

I. (12 points) Read the texts below and decide which variant A, B, C or D best fits each space.

A popular character in the nation's top television soap is ____ (1) for something of which she was probably innocent. Having been ____ (2) guilty of a series of fraudulent acts, she contemplates months of incarceration. A good story-line, but wait! Within hours the television station is being ____ (3) with calls of protest. A national newspaper soon ____ (4) up a campaign to have her freed. Thousands of T-shirts are printed with slogans ____ (5) for her release. Offices and factory floors ____ (6) to the sounds of animated debate. It is even mentioned in Parliament. It's easy to ____ (7) off such idiocies as "a bit of fun", but there's surely a more serious side. A fair proportion of viewers were obviously ____ (8) in by the story to such an extent that their perception of fact and fiction was clearly ____ (9). Everywhere, millions will ____ (10) over their 7-day TV guide to get a preview of the week's soaps. If a character is ____ (11) to be past his or her sell-by date, and the decision has been taken to ____ (12) him or her out, possibly to have them killed off in spectacular fashion, viewing figures are likely to soar by up to 25%.

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| 1 | A. jailed | B. prisoned | C. sentenced | D. charged |
| 2 | A. arrested | B. called | C. found | D. discovered |
| 3 | A. bombed | B. attacked | C. streamed | D. inundated |
| 4 | A. opens | B. starts | C. puts | D. establishes |
| 5 | A. demanding | B. calling | C. insisting | D. sounding |
| 6 | A. echo | B. ring | C. fill | D. deafen |
| 7 | A. laugh | B. smile | C. take | D. put |
| 8 | A. thrown | B. arried | C. indulged | D. taken |
| 9 | A. blurred | B. hampered | C. tampered | D. glossed |
| 10 | A. flick | B. go | C. pore | D. sit |
| 11 | A. decided | B. resolved | C. deemed | D. suspected |
| 12 | A. write | B. cast | C. sort | D. work |

II. (15 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word.

There is always a tension between those attempts by the individual writer to explain him (1)___ herself, to retain integrity or the purity of (2)___ is to be communicated, and the endeavour to create a mass appeal. Those (3)___ solely seek (4)___ please the audience have nothing original to say. The idea that the great work of literature will always find an audience is the result of wishful thinking or (5)___ romantic dream that even a quick history of publishing (6)___ dispel. However intensely thought out or felt, a book will (7)___ convey its message until, by fortunate circumstances, (8)___ finds an audience willing to listen. Popular fiction, however, is based (9)___ the assumption that the audience is understood. Whilst it takes certain kinds of people to produce it, and whilst many try (10)___ fail, the appeal rests on having designs on the response (11)___ the reader. Given the recognition of what the readers seek, the idea is to gratify them (12)___ simply and unselfconsciously as possible. This suggests that (13)___ is nothing sacrosanct about the text. If it succeeds in its own terms, this (14)___ enough. Its own terms are only that, by its very lack (15)___ uniqueness, it fulfills a certain formula of popularity.

III. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same and using the word in capitals. You must not change the word in capitals.

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| 1. This is the best opera I have ever seen.
Never _____ a good opera. | HAVE |
| 2. Even though Sam rarely has a lot of money, he always buys his mum a birthday present.
However _____ his mum a birthday present. | SHORT |
| 3. We're celebrating the company's tenth anniversary next month.
Next month, the company _____ for ten years. | BUSSINESS |
| 4. 'Honestly, I didn't cheat in the test'.
He _____ in the test. | DENIED |
| 5. It is possible that she took your keys by mistake.
She _____ your keys. | ACCIDENTALLY |
| 6. Contrary to our expectations, Alan came home early.
We _____ Alan to be late, but he came home early. | EXPECTED |
| 7. The police have issued a description of the man wanted in connection with the robbery.
A description _____ wanted in connection with the robbery. | BEEN |
| 8. All the students took the exam apart from Jill.
Jill was the only _____ the exam. | WHO |

9. Bernard never stops complaining.

NOTHING

Bernard _____ complain.

10. Bill found a new job very quickly.

FIND

It didn't _____ a new job.

IV. (8 points) Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense and voice.

The Sonar and Radar pioneers (1 – not/know) it then, but all the world now knows that bats, or rather natural selection working on bats (2 – perfect) the system of maneuvering in the dark tens of millions of years earlier; and that their radar achieves feats of detection and navigation that (3 – strike) an engineer dumb with admiration. It is technically incorrect (4 – talk) about bat radar, since they do not use radio waves. It is sonar. But the underlying mathematical theories of radar and sonar are very similar, and much of our scientific understanding of the details of what bats (5 – do) when they fly (6 – come) from applying radar theory to them. The American zoologist Donald Griffin, who was largely responsible for the discovery of sonar in bats, (7 – coin) the term 'echolocation' to cover both radar and sonar, whether (8 – use) by animals or by human instruments.

V. (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- COMPETE, 2-CHILD, 3-OUT, 4-MUCH, 5-EXIST, 6-ESSENCE, 7-ODD, 8-ORGANISE, 9-PLACE, 10-PLEASE.

We live in a very (1).....society and most of us will need to reshuffle the furniture of our minds in order to gear our (2).... towards a future in which (3).... rewards become less relevant than inner and (4).....individual spurs. The (5).....of competition has always meant doing things because they win us some (6)..... unconnected advantage but the aim of the future must be to integrate the doing with its own reward, like virtue. (7)....enough, it is in America, that citadel of competitiveness, that the first experiments in this change of mind are taking place. In that New World, there are already (8).....set up to examine ways in which competitiveness can be (9).....by other inner-directed forms of rewards and (10).....

VI. (10 points) Find and correct the ten mistakes in the text below. The text may contain spelling mistakes, grammar or vocabulary mistakes, a word missing or an extra word.

The history of human civilization is entwines with the history of the ways we have learned to manipulate water ressources. As towns gradually expanded, water brought from increasingly remote sources, leading to sofisticated engineering efforts such as dams and aqueducts. At the heighth of Roman empire, nine major systems, with an innovative layout of pipes and well-built sewers, supplied the occupants Rome with as many water per person as, is. provided in many parts of the industrial world today.

VII. (25 points) Write a 8-10 line paragraph in which you give your opinion on: 'The highest result of education is tolerance.' - Helen Keller -

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