D. Familiarity.

B

23 - 7098 If you buy shares you become

- A. A stockholder.
- B. A sparring partner.
- C. A shared man.
- D. A bonded person.

A

23 - 7546 '(1) _____ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) _____ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) _____ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) _____ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) _____ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into

A

chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. Man is.
- B. The men are.
- C. The man is.
- D. Men are.

24 - 1686 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:

If I _____ a cake, will you bring some wine?

- A. make
- B. had made
- C. would be making
- D. will make

24 - 6966 What do you like in your spare time?

- A. To doing.
- B. Do.
- C. Being done.
- D. Doing.

24 - 6973 He works very, very

- A. Careful.
- B. Likely.
- C. In a caring way.
- D. Carefully.

24 - 7078 , if he doesn't call you by tomorrow afternoon.

- A. I'll let you know.
- B. I'd have let you know.
- C. I'd let you know.
- D. I'll have let you know.

24 - 7121 I couldn't make it to work yesterday.

- A. Ieri non volevo andare al lavoro.
- B. Non sono riuscito ad andare al lavoro ieri.
- C. Non potevo farlo ieri al lavoro.
- D. Non ho potuto farlo funzionare ieri.

24 - 7176 If I _____ to university, I _____ the possibility to work in this field.

- A. Had gone / wouldn't have.
- B. Hadn't been / would had.
- C. Hadn't gone / had had.
- D. Hadn't gone / wouldn't have had.

24 - 7201 Serena: "My daughter's been promoted to General Manager." Tom: " _____? You must be so proud!"

- A. Had she.
- B. Hasn't she.
- C. Is she.
- D. Has she.

25 - 1465 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

When she lived in the centre, she _____ the bus to work.

- A. used take often
- B. would often take
- C. was often taking

D. often was taking

25 - 6920 The milk has gone off. It is:

- A. Stale.
- B. Rotten.
- C. Sour.
- D. Ripe.

C

25 - 6941 Most carmakers have It hard to increase profit.

- A. Created.
- B. Found.
- C. Managed.
- D. Discovered.

B

25 - 7096 Marconi will soonJTC Ltd.

- A. Take up.
- B. Take over.
- C. Take off.
- D. Take out.

B

25 - 7149 A _____ the wedding guests _____ sitting and playing cards.

- A. Couple / was.
- B. Few / be.
- C. Few of / were.
- D. Some / were.

C

25 - 7195 I'm really worried _____ you. You don't seem to care _____ anything anymore.

- A. For / toward.
- B. About / about.
- C. Toward / for.
- D. With / for.

B

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- A. Disfigure them.
- B. Shift them.
- C. Increase them.
- D. Stabilize them.

C

26 - 6965 First of all, you'll have to that the signature on these documents is genuine.

- A. Accord.
- B. Make sure.
- C. Do.
- D. Comply.

B

26 - 6997 I spoke slowly she could understand me.

- A. In order.

D

- B. For that.
- C. To allow.
- D. So that.

26 - 7041 He had been waiting for ten minutes when he came to the that he was in the wrong shop.

B

- A. Reason.
- B. Conclusion.
- C. Station.
- D. Town centre.

26 - 7084 Shut the door on your way out,?

D

- A. Do you.
- B. Did you.
- C. Are you.
- D. Will you.

26 - 7504 Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) _____ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) _____ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) _____ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) _____ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) _____ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

B

- A. In.
- B. To.
- C. Near.
- D. By.

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- A. Saying.
- B. Getting.
- C. Pushing.
- D. Convincing.

26 - 7545 Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say

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sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. The "timing and scope" of their apologies refers to....

- A. How long the apology lasts and where the press conference is held.
- B. At what time of the day they apologize and why they are apologizing.
- C. How often they apologize and who they apologize to.
- D. When they apologize and the reason for their apology.

27 - 1381 Choose the best word to complete the following: He never knows where things are and his desk is always in such a mess! He leaves papers everywhere and is always losing his keys. He's just so _____.

- A. fussy
- B. untidy
- C. undone
- D. neat

B

27 - 1591 You are at an office party with your husband and encounter a senior colleague who hasn't met your husband before. What do you say?

- A. Let me present you with my husband.
- B. Would you mind knowing my husband?
- C. Do you like to meet my husband?
- D. May I introduce you to my husband?

D

27 - 1742 Choose the best way to begin this sentence:

_____ our expectations, we found that the bank was quite willing to give us a loan to cover our debts.

- A. Contrary to
- B. Opposite
- C. Counter
- D. As against

A

27 - 6949 Did you agree to take the job?

- A. At.
- B. For.
- C. In.
- D. On.

D

27 - 7054 he's a good student!

- A. Although.
- B. As he know.
- C. Mostly and largely.
- D. On the whole.

D

27 - 7128 This morning I into Tom Brown!

- A. Ran.
- B. Skipped.
- C. Scuttled.
- D. Jumped.

A

27 - 7130 I forgot my keys, so I _____ break the window and climb _____.

D

- A. Must / through it.
- B. Had to / across it.
- C. Could / over it.
- D. Had to / through it.

28 - 1470 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
The department _____ he works for will soon be closed.

- A. it
- B. where
- C. that
- D. what

C

28 - 1502 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
I do _____ work at home.

- A. lot
- B. a lot
- C. a lot of
- D. lot of

C

28 - 1534 Which sentence is correct?

- A. I like much my job
- B. I like very much my job
- C. I like my job very much
- D. I very like my job

C

28 - 6975 She here since 1988. And she's still with us.

- A. Had been working.
- B. Had been worked.
- C. Worked.
- D. Has worked.

D

28 - 7072 She's the intelligent of the girls.

- A. Little.
- B. Small.
- C. Least.
- D. Less.

C

28 - 7499 In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) _____ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) _____ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) _____ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) _____ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) _____ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Aim.
- B. Goal.
- C. Fry.
- D. Reach.

D

28 - 7532 ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on

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cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. ITV debut on digital satellite television took....

- A. A couple of weeks.
- B. Quite a while.
- C. A short time.
- D. Almost a week.

29 - 1391 Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Their children don't get any exercise. They just watch television _____.

- A. all day
- B. each time
- C. every time
- D. ever

A

29 - 1456 You read the following newspaper headline: Get away for less. The article will be about...

- A. buying a house
- B. increased train fares
- C. online trading
- D. a low-cost travel offer

D

29 - 1654 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence: Everyone _____ pay taxes.

- A. doesn't have
- B. has to
- C. have to
- D. don't have

B

29 - 7013 I haven't seen him 1989.

- A. For.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. Since when.

C

29 - 7033 It's high time you a better job!

- A. Find.
- B. Found.
- C. Funded.
- D. Founding.

