

## Задание 2. Лексико-грамматический тест

*Инструкция. Заполните пропуски, обозначенные номерами 1–7. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям 1–7, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов (A, B, C, D). Перенесите букву правильной подстановки в таблицу.*

### Test 2.1

#### The Secret Tunnel

In the middle of our village, there is a beautiful old church, which dates back to the beginning of the Middle Ages. It was rebuilt several times, but some of its parts, including the foundations, are **1** \_\_\_\_\_.

Well, **2** \_\_\_\_\_ about restoration, a while ago they decided to install a heating system there, as it gets cold in winter. Some of the local boys volunteered to help, including myself. The benches were connected in stacks, so it was hard work to lift or to push them away, but we managed it. Most of the church floor was covered with marble-type slabs, but under some benches there were just some ancient-looking bricks.

We got really **3** \_\_\_\_\_, as we had heard stories about an old underground passageway leading from a crypt below the church to the castle in the nearest city. It is twelve miles **4** \_\_\_\_\_. So, a friend of mine and I started to dig down there. It was relatively easy to pull out the top layer of bricks, and underneath them we found soil, which also moved easily as it was completely dry. We found that one side of the hole was so soft that you could just **5** \_\_\_\_\_ a stick through it. It was obviously that passageway! Then some workmen came in and told us to stop. Just fancy that! We had to stop at the most exciting moment.

After a few days, the workmen put a layer of hard cement over the entire floor, so our find remained a mystery. But I won't give **6** \_\_\_\_\_. I still hope to go there some day and find that secret tunnel. Maybe, that will become the greatest **7** \_\_\_\_\_ of the 21st century.

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|----|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. | A) natural    | B) original  | C) real      | D) genuine     |
| 2. | A) commenting | B) telling   | C) saying    | D) speaking    |
| 3. | A) excited    | B) amazed    | C) annoyed   | D) animated    |
| 4. | A) away       | B) far       | C) off       | D) about       |
| 5. | A) shift      | B) pull      | C) push      | D) remove      |
| 6. | A) in         | B) up        | C) on        | D) at          |
| 7. | A) innovation | B) invention | C) discovery | D) development |

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## Test 2.2

### Pierre and Faniry

At the age of twenty-one, Pierre – that was the name of the winegrower – had been sent by his father to spend some time with his uncle in Madagascar. He **1**\_\_\_\_\_ at the island and within two weeks he fell for a local girl called Faniry, or "Desire" in Malagasy. You could not blame him. At seventeen she was ravishing. In the Malagasy sunlight her skin was golden. Her black, waist-length hair, which hung straight beside her cheeks, framed large, fathomless eyes. It was a genuine love at first **2**\_\_\_\_\_, for both of them. Within five months they were married. Faniry had no family, but Pierre's parents came out from France for the wedding, even though they did not strictly **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of it, and for three years the young couple lived very happily on the island of Madagascar.

Then, one day, a telegram came from France. Pierre's parents and his only brother had been killed in a car crash. Pierre took the next flight home to **4**\_\_\_\_\_ the funeral and manage the vineyard left by his father. Faniry followed two weeks later. Pierre was grief-stricken, but with Faniry he **5**\_\_\_\_\_ down to running the vineyard. His family, and the lazy, idyllic days under a tropical sun, were gone forever. But he was very happily married, and he was very well-off. Perhaps, he reasoned, life in Bordeaux would not be so bad. Pierre thought he had married an angel, but soon he found **6**\_\_\_\_\_ that he was wrong. He had **7**\_\_\_\_\_ a fatal mistake in marrying Faniry.

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|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. A) reached | B) arrived | C) got     | D) came    |
| 2. A) sight   | B) view    | C) look    | D) gaze    |
| 3. A) admit   | B) agree   | C) approve | D) accept  |
| 4. A) attain  | B) attend  | C) appear  | D) apply   |
| 5. A) stayed  | B) lodged  | C) dwelled | D) settled |
| 6. A) out     | B) over    | C) of      | D) in      |
| 7. A) done    | B) set     | C) made    | D) put     |

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### Test 2.3

#### New York City

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|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1. A) grow up      | B) grew up    | C) have grown up  | D) grown up    |
| 2. A) blocks       | B) houses     | C) groups         | D) sets        |
| 3. A) filling      | B) fill       | C) filled         | D) fillen      |
| 4. A) knowledge    | B) education  | C) training       | D) information |
| 5. A) looked after | B) looked for | C) looked through | D) looked at   |
| 6. A) hard         | B) easy       | C) strange        | D) heavy       |
| 7. A) stay out     | B) take out   | C) move out       | D) go out      |

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## Test 2.4

### No Chance to Escape

Diana had been hoping to get away by 5:00, so she could be at the farm in time for dinner. She tried not to show her true feelings when at 4:37 her deputy, Phil Haskings, presented her with a complex twelve-page document that **1**\_\_\_\_\_ the signature of a director before it could be sent out to the client. Haskings didn't hesitate to **2**\_\_\_\_\_ her that they had lost two similar contracts that week.

To **3**\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, it was always the same on a Friday. The phones would go quiet in the middle of the afternoon and then, just as she thought she could leave, a new document would land on her desk. Diana looked at the document and knew there would be no chance of escaping before 6:00.

Diana adored her children. At first **4**\_\_\_\_\_ she looked happy. The demands of being a single parent as well as a director of a small but thriving City company meant there were **5**\_\_\_\_\_ moments left in any day to relax. When it came to the one weekend in four that James and Caroline spent with her ex-husband, Diana would try to leave the office a little earlier than usual to avoid the weekend traffic.

She read through the first page slowly, aware that any mistake **6**\_\_\_\_\_ hastily on a Friday evening could be **7**\_\_\_\_\_ in the weeks to come. She glanced at the clock on her desk as she signed the final page of the document. It was just showing 5:51.

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. A) required  | B) compelled    | C) demanded     | D) obliged    |
| 2. A) recollect | B) recall       | C) remember     | D) remind     |
| 3. A) talk      | B) speak        | C) tell         | D) say        |
| 4. A) sight     | B) glimpse      | C) view         | D) look       |
| 5. A) much      | B) little       | C) few          | D) many       |
| 6. A) held      | B) made         | C) done         | D) took       |
| 7. A) regretted | B) disappointed | C) dissatisfied | D) apologized |

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## Test 2.5

### The Prize

William and Philippa were rivals. They were considered the best students at New College.

At the beginning of the third year they applied for the Charles Oldham Shakespeare prize for an essay. The chosen theme for the prize essay that year was "Satire in Shakespeare".

*Troilus and Cressida* clearly called for the most attention, but both students 1\_\_\_\_\_ to find satirical nuances in almost every play by Shakespeare. As the year was coming to an end, 2\_\_\_\_\_ anyone doubted that either William or Philippa would win the prize while the other would come in second. 3\_\_\_\_\_, no one was willing to express an opinion as to who the victor would be.

Before the prize essay submission date, they both had to take their final degree examinations. 4\_\_\_\_\_ students studied as hard as William and Philippa. It came as no surprise to anyone that they both achieved first-class degrees in the final honors school. Rumor spread around the university that the two rivals had been awarded as in every one of their nine papers.

"I would be willing to believe that is the case," Philippa 5\_\_\_\_\_ William. "But I feel I must point out to you that there is a considerable difference between an A-plus and an A-minus."

"I couldn't agree with you *more*," said William. "But 6\_\_\_\_\_, when you discover who has won the Charles Oldham, you will know who was awarded *less*."

It turned 7\_\_\_\_\_ that the examiners felt unable on this occasion to award the prize to one person and had therefore decided that it should be shared by William and Philippa.

1. A) described      B) achieved      C) managed      D) fulfilled
2. A) merely      B) nearly      C) closely      D) hardly
3. A) Although      B) Therefore      C) Moreover      D) However
4. A) Many      B) Much      C) Few      D) Little
5. A) spoke      B) told      C) said      D) talked
6. A) remember      B) remind      C) repeat      D) recollect
7. A) over      B) on      C) out      D) off

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## Test 2.6

### To the North of London

The Aldenham Country Park is a large and pleasant area easily reached if you are travelling north out of London. It is worth visiting if you want a quick breath of fresh air and a reasonably attractive place for a brief picnic.

The most important point of the park is Aldenham Reservoir. It was built in 1796 to **1** \_\_\_\_\_ the water level in the river **2** \_\_\_\_\_ by the newly constructed Grand Union Canal, and more recently has been used as a reserve public water supply.

