

## TEST 2

### I. Replace each italicized words with a synonymous one.

It is believed that our *inherited* (1) genetic characteristics play the *decisive* (2) role in our being beautiful, attractive and appealing to other individuals. Although there is no *clear* (3) theory on what beauty really is and how it works, the results of a recent scientific *research* (4) seem to *confirm* (5) the hypothesis that our facial features are *determined* (6) by our brains. Their possible role is to *reflect* (7) health and fertility as well as genetic superiority - the quality that people, *supposedly* (8), share with animals which, like humans, have their own sexual preferences. Most species of birds, for example, rely on the brightest colours of plumage when *selecting* (9) their *partners* (10). To them, the vivid *shades* (11) of the feathers indicate the potential partner's genetic fitness to produce healthy *children* (12).

In humans, similarly, beauty *shows* (13) our well-being and our sexual attractiveness, but as far as our facial characteristics are taken into account, people *tend* (14) to regard as extremely *charming* (15) the faces with the highest degree of symmetry. And equally effectively, the facial properties may also indicate the appeal of the whole body.

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| 1. a) indebted      | b) derivative  | c) innate      | d) acquisitive |
| 2. a) vital         | b) functional  | c) tangible    | d) customary   |
| 3. a) eminent       | b) obscure     | c) indicative  | d) explicit    |
| 4. a) chore         | b) endeavour   | c) inquiry     | d) labour      |
| 5. a) bear out      | b) stand down  | c) prop up     | d) make about  |
| 6. a) reliant       | b) conditioned | c) implied     | d) designated  |
| 7. a) manifest      | b) pertain     | c) survey      | d) uncover     |
| 8. a) plainly       | b) normally    | c) allegedly   | d) mainly      |
| 9. a) favouring     | b) postulating | c) referring   | d) asserting   |
| 10. a) counterparts | b) mates       | c) fellows     | d) accomplices |
| 11. a) dyes         | b) marvels     | c) twilights   | d) hues        |
| 12. a) stamina      | b) progeny     | c) entity      | d) forebears   |
| 13. a) affirms      | b) foresees    | c) displays    | d) envisages   |
| 14. a) incline      | b) aspire      | c) anticipate  | d) declare     |
| 15. a) flourishing  | b) startling   | c) captivating | d) engrossing  |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. The low ..... (ATTEND) at the concert was a result of the organizers' carelessness about giving it even more extensive publicity.
2. Another attempt to establish a ..... (LAST) peace has failed after one of the negotiators refused to sign the treaty.
3. This new situation is more than ..... (ADVANTAGE) to all the investors. Definitely, it's a chance not to miss.
4. Besides innumerable human victims, the tornado has caused an enormous ..... (DESTROY) to the buildings in the area.
5. A sudden ..... (GROW) in food prices will certainly bring about violent protests from the population.
6. Let's stop quarrelling about such ..... (RELEVANT) details. It doesn't matter what we take first, the soup or the second course.
7. The number of the nails Harry had bought at the ironmonger's wasn't ..... (SUFFICE) and we had to borrow a few from our neighbour.
8. .... (OBEY) at this school is severely punished, so remember to mind your manners both during the lessons and outside the classroom.
9. Some people claim that the microprocessor is the greatest ..... (INVENT) of the 20th century.
10. The actors received a ..... (STAND) ovation from the enthusiastic audience for their brilliant performance in *Othello*.
11. Without the congressmen's ..... (VALUE) assistance we would never have gathered enough money for our son's operation.
12. It's ..... (POINT) to try to reach the village on foot. The only possible way of getting there is by helicopter.
13. Jack's initial ..... (EXCITE) at taking part in the competition died down after he had learned about the extra costs he would have had to cover.
14. The ..... (PLEASE) of spending holidays in the countryside consists in breathing fresh air and being in harmony with nature.
15. You'd better ask Frank, I'm not in ..... (POSSESS) of the manual you are looking for.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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break	come	do	drop	get	go	jump	lie
put	settle	take	throw	tick	turn	work	