B

29 - 7100 It's no use over spilt milk!

- A. To cry.
- B. Cry.
- C. Crying.
- D. Having cried.

C

29 - 7162 Can I give you _____ advice?

- A. A lot.
- B. Much.

D

- C. Many.
- D. Some.

30 - 6945 I have worked here 1990.

- A. As.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. For.

C

30 - 7032 "... you are here, I'm off! See you!"

- A. When.
- B. Since.
- C. For.
- D. Like.

B

30 - 7110 He's a good man. They all him.

- A. Look up to.
- B. Look at.
- C. Look into.
- D. Look out to.

A

30 - 7113 He won't be here,

- A. Will he?.
- B. Shan't he?.
- C. Wouldn't he?.
- D. Doesn't he?.

A

30 - 7129 We look _____ to _____ from you.

- A. Happily / hear.
- B. Glad / hear.
- C. Delighted / hearing.
- D. Forward / hearing.

D

30 - 7173 Once a list of suitable candidates _____ we can contact _____ to arrange interviews.

- A. Has been drawn up / them.
- B. Have been drawn up / they.
- C. Has drawn up / their.
- D. Is drew up / to them.

A

30 - 7501 The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. Which sentence is true:

- A. Philip Morris deliberately chose the name Altria Group to confuse customers.
- B. Warren Smedley changed jobs.
- C. Philip Morris has ruffled some feathers by choosing the name Altria Group.
- D. Altria Healthcare was taken over by Altria Group.

C

- 31 - 1469** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
I'd like to take six months off work and go on a _____ round the world. D
- A. travelling
B. trips
C. travel
D. journey
- 31 - 6943** Large factories are to produce several models. D
- A. Cleverly.
B. Experiencing.
C. Expert.
D. Able.
- 31 - 6950** When you first arrived, what was the company? A
- A. Like.
B. For.
C. About.
D. Around.
- 31 - 7009** All the hydrochloric acid in this tank. C
- A. Is store.
B. Are storing.
C. Is stored.
D. Are store.
- 31 - 7017** I regret my job. A
- A. Leaving.
B. Left.
C. The leaving.
D. To leave.
- 31 - 7143** The milk has gone off. C
- A. Il latte è finito.
B. Il latte non è mio.
C. Il latte non è più buono.
D. Il prezzo del latte è aumentato.
- 31 - 7547** '(1) _____ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) _____ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) _____ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) _____ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) _____ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? B
- A. Speedy.
B. Fast.
C. Quick.
D. Fastly.
- 32 - 6915** The accident _____ at 9 p.m. and the ambulance arrived within 10 minutes. C
- A. Had reported.
B. Was reporting.
C. Was reported.

D. Has been reported.

32 - 6964 The higher the discount,

B

- A. The more we pay.
- B. The more you save.
- C. As higher the savings.
- D. Ever higher the savings.

32 - 6985 You have a driver's license to ride a bike.

C

- A. Mustn't.
- B. Aren't allowed to.
- C. Don't need to.
- D. Shouldn't.

32 - 7160 Please, hurry up! I have to call Jim _____ 5 o'clock.

D

- A. Until.
- B. To.
- C. From.
- D. By.

32 - 7198 Well, I'd rather you _____ invite the CEO, if you don't _____.

B

- A. Mustn't / to mind.
- B. Didn't / mind.
- C. Wouldn't / mind.
- D. Shouldn't / care.

32 - 7200 Red wine _____ to benefit circulation.

A

- A. Has been found.
- B. Has found.
- C. Founded.
- D. Was being found.

32 - 7520 The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". "Roche was fined" means....

A

- A. Roche was penalised.
- B. Roche was made redundant.
- C. Roche lost a market dispute.
- D. Roche lost its grip.

33 - 1445 Choose the best phrase to complete this question: Does anyone know how much _____ on staff per year?

C

- A. does the department spend
- B. is spending the department
- C. the department spends
- D. spends the department

33 - 1521 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence. _____ left after the tourist office and you

A

will see the Marine Hotel on the right.

- A. Turn
- B. Go to
- C. Take
- D. Turn on

33 - 7039 Millions of people in the world live in dreadful

- A. Errands.
- B. Beaches.
- C. Valleys.
- D. Conditions.

33 - 7079 If you don't write down the date and time of the message,

- A. Tom would know.
- B. Tom would never know.
- C. Tom will never know.
- D. Tom never knew.

33 - 7155 I'm sorry, I _____. I _____ about Jim.

- A. Didn't concentrate / was thinking.
- B. Was thinking / was concentrating.
- C. Was concentrating / didn't think.
- D. Wasn't concentrating / was thinking.

33 - 7163 Complete the question. "Could you tell me _____"

- A. How long takes it to get to Seattle?.
- B. How long does it take to get to Seattle?.
- C. How long it takes to get to Seattle?.
- D. How long to get to Seattle it takes?.

33 - 7508 Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) _____ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) _____ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) _____ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) _____ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) _____. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. Looks over.
- B. Overlooks.
- C. Gives out on.
- D. Oversees.

34 - 1394 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

To improve our balance of payments, we must increase productivity and _____ expenditure.

- A. cut down on
- B. drop out of
- C. pull lower
- D. put under

34 - 1517 Choose the best verb to complete this sentence:

By midnight yesterday all the forms _____ to the Commission.

- A. had been sent
- B. were transmitting
- C. we send
- D. are gone

34 - 1546 Choose the best phrase to complete this question. _____ money did the government ask them for?

- A. Too much B.
- How many C.
- "How much"
- D. A lot of

34 - 6992 The cottage is fire.

- A. At.
- B. Of.
- C. On.
- D. Up.

34 - 7016 I wish it rain!

- A. Had.
- B. Has.
- C. Would.
- D. Will.

34 - 7101 The more the

- A. Small.
- B. Less.
- C. Better.
- D. Little.

34 - 7511 Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) _____ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) _____ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) _____ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) _____ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) _____. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

- A. Seen.
- B. To be seen.
- C. To see.
- D. Seeing.

35 - 1409 Which question is correct?

- A. How does the weather in Rome?
- B. What's the weather like in Rome?
- C. What's like the weather in Rome?
- D. How the weather is in Rome?

35 - 1587 You are telephoning Dr Paton. What do you say when her secretary answers the phone?

- A. Good morning, do I speak with Dr Paton please?

- B. Good morning, can I speak Dr Paton please?
- C. Good morning, am I speaking Dr Paton please?
- D. Good morning, may I speak to Dr Paton please?

35 - 1658 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
Angela told me ____ was said at the meeting.

B

- A. which
- B. "what"
- C. that which
- D. that what

35 - 1723 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
You will feel more confident about your new job when you ____ in it for another month.