Not far from there lies the busy town of Watford which can be recommended for a brief visit. And in any **3** \_\_\_\_\_ much more interesting stretches of the canal are met further north. And if you make your way through the town you can visit the Watford Museum in the High Street which has materials on printing and paper-making on **4** \_\_\_\_\_.

The picture gallery has changing exhibitions of works by artists who lived or painted in the area.

Another attraction of the neighbourhood is a fascinating complex of Roman buildings, the **5** \_\_\_\_\_ of a great city, once the third largest centre of Roman Britain. The private houses were impressive, many of them furnished with mosaic floors. The beauty of the mosaics can hardly be described on paper, and it is best

**6** \_\_\_\_\_ by standing and looking for a while. The other principal Roman site to be visited is a long stretch of the city wall which **7** \_\_\_\_\_ back to the 3rd century.

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|----|-----------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1) | A) remain       | B) support   | C) hold          | D) maintain   |
| 2) | A) confused     | B) affected  | C) bothered      | D) disturbed  |
| 3) | A) condition    | B) situation | C) circumstance  | D) case       |
| 4) | A) presentation | B) display   | C) demonstration | D) exhibition |
| 5) | A) remains      | B) wastes    | C) wreckage      | D) reminders  |
| 6) | A) praised      | B) approved  | C) appreciated   | D) regarded   |
| 7) | A) dates        | B) returns   | C) follows       | D) comes      |

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## Test 2.7

### British theatre

The theatre has always been very strong in Britain. Its centre is, of course, London, where successful plays can perform **1**\_\_\_\_\_ a break for many years. London has several dozens of theatres, most of them not **2**\_\_\_\_\_ from Trafalgar Square. Outside London even some quite big towns have no public theatre at all, but every town has its **3**\_\_\_\_\_ theatres. British theatre is much **4**\_\_\_\_\_. There you can get the **5**\_\_\_\_\_ of everything – an excellent orchestra, famous conductors, celebrated actors and a well-dressed audience.

**6**\_\_\_\_\_ a good play, and you'll enjoy yourself throughout from the moment the curtain goes up to the end of the last act. Get your seats beforehand, either at the box-office at the theatre itself. You'll **7**\_\_\_\_\_ want to sit as near to the stage as possible.

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|----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. A) with     | B) for      | C) without       | D) while       |
| 2. A) next     | B) close    | C) near          | D) far         |
| 3. A) private  | B) personal | C) public        | D) people's    |
| 4. A) admiring | B) admire   | C) more admiring | D) admired     |
| 5. A) less     | B) least    | C) best          | D) better      |
| 6. A) Choose   | B) Search   | C) Find out      | D) View        |
| 7. A) might    | B) probably | C) could         | D) possibly to |

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## Test 2.8

### Sharing Music with Friends

Brenda is a nineteen-year old full-time college student, and she earns money working part time as a waitress. Brenda loves to listen to music like most young people, but she can't **1** \_\_\_\_\_ the high CD prices that record companies **2** \_\_\_\_\_ for popular CDs. Brenda says that the prices of CDs are ridiculously high at \$17 to \$20 each and there are only two or three good songs on each CD.

She **3** \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment with three other roommates. She pays her own **4** \_\_\_\_\_ and she also pays most of her **5** \_\_\_\_\_. Her solution to expensive CDs is to download or copy music from the Internet. Brenda and millions of other people are called "downloaders" because they download free file-sharing software and music. When Brenda later gives, shares, or trades her music files free over the Internet, she is also an uploader. She considers herself an active music uploader, but the music industry considers her a **6** \_\_\_\_\_. From 2001 on, the Recording Industry Association of America has sued and fined dozens of file-sharing services, for uploading music files, and hundreds of people, for **7** \_\_\_\_\_ the law by downloading music.

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|-------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. A) provide     | B) supply     | C) afford   | D) allow     |
| 2. A) offer       | B) charge     | C) suggest  | D) propose   |
| 3. A) leases      | B) lends      | C) hires    | D) rents     |
| 4. A) lessons     | B) classes    | C) tuition  | D) education |
| 5. A) costs       | B) fees       | C) expenses | D) payments  |
| 6. A) thief       | B) cheater    | C) burglar  | D) bandit    |
| 7. A) undermining | B) disobeying | C) breaking | D) ruining   |

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## Test 2.9

### Busy Day

Let me tell you what happened once when my dear Uncle Podger decided to hang a picture on the wall. He told us not to **1** \_\_\_\_\_ and just watch him do it. He said he would do it by himself.

Well, he came up to the picture which was waiting to be put up in the dining room and took it. But suddenly it fell down and the glass **2** \_\_\_\_\_ into pieces and he cut his finger. He started to **3** \_\_\_\_\_ his handkerchief but couldn't find it because he had put it in his coat and none of us knew \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ coat \_\_\_\_\_ was.

"Six of you!" Uncle Podger exclaimed, "and you cannot find the coat that I put down only five minutes ago!" But then he got up from his chair and found that he had been sitting on his coat the whole time. "Oh, you can stop your **4** \_\_\_\_\_. I've found it myself!" Then after an hour was spent in tying up his finger Uncle Podger wondered where the hammer had disappeared to. And while everybody was trying to get the hammer he was standing on the chair saying: "Well, I want to know if you are going to **5** \_\_\_\_\_ me here all evening!"

Finally the hammer was found, but we noticed that the nail which he had prepared was lost. And, of course, Uncle Podger didn't keep **6** \_\_\_\_\_ while he was waiting for another nail to be brought. We heard all he had to say about our habit of losing all the things he needed. When the picture was hanging on the wall at last, everybody looked very **7** \_\_\_\_\_, all except Uncle Podger, who was lively as ever. Aunt Maria remarked that if Uncle Podger wanted to do a job like that again, she would spend a week with her mother until it was over.

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|----|------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | A) scare   | B) disturb       | C) worry       | D) fear     |
| 2. | A) failed  | B) broke         | C) ruined      | D) fell     |
| 3. | A) look at | B) look to       | C) look after  | D) look for |
| 4. | A) search  | B) investigation | C) exploration | D) study    |
| 5. | A) stay    | B) keep          | C) put         | D) take     |
| 6. | A) dumb    | B) cool          | C) still       | D) silent   |
| 7. | A) dull    | B) tired         | C) fresh       | D) boring   |

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## Test 2.10

### Dinner

Amos Finnister was a private detective. In all his years as a policeman and a private investigator, he had learned about people. He gained a psychological insight into most as he **1**\_\_\_\_\_ them do foolish things. He was at ease with people from all walks of life, and in consequence they were at ease with him.

And this was most apparent on Friday evening, when Major Cedric Crawford dined with him at the Ritz restaurant. Amos **2**\_\_\_\_\_ to dine there when he lived in New York.

By the time they were halfway through dinner, Amos had the major laughing and sharing stories, some of which were funny. By the time they had eaten the main course, Amos felt comfortable enough to **3**\_\_\_\_\_ the answer to an important question. "I wonder if you have ever come across Tabitha James."

Cedric **4**\_\_\_\_\_ knowing Tabitha with no sign of embarrassment or reluctance. "To **5**\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, I knew her quite well, actually. She was a close friend of a fellow guards officer, Sebastian Lawford. She fell in love with him at first sight. They were going to marry but unfortunately that did not come to pass."

"And why was that, Major, do you know?"

"Oh, yes, I'm afraid I do. Tabitha had contracted pneumonia but **6**\_\_\_\_\_ no attention to her illness. Before I knew it, she was dead and gone. As for Sebastian, he rejoined the army when the war broke out and was killed. A sad story, isn't it?" Amos nodded. So much depended **7**\_\_\_\_\_ this information.

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|----|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1) | A) looked   | B) watched | C) stared   | D) gazed   |
| 2) | A) used     | B) use     | C) has used | D) uses    |
| 3) | A) search   | B) ask     | C) seek     | D) pose    |
| 4) | A) accepted | B) agreed  | C) admitted | D) adopted |
| 5) | A) talk     | B) say     | C) speak    | D) tell    |
| 6) | A) brought  | B) paid    | C) took     | D) turned  |
| 7) | A) on       | B) at      | C) in       | D) of      |

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## Test 2.11

### Ordinary

“Ordinary” was the worst word she could find for anything. She and I would argue fiercely because I wanted to be ordinary as desperately as my mother wanted to be **1**\_\_\_\_\_.

