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Nine tests.

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loan average my retirement the market a regular basis
good terms purpose the premises the verge of its own merits

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one at a time for one one another one-time one-way
one by one all in one one-off one-sided one in three

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| 1). A sign | B make | C give | D approve |
| 2). A inhabitants | B dwellers | C occupants | D residents |
| 3). A controversial | B debatable | C notorious | D doubtful |
| 4). A involve | B concern | C assume | D need |
| 5). A further to | B as well as | C moreover | D what's more |
| 6). A sum | B size | C volume | D length |
| 7). A years | B period | C time | D future |
| 8). A regarded | B believed | C felt | D held |
| 9). A potential | B outlook | C prospect | D likelihood |
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4. Both options make sense. Underline the one which forms a common collocation.

- a). The two men, *disguised/transformed* as security guards, overpowered staff at the bank and escaped with £150,000.
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Conditions evidence knowledge place responsibility
Confidence incident opinion prospect verge

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Bid clash held toll boost cleared looms set vows

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- 1. SPECULATE 2. ANNOUNCE 3. ANALYSE 4. SURVIVE 5. ASSURE**
6. THINK 7. POLITICS 8. DOWN 9. CRITICISE 10. DISASTER
11. FAIL 12. EMPLOY 13. UNITE 14. DIVIDE 15. JUSTIFY

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Answers

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