B

- A. were
- B. have been
- C. are
- D. will be

35 - 6998 I'll have to go to Madrid next month for a meeting.

A

- A. Probably.
- B. Perhaps.
- C. Might.
- D. Maybe.

35 - 7028 is this? It's the Browns'.

B

- A. Whom.
- B. Whose.
- C. Who.
- D. What.

35 - 7157 The boy admitted _____ the toy.

C

- A. Broken.
- B. He breaks.
- C. Breaking.
- D. To break.

36 - 1508 Which verb CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? I've ____ an appointment with the dentist next week, because I'm really worried about the state of my teeth.

C

- A. arranged
- B. made
- C. done
- D. fixed

36 - 1545 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
You ____ send the original documents, a photocopy will do.

B

- A. couldn't
- B. don't have to
- C. don't need
- D. mustn't

36 - 6923 Which of the following is not a part of the human body?

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- A. Heal.
- B. Calf.
- C. Palm.
- D. Lap.

36 - 6979 I've never anything like it before.

- A. To see.
- B. See.
- C. Seen.
- D. Saw.

C

36 - 7551 '(1) _____ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) _____ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) _____ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) _____ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) _____ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

- A. Layed.
- B. Laid.
- C. Lain.
- D. Lied.

B

36 - 7554 In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. The word "demeaning" means

- A. Changing the meaning.
- B. Defining.
- C. Lowering the dignity.
- D. Treating.

C

36 - 7558 In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. It is understood that

- A. Mr. Shaw has been drawing up a list of minority rights.
- B. Debates in Europe about minority rights turn into free-for-alls.
- C. Mr. Shaw can't stand minorities.
- D. The law sides with minorities.

B

37 - 1374 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
The busy terminal is now returning ____.

- A. to the norm
- B. to the normal
- C. to normal
- D. normally

C

37 - 1570 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
Her sister is expecting a baby in June, so they _____ a holiday this year. A

A. won't be having
B. is going to have
C. haven't
D. going to get

37 - 6933 Not only did my husband make me dinner, he _____ did the washing up! C

A. So. B.
Too. C.
Even.
D. Only.

37 - 6948 What are you good? B

A. On.
B. At.
C. In.
D. For.

37 - 7134 Italian people differ _____ other nationalities I know. D

A. To.
B. About.
C. As.
D. From.

37 - 7502 Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) _____ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) _____ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) _____ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) _____ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) _____ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)? A

A. In.
B. On.
C. At.
D. By.

37 - 7522 After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. Londoners are described as D

A. Having a sense of superiority.
B. People concerned about safety.
C. Being indifferent to bombings.
D. People not easily phased.

38 - 1612 Which word CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? Why is the USA ____ in Africa? A

- A. intending
- B. involved
- C. interested
- D. investing

38 - 1664 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence. James Chan doesn't live in Hong Kong any _____. C

- A. when
- B. long
- C. more
- D. much

38 - 6989 The dish is normally at Christmas. B

- A. Eating.
- B. Eaten.
- C. Eat.
- D. Ate.

38 - 7021 I wish she speak so much! C

- A. Wouldn't.
- B. Weren't.
- C. Didn't.
- D. Hadn't.

38 - 7185 I _____ not to mention it. C

- A. Was said.
- B. Was telling.
- C. Was told.
- D. Told.

38 - 7192 The market demand is now _____ due to a major slowdown. A

- A. Stagnating.
- B. Bright.
- C. Downing.
- D. Looking up.

38 - 7533 Bromley Limited (1) _____ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) _____, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) _____ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) _____ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) _____ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? B

- A. Although.
- B. However.
- C. But.
- D. Moreover.

39 - 1406 Choose the best word or phrase to begin this sentence: _____ I manage to get through all the letters I have to write this morning, I'll be able to start working D

on the new project this afternoon.

- A. Since
- B. However
- C. Whether
- D. As long as

39 - 1696 Only one of these sentences is correct. Which one?

- A. I'll see you tomorrow at eight, like usual
- B. I would never do anything like that
- C. She works in the same department like me
- D. She is similar like her brother

B

39 - 1750 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence :I am going to London to do a summer course to _____.

- A. better know English language
- B. know better the English
- C. know better English language
- D. get to know the language better

D

39 - 7036 He hit the target with great every time he shot.

- A. Strength.
- B. Time.
- C. Desire.
- D. Want.

A

39 - 7065 He's terribly He doesn't remember anything you tell him.

- A. Easygoing.
- B. Stable.
- C. Outgoing.
- D. Forgetful.

D

39 - 7127 I _____studied physics if the teacher _____interesting.

- A. Wouldn't have / was.
- B. Wouldn't / hadn't been.
- C. Wouldn't have / hadn't been.
- D. Would have / hadn't been.

C

39 - 7190 He drove off without saying a word.

- A. Ha guidato la macchina senza mai parlare.
- B. Ha guidato la macchina in modo strano.
- C. Ha parlato poco mentre guidava.
- D. Se ne andò in macchina senza dire una parola.

D

40 - 1407 Choose the best phrase to complete this question:How many questions _____in this test?

- A. they are
- B. are they
- C. are there
- D. there are

C

40 - 1449 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
Mark writes for a _____newspaper.

- A. Sweden
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Dutch

D

40 - 6932 The opposite of to whisper is:

- A. To cry.
- B. To laugh.
- C. To howl.
- D. To shout.

D

40 - 7119 Did you know that Tom has been hanging out with Steve?

- A. Sapevi che Tom frequenta Steve?
- B. Sapevi che Tom e Steve vivono fuori casa?
- C. Sai che Tom fuori di casa non parla con Steve?
- D. Hai saputo che Steve ha cacciato Tom fuori di casa?

A

40 - 7146 How come Lisa's putting you up this week?

- A. Come può aiutarti Lisa questa settimana?
- B. Come arriva Lisa questa settimana?
- C. Perché Lisa ti ospita questa settimana?
- D. È vero che Lisa questa settimana manderà te?

C

40 - 7194 At first, my friend didn't want to hire Wendy. But, because I had previously worked with Wendy, I told my friend that she _____ take another look at her C.V. and reconsider _____ for the job.

- A. Has to / she.
- B. Ought to / her.
- C. Must / her.
- D. 'd had to / she.

B

40 - 7507 Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) _____ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) _____ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) _____ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) _____ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) _____. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. Seat.
- B. Area.
- C. Position.
- D. Room.

D

41 - 1726 Choose the best word to complete this question: I'm sorry. I didn't understand your name. Can you _____ your surname please?

- A. writing
- B. spell
- C. syllable
- D. tell

B

41 - 6914 Silvia's flight from Sao Paolo took more than 10 hours. She _____ be exhausted after such a long flight.