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1. Mike's interest in practicing karate ..... **off** rather quickly and the boy started to look for a new hobby to take up.
2. The exact cost of the whole venture isn't known yet, but our best accountants have been trying to ..... it **out**.
3. For some people, the situation was too tense to ..... **up with** and no wonder that quite a few of them preferred to go home.
4. There was no sign indicating that the cottage had been ..... **into**, yet, the owner was sure his precious paintings had been stolen.
5. 'There's no hot chocolate on the menu, sir.' 'That's all right. I can ..... **with** a cup of tea instead.'
6. Luckily, the bomb which ..... **off** near the bank last Friday didn't kill anyone.
7. I don't quite like the new apprentice's approach. He seems to ..... **down** on the job.
8. We owe this marvellous wooden church building to the first Christian pioneers who ..... **down** in this area in the 16th century.
9. Our stay in the town will certainly be a good chance for Michael to visit his grandfather's birthplace, so I'm sure he will ..... **at** the opportunity.
10. Don't you think Patrick ..... **after** his grandfather? They both have got equally blue eyes and blond hair.
11. If none of you is going to wear these clothes, I'll ..... them **away** or donate them to charity.
12. During to the Winter Olympic Games the small mountain village ..... **into** a metropolis with thousands of visitors from all over the world.
13. I knew nothing about the treasure hidden in my garden. I ..... **across** it while I was digging the earth.
14. Those naughty boys went on making terrible noise in the park even though they had been ..... **off** by the annoyed constable.
15. Mr Simpson's illegal practices enabled him to ..... **away without** paying taxes for almost two years.

IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.

1. Is your uncle the owner of this Rolls Royce? (**belong**)

.....?

2. After I had introduced my guests to each other I made a long speech on the current changes in the computer technologies.

**Having** .....

3. Why didn't they tell us they were going to sell their house?

**I wish** .....

4. George won't lend his tape recorder to you if you don't promise to bring it back by Saturday. (**unless**)

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5. Jerry had terrible problems with solving the riddle. (**hardly**)

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6. Our representatives have been criticizing the new concept. (**critical**)

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7. It doesn't make any difference if they paint the board white or yellow. (**matter**)

**It** .....

8. Finally, the new prime minister has been appointed.

..... **last**.

9. I haven't visited Oslo since 1998.

**The last time** .....

10. Mrs Arnold will take care of our cat while we are away. (**look**)

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**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

age	average	chimney	dogs	dot
fault	hand	lead	luck	order
point	pride	rash	sale	sight

1. Stop acting like a child. In a few weeks, you'll be coming of ..... and nobody will tolerate your foolish behaviour any longer.
2. It's much better for us that the supervisor has been dismissed from work. Nobody could stand his finding ..... with everything.
3. It's no use trying to operate the photocopier, it's been out of ..... since September.
4. The Japanese runner was in the ..... for about twelve kilometres until she was outrun by the Italian champion.
5. The 8.20 fast train has never come late, it has always arrived on the .....
6. You say George and Stacy. I remember, it was love at first .....
7. These works of art aren't for ..... One can only admire them in the museum.
8. The water in the lake must have been contaminated as dozens of holidaymakers came out in a ..... after having bathed in it.
9. I have been totally out of ..... this evening. I haven't won anything either at roulette or at blackjack.
10. 'Don't worry, it won't take long before the rescue brigade arrives.'  
'It's a very comforting piece of news that help is at .....
11. We don't have any exact data, but on ....., we serve a hundred customers a day.
12. Today's performance of our pentathlon team was a shame, but we expect them to do much better at swimming which is the strongest ..... of our representatives.
13. It's raining cats and ..... outside, so we had better stay at home this evening.
14. Mrs Robson takes a lot of ..... in her cooking and her guests compliment her on her delicious dishes.
15. I wish Tim would follow the doctor's advice and stop smoking like a .....

