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**Vocabulary.**

**Seven tests.**

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- b. The murderer should ..... for life.
- c. The floor had ..... with newspapers and old magazines.
- d. I ..... completely ..... and had no idea what had happened.
- e. The building has ..... for demolition.

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10. The factory is staffed	j. for three months after the accident.

**4. Fill each of the gaps with the most appropriate word from the list.**

**haunted    touched    locked    earmarked    buffeted    possessed**  
**hounded    blessed    doomed    destined    handicapped    dogged**

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**Overcome   deemed   inundated   dwarfed   dubbed   shrouded**  
**scheduled   baffled   strewn   short-listed**

- a. The ex-champion ..... by heat exhaustion in the final and was unable to finish the match.
- b. How the intelligence services work ..... in secrecy.
- c. Since the film came out, I ..... with requests for my autograph.
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- e. Their new CD ..... for release next January.
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- i. Many people think a nineteen-year-old's first novel should ..... for last year's National Literature prize.
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- a. Since the advertisement, we've had more applications than we can deal with. **swamped**
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- c. The Minister's response really took the interviewer by surprise. **aback**
- d. The rain forced the protest march to be cancelled. **rained**
- e. There is someone in the office twenty-four hours a day. **staffed**
- f. I wasn't sure what to do when the bereaved woman started laughing. **disconcerted**

- g. Each new generation is told the secret recipe. **down**
- h. The Trade Centre towers over the surrounding buildings. **dwarfed**
- i. The Government's fiscal policy came in for sharp criticism in the press. **pilloried**
- j. You cannot easily put all this information under one heading. **subsumed**

**7. Complete each sentence using a collocation given below.**

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**make a difference    take a boat    turn my thoughts to    newly qualified**  
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