- A. Had better.
- B. Had.
- C. Can.
- D. Must.

D

- 41 - 7007** Planes travel than trains, but getting on and off planes at airports is very slow. A
- A. More quickly.
 - B. More quick.
 - C. The quickest.
 - D. As quickly.
- 41 - 7008** The company spent over six million dollars on improving safety. The scheme was a big success. Now, the firm has accidents. C
- A. Lesser.
 - B. Little.
 - C. Fewer.
 - D. More.
- 41 - 7059** It would have taken a to solve that particular problem. B
- A. Small timing.
 - B. Long time.
 - C. Years.
 - D. Some years.
- 41 - 7063** As soon as he was arrested, the man gave some to the police. B
- A. Mistakes.
 - B. Information.
 - C. Out.
 - D. Point.
- 41 - 7164** Life would be much simpler if you _____ worrying so much. B
- A. Will stop.
 - B. Stopped.
 - C. Stop.
 - D. Have stopped.
- 42 - 1584** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
Working in the office _____ dealing with the public. B
- A. isn't tiring as
 - B. isn't as tiring as
 - C. is as tired than
 - D. is more tired than
- 42 - 1656** Choose the best word or words to complete the following: I'm quite an ambitious person. I want _____ general manager in a few years' time. A
- A. to become
 - B. becoming
 - C. I become
 - D. that I become
- 42 - 1714** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Ian McEwan is a British writer. _____ from Hampshire. B
- A. Is
 - B. He's
 - C. Come
 - D. He come
- 42 - 6991** The house is painted at the moment. A
- A. Being.
 - B. Has.
 - C. Was.

D. Been.

42 - 6996 I usually enjoy to training courses.

B

- A. For going.
- B. Going.
- C. To go.
- D. Go.

42 - 7061 This disease has spread in the past few years.

A

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. Down.
- D. In.

42 - 7090 Telling lies never....

C

- A. Dares.
- B. Takes.
- C. Pays.
- D. Gives.

43 - 1637 Which word CANNOT be used as a synonym for prevents in the following newspaper headline? Russia prevents plan to sell arms to African states.

C

- A. stops
- B. interferes with
- C. helps
- D. blocks

43 - 1752 Choose the best way to complete the following: Please _____ need any further information. I will be very pleased to provide it.

C

- A. if you let me know
- B. if let me know you
- C. let me know if you
- D. let me know you if

43 - 7050 Tom has just left the office. In other words he's

C

- A. In.
- B. Up.
- C. Out.
- D. Down.

43 - 7151 I'm really quite lost. _____ you _____ showing me how to get out of here?

B

- A. Must / mind.
- B. Would / mind.
- C. Might / minding.
- D. Would / be.

43 - 7512 Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming

B

under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. Another word for "whole-hearted" is....

- A. Hypocritical.
- B. Sincere.
- C. Warm.
- D. Cold.

43 - 7523 After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. "A rapid-fire succession of restaurants" are

- A. A series of restaurants burning down.
- B. A series of restaurants closing quickly.
- C. A series of restaurants opening quickly.
- D. A series of restaurants opening near each other.

43 - 7529 The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. "Philip Morris has become embroiled". In other words,....

- A. PM has become cheaper.
- B. PM has become entangled.
- C. PM has lost prestige.
- D. PM has become less competitive.

44 - 6928 I _____ not to mention it.

- A. Was told.
- B. Was telling.
- C. Told.
- D. Was said.

44 - 7004 I'm responsible with complaints.

- A. To deal.
- B. To dealing.
- C. For deal.
- D. For dealing.

44 - 7058 Tonight I will probably

- A. Take you up.

- B. Take you for.
- C. Take you out.
- D. Take you down.

44 - 7085 "Of course! It goes without"

A

- A. Saying.
- B. Doing.
- C. Telling.
- D. Speaking.

44 - 7103 Does she play the piano? Yes, she

C

- A. Would.
- B. Do.
- C. Does.
- D. Did.

44 - 7510 Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) _____ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) _____ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) _____ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) _____ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) _____. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

C

- A. Be.
- B. Cannot be.
- C. Isn't.
- D. Is.

44 - 7555 In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. If you "masquerade" you

D

- A. Behave badly.
- B. Buy strange clothes.
- C. Dress theatrically.
- D. Assume a false appearance.

45 - 1442 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
I work _____ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

A

- A. at the
- B. at
- C. to the
- D. in

45 - 1444 Choose the best phrase to complete this question: _____ to drive if you have had more than two

D

alcoholic drinks?

- A. Do you permit
- B. Must you
- C. Can you
- D. Are you allowed

45 - 6994 is bad for you.

- A. To smoke.
- B. The smoking.
- C. Smoking.
- D. Having smoked.

45 - 7093 Of all my friends, Tom is the one I like the

- A. Smaller.
- B. Most.
- C. Less.
- D. More.

45 - 7099 It's about time you some work!

- A. Do.
- B. Will do.
- C. Did.
- D. Done.

45 - 7169 Alice is sincere through and through.

- A. Alice è completamente sincera.
- B. Alice qualche volta è sincera.
- C. Alice non è sempre sincera.
- D. Alice non è completamente sincera.

45 - 7514 As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) _____ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) _____ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) _____ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) _____ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) _____ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. Any.
- B. Little.
- C. Some.
- D. Few.

46 - 1388 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
Several people ____ his suggestion and some emails were exchanged about this.

- A. replied
- B. answered him
- C. responded to
- D. told

46 - 1549 Choose the best phrase to complete this question. _____ to do the training program face-to-face or online?

- A. Cost less

- B. Is cheap
- C. Is it cheaper
- D. Is cheaper

46 - 1680 Choose the correct phrase to complete this sentence. The manager said that all personal telephone calls ____.

C

- A. might have to pay
- B. should have paid
- C. had to be paid for
- D. must have paid for

46 - 1684 Choose the best word to complete this question: ____ do you like your job?

C

- A. What
- B. Who
- C. Why
- D. Where

46 - 6968 How did it cost?

D

- A. Many.
- B. War.
- C. Well.
- D. Much.

46 - 7125 Mr. Smith doesn't work _____ Fridays or _____ weekends.

C

- A. Until / at.
- B. By / till.
- C. On / at.
- D. At / in.

46 - 7189 I'm sick and tired of this affair.

B

- A. Questo affare mi confonde.
- B. Sono stufo di questo affare.
- C. Questo affare mi causa malessere.
- D. Sono nervoso per questo affare.

47 - 1510 Choose the best word or words to complete the question: Who ____ this afternoon? I heard that someone was looking for me.