“I can’t **2** \_\_\_\_\_ that hair-do”, she said when I went to the hairdresser with my friend and came back with a pageboy haircut straight out of Seventeen magazine, “It’s so terribly ordinary”. Not ugly, not unsuitable. But ordinary.

Her fear of ordinariness came out most strongly in her clothes.

“Couldn’t you please **3**\_\_\_\_\_ something else?” I asked her when she was dressing for Parents’ Day in tight-fitting pants and a bright pink sweater, with a Mexican cape.

“What’s wrong with my outfit?” What wasn’t wrong with it!

“It’s just that I wish it would be something more plain,” I said sheepishly, “something that people won’t **4**\_\_\_\_\_ at.”

She looked at me angrily and drew herself **5**\_\_\_\_\_ to her full height of five feet ten inches.

“Are you **6**\_\_\_\_\_ of your own mother? Because if you are, Isadora, I feel **7**\_\_\_\_\_ for you. I really do.”

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|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 1) | A) unusual   | B) peculiar | C) uncommon | D) odd   |
| 2) | A) agree     | B) approve  | C) stand    | D) vote  |
| 3) | A) wear      | B) put      | C) clothe   | D) dress |
| 4) | A) peep      | B) watch    | C) glance   | D) stare |
| 5) | A) over      | B) up       | C) on       | D) at    |
| 6) | A) shamed    | B) sorry    | C) ashamed  | D) angry |
| 7) | A) regretful | B) unhappy  | C) guilty   | D) sorry |

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## Test 2.12

### Philip and Michael

Philip Masters was a millionaire now. **1** \_\_\_\_\_, everyone in the club was aware that he had built up his own business from scratch after he had left his first job as a kitchen salesman. "Ready-Fit Kitchens" had started in a shed at the end of Philip's garden. Later, he **2** \_\_\_\_\_ in building a factory on the other side of town that employed more than three hundred people.

Ten years later, the financial press speculated that Philip's business was worth a couple of million. When five more years later the company was taken over by the John Lewis Partnership, Philip got seventeen million pounds. **3** \_\_\_\_\_ businessmen were as lucky as he was.

Philip was married for more than twenty years. He had fallen in love with Sally at first **4** \_\_\_\_\_. Now Sally was chairman of the regional branch of the Save the Children Fund. Their son had just won a place at St Anne's College, Oxford. Michael was the boy's godfather.

Michael Gilmour could **5** \_\_\_\_\_ be a greater contrast. On leaving school, where Philip had been his closest friend, he **6** \_\_\_\_\_ to find a permanent job. He started out as a trainee with Watneys, but lasted only a few months. Then he started to work as a reporter with a publishing company. He drifted from job to job. **7** \_\_\_\_\_ Philip, he married his childhood sweetheart, Carol West, the daughter of a local doctor. They had a daughter. Michael seemed to have settled down at last.

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. A) Therefore | B) Moreover  | C) However  | D) Although |
| 2. A) fulfilled | B) succeeded | C) managed  | D) achieved |
| 3. A) Little    | B) Many      | C) Much     | D) Few      |
| 4. A) view      | B) sight     | C) look     | D) glimpse  |
| 5. A) simply    | B) nearly    | C) hardly   | D) merely   |
| 6. A) lacked    | B) missed    | C) failed   | D) lost     |
| 7. A) Like      | B) Alike     | C) Familiar | D) Similar  |

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### Test 2.13

#### A good cook

Old Margaret was just the kind of cook that we wanted. Lots of cooks can do rich dishes well. Margaret couldn't. But she 1\_\_\_\_\_ to cook simple, everyday dishes in a way that made our mouths water. Her apple-pies were the best pies I've ever tasted.

But to 2\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, even Margaret sometimes miscalculated. A large, royal-looking steak would be set before Father, which, upon being cut into, would turn 3\_\_\_\_\_ to be underdone. Father's face would darken with disappointment. He would raise his foot and stamp slowly and heavily three times on the rug.

At this solemn 4\_\_\_\_\_, we would hear Margaret leave the kitchen below us and come up the stairs to the dining-room door. "Margaret, look at the steak." Margaret would peer with a shocked look at the platter. She would then seize the platter and make off with it.

Father and Margaret were united by the intense interest they both took in cooking. Each understood the other instinctively. I have to 5\_\_\_\_\_ that they had a complete fellow-feeling. Mother's great interest was in babies. She loved her children and her happiness depended 6\_\_\_\_\_ them. She wanted to keep Father pleased somehow, and if it was too difficult or impossible she didn't always care about even that.

At table it was Father who carved the fowl, or sliced the roast lamb or beef. I liked to 7\_\_\_\_\_ him take the knife and go at it. And usually the cooking had been as superb as the carving. Sometimes it was so perfect that Father would summon Margaret and say in a low voice, "You are a good cook".

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|----|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | A) used   | B) kept   | C) held    | D) took     |
| 2. | A) speak  | B) tell   | C) talk    | D) say      |
| 3. | A) out    | B) of     | C) over    | D) into     |
| 4. | A) sign   | B) signal | C) gesture | D) movement |
| 5. | A) accept | B) agree  | C) admit   | D) adopt    |
| 6. | A) on     | B) of     | C) in      | D) at       |
| 7. | A) look   | B) see    | C) gaze    | D) watch    |

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## Test 2.14

### New York City: Nostalgia for the Old Neighbourhood

Life is made up of little things: some unimportant memories from childhood that, in fact, shaped your character. I **1**\_\_\_\_\_ on Third Avenue in midtown Manhattan during the 1950s-60s where family life was centred around old **2**\_\_\_\_\_ of flats and small stores. Third Avenue was my old neighbourhood and it had character. It was **3**\_\_\_\_\_ with working families of Italian, German and Irish origin. We shopped together with all those people and their kids played together. Third Avenue influenced the way our family lived. I absorbed the street life. It gave me an **4**\_\_\_\_\_ that I could not have received in any other place. To me, it was home. In a recent walk around Third Avenue my eyes **5**\_\_\_\_\_ signs of the old neighbourhood but couldn't find any. If I hadn't been born here and someone described the area, it would be **6**\_\_\_\_\_ to believe. It wasn't because a few buildings had changed – everything had changed. The transformation began in the late 1950s and 60s when corporations replaced the old neighbourhood. In the early 1960s, the houses were pulled down. Families were forced to **7**\_\_\_\_\_, the small stores went out of business and the old neighbourhood was changed forever. And now there is a lack of character in the transformed neighbourhood.

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| 2. A) blocks       | B) houses      | C) groups         | D) sets      |
| 3. A) covered      | B) held        | C) loaded         | D) filled    |
| 4. A) knowledge    | B) information | C) education      | D) training  |
| 5. A) looked after | B) looked for  | C) looked through | D) looked at |
| 6. A) hard         | B) easy        | C) strange        | D) heavy     |
| 7. A) stay out     | B) take out    | C) move out       | D) go out    |

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## Test 2.15

### Adventurous job

In my early 20s, after a year and a half in England, and four months in France, I **1**\_\_\_\_\_ to the United States and got a job at a camp in northern Virginia. My teammate that summer was Dan from Mississippi, and I am from Rhode Island. We worked together with a group of boys from 12 to 14 years old. I've always been a bit untidy, but Dan was **2**\_\_\_\_\_ and clean, even after a night in the woods with our campers. We could not have been more different, but we got on because we shared the same **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of humor.

At the end of the summer, a few of us went to explore a cave in West Virginia and got **4**\_\_\_\_\_ in the cave for the night. It wasn't as dramatic as it sounds. The park rangers had told us to stay there if anything happened. They knew where we were going, and when we should have been back. Dan hurt his right foot **5**\_\_\_\_\_. So we had to spend the night in the cave. Food and water were not a problem, but we turned off our lights to save power. In the distance, we could hear the sound of running water. To **6**\_\_\_\_\_ the time, we told stories. That night in the cave we moved from one family story to another. As the night wore on, I remembered more and more. I was not alone—the cave, the blue light and the flowing water released stories and memories that we had never revealed to anyone. It was as if a river of stories had started flowing in each of us. When the rangers came the next morning, we didn't want to **7**\_\_\_\_\_. "Can't we just tell a few more stories?" In the cave, that night, I became a storyteller.