## TEST 12

### I. Write in the correct words.

We all know that life on earth can be depressing at times. But if it's really \_ \_ **t** \_ \_ \_ **g** (1) you down, why not think about the possibility of moving to a different environment. It's assumed that by the year 2050 technological solutions will \_ \_ \_ **b** \_ \_ (2) people to settle on other planets with a perfect potential for generating their own energy out of local \_ \_ **s** \_ \_ \_ \_ **s** (3). However, there are plenty of \_ \_ \_ **t** \_ \_ \_ \_ **s** (4) to overcome until the first successful settlement on Mars, for example, is viable. Outer space is known to be a hostile environment with no oxygen to \_ **r** \_ \_ \_ \_ (5) and extremely low temperatures **a** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **g** (6) absolute zero. The solar and cosmic radiation can also prove to be \_ \_ \_ **h** \_ \_ (7) for fragile earthly organisms.

Although we take our elementary life support system for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (8) here on earth, there is no saying what might happen if we set out on a trek in space without the protection of the earthly atmosphere. Happily, the contemporary space expeditions have been thoroughly planned to \_ \_ **f** \_ \_ \_ (9) our astronauts against the immensely adverse i \_ \_ \_ \_ (10) of the inhospitable surroundings of space. Therefore, they are located in hermetic and sealed cabins with a fresh \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ **y** (11) of air and conditions simulating those on earth.

The first step towards space colonization is still to be made. The prospects are that the pioneers will only be provided with the most necessary equipment and that their advancement will be carefully examined by the experts in a variety of \_ \_ \_ **i** \_ **s** (12) including astronomy, medicine, physics and biology.

### II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Living on your own can be ..... (RELATE) expensive.
2. Did she make any ..... (REFER) to her last visit to the White House during the press conference?
3. It was the most ..... (ENJOY) summer we have ever had.
4. I've made up my mind to take a course in ..... (MANAGE) as I intend to set up my own business in the future.
5. The man looked out of the door ..... (SUSPECT) and having found out there was nobody in the street, he rushed towards the car.

6. The Polish and the other foreign ..... (TOUR) are supposed to have a valid visa when visiting our country.
7. This is ..... (DOUBT) Michael. I'd recognize him even if he wore a beard.
8. Lisa and Ronald's ..... (MARRY) was one of a great happiness, unshaken by any violent conflicts
9. His ..... (SOCIETY) life is very active. He takes part in every friendly meeting and visits the local Youth Centre almost every day.
10. Somebody called for organizing a rally. But, there were numerous ..... (OBJECT) to it from the union members.
11. It is strange how her ..... (PERSON) changed after she joined the sect.
12. Bob McCarthy spent his ..... (YOUNG) in a Scottish village from where he emigrated to Canada in 1972.
13. Don't be afraid, I have no ..... (INTEND) of doing any harm to you. I just want you to tell me where the secret documents are.
14. These two parts won't match. They are ..... (EQUAL) .
15. Keep doing heavy physical exercise and you'll certainly build up your ..... (STRONG).

### III. Insert the correct prepositions.

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**ABOUT   AGAINST   BEHIND   BY   FOR   IN   ON   OVER   WITH**

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1. Just say you need me and I am ..... hand.
2. The bank manager has advised us to leave our papers in the safe just ..... safekeeping.
3. Should anyone disagree ..... your offer, tell them that you have been given the direct backing of the Treasury.
4. Tom has promised to have my tuner repaired by Saturday, but I'm rather doubtful ..... it.
5. Nowadays, it's terribly hard to find a good professional specializing ..... old weaponry.

