

ALL THE ANSWERS MUST BE PROVIDED ON THE ANSWER SHEET. ONLY ANSWERS ON THE ANSWER SHEET WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ON THE DAY OF THE READING.

**1. For each pair of sentences, find two words with the same sound but different spelling.**

- 1 1 I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to see any animal suffering.  
 1 2 The giant pulled the roof off the house with his \_\_\_\_\_ hands.  
 2 1 As soon as the policeman was out of \_\_\_\_\_, one of the men broke a window.  
 2 2 This spot you are standing on was once the \_\_\_\_\_ of a great battle.  
 3 1 The dress showed off Maria's beautiful slender \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 2 Quite frankly, this whole scheme has been a \_\_\_\_\_ of time and money.  
 4 1 In the novel, Cruz is a clever servant who always \_\_\_\_\_ through his master's plots.  
 4 2 Armed police were sent to the house to \_\_\_\_\_ the gang's weapons.  
 5 1 Mix the apples and almonds into a fine \_\_\_\_\_ and pour it into a jug.  
 5 2 The Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ up and down the room, considering his next move.

**2. Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the words in capitals.**

Press (1) \_\_\_\_\_ continues over whether the Prime Minister is on the point of calling a General Election. An (2) \_\_\_\_\_ is expected shortly from government headquarters. Political (3) \_\_\_\_\_ believe that the timing of an election is crucial to the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the government. Michael Lee of the 'Independent' commented: 'We've had repeated (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from the Prime Minister that no election would be called this year, but present circumstances may just cause him to change his mind.' Six months ago this would have been (6) \_\_\_\_\_. An election would have been (7) \_\_\_\_\_ suicide, and would certainly have led to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the government. The government was coming in for severe (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because of its education policy. It was also widely attacked for its (10) \_\_\_\_\_ involvement in the arms export scandal, and for its (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to address the problem of (12) \_\_\_\_\_. But according to recent opinion polls, the electorate is impressed at the way the PM has restored party (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and overcome the internal (14) \_\_\_\_\_ which were threatening to rip the party apart. Michael Lee comments: 'There would be some (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in calling an election pretty soon. In fact, I wouldn't be at all surprised if it happens within the next day or two.'

SPECULATE

ANNOUNCE

ANALYSE

SURVIVE

ASSURE

THINK

POLITICS

DOWN

CRITICISE

DISASTER

FAIL

EMPLOY

UNITE

DIVIDE

JUSTIFY

**3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable particle or preposition.**

1. As the French ready-to-wear shows got \_\_\_\_\_ way in Paris last week, security threatened to take top billing over style.
2. Fearing a loss of prestige, not to mention millions of dollars in orders, the collections' sponsors laid \_\_\_\_\_ a massive cordon of security.
3. "The mood this season is that of a rediscovered woman, the kind we almost lost \_\_\_\_\_ a while."
4. Many teachers are wary \_\_\_\_\_ discussing religion or politics in their classrooms.
5. John called me at 9 o'clock sharp and told me to pack my things \_\_\_\_\_ quickly as we would be leaving within an hour.
6. If all these reforms are carried \_\_\_\_\_, the country will become one of the most progressive ones in Europe.
7. People who are addicted to a drug, even if it's a socially accepted one, find it extremely hard to give it \_\_\_\_\_
8. Check the winner's list and find \_\_\_\_\_ whether you've won anything from LOTTO this week.
9. "The most important thing \_\_\_\_\_ life", says Erno Rubik "is to play"
10. "Have you any rice you can spare" "We seem to be completely \_\_\_\_\_ of it!"

**4. Choose the correct option:**

1. The outrising was the result of a series of \_\_\_\_\_ by the government.  
a) blonders                      b) blenders                      c) blunders                      d) blanders
2. There were daily protest \_\_\_\_\_ at the UK Embassy in the country.  
a) sit-ins                      b) sittings                      d) seat-ins                      d) seatings
3. The suspicion of the police was first \_\_\_\_\_ by a black van parked nearby.  
a) risen                      b) arisen                      c) aroused                      d) raised
4. The railing was very rusty so we had to give it three \_\_\_\_\_ of paint.  
a) hands                      b) capes                      c) coats                      d) cloaks
5. From my cabin I could hear the gentle \_\_\_\_\_ of waves against the hull.  
a) cracking                      b) seeping                      c) lapping                      d) trickling
6. They worked in the rice fields under a \_\_\_\_\_ sun and hot wind.  
a) scorching                      b) scorched                      c) startching                      d) scortching
7. Yesterday I caught my son \_\_\_\_\_ in a lie  
a) over                      b) down                      c) off                      d) out
8. The Titanic has been used as an example of \_\_\_\_\_ technological pride.  
a) overweening                      b) overwening                      c) overwearing                      d) overweiring
9. Spaniards dine late and \_\_\_\_\_ conversation till nearly midnight  
a) linger over                      b) linger upon                      c) longer in                      d) roam over
10. The poor tramp \_\_\_\_\_ the dustbin for food.  
a) scarbed                      b) scarvenged                      c) scavenged                      d) scabenged

**5. Use the word "BEAR" to form a word or expression that fits the gaps in the following sentences.**

- a) In the past our educational system \_\_\_\_\_ of the savage cutbacks.

- b) Water-\_\_\_\_\_ diseases are rampant in many developing countries.
- c) He \_\_\_\_\_ the pain of his illness stoically.
- d) I \_\_\_\_\_ the policeman any ill will for fining me.

**6. Which of these sentences is NOT correct?**

1.

- a) Traffic has collapsed.
- b) Traffic has come to a complete standstill.
- c) There is a total gridlock.
- d) Traffic has ground to a halt.