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|----|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| 1. | A)turned up | B)visited | C) arrived | D) returned  |
| 2. | A) clear    | B)scruffy | C) messy   | D) neat      |
| 3. | A) emotion  | B) sense  | C) mind    | D) feeling   |
| 4. | A) stuck    | B) stayed | C) stood   | D) remain    |
| 5. | A) badly    | B) bad    | C) worse   | D) the worst |
| 6. | A) waste    | B) spare  | C) pass    | D) keep      |
| 7. | A) remain   | B) retire | C) escape  | D) leave     |

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## Test 2.16

### A Storyteller

In my early 20s, after a year and a half in England, and four months in France, I returned to the United States and got a job at a camp in northern Virginia. My **1**\_\_\_\_\_ that summer was Dan from Mississippi, and I am from Rhode Island. We worked together with a group of boys from 12 to 14 years old. I've always been a bit untidy, but Dan was **2**\_\_\_\_\_ and clean, even after a night in the woods with our campers. We could not have been more different, but we got on because we shared the same **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of humor.

At the end of the summer, a few of us went to **4**\_\_\_\_\_ a cave in West Virginia and got stuck in the cave for the night. It wasn't as dramatic as it sounds. The park rangers had told us to stay there if anything happened. They knew where we were going, and when we should have been back. Dan hurt his right foot badly. So we had to **5**\_\_\_\_\_ the night in the cave. Food and water were not a problem, but we turned off our lights to save power. In the distance, we could hear the sound of running water. To **6**\_\_\_\_\_ the time, we told stories. That night in the cave we moved from one family story to another. As the night wore on, I remembered more and more. I was not alone—the cave, the blue light and the flowing water released stories and memories that we had never revealed to anyone. It was as if a river of stories had started flowing in each of us. When the rangers came the next morning, we didn't want to **7**. "Can't we just tell a few more stories?" In the cave, that night, I became a storyteller.

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|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. A) friend  | B) teammate | C) partner | D) opponent |
| 2. A) clear   | B) neat     | C) exact   | D) careful  |
| 3. A) feeling | B) emotion  | C) reason  | D) sense    |
| 4. A) explore | B) analyze  | C) teach   | D) learn    |
| 5. A) lead    | B) spend    | C) hold    | D) waste    |
| 6. A) keep    | B) waste    | C) spare   | D) pass     |
| 7. A) escape  | B) leave    | C) remain  | D) retire   |

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## Test 2.17

### To Hear A Child

I believe in patience. I live as a volunteer residential counselor in a small group home. These boys have brought joy and happiness into my life; they have made me laugh and made me proud. However, they have also challenged me, made me angry and tested my patience.

Each day we start anew, going about a **1**\_\_\_\_\_ routine. I drive them to school, pick them up, cook for them and help with homework. We spend the evenings **2**\_\_\_\_\_ about what happened during the day. I meet their teachers and study for tests with them. They are the last people I see each night and the first ones I hear in the morning. They have become a **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of my life. I am twenty-two and am beginning to understand the love of a parent.

I could not have come this far without patience. They do not think like miniature adults and it is not fair to expect them to. **4**\_\_\_\_\_ my expectations of them are high, I must remember that so much of what they see and understand is for the first time. First loves, first failed test, first time feeling the need to break away from the nest. I must have patience with them, because there is still a child within that comes out when I least expect it.

This world is a fast-paced, fast food, fast-internet place. **5**\_\_\_\_\_, no matter how fast things move, children will be children. I believe they will mature quicker and with more tools if I am patient. I see it in their eyes. Over time, sad eyes can glisten again, but only if I am **6**\_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that it takes them longer to get somewhere. I see around them a world that expects too much of them. They come **7**\_\_\_\_\_ too many things that give them too much sadness. They listen to me, respect me and understand reason but not always when I want them to. This opportunity has given me wisdom but only when I was patient enough to hear a child.

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| 1. A) daily        | B) common     | C) average  | D) traditional |
| 2. A) discussing   | B) debating   | C) talking  | D) saying      |
| 3. A) bit          | B) part       | C) parcel   | D) piece       |
| 4. A) also         | B) altogether | C) although | D) thus        |
| 5. A) nevertheless | B) nevermore  | C) although | D) therefore   |
| 6. A) common       | B) familiar   | C) aware    | D) acquainted  |
| 7. A) through      | B) along      | C) upon     | D) across      |

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## Test 2.18

### Two friends

Philip Masters was a millionaire now. **1** \_\_\_\_\_, everyone in the club was aware that he had built up his own business from scratch after he had left his first job as a kitchen salesman. "Ready-Fit Kitchens" had started in a shed at the end of Philip's garden. Later, he **2** \_\_\_\_\_ in building a factory on the other side of town that employed more than three hundred people.

Ten years later, the financial press speculated that Philip's business was worth a couple of million. When five more years later the company was taken over by the John Lewis Partnership, Philip got seventeen million pounds. **3** \_\_\_\_\_ businessmen were as lucky as he was.

Philip was married for more than twenty years. He had fallen in love with Sally at first **4** \_\_\_\_\_. Now Sally was chairman of the regional branch of the Save the Children Fund. Their son had just won a place at St Anne's College, Oxford. Michael was the boy's godfather.

Michael Gilmour could **5** \_\_\_\_\_ be a greater contrast. On leaving school, where Philip had been his closest friend, he **6** \_\_\_\_\_ to find a permanent job. He started out as a trainee with Watneys, but lasted only a few months. Then he started to work as a reporter with a publishing company. He drifted from job to job. **7** \_\_\_\_\_ Philip, he married his childhood sweetheart, Carol West, the daughter of a local doctor. They had a daughter. Michael seemed to have settled down at last.

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. A) Therefore | B) Moreover  | C) However  | D) Although |
| 2. A) fulfilled | B) succeeded | C) managed  | D) achieved |
| 3. A) Little    | B) Many      | C) Much     | D) Few      |
| 4. A) view      | B) sight     | C) look     | D) glimpse  |
| 5. A) simply    | B) nearly    | C) hardly   | D) merely   |
| 6. A) lacked    | B) failed    | C) missed   | D) lost     |
| 7. A) Similar   | B) Alike     | C) Familiar | D) Like     |

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## Test 2.19

### Searching for a New Programme

A healthy lifestyle can vastly improve your well-being. This is a lifestyle designed for those who wish to feel more certain about their health and more in control of what the present and future will bring them in that important **1** \_\_\_\_\_ of existence.

None of us wants to be sick. None of us enjoys the idea that we may become a medical statistic. This is a simple, easy-to-follow health-style that can enable you to get cards very much in your **2** \_\_\_\_\_ .

The doctors were fortunate enough to come into **3** \_\_\_\_\_ with a field of study that brought them to healing and well-being that they so desperately needed. They personally have **4** \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of people improve their health using only a small part of information.

Many more people begin to improve their health now. Embracing the most current information from many health-related fields, the programme of healthy lifestyle gives you an understanding of the impact of exercise, breathing, sunshine, sleep and much more on your health. In order for this programme to work for you, you have to be willing to apply at least some part of it.

Some change will be **5** \_\_\_\_\_ . And as you make those first modest changes, you will get positive results that encourage you to do more.

Changing is fun. And if you realize that your new healthy lifestyle **6** \_\_\_\_\_ the making of new habits, not the **7** \_\_\_\_\_ of old ones, you will feel very positive about what the future holds for you.

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|----|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | A) sector    | B) region    | C) area       | D) territory  |
| 2. | A) benefit   | B) advantage | C) privilege  | D) favour     |
| 3. | A) touch     | B) contact   | C) view       | D) connection |
| 4. | A) confessed | B) witnessed | C) determined | D) recognized |
| 5. | A) ordered   | B) commanded | C) forced     | D) required   |
| 6. | A) contains  | B) consists  | C) involves   | D) encloses   |
| 7. | A) breaking  | B) damaging  | C) ruining    | D) destroying |

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## Test 2.20

### Cathy

Cathy spent many hours during her lunch breaks poking around the dress shops before she bought the appropriate outfit for the Trumplers' housewarming party. Her final **1**\_\_\_\_\_ was a sunflower yellow dress which the shop assistant described as suitable for a cocktail party. Cathy became fearful at the last minute that its lack of length might be too daring for such a grand **2**\_\_\_\_\_. But when Simon came to pick her up his immediate comment was "You'll be a sensation." His assurance made her feel more confident.