6. This is a specifically female section, men are rather ..... the minority here.
7. How about taking revenge ..... the gang ..... their cruelty?
8. At this point, it seems impossible that any rival team might take an advantage ..... our team.
9. The communist government has resigned ..... the background of the widespread social unrest.
10. It's no use insisting ..... organizing the bonfire in the woods.  
The gamekeeper will never allow us to do that.
11. Jack, I remind you that you are two months ..... with your essays.  
Deliver them by next Friday or I'll have to contact your parents.
12. I can tell you ..... certainty that this music score is less interesting than the one he wrote previously.
13. 'Did the employer ask Mary to work overtime?' 'No, I suppose she did it ..... choice.'
14. .... my part, it doesn't interest me ..... the least  
whether you keep this money or give it away.
15. There's no bigger pleasure than sitting here ..... the open air listening to the birds' singing and smelling the scent of the spring flowers.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. Is Eddie familiar with the consequences of his irrational behaviour? (**aware**)  
.....?
2. She always speaks about her children's achievements with great pride. (**boasts**)  
.....
3. It's a pity you didn't ask us to spend the time with you.  
**If only** .....
4. The police were only able to break the riots using force. (**means**)  
.....
5. Have you always been interested in hunting? (**fond**)  
.....?



6. The existence of the polar bear is endangered.  
 ..... **stake**.
7. I'm sorry that you've had to wait for me for so long. (**kept**)  
 .....
8. The only person responsible for the breakdown was Eric. (**to blame**)  
**Eric** .....
9. Sue's handbag was stolen by a foreign passenger.  
**It was** .....
10. Joan said she didn't usually drink coffee in the morning. (**accustomed**)  
 .....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

<b>air</b>	<b>bee</b>	<b>day</b>	<b>ear</b>	<b>effect</b>
<b>face</b>	<b>family</b>	<b>frame</b>	<b>kin</b>	<b>matter</b>
<b>motion</b>	<b>pains</b>	<b>point</b>	<b>shape</b>	<b>way</b>

1. You must try to bear the pain now. The medicine will only take .....  
 after a few minutes.
2. 'Where's Danny?' 'I think he's hurried home to tell the good news to his next of  
 ..... '
3. Stop pressing me now, will you? I'm not in the right ..... of mind to  
 take a proper decision.
4. Having examined the tape recordings in slow ....., the detectives  
 identified the probable assassin.
5. None of the travellers panicked even in the ..... of a mortal danger.
6. Why don't we call it a .....? It's got too dark to go on repairing the  
 bridge.
7. 'Mark's got no time for his friends and he doesn't even watch television in the evening.  
 I guess he must be very hard at work, then.' 'Indeed, he is as busy as  
 a ..... doing the novel translation.'
8. Sit down and lend me your ..... I'm going to tell you this fascinating  
 story from the very beginning.

9. 'Robert's as funny as his father, isn't he?' 'That's right. Good humour seems to run in their ..... .'
10. She said she was on the ..... of leaving the restaurant unserved when the waiter approached her table.
11. I don't know what made you think Adam was against our policy. Now, let me clear the ..... and convince you that he's our most loyal supporter.
12. 'Did you call him a liar?' 'Well, as a ..... of fact I did. I'm sorry.'
13. Don't forget to thank aunt Betty warmly. She's really gone to great ..... to buy that dictionary for you.
14. 'Don't you think this insect is very strange?' 'Indeed. It's completely out of the ..... . I've never seen anything like that before.'
15. At first, it was difficult to imagine this plan would work at all. But the more we worked on it, the better ..... it took.

## TEST 25

### I. Write in the correct words.

Most of us would \_ \_ **s** \_ \_ \_ \_ (1) ghost stories as children's stuff or even as a laughing \_ \_ \_ **t** \_ \_ (2). Still, there are those who would give their right arm claiming that they have seen a ghost or even been able to \_ **b** \_ \_ \_ \_ (3) messages from the deceased spirit. There is no sufficient evidence to \_ \_ \_ **p** \_ \_ \_ (4) such accounts, but they cannot be disregarded, either.

The researchers hoping to \_ \_ \_ **r** \_ \_ \_ (5) the mysterious supernatural phenomena believe that spirits can be \_ \_ **v** \_ \_ \_ **d** (6) into several groups. Now and then, there are spectres which are visible for a few seconds and then \_ \_ **n** \_ \_ \_ (7) into thin air so that their apparition cannot be examined thoroughly. Another form of a spirit is represented by the boisterous poltergeists that **h** \_ \_ \_ \_ (8) the places that they appear in with their noisy activity. The **p** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (9) of a poltergeist can easily be recognized by a mysterious knocking on the doors, objects being thrown about or eerie muffled utterances. The most intimidating of all spirits is its evil form - a demon. It is believed that demons have a \_ \_ \_ \_ **c** \_ \_ \_ (10) for exerting an influence upon peoples' lives mostly in \_ \_ **r** \_ \_ (11) of possessing their souls and forcing them to perform evil **d** \_ \_ \_ **s** (12).

