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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

adopt
pledge
call
reject

shift
turn
defeat
hold

hold
run
nominate
veto

extend
spin
withdraw
suffer

question
polarise
ratify
pursue

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Verb Collocations

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

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

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

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

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

Word Association

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

1. Author

2. Investment Banker

3. Lawyer

4. Scientist

5. Police Officer

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

turmoil
executor
plaintiff
broker
journal
obituary

specimen
checkpoint
enforcement
clinical trial
autopsy
cordon

technicality
dividend
critic(al)
breakthrough
homicide
subpoena(ed)

floatation
pseudonym
memoir
commodities
revenue
counsel

writ
squad
precinct
subject(s)
forensic
genre

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

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

Vocabulary in Action

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

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

Types of Punishment

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

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

Verb Collocations

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

| | | |
|-----------|--------|---------|
| hand down | impose | dismiss |
| overturn | settle | claim |
| reach | threat | |
| appeal | grant | |

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

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

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

Good Qualities and Character Flaws 2

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

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

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

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

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

Story: The Hopeless Romantic

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Role of Education in the Developing World

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food - Cooking and Eating

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

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

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

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

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|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------|-------|
| scrumptious | delectable | rare | bountiful | satiated | soggy |
| starchy | raw | curdled | putrid | tangy | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Teen Mischief-making

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

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

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

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

Life for 20-something-year-olds

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

Buying a House

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

| | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| prudence proportion | arrears bust | foreclosure plummet | repossession revelation | negative equity deposit |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|

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

Word Association

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

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

- (b) Now match the collocations with their definitions:

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

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

Coming to Terms with Cancer

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

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

Odd One Out

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

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

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

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

Fifty : Fifty

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the News

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

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

(b) Which of the above collocations means:

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|------|------|-------|-----------|------|
| stay | inspire | base | pick | adapt | shortlist | cast |
|------|---------|------|------|-------|-----------|------|

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

Environmental Issues in the Developing World

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

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | |
|-------|------|------------|-------|
| scorn | rife | delinquent | slain |
|-------|------|------------|-------|

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

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

Environmental Issues in the Developing World 3

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

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

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

Abbreviations

Write the following acronyms and molecular formulas out in full.

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

Hint: an organisation that is independent of the government

Hint: a type of gas which trees absorb

Hint: a type of gas cattle produce a lot of

Hint: a leading international nature organisation (panda logo)

Hint: crops that scientists have tampered with

Hint: produced by aerosol sprays

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

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

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

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

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

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

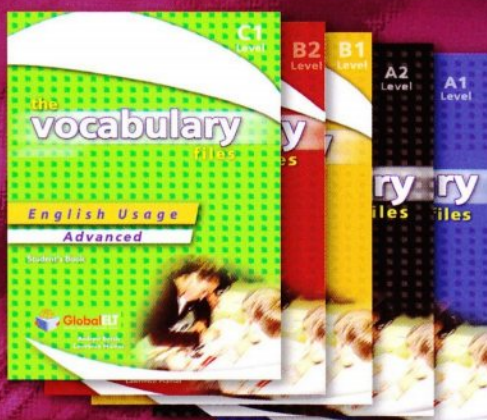
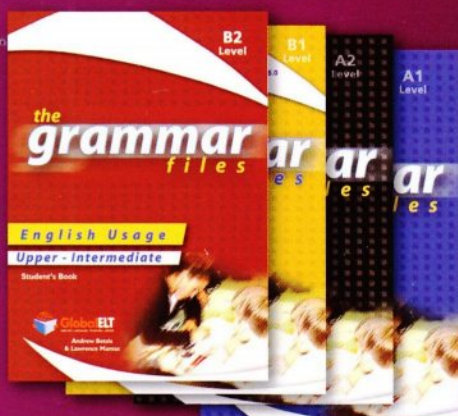
1. This new measure will prove counterproductive and only serve to _____ growth, ensuring that it takes us longer than necessary to climb our way out of this recession.
2. He has been _____ in the press and cast as some sort of devil figure. Perhaps some perspective is needed; after all, his only crime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

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