

I. Adjective-Noun collocations. Complete each sentence with an adjective from the list below.

*blunt – calculated – common – heavy – high – scattered
significant - sole – sound - standing*

- Jenny was the...sole...survivor of the air crash in the Brazilian jungle.
- The island has only a population of less than a thousand.
- Emily's old car is a joke among the people at her office.
- It isknowledge that the director has applied for another job.
- The management bears a responsibility for this strike.
- The college expects astandard of behaviour from its students.
- Janet has agrasp of theoretical nuclear physics.
- The victim was hit on the head with a instrument.
- Buying the shares was arisk, but luckily it came off.
- There has been aincrease in the number of unemployed.

II. Verbs of seeing. Underline the best option to complete each sentence.

- She *noticed / watched / eyed* her daughter's boyfriend up and down, then asked him in.
- Jack *stared / glimpsed / glanced* at the map for a while, unable to believe his eyes.
- Would you like to *regard / observe / view* the house that is for sale this afternoon?
- Police *faced / gazed / spotted* the wanted man in the crowd outside a football ground.
- I *checked / glanced / faced* at my watch. It was already well after three.
- The burglar turned to *view / regard / face* me and said, 'Don't you recognize me?'
- I only *beheld / witnessed / noticed* we were running low on petrol after we had passed the last filling station.
- Tony was *noticing / glimpsing / scanning* the page, looking for his name in print.
- I only *peered / glimpsed / squinted* the queen from a distance before her car drove away.
- Sally was sitting by the sea, *glancing / gazing / facing* at the shape of the distant island.

III. Do. Match each sentence (1-10) with an explanation (a-j).

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| 1. He'll do you a favour...c.... | a. He is unsatisfactory for the job. |
| 2. It does him credit..... | b. The dog is quite safe. |
| 3. He's having a do | c. He'll help you. |
| 4. He just won't do | d. He can manage, don't worry |
| 5. He was doing over a hundred..... | e. He talks all the time. |
| 6. He does go on | f. He needs one of those. |
| 7. He'll make do | g. It's his party on Saturday. |
| 8. He likes do -it-yourself..... | h. His hobby is fixing his own house. |
| 9. He won't do you any harm..... | i. It shows how good, he is. |
| 10. He could do with one..... | j. He was driving extremely fast |

IV. Time expressions. Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the list below.

*for the time being - before too long - this minute - while - shortly
any minute now - by then - now and again - as of today - not long*

- Hurry up! They'll be arriving **any minute now**, and were not ready yet.
- Sophia and I do meet.....but I wouldn't say it was very often.
-no mobile phones will be allowed in the building.
- We're meant to start at 8.00, but we won't be ready.....
- The government will.....be announcing its new tax proposals.
- I can put you upbut you'll have to move out next month.
- Come and dear up this mess....., or there'll be trouble!
- Fancy seeing you again so soon! It's.....since we met at Jamies party.
- You mark my words,.....Carol will be the boss of this company!
- I'll be a little.....yet, so would you mind waiting?

V. Collocations: Nouns linked by OF. Complete each sentence with a word from the list below.

difference - lapse - offer - right term - fact - matter - price - slip - waste

- As people get older they often suffer from this kind **of lapse** of memory.
- No, I don't think he's weird. As a matter **of**....., I'm rather attracted to him.
- The two leaders had a.....**of** opinion over the right course of action.
- She said that her use of the word 'Baldy' was a **of** endearment.
- The.....**of** failure in this case will be the loss of 2000 jobs.
- The authorities have had to turn down our.....**of** help.
- As far as I am concerned, the meeting was a.....**of** time.
- I feel that we should treat this as a.....**of** importance.
- Our neighbours claim that this footpath is a public.....**of** way.
- I'm sorry I said that, it was just a.....**of** the tongue.

VI. Bring Match each sentence (1-10) with an explanation (a-j).

- She couldn't **bring** herself to do it...f....
- This **brought** her quite a lot.....
- She **brought** all her powers to bear on it.....
- It **brought** her to her knees.....
- It **brought** it home to her.....
- Eventually she was **brought** to book.....
- It **brought** it all back to her.....
- She **brought** the house down.....
- She **brought** him into the world.....
- She brought it about.....
 - It nearly defeated her.
 - She was punished.
 - She did everything she could to find a solution.
 - She gave birth to him.
 - She remembered.