**3**\_\_\_\_\_, she forgot all her doubts the moment the butler invited them inside. While others drank champagne and helped themselves from the trays of canapés, she **4**\_\_\_\_\_ her attention to pictures.

First came a Courbet, a still life of magnificent rich reds, oranges and greens; then a Picasso of two doves surrounded by pink blossoms. She **5**\_\_\_\_\_ looking at them but she gasped when she first saw the Sisley, a stretch of the Seine with every paint of pastel shading being made to count.

"That's my favourite," said a voice from behind her. Cathy turned to see a tall, dark-haired young man give her a grin that must have made many people return his smile.

"Quite beautiful," she **6**\_\_\_\_\_. "When I was younger I used to try and paint a little myself, and it was Sisley who finally convinced me I shouldn't bother."

"Good heavens," the young man said. "An expert in our presence." Cathy smiled **7**\_\_\_\_\_ her new companion. "Let's have a look at some more works in the upper corridor."

- 1) A) choice      B) selection      C) preference      D) option
- 2) A) accident    B) incident      C) occurrence     D) occasio
- 3) A) Otherwise    B) However      C) Nevertheless    D) Although
- 4) A) drew        B) kept          C) turned          D) paid
- 5) A) pleased     B) enjoyed      C) amused         D) entertained
- 6) A) approved    B) accepted     C) admired         D) admitted
- 7) A) at            B) to            C) on                D) of

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## Test 2.21

### Sailing into an unknown future

Tracy was as excited as a child about her first trip abroad. Early in the morning, she stopped at a tourist **1**\_\_\_\_\_ and reserved a suite on the Signal Deck of *the Queen Elizabeth II*. The next three days she spent buying clothes and luggage.

On the morning of the sailing, Tracy hired a limousine to drive her to the pier. When she **2**\_\_\_\_\_ at Pier 90, where *the Queen Elizabeth II* was docked, it was crowded with photographers and television reporters, and for a moment Tracy was panic stricken. Then she realized they were interviewing the two men posturing at the foot of the gangplank. The members of the **3**\_\_\_\_\_ were helping the passengers with their luggage. On deck, a steward looked at Tracy's ticket and directed her to her stateroom. It was a lovely suite with a private terrace. It had been ridiculously expensive but Tracy **4**\_\_\_\_\_ it was worth it.

She unpacked and then wandered along the corridor. In almost every cabin there were farewell parties going on, with laughter and champagne and conversation. She felt a sudden **5**\_\_\_\_\_ of loneliness. There was no one to see her off, no one for her to care about, and no one who cared about her. She was sailing into a completely unknown future.

Suddenly she felt the huge ship shudder as the tugs started to pull it out of the harbor, and she stood **6**\_\_\_\_\_ the passengers on the boat deck, watching the Statue of Liberty slide out of **7**\_\_\_\_\_, and then she went exploring.

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|----|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 1. | A) store    | B) agency  | C) department | D) stall   |
| 2. | A) arrived  | B) entered | C) reached    | D) got     |
| 3. | A) crew     | B) team    | C) company    | D) dock    |
| 4. | A) resolved | B) decided | C) determined | D) assured |
| 5. | A) blow     | B) hurt    | C) ill        | D) ache    |
| 6. | A) among    | B) along   | C) close      | D) besides |
| 7. | A) sight    | B) stare   | C) glimpse    | D) Glance  |

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## Test 2.22

### A Strange Girl

Stephen pulled up the collar of his coat as he walked along the platform. Overhead a dim fog clouded the station. He was **1**\_\_\_\_\_ trains move slowly, throwing off clouds of steam into the cold air. Everything was dirty and smoke-grimed.

Stephen thought with revulsion: "What a foul country – what a foul city!" He had to **2**\_\_\_\_\_ that his first excited reaction to London – its shops, its restaurants, its well-dressed attractive women – had faded. Supposing he were back in South Africa now...

To **3**\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, he felt a quick pang of homesickness. Sunshine – blue skies – gardens of flowers. And here – dirt, grime and endless crowds – moving, hurrying, jostling.

He got on a train and passed along the corridor, looking for a place. The train was full. It was only three days before Christmas. He **4**\_\_\_\_\_ to go to his parents for Christmas... And then, suddenly, he caught his breath, looking into a carriage. This girl was different. Black hair, rich creamy pallor, the sad proud eyes of the South... It was all wrong that this girl should be sitting in this train **5**\_\_\_\_\_ these dull drab looking people. She should be somewhere splendid, not squeezed into the corner of a third class carriage.

He was an observant man. He did not fail to **6**\_\_\_\_\_ the shabbiness of her black coat and skirt, the cheap quality of her gloves. **7**\_\_\_\_\_ splendor was the quality he associated with her. He thought: "I've got to know who she is and what she's doing here."

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|----|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | A) looking   | B) watching     | C) staring  | D) gazing    |
| 2. | A) admit     | B) agree        | C) adopt    | D) accept    |
| 3. | A) say       | B) talk         | C) speak    | D) tell      |
| 4. | A) used      | B) kept         | C) held     | D) took      |
| 5. | A) between   | B) besides      | C) among    | D) along     |
| 6. | A) spot      | B) observe      | C) remark   | D) note      |
| 7. | A) Nevermore | B) Nevertheless | C) Although | D) Therefore |

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## Test 2.23

### A chinese vase

When I was a child I loved visiting my grandmother. I thought her house was as beautiful as a palace. As I grew older the house and garden seemed smaller, but I still loved visiting the old lady.

There were so many lovely things to look **1** \_\_\_\_\_ in the house. I loved her paintings and the old clock, but **2** \_\_\_\_\_ all I loved a big Chinese vase which stood in the hall.

It was **3** \_\_\_\_\_ than me, and I couldn't see **4** \_\_\_\_\_ it. I walked round and round it looking at the beautiful ladies and the birds and flowers and trees, and Grandmother often **5** \_\_\_\_\_ me stories about these ladies. She said that her grandfather had brought the vase with him when he returned from a long

**6** \_\_\_\_\_ to China.

We live in a modern house, and I'm afraid my husband and I often nag at the children. "Don't make the new carpet dirty, Paul!" "Be careful with the new table, Philip!"

Before she died, Grandmother gave me the vase I loved so much.

It **7** \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful in our modern hall.

One day I came home from the shop. The boys met me at the door. "I'm as strong as George Bes, Mummy," said Paul. "I got a goal and I broke the vase." Philip tried to be more diplomatic than Paul, "It doesn't really matter, does it? You told us it wasn't new. You aren't cross, are you?"

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|----|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | A) out    | B) at       | C) into     | D) about     |
| 2. | A) mostly | B) great of | C) greatly  | D) most of   |
| 3. | A) higher | B) larger   | C) taller   | D) greater   |
| 4. | A) about  | B) around   | C) inside   | D) outside   |
| 5. | A) said   | B) spoke    | C) talked   | D) told      |
| 6. | A) voyage | B) tour     | C) hike     | D) excursion |
| 7. | A) looked | B) viewed   | C) appeared | D) seemed    |

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## Test 2.24

### Amos

It wasn't unusual for Amos to go to Deravenels on Saturday, even though the offices were closed over the weekend. He **1**\_\_\_\_\_ to go to tidy up his paperwork and do other small jobs he couldn't attend to during the week.

But on this Saturday morning he had a specific purpose when he arrived at the grand old building on the Strand. The uniformed doorman **2**\_\_\_\_\_ Amos close his umbrella and take off his raincoat. Then he touched his cap and said, "Good morning, Mr. Finnister".

Amos had come to the office to **3**\_\_\_\_\_ a few telephone calls. His first call was to the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, where he quickly discovered the records office was not open on weekends. He then dialed Ravenscar and was put through to Edward Deravenel.

"Good morning, Amos," Edward said. "I'm assuming you have some news for me." Amos then relayed all the information he had gathered the night before.

"Well done, Amos!" Edward exclaimed. "Thank you for going into all this **4**\_\_\_\_\_. I knew I could depend **5**\_\_\_\_\_ you. My wife will be happy as I am to know everything; it's been such a mystery all these years. To **6**\_\_\_\_\_ the truth, I think that Grace Rose should also know what happened to her mother. It will finally put her mind at rest."

"I agree, sir. I will telephone you on Monday". Amos walked home, **7**\_\_\_\_\_ no attention to the heavy rain. He felt happy.