2

- a) Attorney generals have to balance political and judicial consideration.
- b) Attorneys general have to balance political and judicial consideration.
- c) General attorneys have to balance political and judicial consideration.
- d) Generals attorney have to balance political and judicial consideration.

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- a) Archimedes is an interesting matter.
- b) Archimedes is an interesting issue.
- c) Archimedes is an interesting subject.
- d) Archimedes is an interesting question.

4

- a) Mr. Coccoth assured me that the delivery would arrive this morning.
- b) Mr. Coccoth reassured me that the delivery would arrive this morning.
- c) Mr. Coccoth ensured that the delivery would arrive this morning.
- d) Mr. Coccoth insured that the delivery would arrive this morning

**7. Complete the sentences by changing the form of the word in capitals.**

1. Good eyesight has proved to be a major.....advantage. EVOLVE
2. Many of the car parts are virtually.....now as the factory has closed. PLACE
3. I'm going to quit my job, move abroad and start completely..... NEW
4. Lucy has to work every.....Saturday. ALTER
5. The 'soul' is a fascinating..... CONCEIVE
6. It's going to be a difficult challenge but the problems aren't.....MOUNT
7. The film is .....boring! SPEAK
8. Do you think you've got that.....quality that makes someone a star? ELUDE
9. The rise in crime is extremely small – almost....., in fact. NEGLECT
10. He was.....the greatest writer of his generation. ARGUE

**8. Write one particle or preposition in each gap**

1. Let's mull this.....tonight and make a final decision in the morning.
2. We've been trying to puzzle .....which TV series she used to be in.
3. Don't let.....to anyone yet, but I've just won the lottery!
4. The opposition are trying to get the point.....that the government have failed to reduce crime.
5. Where did you chance.....such a rare stamp?
6. I've really slipped.....I sent that private memo to the managing director of Laster's by mistake.
7. The police are planning to crack.....on drink-driving over the holiday period.
8. I would single this poem.....for its wonderful use of imagery.

9. The Prime Minister had to back.....in the face of fierce opposition to the scheme.
10. I've come.....in spots all over my back.

**9. Rewrite each sentence so that it contains the verbs in capitals + a preposition of your choice, so that the meaning stays the same.**

1. It was a risky robbery, but the thieves managed it. PULLED
2. In the end I just didn't have any strength left. GAVE
3. Is there enough juice for everyone? GO
4. Alan is a strange person. I can't understand his character. MAKE
5. I have decided to ask my solicitor to prepare my will. DRAWN
6. Members of the audience started making fun of the speaker. SENDING
7. Janet persuaded me not to sell my house. TALKED
8. I can't afford such expensive clothes on my salary. RUN
9. The Foreign Secretary has been forced to resign. STEP
10. I think you've been overcharged, old son! RIPPED

**10. Complete the blanks by finding one word which fits in each pair of sentences.**

- 1 1 Maybe it's just my.....in life never to find someone to settle down with.
- 1 2 I've got a .....on this weekend, so I doubt we'll be able to meet up unfortunately.
- 2 1 I'm afraid we're.....out of that CD.
- 2 2 And now,.....from their blockbuster tour of the USA, here's...The Goldsmiths!
- 3 1 She wants to make a .....break and leave the publishing industry completely.
- 3 2 The doctors have given me a completely.....bill of health.
- 4 1 Martin always takes great.....in talking to anyone about fishing.
- 4 2 When Erin finally started to move downhill on the skis for the first time, she laughed in.....
- 5 1 It's important that people feel they can exercise.....over their leisure activities.
- 5 2 Your fee is so late that I'm afraid we have no.....but to cancel your membership.
- 6 1 The police officers involved deserve.....for their bravery in such a difficult situation.
- 6 2 If I read one more newspaper editorial in .....of the Prime Minister I shall scream.
- 7 1 Just ..... your bike against the gate and come inside.
- 7 2 You can.....assured that I will not stop until I find the person who damaged the school gym.

### 11. Translate the following text into Spanish

It was horrible to think that I had provided the weapon, however undesignedly, but I could hardly think otherwise. I suffered unspeakable trouble while I considered and reconsidered whether I should at last dissolve that spell of my childhood, and tell Joe all the story. For months afterwards, I every day settled the question finally in the negative, and reopened and reargued it next morning. The contention came after all, to this;- the secret was such an old one now, had so grown into me and become a part of myself, that I could not tear it away. In addition to the dread that, having led up to so much mischief, it would be now more likely than ever to alienate Joe from me if he believed it, I had a further restraining dread that he would not believe it, but would assort it with the fabulous dogs and veal-cutlets as a monstrous invention. However, I temporized with myself, of course – for, was I not wavering between right and wrong, when the thing is always done? – and resolved to make a full disclosure if I should see any such new occasion as a new chance of helping in the discovery of the assailant.

*(Great Expectations – Charles Dickens)*

### 12. Translate the following text into English

El primer hombre sí miraba el paisaje, sentado justo enfrente de mí, con la voluminosa cabeza de cabellos canosos y escarolados vuelta hacia su derecha y una mano llamativamente pequeña —tanto que no parecía poder pertenecer a ningún cuerpo en verdad humano— acariciándose la mejilla con lentitud. Sólo podía ver sus facciones de perfil, pero dentro de la esencial ambigüedad de su edad —uno de esos físicos algo feéricos que dan la impresión de estar aguantando más de lo debido las presiones del tempo, como si la amenaza de una muerte pronta y la esperanza de quedar fijados ya para siempre en una imagen incólume les compensase el esfuerzo—

*(El hombre sentimental – Javier Marías)*