

**1 - 6931** If you had been there, we \_\_\_\_\_ a good time.

B

- A. 'd had.
- B. Would have had.
- C. Could have.
- D. Would have.

**1 - 6962** .... against the yen in the past month?

C

- A. Is the dollar risen.
- B. Will the dollar weaken.
- C. Has the dollar fallen.
- D. Varies the dollar.

**1 - 7002** I'm checking the translation. I've found three spelling mistakes ....

D

- A. So many.
- B. As now.
- C. As long.
- D. So far.

**1 - 7080** She stopped .... last year.

A

- A. Smoking.
- B. Having smoked.
- C. To smoke.
- D. The smoking.

**1 - 7174** It's \_\_\_\_\_ I told the news.

D

- A. He / whose.
- B. Him / who.
- C. His / whose.
- D. He / whom.

**1 - 7187** The engine is still working; so far so good.

B

- A. Il motore funziona, andiamo bene e lontano.
- B. Il motore funziona ancora; fino ad ora è andata bene.
- C. Il motore funziona ancora, speriamo di andare lontano.
- D. Il motore funziona e d'ora in poi andrà meglio.

**1 - 7500** The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. A "breach" is a(an)....

D

- A. Outing.
- B. Bargain.
- C. Bid.

D. Infringement.

**2 - 1482** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
On Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaeda \_\_\_\_\_ to bypass the U.S. counterterrorism structure.

A

- A. was able
- B. is capable
- C. could
- D. can

**2 - 1484** Choose the best answer for this question: When do you play squash?

B

- A. Wednesday the afternoon
- B. On Wednesday afternoons
- C. On the afternoons of Wednesday
- D. Last Wednesday afternoon

**2 - 1562** Choose the best answer for this question: Can I speak to the director, please?

C

- A. Certainly, sir. Please, moment
- B. Certainly, sir, if I can
- C. Certainly, sir. Just a moment
- D. Certainly, sir. Don't mention it

**2 - 1568** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
The first thing we need to do is to find \_\_\_\_\_ location.

A

- A. a suitable
- B. a fitful
- C. a right
- D. an adapted

**2 - 7003** I haven't had time to speak to Nick ....

B

- A. Last night.
- B. Today.
- C. At lunchtime.
- D. Yesterday.

**2 - 7111** If you are not in the sun, you are ....

B

- A. At sea.
- B. In the shade.
- C. On the moon.
- D. In the shadow.

**2 - 7139** If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ better I'd play tennis.

A

- A. Were.
- B. Will have been.
- C. Would be.
- D. Was be.

**3 - 1395** Which word or phrase CANNOT be used complete this sentence? The Prime Minister had to \_\_\_\_\_ his talks with world leaders to return to the capital.

C

- A. interrupt
- B. break off
- C. back out
- D. put off

**3 - 1414** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this question: \_\_\_\_\_ the head of your department?

D

- A. Which
- B. Whose

- C. What does
- D. Who's

**3 - 1689** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

I am no longer satisfied with my job, and I would really like to find something more \_\_\_\_.

D

- A. attracting
- B. suited
- C. exhausting
- D. challenging

**3 - 7126** We have \_\_\_\_\_ time but not \_\_\_\_\_.

D

- A. A lot / much.
- B. Any / a lot.
- C. Much / a lot.
- D. Some / much.

**3 - 7150** If you tell \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, he \_\_\_\_\_ upset with you.

D

- A. He / will become.
- B. Him / is to be.
- C. His / is becoming.
- D. Him / will become.

**3 - 7177** What a year! If it weren't \_\_\_\_\_ you, I would never have got \_\_\_\_\_ it!

D

- A. With / through.
- B. For / to.
- C. About / over.
- D. For / through.

**3 - 7527** The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. A "take-over" is....

B

- A. An outdoor meeting.
- B. An acquisition.
- C. A Sale.
- D. An indoor sit-in.

**4 - 1446** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

Visiting the Czech Republic \_\_\_\_\_ a visa, but now it's no longer necessary.