Exorcisms as a \_ \_ \_ **h** \_ \_ (13) of dealing with such petrifying phenomena have been practiced since primeval times. The rituals have developed in multiple cultures to help \_ **x** \_ \_ \_ (14) the evil force from the possessed individuals or places.

At present, occurrences of spectres of famous or infamous characters showing up occasionally in different places are \_ \_ **p** \_ \_ \_ \_ **d** (15) by newspapers, especially when the place is as extraordinary as the White House where the spirit of Abraham Lincoln is said to roam with an enigmatic smile on its immaterial face.

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

1. Look at those heavy clouds, there is little ..... (LIKE) that it will clear up by tomorrow.
2. His life was of great ..... (PROSPER) as he became an immensely rich actor in his early teens.
3. Nobody takes kindly to Mike's arrogant behaviour, especially, to his ..... (OFFEND) remarks.
4. Try being as ..... (SYMPATHY) as possible considering that Mrs Harkley has suffered from great misery recently.
5. I cannot think why the experts have questioned the ..... (AUTHENTIC) of the document claiming that it had been faked.
6. John can't speak English perfectly, but you have to make an ..... (ALLOW) for the fact that he had spent his childhood in Sweden.
7. The management say there's no need to be worried, yet the rumour about the decrease in wages has caused considerable ..... (ANXIOUS) among the shipyard workers.
8. We have decided to quit our cooperation with the Derby wholesaler because of their constant inability to supply the ..... (SATISFY) amount of the ordered goods.
9. I've come under a lot of ..... (PRESS) lately as the dean wants me to take three exams next month.
10. The small partisan unit was ..... (HELP) in the face of the bigger and better armed invader, and so they surrendered without a fight.
11. I'm sorry madam, but your letter of ..... (COMPLAIN) hasn't been dealt with as yet. Would you kindly return in a few days, please?
12. The boy should be given an ..... (EXAMPLE) punishment so that the rest be afraid of harrasing the other little children in the future.
13. Whether there's life in the other galaxies seems to be an ..... (ANSWER) question.
14. 'What do you call somebody dealing with physics?' 'I guess it's a ..... (PHYSICS).'
15. The ..... (DISASTER) force of the tornado sweeping through the coastal area is too powerful to be countered.

III. Add the suitable verbs to make the correct phrasal verbs.

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back	catch	do	fall	keep
land	look	point	pry	put
stay	stick	take	tell	turn

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1. Our team counted on the financial support of the local council, but they have ..... **out of** their promises leaving us with no assistance.
2. The sugar bags have been left at home and I'm afraid we'll have to ..... **without** them during the weekend.
3. The moment I return, home I'll ..... **in** and sleep until next afternoon.
4. He didn't tell us the whole story, I guess. He must have ..... **back** the most intriguing part of it.
5. What invariably makes us angry at Sally is her constant ..... **into** our private matters whenever she comes for a visit.
6. So far, I haven't had time to ..... **through** all these photographs and choose the best ones for printing.
7. You shouldn't be smoking a cigarette in the waiting room. .... it **out** now or go outside the building.
8. I've told them a hundred times I've got no experience in wallpapering. Yet, they have ..... me **with** this job anyway.
9. Because of his serious knee damage our son has ..... **away from** school for twelve days now.
10. The astronauts had taken part in a press conference before their rocket ..... **off**.
11. Could you ..... **out** the major differences between these two theories, Mr Rooney?
12. One of the neighbours got nervous and ..... Simon **off** for playing the radio too loudly.
13. It ..... **out** a mile that Myra is in love with Brian. Just consider how affectionately she smiles at him.
14. Stop the quarrel now. There is no point in ..... **out** about such a trivial matter.
15. The bell-bottoms were very popular in the 70's, but it's unlikely they will ever ..... **on** again.