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| 1. A) took     | B) kept    | C) held    | D) used    |
| 2. A) looked   | B) watched | C) stared  | D) gazed   |
| 3. A) do       | B) give    | C) make    | D) take    |
| 4. A) worry    | B) bother  | C) me      | D) trouble |
| 5. A) in       | B) at      | C) on      | D) of      |
| 6. A) tell     | B) say     | C) speak   | D) talk    |
| 7. A) bringing | B) paying  | C) drawing | D) turning |

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## Test 2.25

### Daniel and Diana

Daniel and Diana were good friends. They had majored in economics at Bristol University in the early 1980s. Then Daniel met Rachel, who had arrived a year after them, and fell in love with her at first **1**\_\_\_\_\_ In Rachel he found everything he was looking **2**\_\_\_\_\_ in a wife. They married the day he graduated, and after they returned from their honeymoon, David took over the management of his father's farm in Bedfordshire. Three children followed in quick succession, and Diana was proud when she was asked to be godmother to Sophie, the eldest. Daniel and Rachel had been married for twelve years; they **3**\_\_\_\_\_ ever quarrelled. **4**\_\_\_\_\_ married couples were so happy.

**5**\_\_\_\_\_ Diane was regularly asked to spend the weekend with them in the country, she only accepted one invitation out of three. She would have liked to join them more often, but since her divorce she had no desire to take advantage of their hospitality.

Diane felt tired. She **6**\_\_\_\_\_ her work, but it had been an awful week. Two contracts had fallen through, her son had been dropped from the school soccer team, and her daughter had never stopped **7**\_\_\_\_\_ her that her father didn't mind her watching television when she ought to be doing her homework. "I will survive." Diana smiled and thought about Daniel's birthday. She had forgotten to get him a present.

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|----|--------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| 1) | A) sight     | B) glimpse      | C) view     | D) look    |
| 2) | A) for       | B) after        | C) at       | D) into    |
| 3) | A) merely    | B) nearly       | C) closely  | D) hardly  |
| 4) | A) Many      | B) Few          | C) Little   | D) Much    |
| 5) | A) Therefore | B) Nevertheless | C) Although | D) However |
| 6) | A) approved  | B) pleased      | C) admired  | D) enjoyed |
| 7) | A) saying    | B) speaking     | C) telling  | D) talking |

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## Test 2.26

### Applying for a Job

My new home was a long way from the center of London but it was becoming essential to find a job, so finally I spent a whole morning getting to town and **1**\_\_\_\_\_ to London Transport for a job on the tube. It turned out that they were looking for guards, not drivers. This **2**\_\_\_\_\_ me. I couldn't drive a car but I could probably guard a train and perhaps continue to write poems between stations. "Yes, I would be a tube guard," I thought. I could see myself being cheerful, useful, a good man in a crisis.

The next day I sat down, with almost a hundred other **3**\_\_\_\_\_, for the intelligence test. I must have done all right because after half an hour's wait I was sent into another room for a psychological test. The examiner sat at a desk. You were signaled forward to occupy the seat opposite him when the previous occupant had been **4**\_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes the person was rejected quickly and sometimes after quite a while. Obviously the longer interviews were the most successful ones. Mine was the only one that lasted a minute and a half. I can remember the questions now: "Why did you leave your last job, "Why did you leave your job before that? "And the one before?"

I can't **5**\_\_\_\_\_ my answers, except they were short at first and grew shorter as we continued. His closing statement **6**\_\_\_\_\_ a lack of sensitivity, which helped to explain why as a psychologist he had risen no higher than the underground railway. "You have failed this test and we are unable to offer you a position." Failing to get that job was my low point. Or so I thought, believing that the work was easy. Actually, such a job **7**\_\_\_\_\_ exactly this sort of elementary responsibility a dreamer like me is unlikely to have. But, I was still far short of self-understanding as well as short of cash.

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|----|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | A) applying   | B) appealing | C) asking    | D) addressing |
| 2. | A) comforted  | B) matched   | C) fitted    | D) suited     |
| 3. | A) candidates | B) members   | C) mates     | D) nominees   |
| 4. | A) refused    | B) dismissed | C) accepted  | D) retired    |
| 5. | A) recall     | B) memorize  | C) forget    | D) remind     |
| 6. | A) discovered | B) revealed  | C) disguised | D) opened     |
| 7. | A) offers     | B) demands   | C) asks      | D) accepts    |

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## Test 2.27

### Before Christmas

Vicky gave this party every year, just before Christmas. She 1\_\_\_\_\_to do it before the war and she was doing it now, when the war was over. It was always the same people who came. It struck her suddenly how clannish they all were, but then the Deravenels in particular were somewhat addicted to their family. Vicky knew that she could always depend 2\_\_\_\_\_her relatives in a crisis.

She was 3\_\_\_\_\_the guests greet each other and share the news. Vicky thought of her sister-in-law Kathleen, not present tonight. Vicky missed her presence. When Will had arrived tonight, he had 4\_\_\_\_\_that Kathleen was really sick. "But not Spanish flu," he had added swiftly, observing the look of apprehension crossing her face, "just a heavy cold."

Fenella's voice brought her out of her reverie, and she looked across at her old friend, who was saying, "How is Charlie feeling?" "He's relieved he is safely home, but his wounds still hurt and he feels depressed ..." She looked at Fenella as if 5\_\_\_\_\_ advice.

"Mr. Ridgely made a remark to me the other day that he wished there was somewhere wounded soldiers could go, to have some sort of recreation, talk to other soldiers," said Fenella.

"That's an interesting idea" Vicky glanced at the others, 6\_\_\_\_\_a brow. "Don't you agree?"

"To 7\_\_\_\_\_the truth, I do," Stephen answered, always ready to back his wife in her project. "I think such a place would be quite marvelous for the wounded men who are now coming home." Fenella nodded.

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| 1. | A) used          | B) took       | C) held        | D) kept       |
| 2. | A) in            | B) of         | C) at          | D) on         |
| 3. | A) staring       | B) looking    | C) watching    | D) gazing     |
| 4. | A) told          | B) accepted   | C) admired     | D) adopted    |
| 5. | A) searching for | B) asking for | C) seeking for | D) posing for |
| 6. | A) heaving       | B) raising    | C) rising      | D) falling    |
| 7. | A) talk          | B) say        | C) speak       | D) tell       |

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## Test 2.28

### Tracy

Tracy was as excited as a child about her first trip abroad. Early in the morning, she stopped at a **1** \_\_\_\_\_ agency and reserved a suite on the Signal Deck of *the Queen Elizabeth II*. The next three days she spent buying clothes and luggage.

On the morning of the sailing, Tracy hired a limousine to drive her to the pier. When she **2** \_\_\_\_\_ at Pier 90, where *the Queen Elizabeth II* was docked, it was crowded with photographers and television reporters, and for a moment Tracy was panic stricken. Then she realized they were interviewing the two men posturing at the foot of the gangplank. The members of the crew were helping the passengers with their luggage. On deck, a steward looked at Tracy's ticket and **3** \_\_\_\_\_ her to her stateroom. It was a lovely suite with a private terrace. It had been ridiculously expensive but Tracy **4** \_\_\_\_\_ it was worth it.

She unpacked and then wandered along the corridor. In almost every cabin there were farewell parties going on, with laughter and champagne and conversation. She felt a sudden ache of loneliness. There was no one to see her **5** \_\_\_\_\_, no one for her to care about, and no one who cared about her. She was sailing into a completely unknown future.

Suddenly she felt the huge ship shudder as the tugs started to pull it out of the harbor, and she stood **6** \_\_\_\_\_ the passengers on the boat deck, watching the Statue of Liberty slide out of **7** \_\_\_\_\_, and then she went exploring.

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|----|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | A) journey    | B) trip     | C) travel  | D) tourist  |
| 2. | A) achieved   | B) arrived  | C) entered | D) reached  |
| 3. | A) set        | B) came     | C) headed  | D) directed |
| 4. | A) determined | B) resolved | C) decided | D) assured  |
| 5. | A) in         | B) off      | C) of      | D) after    |
| 6. | A) among      | B) along    | C) between | D) besides  |
| 7. | A) glance     | B) stare    | C) sight   | D) look     |

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## Test 2.29

### Two Rivals

William and Philippa were rivals. They were considered the best students at New College.

At the beginning of the third year they applied for the Charles Oldham Shakespeare prize for an essay. The chosen theme for the prize essay that year was "Satire in Shakespeare".