C

- A. are used to requiring
- B. used requiring
- C. used to require
- D. were used to require

**4 - 6919** Fleetingly means \_\_\_\_\_

C

- A. Slowly.
- B. Longingly.
- C. Quickly.

D. Partially.

**4 - 6944** I never work .... Sundays.

B

- A. In.
- B. On.
- C. For.
- D. At.

**4 - 6970** .... signing the contract he made a phone call.

A

- A. Before.
- B. Since he'd had.
- C. Before he has.
- D. After he had.

**4 - 7038** What .... going out tonight?

A

- A. About.
- B. In.
- C. Up.
- D. For.

**4 - 7088** What about .... out?

C

- A. Gone.
- B. Go.
- C. Going.
- D. To go.

**4 - 7184** \_\_\_\_\_ her illness, Linda continued to play tennis.

D

- A. Although.
- B. Even though.
- C. In spite.
- D. Despite.

**5 - 1396** Which of the following CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? James isn't at work today so I think he \_\_\_\_\_ be ill.

C

- A. might
- B. may
- C. can
- D. must

**5 - 1436** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
You can invest your money in stocks and \_\_\_\_\_.

C

- A. divides
- B. bears
- C. shares
- D. hedges

**5 - 1665** Choose the best phrase to complete the following: You \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting yesterday. It was very important.

A

- A. shouldn't have missed
- B. oughtn't to miss
- C. mustn't miss
- D. needn't have missed

**5 - 1678** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
She asked me what \_\_\_\_\_.

B

- A. like the new supervisor was

- B. the new supervisor was like
- C. was the new supervisor like
- D. was like the new supervisor

**5 - 7105** I wish I .... her before!

A

- A. Had met.
- B. Would meet.
- C. Met.
- D. Will meet.

**5 - 7106** Would you like a drink? Yes, ....

B

- A. Thanks.
- B. Please.
- C. Welcome.
- D. All right.

**5 - 7561** The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-term prospects after the events of September 11. The supplier to Boeing and Rolls-Royce said that it would cut about 10 per cent of its workforce in a cost-cutting drive, announced last month, to pre-empt lower business levels. The group, which generates two-thirds of its income from making aircraft components, also said it felt that it was inappropriate to pay a dividend. Brett Welch, the finance director, said the cost-cutting exercise would help the company when the airline industry returned to normality. Separately, Ryanair, the no-frills Republic of Ireland airline, is expected to confirm Frankfurt as its second European hub today. The move, eagerly anticipated by observers in the airlines sector, would enable the budget airline to step up its efforts to take cost-conscious business passengers from the flag carriers. If "you cast a shadow" you....

C

- A. Get it.
- B. Make it.
- C. Negatively influence it.
- D. Do it.

**6 - 1634** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

The budget for next year hasn't been finalised \_\_\_\_\_.

A

- A. yet
- B. still
- C. already
- D. always

**6 - 7012** I wish it .... rain!

A

- A. Would.
- B. May.
- C. Will.
- D. Had.

**6 - 7023** " I .... phone you! ".

B

- A. Have.
- B. Did.
- C. Had.
- D. Was to.

**6 - 7082** She admitted to .... the handbag.

A

- A. Stealing.
- B. Steal.
- C. Stole.
- D. Stolen.

