

*Congrats on getting this far!
Good luck!*

I. (10 points) Read the texts below and decide which variant A, B, C or D best fits each space:

A lunchtime break from work provides an essential rest of mind and body, but these days who can spare the time? A new survey by Diet Coke reveals that more than two thirds of us routinely work through lunch, with women the worst offenders. This can obviously impact on health and is bad news for productivity in the long ____ (1). Most British women snatch just twenty minutes a day, while men ____ (2) slightly better with 30 minutes. Occupational therapists warn that this is a worrying ____ (3) and that we are doing neither ourselves nor our employers a favour by ____ (4) breaks short. You work more productively in the afternoon if you've had a change of ____ (5) and a chance to think about something other than work.

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| 1 A stretch | B run | C span | D spell |
| 2 A surpass | B exceed | C fare | D excel |
| 3 A scale | B rate | C extent | D trend |
| 4 A cutting | B running | C taking | D limiting |
| 5 A view | B prospect | C scene | D sight |

Among scientists around the world, the study of our planet's climate surely ranks as one of the most highly charged fields of modern inquiry. Humans and all other species on Earth live – and often die – in direct response to climate. And yet, we're still ____ (6) for sure answers to the basic questions about this extraordinarily complex system: How and why does our climate change? Among scientists and non-scientists ____ (7) many now say that it's ____ (8) that human induced warming threatens to disrupt life on Earth. On the other side of the debate people ____ (9) that such warming is taking place at all. One thing, however, seems certain: with so much at ____ (10), the debate will rage as long as the evidence is in any way equivocal.

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| 6 A striving | B pursuing | C seeking | D attempting |
| 7 A respectively | B alike | C likewise | D both |
| 8 A must | B definite | C deal | D obvious |
| 9 A decline | B contradict | C deny | D revoke |
| 10 A peril | B stake | C interest | D doubt |

II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:

The pyramids of Egypt were built more than three thousand years ago, and no one knows ____ (1). The conventional picture ____ (2) that tens of thousands of slaves dragged stones ____ (3) sledges. But there is no evidence to back this ____ (4). Now a Californian software consultant called Maureen Clemmons ____ (5) suggested that kites might have ____ (6) involved. While perusing a book on the monuments of Egypt, she noticed a hieroglyph that showed ____ (7) row of men standing in odd postures. They were holding ____ (8) looked like ropes that led, via some kind of mechanical system, ____ (9) a giant bird in the sky. She wondered ____ (10) perhaps the bird was actually a giant kite and the men were using it to lift a heavy object.

III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals below to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:
1 – FULL; 2 – LAND; 3 – COAST; 4 – FISH; 5 – RHYTHM; 6 – NOURISH; 7 – ABUNDANT; 8 – DEPEND; 9 – PRODUCT; 10 – EXCESS

The forty-ninth state to join the United States of America, Alaska is ____ (1) one-fifth the size of the ____ (2) 48 states combined. It shares, with Canada, the second longest river system in North America and has over half the ____ (3) of the United States. Taking advantage of this rich bounty, Alaska's commercial ____ (4) have developed into some of the largest in the world. The true heart and soul of Alaska's fishing industry is salmon. Salmon pumps through Alaska like blood through a heart, bringing ____ (5), circulating ____ (6) to land, animals and people. The predictable ____ (7) of salmon allowed some native cultures to flourish. Indeed, if Alaska was an ____ (8) nation, it would be the largest ____ (9) of wild salmon in the world. During 2000, commercial catches of Pacific salmon in Alaska ____ (10) 320,000 tonnes.

IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same:

1. 'I really don't like what you are saying about me!' said Tina. OBJECTED
Tina _____ about her.
2. They think that students vandalised the school last night. WAS
It _____ by the students last night.
3. 'You will have to travel a lot in this job,' the manager told her. INVOLVE
The manager informed her that the job _____ a lot.
4. It is possible that Teresa took your car keys this morning by mistake. ACCIDENTALLY
Teresa _____ your car keys this morning.
5. 'Why don't you go to the seaside for the weekend?' Kevin said. SUGGESTED
Kevin _____ to the seaside for the weekend.
6. 'Why didn't I ask Linda for her phone number?' thought Vince. ASKED
'If _____ Linda for her phone number!' thought Vince.
7. They are decorating our living room, so the house is a mess. HAVING
We _____, so the house is a mess.
8. The manager gave his secretary strict instructions that no one should be allowed to disturb her. CIRCUMSTANCES
'Under _____ to be disturbed!' the manager told her secretary.
9. Sharon and I are not speaking to each other, I'm afraid. TERMS
Sharon and I _____ each other, I'm afraid.
10. What happens should there be a tie in the vote? EVENT
What happens _____ is a tie in the vote?

V. (50 points) Report Writing – 280-300 words

The principal of the college you attend is concerned that there have been an increasing number of incidents of vandalism on college buildings, theft of student property and an increasing number of unauthorized people using college facilities. He has asked you to write a report from a student perspective reviewing present security arrangements and making recommendations for improvements.

Write your report.

Think about

- sections with subheadings;
- introduction and conclusion.

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