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Vocabulary.

Nine tests.

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Sir Clive Sinclair

Born in 1940, UK businessman Sir Clive Sinclair has an (1)..... (ENDURE) place in the minds of British people for two reasons. First, he was the man who (2).....(REVOLT) home computing with the ZX series of computers, and secondly, he was the man whose (3)..... (ALTER) to the car, the C5, failed spectacularly to capture the public imagination. Sinclair's products, the ZX81 and its successful (4). (PLACE), the ZX Spectrum, were small, affordable computers that sold in huge numbers in the early 1980s. Despite limited (5)..... (CAPABLE), they allowed people to play computer games in their own home for the first time, and even introduced people to the word (6).....(PROCESS).

The C5, a one-person vehicle that ran on (7)..... (ELECTRIC), was produced in 1984 and was Sinclair's attempt to (8)..... (MODERN) transport. However, it was (9)..... (PERSIST) criticised in the press for being unsafe and impractical in the British climate and production of the C5 was (10)..... (CONTINUE) in August, 1985.

B. Circle the correct word or phrase.

1. When I saw / **was seeing** Marty, he was chatting to someone outside the bank.
2. Jason wasn't interested in the film because he already saw / **had already seen** it.
3. I was shocked because it was the first time I heard / **had heard** Alec use such bad language.
4. In his younger days, my grandfather would / **used to** be a pretty good tennis player.
5. I was / **have been** really pleased when my little brother was born.
6. Tim was always getting / **had always got** into fights at school when he was a kid.
7. The dog played / **had been playing** in the mud, so he was absolutely filthy.
8. A week into our camping holiday, we were used to cooking / **used to cook** in the open air.

C. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and eight words, including the word given.

1. Don't you think we should decorate the living room soon? **up**

Isn't it about time.....the living room?

2. Why should I offer you advice if you won't listen? **use**

What's..... you advice if you won't listen?

3. Being in prison seems to have changed Kevin's behaviour for the better. **leaf**

Kevin has..... he got out of prison.

4. Don't complain about it to me because it won't make any difference. **good**

It's..... it because it won't make any difference.

5. You only have a short time to do this work, so don't waste time. **clock**

You are....., so don't waste time.

6. When her dream of meeting Kylie came true after so long, Carol couldn't believe it. **reality**

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.....after so long.

7. I often think that Sean is actually his twin brother, Michael. **mix**

I often.....his twin brother, Michael.

8. Would you like to do what the Prime Minister does? **places**

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D. Write one word in each gap.

1. Johnson was..... the lead until the final bend, where he fell off his bike.
2. I'm afraid our Conference Room is.....use at the moment, but I'll call you when it's free.
3. The Internet provides access.....an incredible amount of information.
4. Dr Fisher told us that Grandad's health had changed.....the better, so we could see him.
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E. Choose the correct answer.

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A. impression B. influence C. change D. alteration
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octopus.
A. was eating B. have eaten C. have been eating D. had eaten
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get a virus.
A. back B. copy C. store D. save
6. The Minister was accused of.....the truth.
A. distorting B. revising C. reforming D. shifting
7. That new painting looks a bit out of..... in our living room, don't you
think?
A. room B. space C. place D. spot
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A: devoted B: repealed C: sacrificed D: abolished

2. I find the offer quite, but I think I'd rather study at Oxford.

A: tempting B: desirous C: inclined D: envious

3. I don't normally like noisy clubs, but I had a sudden..... to see what the Blue Parrot was like.

A: force B: motive C: pressure D: impulse

4. Jerry loves snowboarding so much that it's almost like a drug

A: passion B: obsession C: addiction D: requirement

5. I don't want to do the course in applied statistics, but it's

A: compulsory B: inevitable C: bound D: indecisive

6. Don't worry about me — I'm quite to sit here and wait for you to come back.

A: ecstatic B: delighted C: joyful D: content

7. When I was pregnant, I often got a sudden for tinned sardines.

A: preference B: craving C: envy D: greed

8. Thank you for thinking of us, but I'm afraid we're going to have to..... your kind invitation.

A: decline B: deny C: condemn D: reject

9. I've never seen anyone so..... to their job as Philip is.

A: eager B: keen C: dedicated D: interested

10. Why do you have such a..... with model railways?

A: desire B: fascination C: love D: preference

11. I wish you would stop wasting so much time on computer games and do something a little more.....

A: welcome B: enviable C: feasible D: worthwhile

12. Olivia has always..... to return to the country she was born in.

A: favoured

B: yearned

C: urged

D: inclined

G. Complete using the correct form of the words in the box.

adore • appeal • bear • delight • differentiate • fancy • favour • praise
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I. Look at these newspaper headlines. Each one has an idiom based on a part of the human body. What do you think they mean? Choose the correct answer.

1 University goes cap in hand to finance minister

2 Airline foots the bill for delays and cancellations

3 Rita Soraz is the apple of Hollywood's eye

4 Government is burying its head in the sand. says Opposition leader

1. A university a) apologises to the minister b) asks the minister for financial help c) awards the minister a great honour.
2. An airline a) has refused to pay the costs b) sends the bill to someone else c) will pay the costs.
3. Rita Soraz is a) loved by everyone in Hollywood b) hated by everyone in Hollywood c) missed by everyone in Hollywood.
4. The government is a) refusing to face a difficult situation b) about to resign c) making unpopular plans.

Answers

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