- 6 - 7083** It's about time she .... A
- A. Left.
  - B. Had left.
  - C. Will leave.
  - D. Would leave.
- 6 - 7137** Will you \_\_\_\_\_ about the job next week? C
- A. Make me know.
  - B. Let know me.
  - C. Let me know.
  - D. Get know me.
- 6 - 7191** They set off before daybreak. B
- A. Si sentono male da questa mattina.
  - B. Sono partiti prima dell'alba.
  - C. Questa mattina hanno messo tutto in disordine.
  - D. Sono arrabbiati da stamattina.
- 7 - 1397** One way to describe dishonest accountancy is 'creative accountancy'. Which of these idiomatic phrases means the same? B
- A. to beat the books
  - B. to cook the books
  - C. to bite the bullet
  - D. to pull the strings
- 7 - 1536** Choose the best word to complete this sentence: Did you see the \_\_\_\_\_ for a Sports Journalist in yesterday's newspaper? A
- A. advertisement
  - B. header
  - C. blurb
  - D. slogan
- 7 - 7040** The bank wouldn't change any money for me. I had no means of .... A
- A. Identification.
  - B. Knowledge.
  - C. Showing up.
  - D. Support.
- 7 - 7048** .... do? Pleased to meet you. B
- A. When do you.
  - B. How do you.
  - C. What do you.
  - D. Where do you.
- 7 - 7122** I regret .... my job. C
- A. Left.
  - B. The leaving.
  - C. Leaving.
  - D. To leave.
- 7 - 7148** If you had been there, we \_\_\_\_\_ a good time. B
- A. Would have.
  - B. Would have had.
  - C. 'd had.
  - D. Could have.

**7 - 7540** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Productivity has recently....

- A. Slumped.
- B. Decreased.
- C. Plummeted.
- D. Soared.

D

**8 - 1616** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence: Tomorrow morning I \_\_\_\_\_ the 6.30 train to Rome to attend a European conference on world poverty.

- A. shall go
- B. going to take
- C. am getting
- D. have taken

C

**8 - 6953** Firms can avoid .... middle managers.

- A. Paid.
- B. Pay.
- C. Paying.
- D. To pay.

C

**8 - 6999** I've never .... a design like this before.

- A. See.
- B. To see.
- C. Saw.
- D. Seen.

D

**8 - 7000** What time .... we start work? Let's start at about nine o'clock.

- A. Are. B.
- Shall. C.
- Would.
- D. Did.

B

**8 - 7086** Leave everything as it .....

- A. Might.
- B. Is.
- C. Will.
- D. Could.

B

**8 - 7108** I have never.... the Andes.

- A. Went.
- B. Visited.
- C. Gone.
- D. Been.

B

**8 - 7552** The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-

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- A. Cost-effective service.
- B. Night service.
- C. Fewer fellow passengers.
- D. Top Staff.

**9 - 1708** You are answering the phone and need to ask the caller to wait for a moment. What do you say?

A

- A. Please hold the line
- B. Please stay where you are
- C. Please hang up
- D. Please put me through

**9 - 6988** He speaks English ....

D

- A. Definitely.
- B. Good.
- C. Fluent.
- D. Fluently.

**9 - 6993** She suggested I .... you.

A

- A. Call.
- B. Calling.
- C. Will call.
- D. To call.

**9 - 7062** The view from the top of the mountain is ....

D

- A. Ludicrous.
- B. Delicious.
- C. Salty.
- D. Breathtaking.

**9 - 7076** If she caught the 7:30 flight, she ....

C

- A. Was arriving on time.
- B. Was arrived on time.
- C. Would arrive on time.
- D. Will arrive on time.

**9 - 7077** If .... , I would understand you much better.

A

- A. You spoke up.
- B. You had spoken up.
- C. You will speak up.
- D. You were speaking up.

**9 - 7509** Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End,

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specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Just.
- B. Yet.
- C. Already.
- D. Not.

**10 - 1563** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

I have \_\_\_\_ admiration for working mothers.

A

- A. nothing but
- B. nothing than
- C. nothing other as
- D. none but

**10 - 6936** The market demand is now .... due to a major slowdown.

A

- A. Stagnating.
- B. Looking up.
- C. Bright.
- D. Downing.

**10 - 6963** .... to Mr. Kovac, haven't you?

D

- A. You'll speak again.
- B. He's still speaking.
- C. You already spoke.
- D. You've already spoken.

**10 - 7025** He's very good at taking people .... !

C

- A. Through.
- B. Up.
- C. Off.
- D. Out.

**10 - 7071** The race was ....due to the bad weather.

C

- A. Spiced up.
- B. Enlivened.
- C. Called off.
- D. Done up.

**10 - 7132** The police \_\_\_\_\_ issued a warrant for Adamson's arrent.

A

- A. Have.
- B. Were.
- C. Was.
- D. Must.