*Troilus and Cressida* clearly called for the most attention, but both students **1**\_\_\_\_\_ to find satirical nuances in almost every play by Shakespeare. As the year was coming to an end, **2**\_\_\_\_\_ anyone doubted that either William or Philippa would win the prize while the other would come in second. **3**\_\_\_\_\_, no one was willing to express an opinion as to who the victor would be.

Before the prize essay submission date, they both had to take their final degree examinations. **4**\_\_\_\_\_ students studied as hard as William and Philippa. It came as no surprise to anyone that they both achieved first-class degrees in the final honors school. Rumor spread around the university that the two rivals had been awarded as in every one of their nine papers.

"I would be willing to believe that is the case," Philippa **5**\_\_\_\_\_ William. "But I feel I must point out to you that there is a considerable difference between an A-plus and an A-minus."

"I couldn't agree with you *more*," said William. "But **6**\_\_\_\_\_, when you discover who has won the Charles Oldham, you will know who was awarded *less*."

It turned **7**\_\_\_\_\_ that the examiners felt unable on this occasion to award the prize to one person and had therefore decided that it should be shared by William and Philippa.

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|----|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | A) managed  | B) fulfilled | C) developed | D) achieved  |
| 2. | A) closely  | B) hardly    | C) nearly    | D) merely    |
| 3. | A) Moreover | B) However   | C) Although  | D) Therefore |
| 4. | A) Little   | B) Few       | C) Many      | D) Lots of   |
| 5. | A) talked   | B) said      | C) spoke     | D) told      |
| 6. | A) memorize | B) remind    | C) remember  | D) repeat    |
| 7. | A) off      | B) over      | C) on        | D) out       |

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## Test 2.30

### In a Small Group Home

I believe in patience. I live as a volunteer residential counselor in a small group home. These boys have brought joy and happiness into my life; they have made me laugh and made me proud. However, they have also challenged me, made me angry and tested my patience.

Each day we start anew, going about a **1**\_\_\_\_\_ routine. I drive them to school, pick them up, cook for them and help with homework. We spend the evenings **2**\_\_\_\_\_ about what happened during the day. I meet their teachers and study for tests with them. They are the last people I see each night and the first ones I hear in the morning. They have become a **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of my life. I am twenty-two and am beginning to understand the love of a parent.

I could not have come this far without patience. They do not think like miniature adults and it is not fair to expect them to. **4**\_\_\_\_\_ my expectations of them are high, I must remember that so much of what they see and understand is for the first time. First loves, first failed test, first time feeling the need to break away from the nest. I must have patience with them, because there is still a child within that comes out when I least expect it.

This world is a fast-paced, fast food, fast-internet place. **5**\_\_\_\_\_, no matter how fast things move, children will be children. I believe they will mature quicker and with more tools if I am patient. I see it in their eyes. Over time, sad eyes can glisten again, but only if I am **6**\_\_\_\_\_ of the fact that it takes them longer to get somewhere. I see around them a world that expects too much of them. They come **7**\_\_\_\_\_ too many things that give them too much sadness. They listen to me, respect me and understand reason but not always when I want them to. This opportunity has given me wisdom but only when I was patient enough to hear a child.

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| 1. A) daily        | B) common     | C) average  | D) traditional |
| 2. A) discussing   | B) debating   | C) talking  | D) saying      |
| 3. A) bit          | B) part       | C) parcel   | D) piece       |
| 4. A) also         | B) altogether | C) although | D) thus        |
| 5. A) nevertheless | B) nevermore  | C) although | D) therefore   |
| 6. A) common       | B) familiar   | C) aware    | D) acquainted  |
| 7. A) through      | B) along      | C) upon     | D) across      |

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## Test 2.31

### Your Future World

What will you be doing in 2025? Will you be living in an undersea research station? Will you be the chief engineer **1**\_\_\_\_\_ a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean? Will you be leading an **2**\_\_\_\_\_ to the planet Mars? Will you be ...?

You can daydream, of course, but nobody knows exactly what the world will be **3**\_\_\_\_\_. But scientists have made some guesses.

Based on the advances made, they believe people will be healthier. Diphtheria, malaria, tuberculosis, polio and many other killers are under control now. These diseases are on the way out, **4**\_\_\_\_\_ to germ-killing chemicals, new ways of finding out about our bodies, and new ways of providing clean, safe **5**\_\_\_\_\_ and water.

Healthier people live longer, so we can expect the world's population to **6**\_\_\_\_\_ sharply. It may double in the next forty years! This brings up a serious problem: how will we find food, water, and minerals for such a huge population?

Scientists are at work on some **7**\_\_\_\_\_. From the ocean they hope to get new fertilizers to increase the yield of the soil; new chemicals to kill crop-destroying insects without harming other animals, new sources of water or supplies of food.

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. A) inventing   | B) designing    | C) scheming    | D) doing     |
| 2. A) exploration | B) expenditure  | C) expedition  | D) exhibit   |
| 3. A) like        | B) alike        | C) likely      | D) likable   |
| 4. A) as a result | B) because      | C) on account  | D) thanks    |
| 5. A) eat         | B) feed         | C) food        | D) cooking   |
| 6. A) decrease    | B) distract     | C) dissolve    | D) increase  |
| 7. A) solutions   | B) alternatives | C) preferences | D) questions |

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## Test 2.32

### Life Challenge

At the age of twenty-one, Pierre – that was the name of the winegrower – had been sent by his father to spend some time with his uncle in Madagascar. He **1**\_\_\_\_\_ at the island and within two weeks he fell for a local girl called Faniry, or "Desire" in Malagasy. You could not blame him. At seventeen she was ravishing. In the Malagasy sunlight her skin was golden. Her black, waist-length hair, which hung straight beside her cheeks, framed large, fathomless eyes. It was a genuine love at first **2**\_\_\_\_\_, for both of them. Within five months they were married. Faniry had no family, but Pierre's parents came out from France for the wedding, even though they did not strictly **3**\_\_\_\_\_ of it, and for three years the young couple lived very happily on the island of Madagascar.

Then, one day, a telegram came from France. Pierre's parents and his only brother had been killed in a car crash. Pierre took the next flight home to **4**\_\_\_\_\_ the funeral and manage the vineyard left by his father. Faniry followed two weeks later. Pierre was grief-stricken, but with Faniry he **5**\_\_\_\_\_ down to running the vineyard. His family, and the lazy, idyllic days under a tropical sun, were gone forever. But he was very happily married, and he was very well-off. Perhaps, he reasoned, life in Bordeaux would not be so bad. Pierre thought he had married an angel, but soon he found **6**\_\_\_\_\_ that he was wrong. He had **7**\_\_\_\_\_ a fatal mistake in marrying Faniry.

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|----|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. | A) came    | B) got     | C) arrived | D) reached |
| 2. | A) look    | B) gaze    | C) view    | D) sight   |
| 3. | A) approve | B) admit   | C) accept  | D) agree   |
| 4. | A) apply   | B) attain  | C) appear  | D) attend  |
| 5. | A) lodged  | B) settled | C) stayed  | D) dwelled |
| 6. | A) of      | B) in      | C) over    | D) out     |
| 7. | A) made    | B) set     | C) done    | D) put     |

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## Test 2.33

### A quiet house

It was April and John Moore was studying for an important examination. As the date of the exam **1** \_\_\_\_\_ nearer, he decided to go somewhere and read by himself.

He did not want the amusements of the seaside, or the beauties of the countryside. He decided to find a quiet, little town and work there undisturbed. He **2** \_\_\_\_\_ his suitcase with clothes and books. Then he looked in a railway timetable for a town that he did not know. He found one, and bought a ticket to go there. He did not tell anyone where he was going. After all, he did not want to be **3** \_\_\_\_\_.

That is how Moore arrived at Benchurch. It was a market town, and once a week it was quite busy for a few hours. The rest of the time it was a very quiet and sleepy place. Moore spent his first night at the only hotel in the town. The landlady was very kind and helpful, but the hotel was not really quiet enough for him. The second day he started **4** \_\_\_\_\_ for a house to rent.

There was only one place that he liked. It was more than quiet – it was deserted and very lonely. It was a big, old seventeenth-century house. It had barred windows like a prison, and a high brick wall all around it. It would be hard to **5** \_\_\_\_\_ a more unwelcoming place. But it suited Moore perfectly. He went to find the local lawyer, who was responsible for the house.