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. If you hope to be a good driver, you mustn't break the traffic regulations. (**abide**)  
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2. I don't agree with the conclusions you have put forward. (**along with**)  
.....
3. If you don't get down to work, you won't be able to pass the entrance exam.  
(**otherwise**)  
.....
4. Can Mr Bailey deliver the letters by tomorrow?  
**Is it** .....?
5. Alfred put on his raincoat because he didn't want to get soaked.  
**For fear** .....
6. Did she use her spare time in a good way? (**make**)  
.....?
7. Where is the annual meeting being organized?  
..... **place**?
8. It is more than probable that they have had problems with their car.  
**In all** .....
9. She was warned firmly not to use the faulty oven, but she still kept doing so.  
**Even** .....
10. It's hardly possible to reach the peak of the mountain on foot.  
**It's nearly** .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. She may work slower than the other employees, but in ..... she is a conscientious worker.  
a) general      b) whole      c) least      d) a rule
2. No matter how we asked him to ..... the news, he would still refuse to tell us anything.  
a) launch      b) clear      c) notify      d) break

3. We were shocked when we discovered that our foreman betrayed us and ..... with the management in the dispute.  
a) sided      b) approached      c) supported      d) aided
4. It's believed that the volcano is ..... , but the seismologists suspect it might erupt one day.  
a) extinguished      b) extinct      c) exhausted      d) expelled
5. The first convention of the Congress of Racial Equality was ..... in 1942.  
a) delivered      b) enacted      c) performed      d) held
6. Don't you think it's about time you changed the washer in the ..... tap?  
a) drooping      b) dripping      c) dropping      d) dipping
7. The findings of the report read that by the year 2008 famine in the Third World countries will have reached epidemic .....  
a) ratio      b) proportions      c) spread      d) range
8. I haven't established yet how the affair broke out, but I'm going to get to the very ..... of it.  
a) bottom      b) ground      c) basis      d) threshold
9. She may still have a few fans in the world, but she is definitely past her .....  
a) fame      b) abilities      c) prime      d) fortune
10. The majority of the political prisoners were ..... right after the collapse of the repressive regime.  
a) removed      b) dispatched      c) evicted      d) released
11. It ..... without saying that Mr Abercrombie deserves the prize for his imposing achievements in the field of archaeology.  
a) comes      b) means      c) is      d) goes
12. Is it possible to ..... the twin brothers apart?  
a) recognize      b) tell      c) distinguish      d) see
13. Our chances of coming in time for the meeting are rather .....  
a) slim      b) sparse      c) tiny      d) weak
14. Getting everything ready by tomorrow ..... working at night. I'm afraid nobody will agree to stay after hours.  
a) obliges      b) implements      c) entails      d) indicates

15. You are under no ..... to check every passenger. You can do it at random.  
a) must      b) necessity      c) obligation      d) duty
16. It was the solicitor who persuaded me to make a clean ..... of everything in the court.  
a) head      b) tongue      c) breast      d) heart
17. I have been looking for the floppy disk for a few hours, but it seems to have vanished without a .....  
a) sign      b) clue      c) spot      d) trace
18. We cannot ..... the rules and let them go unpunished as their offence was too serious.  
a) lean      b) bend      c) decline      d) spare
19. Professor Wallace has been given a prestigious award in ..... of his pioneering research in treating the AIDS patients.  
a) recognition      b) evaluation      c) respect      d) credit
20. I think it was completely thoughtless of you to have turned your ..... on the friends asking for your help.  
a) fist      b) neck      c) head      d) back



## TEST 34

### I. Choose the words that best complete the sentences in the text.

Very few of us would ..... (1) putting much trust in horoscopes and the fact that the movements of astronomical bodies ..... (2) to earthly occurrences affecting peoples' everyday lives.