B

- A. ring
- B. rang
- C. rung
- D. does ring

47 - 7053 The President has just announced his

C

- A. Pain.
- B. Regretful.
- C. Resignation.
- D. Discharge.

47 - 7102 There's no point going back now.

D

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. At.
- D. In.

47 - 7104 Tom tennis since 10 o'clock.

C

- A. Had played.
- B. Played.
- C. Has been playing.
- D. Have played.

47 - 7114 You can stay out late that you go with Tom.

A

- A. Provided.
- B. However.
- C. When.
- D. Even.

47 - 7183 I thought it was a waste of time _____ that film.

A

- A. Seeing.
- B. See.
- C. To saw.
- D. Seen.

47 - 7535 Bromley Limited (1) _____ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) _____, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) _____ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) _____ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) _____ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

C

- A. Were established.
- B. Established.
- C. Was established.
- D. Has been established.

48 - 1512 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
I wish I ____ the small print before I signed the contract.

B

- A. would have read
- B. had read
- C. would read
- D. read

48 - 1698 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
There is an excellent ____ of Vermeer's paintings on at the Royal Academy at the moment.

D

- A. performance
- B. demonstration
- C. manifestation
- D. exhibition

48 - 1735 Choose the best word or words to complete the following: I love Berlin. It's a really lively and exciting place, and the people ____ friendly.

C

- A. they are a lot
- B. are much
- C. are very
- D. they are more

48 - 6921 Chose the correct noun form for the verb 'to advise'?

D

- A. Advise.

- B. Advicing.
- C. Addvice.
- D. Advice.

48 - 7037 There is no for paying women less than men if they do the same job.

A

- A. Reason.
- B. Time.
- C. Point.
- D. Use.

48 - 7133 The football coach wanted to improve the _____ fitness.

A

- A. Players'.
- B. Players's.
- C. Player's.
- D. Players.

48 - 7516 As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) _____ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) _____ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) _____ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) _____ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) _____ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

D

- A. Open.
- B. Opening.
- C. The exchanging.
- D. Openness.

49 - 1392 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
My sister's husband _____ thirty-five.

A

- A. is
- B. have
- C. aged
- D. is old

49 - 1471 Choose the best verb form to complete this question: Where did they all _____ after the party?

B

- A. going
- B. go
- C. went
- D. gone

49 - 6939 How much do you think?

D

- A. Can it be.
- B. Is it.
- C. Is this.
- D. It is.

49 - 7042 There is very little if you share a small flat with six others!

A

- A. Room.
- B. Flat.
- C. House.
- D. Water.

49 - 7091 She can't play the piano! In fact, she's A

- A. Hopeless.
- B. Sly.
- C. Artful.
- D. Cunning.

49 - 7109 The "Mayor of London" is a C

- A. Statue.
- B. Relic.
- C. Person.
- D. Bust.

49 - 7549 '(1) _____ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) _____ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) _____ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) _____ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) _____ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Not one.
- B. Not some.
- C. No one.
- D. Not none.

50 - 1370 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
Don't buy that jacket - it's _____ for you. A

- A. too big
- B. too much big
- C. bigger
- D. too big size

50 - 1483 Choose the correct answer for this question: Did you get the job? D

- A. Yes, I get it
- B. Yes, I have got
- C. Yes, I got
- D. Yes, I did

50 - 6954 The company is thinking about some managers. C

- A. Rubbing.
- B. Disrupting.
- C. Removing.
- D. Disposing.

50 - 6977 Do you really enjoy that sort of music? D

- A. Listen to.
- B. To listen.
- C. Listening.
- D. Listening to.

50 - 7018 When she got to the station, the train already left! B

- A. Had been.
- B. Had.
- C. Was.

D. Has.

50 - 7057 I don't mind to the cinema.

B

- A. Go.
- B. Going.
- C. To go.
- D. Gone.

50 - 7541 The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". According to BASF, the fine was "inappropriately high". In other words,....

B

- A. It was cool.
- B. It was far too high.
- C. It was right.
- D. It was far too soon.

51 - 1571 Which sentence means the same as this one?The train leaves at 8.35.

A

- A. The train leaves at twenty five to nine.
- B. The train leaves at nine minus twenty-five
- C. The train leaves at thirty-five minutes to eight
- D. The train leaves at twenty-five past eight

51 - 7034 This time next year I'll to Australia!

A

- A. Be flying.
- B. To fly.
- C. Flying.
- D. Flew.

51 - 7152 _____ information _____ our company is now possible on line.

D

- A. For obtaining / of.
- B. To obtain / from.
- C. Obtain / about.
- D. Obtaining / about.

51 - 7199 If only I _____ taller, life would be _____ easier.

C

- A. Had been / so.
- B. Am / so much.
- C. Were / so much.
- D. Was / a lot of.

51 - 7494 ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will

D

pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. "Under the deal" means.....

- A. Prior to the deal.
- B. Before the deal.
- C. After the deal.
- D. In compliance with the deal.

51 - 7513 As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) _____ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) _____ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) _____ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) _____ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) _____ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. For example.
- B. Such.
- C. Such as.
- D. Whereas.

51 - 7542 The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". A "law firm" deals with....

- A. Grey matters.
- B. Legal matters.
- C. Scientific matters.
- D. Unknown matters.

52 - 1440 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
There will soon be wireless computers in _____ office.

- A. every
- B. both
- C. all
- D. whole

52 - 1464 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
Do you prefer to _____ the air conditioning on while you are working?

- A. keep
- B. hold
- C. take
- D. go

52 - 1728 Choose the best word to complete this question. Where _____ you like to go this evening?

- A. can
- B. does

- C. would
- D. are

52 - 1745 Choose the best word to complete the following: He never turns up on time. He's totally _____. D

- A. sensitive
- B. unsuitable
- C. trustworthy
- D. unreliable

52 - 6926 There was a _____ between two aircrafts last week. C

- A. Collition.
- B. Colliding.
- C. Collision.
- D. Colision.

52 - 6983 I haven't heard the news B

- A. Yesterday.
- B. Today.
- C. Last night.
- D. At one o'clock.

52 - 7010 Before the letter we ought to contact the client. D

- A. To write.
- B. We are writing.
- C. Has written.
- D. Writing.

53 - 1398 Which of the following is NOT a member of the family? A

- A. cushion
- B. grand-daughter
- C. niece
- D. uncle

53 - 1537 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
I _____ so many people at the Live8 concert last month. C

- A. knew
- B. meet
- C. met
- D. have known

53 - 1719 Choose the correct phrase to complete the following: You _____ in an election, but I think you should. If you have the right to vote, you should take advantage of it. C

- A. needn't have voted
- B. need to vote
- C. don't have to vote
- D. have to vote

53 - 6955 Ian speaks much than Roger. A

- A. Better.
- B. Well.
- C. Worsen.
- D. Good.