- f. She couldn't bear the idea.
- g. She made it happen,
- h. She was applauded enthusiastically.
- i. It fetched a good price.
- j. It made her realize.

VII. Feelings. Underline the best option to complete each sentence.

1. I didn't go to the party as I felt a bit under the *water / clouds / weather*.
2. When he called me those names I just *went / took / saw* red and hit him.
3. Peter agreed reluctantly to sign the form but looked extremely *ill-at-ease / heart / soul*
4. When I saw the door begin to open, I was scared out of my *bones / wits / blood*.
5. I feel very nervous; I've got *birds / butterflies / bees* in my stomach.
6. You look rather out of *order / tune / sorts*. Why don't you see a doctor?
7. When Ellen told me I was going to become manager I was pleased as *powder / pigs / punch*.
8. Hearing about people who mistreat animals makes me go hot under the *sleeves / collar / shirt*.
9. When Sally told me she was my lost sister I was completely taken *aback / awash / aware*.
10. Sam is a *happy-over-heels / go-lucky / may-care* kind of person, and worries about nothing.

VIII. Well. Complete each sentence with a word from the list below.

*advised - done - groomed - meaning - to-do
chosen - founded - **informed** - nigh - worn*

1. Vicky reads a lot and is extremely well-informed about the world.
2. Her attempts to help were *well*.....but rather ineffective.
3. You would be *well*.....to take out travel insurance before you leave.
4. 'Let's go for it' is becoming a rather *well*-.....expression.
5. Ann doesn't spend much on clothes but is always *well*.....
6. Peter brought the meeting to an end with a few *well*-.....words.
7. The rumour about Sarah's engagement turned out to be *well*.....
8. We found the climb up the cliff to the castle *well*-..... impossible.
9. I prefer my steak *well*..... please. I can't stand the sight of blood.
10. Ryan lives in a large house in a *well*-.....neighbourhood.

IX. From. Complete each sentence with a word from the list below.

*another - exhaustion - **heart** - memory - scratch
appearance - head - home - now - today*

1. What I am saying to you how comes truly from the...**heart**...
2. George can repeat whole pages of books from
3. The houses are so much alike that we couldn't tell one from
4. We decided to abandon all the Work we had done and start again from.....
5. Two members of the expedition died from
6. She was dressed completely in white fromto foot.

7. From.....on, we're going to study really hard and make sure we pass the exams.
 8. Fromthe price of petrol is rising by ten per cent.
 9. I think he will feel much more relaxed once he is away from
 10. From Lucy'syou wouldn't guess that she was over fifty
- X. Size and Amount. Underline the option that best completes the collocation.**
1. The results of the two experiments varied only by a *negligible / petty* amount.
 2. You can travel from one end of the park to the other on a *minute / miniature* railway.
 3. Its a smallish town, but it has a *sizeable / middling* park near the centre.
 4. The cost of building a tunnel under the Atlantic would be *vast / astronomical*
 5. Exeter is a *medium- / standard*-sized city in the west of the country.
 6. Travel to other planets involves covering *vast / monstrous* distances.
 7. It's a small flat with rooms of *medium / neutral* size.
 8. We have made a *considerable / plentiful* amount of progress towards negotiating a cease-fire.
 9. One has to admire the *minute / tiny* attention to detail in Manet's paintings.
 10. You could make *reasonable / substantial* savings by transferring your bank account to us, Mr Jones.

ANSWER KEYS

- VI. 1. f 2. i 3. c 4. a 5. j 6. b 7. e 8. h 9. d 10. g
 VII. 1. weather 2. saw 3. ease 4. wits 5. butterflies 6. sorts
 VIII. 1. informed 2. meaning 3. advised 4. worn 5. groomed
 IX. 1. heart 2. memory 3. another 4. scratch 5. exhaustion
 X. 1. negligible 2. miniature 3. sizeable 4. astronomical 5. medium- 6. vast
 7. medium 8. considerable 9. minute 10. substantial