We all know about the zodiac signs which reflect the position of the sun, the moon and the planets at the moment of a man's birth and about the peculiar characteristics ..... (3) to them by astrologers. We say we will take these phenomena with a ..... (4) of salt while we keep ..... (5) our eyes over them in every tabloid we ..... (6) our hands on. Most frequently, we expect horoscopes to ..... (7) the future, to ..... (8) our optimistic mood with a piece of comforting information or to ..... (9) our ego by confirming the superlative features that we tend to attribute to our zodiacs.

However, there's no scientific evidence to ..... (10) the assumption that human existence is so closely ..... (11) with the parametres of the celestial bodies. Our curiosity in horoscopes may, then, ..... (12) our sheer fascination with the unexplained or the unpredictable as well as in the enticing insight into the future that the horoscopes offer, thus establishing the sense of our ..... (13) an extreme power over our own lives. An additional explanation is that humans tend to have a soft ..... (14) for any form of flattery, which is the fact to which astrologers and the horoscope writers seem to ..... (15) the greatest deal of weight.

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| 1. a) ensure     | b) grant      | c) state        | d) admit    |
| 2. a) rely       | b) correspond | c) match        | d) compare  |
| 3. a) identified | b) associated | c) incorporated | d) ascribed |
| 4. a) speck      | b) pinch      | c) grain        | d) scrap    |
| 5. a) running    | b) sending    | c) fixing       | d) putting  |
| 6. a) settle     | b) draw       | c) grab         | d) lay      |
| 7. a) notify     | b) predict    | c) acquaint     | d) convey   |
| 8. a) restore    | b) adjust     | c) upgrade      | d) reassure |
| 9. a) boost      | b) escalate   | c) revitalize   | d) improve  |
| 10. a) conclude  | b) concede    | c) corroborate  | d) confound |

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| 11. a) fused     | b) adhered  | c) coalesced | d) intertwined |
| 12. a) stem      | b) crop     | c) rear      | d) dawn        |
| 13. a) disposing | b) wielding | c) effecting | d) committing  |
| 14. a) pit       | b) dot      | c) spot      | d) nick        |
| 15. a) instil    | b) consign  | c) fasten    | d) attach      |

## II. Put the words in the correct form.

- Substantial damages will be paid to the ..... (ABLE) who suffered from the worst injuries during the war.
- Alan never stops laughing and it's great fun to be in his company simply for his ..... (FAIL) sense of humour.
- What's your ..... (POINT) on whaling? Do you think it should be banned at all?
- Jim's really gone to the dogs. He looks shabby and his ..... (SOBER) usually leaves much to be desired.
- I wouldn't go so far as to punish them. By and large, their behaviour wasn't that ..... (OBJECT).
- Fred hopes his paintings will ..... (MORTAL) his fame. So far, he's painted about two hundred as he believes they will also ensure his popularity.
- Her ..... (COWARD) is unbearable, indeed. She wouldn't even say boo to a goose.
- My grandfather's great ..... (INVENT) is a feature to be jealous of. This week he has completed a new model of a peeling device.
- First, they threw bottles at the police wagon and then beat the police officers with wooden clubs. .... (SANE) like this unquestionably calls for severe consequences.
- Nothing else interests him so much as his future promotion. He's been ..... (OCCUPY) with it since he was told he might take over the chairman's seat.
- The nuclear tests were carried out in this area for twelve years, but it will certainly remain ..... (INHABIT) for dozens more because of the high radiation.
- There's no excuse for your idleness. You'd better admit your ..... (WILL) to do any kind of job instead of pretending to be a dedicated worker.

13. How much longer are we supposed to wait before they ..... (KNOW)  
the receipt of our mail? Is it possible that they haven't received it as yet?
14. It soon turned out that the similarity between the two testimonies was only  
..... (CIRCUMSTANCE) and that the two cases had nothing in  
common.
15. 'Which of your successes do you consider the most ..... (REMARK)?'  
'Well, for me the construction of the Rockwell tower was the most outstanding one.'