53 - 7035 Never such a beautiful church! C

- A. I have seen.

- B. I will see.
- C. Have I seen.
- D. Do I see.

53 - 7548 Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. In this article, "oft-touted" means....

- A. Very old.
- B. The first.
- C. Rarely told.
- D. Frequently mentioned.

D

53 - 7550 '(1) _____ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) _____ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) _____ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) _____ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) _____ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Can have been.
- B. Must have been.
- C. Can't have been.
- D. Should have been.

D

54 - 1473 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
On my first trip abroad, I lived for a month _____ a German family.

- A. with
- B. at
- C. by
- D. on

A

54 - 1588 Which word or phrase CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? Professor Firth's plane _____ at 23.00 tomorrow evening.

- A. is arriving
- B. will arrive
- C. arrives
- D. is arrived

D

54 - 6929 Choose the most appropriate adjective. A moody person is _____.

- A. Confused.
- B. Optimistic.
- C. Unpredictable.

C

D. Excitable.

54 - 6967 Everybody her for saving the old man from drowning.

B

- A. Accused.
- B. Praised.
- C. Congratulated.
- D. Prohibited.

54 - 7020 Before switch off the lights.

C

- A. Go.
- B. To leave.
- C. Leaving.
- D. Come.

54 - 7029 Who you tell?

B

- A. Had.
- B. Did.
- C. Has.
- D. Have.

54 - 7115 We leave York London at 7.30 tomorrow morning.

B

- A. Towards.
- B. For.
- C. On.
- D. To.

55 - 1375 Which of the following is NOT a place in a house?

C

- A. hall
- B. bathroom
- C. chicken
- D. living room

55 - 1460 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

My boss _____ me that the report was due in by Friday.

B

- A. said
- B. reminded
- C. recalled
- D. remembered

55 - 6913 Tomorrow is our wedding anniversary. We _____ for 35 years.

B

- A. Will be marrying.
- B. Will have been married.
- C. Are going to be married.
- D. Will be married.

55 - 6946 How much progress you made so far?

C

- A. Might.
- B. Did.
- C. Have.
- D. Has.

55 - 7147 The meeting was to another day.

D

- A. Thrown out.
- B. Made up.
- C. Cast away.

D. Put off.

55 - 7188 I never expected him to let us down that way.

A

- A. Non mi sarei mai aspettato che ci deludesse così.
- B. Non avrei mai aspettato il suo permesso.
- C. Non l'avrei mai aspettato giù per quella strada.
- D. Non mi sarei mai aspettato che ci lasciasse in quella strada.

55 - 7497 In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) _____ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) _____ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) _____ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) _____ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) _____ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

B

- A. In.
- B. From.
- C. Of.
- D. By.

56 - 1424 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

I am not familiar with this technology yet so I am going to _____ research on it.

C

- A. make a
- B. do any
- C. do some
- D. make

56 - 1586 Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:

It rained all last weekend _____ we didn't go to the seaside.

A

- A. so
- B. through
- C. by
- D. because of

56 - 6952 She can't stand by herself!

D

- A. To work.
- B. Work.
- C. Worked.
- D. Working.

56 - 7175 The jump was such a daunting prospect that he decided _____ doing it.

C

- A. Off.
- B. On.
- C. Against.
- D. About.

56 - 7186 The results of the test were doctored up.

A

- A. I risultati dell'esame sono stati falsificati.
- B. I risultati dell'esame sono stati pubblicati.
- C. I risultati dell'esame sono stati firmati dal dottore.
- D. I risultati dell'esame sono stati mandati al dottore.

56 - 7530 ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. Its current audience will by 150%.

- A. Go up.
- B. Go on.
- C. Go through.
- D. Go astray.

A

56 - 7556 In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. To "trigger a response" is to....

- A. Shoot a response.
- B. Repeat a response.
- C. Initiate a response.
- D. Publicise a response.

C

57 - 6984 There's a choice of two colours. You can buy them in red or green.

- A. Also.
- B. Whether.
- C. As well as.
- D. Either.

D

57 - 7019 It's since I last him!

- A. A lot / seen.
- B. Several / years.
- C. Months / will see.
- D. Years / saw.

D

57 - 7026 It's about time you made your mind!

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. On.
- D. In.

B

57 - 7049 "How are you today?" - ""

- A. Best.
- B. Fine.
- C. Refinery.
- D. Fined.

B

57 - 7067 No names have yet made.

A

- A. Been.
- B. Still.
- C. Being.
- D. Just.

57 - 7166 I know I made a mistake, but you don't have to rub it in.

B

- A. Lo so che ho fatto uno sbaglio, ma tu non devi cancellarlo.
- B. Lo so che ho sbagliato, ma tu non farla lunga.
- C. Sbagliando si impara.
- D. Sapevo di sbagliare, ma l'ho fatto lo stesso.

57 - 7521 After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. "Downturn" means...

A

- A. Decline.
- B. Change.
- C. Refusal.
- D. Demolition.

58 - 1727 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
Our customers usually pay _____ bills promptly.

D

- A. you're
- B. there
- C. ours
- D. their

58 - 6927 I went to the library to _____ a book.

B

- A. Take.
- B. Borrow.
- C. Lend.
- D. Loan.

58 - 7011 I'd go if I you!

D

- A. Has been.
- B. Had been.
- C. Was.
- D. Were.

58 - 7075 I knew you show up!

B

- A. Hasn't.
- B. Wouldn't.
- C. Wasn't.
- D. Didn't.

58 - 7095 I always do my

B

- A. Good.
- B. Best.
- C. Well.
- D. Better.

58 - 7123 _____ you be so kind as _____ the window?

B

- A. Would / opening.
- B. Would / to open.
- C. Should / to open.
- D. Could / to open.

58 - 7496 In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) _____ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) _____ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) _____ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) _____ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) _____ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

A

- A. Decided.
- B. Was decided.
- C. Has decided.
- D. Had decided.

59 - 1518 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
Eritrea is the most exciting country _____.

A

- A. I have ever visited
- B. I have never gone
- C. I ever been
- D. I never went

59 - 1544 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
He's worked in this department _____.

C

- A. since five years
- B. from 2000 to 2004
- C. for a long time
- D. when he was 30

59 - 1688 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
At the time of my visit last April, Kembruck Inc. _____ a successful, £340 million advertising campaign.

B

- A. have already finished
- B. was just finishing
- C. had been finished
- D. has finished

59 - 7006 signing here, please?

A

- A. Would you mind.
- B. Would you like.
- C. Would you want.
- D. Would you care.

59 - 7030 This morning I into Tom Brown!

D

- A. Scuttled.
- B. Skipped.
- C. Jumped.
- D. Ran.

