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**Vocabulary:
Seven tests.**

Travel and Movement

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| 1. A. standing; | B. settled; | C. stationary; | D. static; |
| 2. A. stuffed; | B. saturated; | C. crammed; | D. congested; |
| 3. A. flow; | B. current; | C. tide; | D. flood; |
| 4. A. push; | B. rush; | C. hasty; | D. hurry; |
| 5. A. standstill; | B. hold-up; | C. jam; | D. freeze; |
| 6. A. smells; | B. odours; | C. fumes; | D. stinks; |
| 7. A. size; | B. volume; | C. breadth; | D. depth; |
| 8. A. civic; | B. mass; | C. public; | D. popular. |

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3. Complete the text with words formed from the words in capitals.

- 1. OUT 2. PACK 3. FLY 4. MAINTAIN 5. ASSIST**
6. ACCEPT 7. COMPENSATE 8. OPERATE

The Manager
Transworld Air
Portugal Street
London

Dear Sir or Madam,

I travelled last week on a Transworld Airbus from London Gatwick to Copenhagen. This was the (1) journey of a holiday in Denmark, a (2) tour arranged through a company called 'Sunset'. My (3) was due to leave at 8.20 am on Tuesday 25th November, but did not in fact leave until 20.30, a delay of more than eight hours. The reason given was that vital (4) work had to be carried out. Although all passengers were given a free meal, no other offer of (5) was given. Such a long delay is totally (6) , and I feel justified in the circumstances in requesting some form of financial (7) I have written to the tour (8) , who denied responsibility and advised me to write to you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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4. Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

- a) We managed to complete our journey *ahead of* / *in front of* schedule.
- b) On our way to York, we *divided* / *broke* our journey in Peterborough.
- c) As I wasn't coming back by train, I asked for a *single* / *simple* ticket.
- d) The two coaches *collided* / *bumped*, but luckily no one was *injured* / *wounded*.
- e) There has been widespread public *enmity* / *opposition* to the plan for a new road.
- f) My car *skidded* / *slipped* off the road and hit a tree.
- g) The train was packed, and there was standing *place* / *room* only.
- h) Look at that enormous *goods* / *industrial* train - it must have 20 or 30 wagons!
- i) The police accused Donald of breaking the speed *limit* / *restriction*.
- j) The Chairman made a *brisk* / *flying* visit to the company's new office in Brussels.

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| 3) | A. resembling; | B. appearing; | C. seeming; | D. looking; |
| 4) | A. count; | B. trust; | C. rely; | D. reckon; |
| 5) | A. occasional; | B. sometime; | C. incidental; | D. irregular; |
| 6) | A. bunches; | B. hordes; | C. throngs; | D. swarms; |
| 7) | A. dune; | B. pile; | C. mound; | D. drift; |
| 8) | A. deserted; | B. stranded; | C. marooned | D. aground. |

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