Mr. Carnford, the lawyer, was very happy to rent the house to him. “I’d be glad to let you have it free,” he said, “. It’s been empty so long that people have started to **6** \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of foolish stories about it. You’ll be able to prove that the stories are wrong.

Moore didn’t think it was necessary to ask the lawyer for more details of the foolish stories. He paid his rent, and Mr. Carnford gave him the name of an old servant to **7** \_\_\_\_\_ him. He came away from the lawyer with the keys of the house in his pocket.

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|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | A) appeared   | B) drew       | C) moved      | D) entered     |
| 2. | A) wrapped    | B) laid       | C) piled      | D) packed      |
| 3. | A) bothered   | B) intervened | C) interfered | D) helped      |
| 4. | A) finding    | B) looking    | C) skimming   | D) exploring   |
| 5. | A) understand | B) imagine    | C) know       | D) seek        |
| 6. | A) extend     | B) promote    | C) gossip     | D) spread      |
| 7. | A) look at    | B) look about | C) look after | D) look around |

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## Test 2.34

### Looking for a Job

My new home was a long way from the center of London but it was becoming essential to find a job, so **1**\_\_\_\_\_ I spent a whole morning getting to town and applying to London Transport for a job on the tube. It turned out that they were looking for guards, not drivers. This **2**\_\_\_\_\_ me. I couldn't drive a car but I could probably guard a train and perhaps continue to write poems between stations. "Yes, I would be a tube guard," I thought. I could see myself being cheerful, useful, a good man in a crisis.

The next day I sat down, with almost a hundred other **3**\_\_\_\_\_, for the intelligence test. I must have done all right because after half an hour's wait I was sent into another room for a psychological test. The examiner sat at a desk. You were signaled forward to occupy the seat opposite him when the previous occupant had been **4**\_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes the person was rejected quickly and sometimes after quite a while. Obviously the longer interviews were the most successful ones. Mine was the only one that lasted a minute and a half. I can remember the questions now: "Why did you leave your last job, "Why did you leave your job before that? "And the one before?"

I can't **5**\_\_\_\_\_ my answers, except they were short at first and grew shorter as we continued. His closing statement **6**\_\_\_\_\_ a lack of sensitivity, which helped to explain why as a psychologist he had risen no higher than the underground railway. "You have failed this test and we are unable to offer you a position." Failing to get that job was my low point. Or so I thought, believing that the work was easy. Actually, such a job **7**\_\_\_\_\_ exactly this sort of elementary responsibility a dreamer like me is unlikely to have. But, I was still far short of self-understanding as well as short of cash.

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|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. | A) finally    | B) at the end | C) lastly     | D) in conclusion |
| 2. | A) comforted  | B) matched    | C) fitted     | D) suited        |
| 3. | A) friends    | B) members    | C) candidates | D) nominees      |
| 4. | A) declined   | B) dismissed  | C) accepted   | D) abandoned     |
| 5. | A) recall     | B) memorize   | C) forget     | D) remind        |
| 6. | A) discovered | B) revealed   | C) disguised  | D) opened        |
| 7. | A) expects    | B) offers     | C) demands    | D) Asks          |

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## Test 2.35

### Vacation plans

Christopher and Margaret Roberts always spent their summer vacation as far away from England as they could possibly afford. **1** \_\_\_\_\_, as they both were teachers at a small preparatory school just north of Bristol, their experience of four of the five continents was largely **2** \_\_\_\_\_ to periodicals such as *National Geographic* and *Times*.

But their annual vacation each August was sacred, and they spent eleven months of the year saving, planning, and preparing for their one extravagant luxury. The following eleven months they spent **3** \_\_\_\_\_ their pupils about their discoveries.

During the long evenings when their pupils were meant to be asleep, Christopher and Margaret would examine maps, analyze expert opinion, and then finally come up with a shortlist to consider. In recent trips they had **4** \_\_\_\_\_ to visit Norway, northern Italy, and Slovakia, ending up the previous year exploring the east coast of Greece.

“It has to be Turkey this year. We can **5** \_\_\_\_\_ afford any other trip. The prices have risen again,” said Christopher one evening. A week later, Margaret **6** \_\_\_\_\_ to the same conclusion, and so they were able to move on to Phase Two. Every book on Turkey in the local library was borrowed and consulted. By the first day of the summer term, charter tickets were paid for and reservations were **7** \_\_\_\_\_.

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|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | A) nevertheless | B) although   | C) however    | D) therefore |
| 2 | A) reserved     | B) restricted | C) restrained | D) retained  |
| 3 | A) speaking     | B) talking    | C) saying     | D) telling   |
| 4 | A) fulfilled    | B) achieved   | C) managed    | D) succeeded |
| 5 | A) merely       | B) hardly     | C) closely    | D) purely    |
| 6 | A) came         | B) went       | C) took       | D) got       |
| 7 | A) held         | B) kept       | C) made       | D) done      |

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## Test 2.36

### Grandfather

When I was ten, I spent the best months of my life in Norway at the mountain farm where my mother was born. What **1**\_\_\_\_\_ most vivid in my mind are the times I shared with my Grandfather Jorden.

The first thing I **2**\_\_\_\_\_ about Grandfather was his big hands and broad shoulders. The second thing was how he could work. All summer I watched him. He mowed grass, gathered the hay in huge bundles, and carried them on his back to the barn. He caught and salted fish, grew and stored potatoes. He stopped only long enough to eat and to sleep a few winks. **3**\_\_\_\_\_ people could work so hard.

And yet he **4**\_\_\_\_\_ to find some time for just the two of us. One day he gave me a knife. He took his own knife and cut a thin branch from a **5**\_\_\_\_\_ tree. He showed me how to make a flute. Even today, 60 years later, whenever I hear the pure notes of a flute, I think of how he made music from nothing but a branch of a tree.

As an American, I always thought people simply bought whatever they needed. I don't know **6**\_\_\_\_\_ Grandfather knew this, but it seems he wanted to teach me something. And the flute will always **7**\_\_\_\_\_ me of my Grandfather and his life lessons.

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|---|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | A) leaves    | B) remains  | C) persists  | D) continues  |
| 2 | A) noticed   | B) remarked | C) looked    | D) recognized |
| 3 | A) many      | B) little   | C) few       | D) much       |
| 4 | A) fulfilled | B) achieved | C) succeeded | D) managed    |
| 5 | A) close     | B) nearby   | C) next near | D) near       |
| 6 | A) therefore | B) however  | C) whether   | D) although   |
| 7 | A) remind    | B) recall   | C) remember  | D) recollect  |

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## Test 2.37

### My Family

I don't believe anyone could describe me as a snob. However, I do believe that the saying "There's a place for everything, and everything has its place" 1\_\_\_\_\_ equally well to human beings.

I was born in Yorkshire in Victorian times and I can safely 2\_\_\_\_\_ that during this period my family played a considerable role. My father, Sir Raymond Hardcastle, was not only an inventor and industrialist of great imagination and skill, but he also built up one of the nation's most successful companies. At the same time he always 3\_\_\_\_\_ his workers as if they were all part of the family. Indeed it was this example that he 4\_\_\_\_\_, whenever he dealt with those less fortunate than himself that has been the benchmark by which I have attempted to conduct my own life.

I have no brothers and just one elder sister, Amy. 5\_\_\_\_\_ there were only a couple of years between us, I cannot pretend that we were even particularly close, perhaps because I was an outgoing child, while she was shy and reserved. Her only interests in life were gardening, crochet work and the occasional visit to Scarborough festival. She never 6\_\_\_\_\_ an attempt to get out of the family circle.

Gerald and I first met when I had been a houseguest at Lord Fanshaw's country home in Norfolk. As it turned 7\_\_\_\_\_, we had much in common. We were married in July 1895 and our son Guy was born a year later. My father simply doted on Guy and left everything to him.

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|---|-------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1 | A) concerns | B) applies  | C) affects   | D) influences   |
| 2 | A) say      | B) speak    | C) tell      | D) talk         |
| 3 | A) counted  | B) dealt    | C) judged    | D) treated      |
| 4 | A) did      | B) made     | C) set       | D) put          |
| 5 | A) however  | B) although | C) therefore | D) nevertheless |
| 6 | A) made     | B) did      | C) took      | D) held         |
| 7 | A) off      | B) out      | C) in        | D) over         |

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