- 59 - 7060** Tom is the boy lives in Nashville. D
- A. Which.
 - B. Whom.
 - C. Whose.
 - D. That.
- 59 - 7154** She regards _____ as a failure for having dropped out _____ university. D
- A. Herself / at.
 - B. Self / in.
 - C. Her own self / of.
 - D. Herself / of.
- 60 - 1655** Choose the best word to complete this sentence. Veronica has three ____, Barbara, Helen and Peter. D
- A. child
 - B. daughters
 - C. sons
 - D. children
- 60 - 6958** She's a nicer person than I thought she was. C
- A. Very.
 - B. Such.
 - C. Much.
 - D. Quite.
- 60 - 7081** I wish she married me then. C
- A. Was.
 - B. Were.
 - C. Had.
 - D. Has.
- 60 - 7094** Tim denied the boy. D
- A. Beat.
 - B. To beating.
 - C. Was beaten.
 - D. Beating.
- 60 - 7196** When I see James, _____ him _____ you said. D
- A. I told / which.
 - B. I tell / that.
 - C. I'm telling / that.
 - D. I'll tell / what.
- 60 - 7495** ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. Stuart Prebble said that the deal was..... C
- A. A deterrent for viewers.
 - B. A long way off.

- C. Attractive for satellite viewers.
- D. Near.

60 - 7534 Bromley Limited (1) _____ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) _____, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) _____ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) _____ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) _____ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Which.
- B. Whom.
- C. Where.
- D. Who.

61 - 1389 Choose the best words to complete this sentence:
Sorry. Sandra isn't here at the moment. She's _____.

- A. went home
- B. gone out
- C. came back
- D. been away

61 - 1566 Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
The chancellor said that every child born after September 2002 _____ a gift of £250 at birth.

- A. would have given
- B. would present
- C. would be got
- D. would receive

61 - 1589 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
_____ I listened to a football match on the radio.

- A. Tomorrow night
- B. Next week
- C. The last night
- D. Yesterday evening

61 - 1618 Which word or phrase CANNOT be used to complete this sentence?
Omega Systems announced that it did not support the criminal prosecution of a Russian hacker _____ last week.

- A. captured
- B. arrested
- C. taken into custody
- D. kept

61 - 7117 What do these initials stand for?

- A. Qual è il principio di tutto?
- B. Fa qualcosa per sé prima di iniziare?
- C. Che cosa significano queste iniziali?
- D. Cosa fanno per sé prima di tutto?

61 - 7156 I had been _____ what to cook for dinner when the telephone _____.

- A. Guessing / had been ringing.

- B. Studying / rings.
- C. Wondering / rang.
- D. Asking / was ringing.

61 - 7531 ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. "Revenue" is another word for.....

- A. Income.
- B. A share.
- C. A bond.
- D. A stock.

A

62 - 1541 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
The company _____ in the red for some years when it was forced to close down.

- A. had already been operating
- B. has already operated
- C. already operating
- D. was already operated

A

62 - 6916 The shutters were closed and the lights were switched off at my neighbours house. They _____ on holiday.

- A. Mustn't have gone.
- B. Should be.
- C. Can't have been.
- D. Must have been.

D

62 - 6924 Italian people differ _____ other nationalities I know.

- A. As.
- B. To.
- C. From.
- D. About.

C

62 - 6942 There a considerable amount of consolidation among suppliers.

- A. Was going.
- B. Were.
- C. Going to be.
- D. Has been.

D

62 - 7097 In the US, shares are also known as

- A. Bonds.
- B. Assets.
- C. Stocks.
- D. Securities.

C

62 - 7159 "I've never been to Prague." "Neither _____"

- A. Was I."
- B. Do I."
- C. Had I."

D

D. Have I."

- 62 - 7182** I really regretted my mistake. It was one that I _____. B
- A. Mustn't make.
 - B. Ought not to have made.
 - C. Had not to make.
 - D. Ought not to be making.
- 63 - 1411** Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:
I want to become a judge so I am studying _____. D
- A. jury
 - B. right
 - C. the rights
 - D. law
- 63 - 1611** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
I like _____news on the radio in the morning. B
- A. to listen
 - B. listening to the
 - C. listen to
 - D. listening
- 63 - 1705** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
Pedro Almodòvar is a film director from _____. A
- A. Spain
 - B. the Spanish
 - C. the Spain
 - D. Spanish
- 63 - 6990** All boarding passes to the flight attendant before boarding. C
- A. Must have given.
 - B. Must give.
 - C. Must be given.
 - D. Must be giving.
- 63 - 7138** Tomorrow I have an appointment _____. B
- A. To get cut my hair.
 - B. To have my hair cut.
 - C. To cut my hair.
 - D. To have cut my hair.
- 63 - 7193** Large factories are _____to produce several models. C
- A. Cleverly.
 - B. Experiencing.
 - C. Able.
 - D. Expert.
- 63 - 7492** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new B

plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Several new plants have been set up.....

- A. To support foreign customers.
- B. To respond to demand overseas.
- C. To set new regulations.
- D. To curb inflation.

64 - 1438 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

Do you think that the government will ever ____back capital punishment?

- A. take
- B. hold
- C. bring
- D. fetch

C

64 - 1475 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

____ I like Caroline personally, I don't think she is the person best qualified for the job.

- A. Despite
- B. However
- C. Although
- D. Nevertheless

C

64 - 1690 Which sentence is correct?

- A. I haven't seen him for a long time
- B. It's a long time I don't see him
- C. It's a long time I did not see him
- D. I don't see him since a long time

A

64 - 1754 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

John Baxter sent a report this afternoon from ____the disaster scene.

- A. far
- B. next
- C. close to
- D. in front

C

64 - 6980 The door of the plane is open. Is everybody ready? Ok jump!

- A. Let's go.
- B. Let.
- C. Let you.
- D. Let's.

D

64 - 7052 Have you ever been to the UK?

- A. Yes I will.
- B. Yes I had.
- C. Yes I have.
- D. Yes I did.

C

64 - 7141 He threw away a chance to go to China.

- A. Ha sprecato l'occasione di andare in Cina.
- B. Ha dato un'occasione a qualcuno per andare in Cina.
- C. Ha mandato qualcuno in Cina.
- D. Ha invitato qualcuno ad andare in Cina.

A

65 - 1613 Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: That isn't your desk. It's ____.

- A. main
- B. hers

B

- C. your
- D. he's

65 - 1729 Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: This is our area manager. He _____ all the day-to-day business at the company.

- A. deals
- B. is in charge of
- C. responds to
- D. is responsive

B

65 - 6978 If this rain soon, we'll run around and go back home.