**III. Insert the correct prepositions.**

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**AT BEYOND BY FOR IN OF ON TO WITH WITHIN**

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1. She may seem to be crazy about fashion, but she certainly knows what is  
..... vogue.
2. The doctors don't give him much chance of surviving. In a word, his life is  
..... the line.
3. I have been using her computer ever since she placed it ..... my  
disposal.
4. You do sound foolish ..... times, but your jokes may be tolerated as  
long as they are ..... reason.
5. According to the barrister, Adam may be detained ..... virtue of the  
suspicious testimony he gave in the court.
6. Do you think the director was ..... earnest offering us an apartment in  
his hotel for free?
7. Mrs Black has promised to be ..... service on Monday. I hope she  
keeps her word or else I won't manage to prepare everything in time.
8. I'm really sorry I cannot lend you a single pound. I'm pinched .....  
money myself these days.
9. It's rather ..... my comprehension how they have succeeded in  
growing fruit trees on this barren soil.
10. We did our utmost to save the plants from being destroyed by the hail, but all that was  
..... vain anyway.

11. Mrs Wright has no problems with her children; they are usually very attentive  
..... her and offer any help they can.
12. Willy was so engrossed ..... his reading that he didn't even hear the  
doorbell ringing.
13. The rescue brigade will be ..... standby in case something unusual  
should happen.
14. The general's strategy isn't by any means consistent ..... our aim of  
averting an open conflict.
15. 'Is the place that they inhabit ..... easy reach?'  
'On the contrary, they live at the back of ..... '

**IV. Rewrite the sentences using the given forms so that they retain their original meaning.**

1. How much money does he make a month?  
..... **income?**
2. Have you got William Wharton's latest book? (**possession**)  
..... ?
3. Did Celia intend to invite her landlord to dinner? (**an intention**)  
..... ?
4. As far as I know, the building was set on fire deliberately.  
**To the best** .....
5. Everybody was honoured by the boss with the exception of one clerk.  
**All but** .....
6. His mother claims that he can easily be infected with flu. (**susceptible**)  
.....
7. Who was driving the car when the collision occurred? (**the wheel**)  
..... ?
8. I think those tools may prove useful. (**come**)  
..... **handy.**
9. It seems unbelievable, but he's learned that long poem by heart.  
**Unbelievable** .....
10. It doesn't matter how much you offer to pay, he'll never sell the family memorabilia.  
**However** .....

**V. Fill the gaps with the correct words.**

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arrears	belt	chalk	dint	jump
limb	line	miss	nick	quandary
ranks	sleeve	storm	track	whim

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1. It didn't look like the weather was going to improve, so we were in a ..... about whether to go surfing or stay in the club.
2. The sergeant ordered his unit to keep ..... until he came back from the mess.
3. You will be for the high ..... if your mother discovers you have played truant on so many occasions.
4. His accusations were a bit below the ..... . How could he have done it to me in front of my superiors?
5. I seemed to be out on a ..... during the discussion; nobody, even Caroline, appeared to support my point of view.
6. He only managed to stay alive by ..... of good luck when the huge rock fell onto him.
7. There were a few orders that I hadn't fulfilled before I was taken to hospital, so when I came back to the office, I was a bit in ..... with my work.
8. I can tolerate your tricks, but you'd better draw the ..... at them when Mr Candy takes over.
9. Although we usually spend New Year's Eve in Vienna, we've decided to give it a ..... this year and stay at home.
10. You are certain to spoil the child if you keep indulging his every .....
11. The young violinist's performance must have taken the audience by ..... considering that she's been asked to give another concert tomorrow.
12. The accident in the chemical laboratory wasn't Arthur's fault, not by a long ..... . Somebody else caused it.
13. Inform me please about the present situation. I've lost ..... of it since I left for Canada.
14. The child ran into the road and the driver only managed to step on his brakes in the ..... of time to avert a tragedy.
15. The accused politician has been rather restrained in his comments so far, but I'm sure he keeps something up his .....