- A. Doesn't stop.
- B. Not stopping.
- C. Isn't stopping.
- D. Won't stop.

A

65 - 7112 Let's go out,

- A. Don't we?.
- B. Shall we?.
- C. Shan't we?.
- D. Do we?.

B

65 - 7161 There was a man _____ was looking for you.

- A. In which.
- B. Which.
- C. Whom.
- D. Who.

D

65 - 7171 Alfred is now hanging around only well-to-do people!

- A. Alfred spera un giorno di incontrare gente che ami viaggiare!
- B. Alfred frequenta solamente gente altolocata!
- C. Alfred vuole conoscere gente importante e per questo viaggia molto!
- D. Alfred è alla ricerca di brava gente!

B

65 - 7172 I had to deny _____ request.

- A. Her / it's.
- B. To him / his.
- C. him / it's.
- D. Him / his.

D

66 - 1535 Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

The Prime Minister returned to Scotland _____.

- A. last night
- B. the evening of yesterday
- C. tomorrow morning
- D. next afternoon

A

66 - 7001 We've delivered it, but we haven't installed it

- A. Still.
- B. Already.
- C. Yet.
- D. Now.

C

66 - 7089 Let's go out,?

- A. Won't we.

B

- B. Shall we.
- C. Will we.
- D. Don't we.

66 - 7118 That theory will never hold water.

- A. É una teoria inutile.
- B. Quella teoria non sarà mai pubblicata.
- C. Quella teoria non piacerà mai a nessuno.
- D. Quella teoria non reggerà mai.

D

66 - 7124 _____ the play is set in Italy, _____ the characters are Italian.

- A. Although / the little.
- B. But / the few.
- C. Although / few of.
- D. However / little of.

C

66 - 7505 Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) _____ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) _____ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) _____ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) _____ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) _____ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Were breeding.
- B. Will have been breeding.
- C. Was breeding.
- D. Has been breeding.

C

66 - 7539 In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Hyper-competition can sometimes be....

- A. Long.
- B. Enduring.
- C. Stringent.
- D. Transient.

D

67 - 1472 Which of the following is NOT a school subject?

- A. chemistry
- B. story C.
- maths D.
- physics

B

- 67 - 1615** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:
Last Monday the House unanimously _____ the new legislation. B
- A. have passed
B. passed
C. were passing
D. was passed
- 67 - 1709** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:
I've been trying _____ with him all week, but he's never in the office and his mobile always seems to be busy. B
- A. getting hold
B. to get in touch
C. to answer
D. contacting
- 67 - 6918** What is the correct spelling of the following word? D
- A. Accommadation.
B. Accomodation.
C. Acommodation.
D. Accommodation.
- 67 - 6981** I've asked the waiter for the bill but he hasn't brought it A
- A. Yet.
B. Already.
C. Now.
D. Still.
- 67 - 7116** We want to throw a party before summer vacation. D
- A. Vogliamo fissare una data per la festa prima delle vacanze estive.
B. Vogliamo cancellare la festa prima delle vacanze estive.
C. Vogliamo andare a una festa prima delle vacanze estive.
D. Vogliamo dare una festa prima delle vacanze estive.
- 67 - 7515** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) _____ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) _____ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) _____ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) _____ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) _____ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)? A
- A. Name.
B. Work.
C. Call.
D. Show.
- 68 - 1384** Choose the best answer for this question: Are you ready? A
- A. Yes, I am
B. No, I not
C. Yes, I do
D. Yes, I ready
- 68 - 1540** Choose the best word to complete this sentence: A

The passing of this law marks the first step on a road that we hope will _____ to greater prosperity for all.

- A. lead
- B. bring
- C. take
- D. move

68 - 1614 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

I think the company's _____ a busy year next year.

- A. going to have
- B. had
- C. have
- D. has

68 - 6987 It wasn't too bad. I was able to answer most of the questions

- A. Clearly.
- B. Carefully.
- C. Easily.
- D. Quietly.

68 - 7024 At 5:00 am he was making the airport.

- A. Towards.
- B. At.
- C. For.
- D. To.

68 - 7503 Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) _____ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) _____ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) _____ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) _____ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) _____ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. To think.
- B. To thinking.
- C. Thinking.
- D. Think.

68 - 7526 In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) _____ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) _____ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) _____ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) _____ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) _____ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

- A. Taking.

- B. Took.
- C. Was taken.
- D. Has taken.

69 - 1417 Choose the best word to complete this sentence:
Door-to-door _____ will involve a 10% surcharge on the price of the purchased goods. A

- A. delivery
- B. invoice
- C. posting
- D. expedition

69 - 1722 Which word or phrase is missing from the following sentence? I graduated _____ 'Industrial Management Engineer' three months ago. D

- A. from
- B. in
- C. at the
- D. as an

69 - 1734 Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:
My husband doesn't _____ to help plan our holidays! C

- A. ever much do
- B. do often
- C. do much
- D. a lot do

69 - 7056 I'm very sorry. I must have I'll add it up again. A

- A. Made a mistake.
- B. Carried out a mistake.
- C. Performed a mistake.
- D. Done a mistake.

69 - 7064 This magazine only comes out D

- A. In herds.
- B. On hutches.
- C. By itself.
- D. Quarterly.

69 - 7074 you nor Tom will have to work this weekend! C

- A. Nor.
- B. Never.
- C. Neither.
- D. Either.

69 - 7153 I'm working on two jobs to _____ some _____ money. A

- A. Earn / extra.
- B. Gain / extra.
- C. Win / more.
- D. Gain / more.

70 - 1403 Choose the best word to complete the following: She knows how to get on with people and does all the right things. She really is terribly _____. D

- A. moody
- B. shy
- C. selfish
- D. sensible

70 - 1419 If you like meeting people, what kind of a person are you? B

- A. socialist
- B. out-going
- C. dependable
- D. self-conscious

70 - 1737 Choose the best question for this answer: I'm fine thanks. C

- A. What are you?
- B. Where are you?
- C. How are you?
- D. Who are you?

70 - 7005 Perhaps we check the figures again to make sure we haven't made any mistakes. B

- A. Shall.
- B. Should.
- C. Ought.
- D. Must.

70 - 7044 There's a certain between them, but I wouldn't really have guessed that they were brother and sister. C

- A. Condition.
- B. Taste.
- C. Similarity.
- D. Medium.

70 - 7145 He turned up just as the meeting was ending. C

- A. Lui ha concluso la riunione con un riassunto.
- B. Alla fine della riunione si è sentito male.
- C. Lui è arrivato proprio quando la riunione stava per concludersi.
- D. Si è voltato solo alla fine della riunione.

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- A. Mathematical one.
- B. Common one.
- C. Difficult one.
- D. Redundant one.