**10 - 7519** The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two

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vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". According to the second paragraph of the passage, vitamin producers were....

- A. Asked to sell up.
- B. Convicted.
- C. Arrested.
- D. Punished.

**11 - 1408** Choose the best word to complete the following: My friend Catherine is a journalist. \_\_\_\_\_ job is very interesting.

- A. Her
- B. Their
- C. His
- D. She's

A

**11 - 1700** Choose the best word to complete this question: \_\_\_\_\_ you like to come to Germany with me next month?

- A. Did
- B. Do
- C. Will
- D. Would

D

**11 - 7066** If I ..... I'd tell you right now.

- A. Had known.
- B. To know.
- C. Know.
- D. Knew.

D

**11 - 7107** I was leaving the house when Tom ....

- A. Had showed up.
- B. Had got back.
- C. Would show up.
- D. Showed up.

D

**11 - 7120** You look puzzled.

- A. Sei stanco.
- B. Sembri confusa.
- C. Sembri una persona difficile.
- D. Guarda questo puzzle.

B

**11 - 7131** They have put \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ next week.

- A. Ahead / during.
- B. Up / for.
- C. Off / until.
- D. On / by.

C

**11 - 7517** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist

A

Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. And.
- B. Yet.
- C. Not.
- D. But.

**12 - 1476** Choose the best phrase to complete the following: Why don't you buy yourself some new clothes? If you know you look good, you \_\_\_\_\_ more confident.

- A. would certainly have felt
- B. will no doubt be felt
- C. would hardly feel
- D. will definitely feel

**12 - 1543** Choose the best phrase to complete this question: Could you \_\_\_\_\_ date of birth please?

- A. say me your
- B. tell to me
- C. tell me your
- D. say to me

**12 - 6960** As it was getting late, we .... to go.

- A. Got decided.
- B. Took a decision.
- C. Decided.
- D. Deciding.

**12 - 7051** I have been .... tennis since 10 o'clock!

- A. Play.
- B. Played.
- C. To play.
- D. Playing.

**12 - 7092** I do hope she's .... time!

- A. On.
- B. Out.
- C. At.
- D. In.

**12 - 7180** He's been out three days in a row. He \_\_\_\_\_ be here today or the boss will have his head.

- A. Should be.
- B. Will better.
- C. Had better.
- D. Would be.

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would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. An "alliance" is....

- A. Partnership.
- B. Lodge.
- C. Club.
- D. Trading post.

**13 - 1583** Choose the best phrase to start this sentence:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Inverness is in Scotland.

- A. Supposed
- B. My opinion
- C. I think
- D. According to mine

**13 - 6925** Which is the correct plural?

- A. Congresseswomen.
- B. Congress'woman.
- C. Congresseswoman.
- D. Congresswomen.

**13 - 6951** We seem to be .... for bankruptcy!

- A. Dreaming.
- B. Aiding.
- C. Concentrating.
- D. Heading.

**13 - 7031** The meeting was .... to another day.

- A. Put off.
- B. Cast away.
- C. Made up.
- D. Thrown out.

**13 - 7070** Some new shares have just been ....

- A. Bred.
- B. Issued.
- C. Elevated.
- D. Conceived.

**13 - 7073** " He .... it!".

- A. Made me to do.
- B. Made me do.
- C. Made me done.
- D. Made me doing.

**13 - 7518** The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". "A harsh warning" is ....

- A. A sweet warning.
- B. A legal warning.

- C. An unfounded warning.
- D. A severe warning.

**14 - 1479** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
The manager thinks we should accept the contract and I \_\_\_\_.

D

- A. agreeable
- B. am agree
- C. was agreed
- D. agree

**14 - 1593** Which of the following sentences is NOT correct?

D

- A. He was fired for stealing from his employer
- B. He was given the sack because he was always late for work
- C. He was dismissed for molesting female members of staff
- D. He was redundant because he argued with the boss

**14 - 1712** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
Would you like a coffee before \_\_\_\_ back to work?

C

- A. to go
- B. you had gone
- C. you go
- D. you will go

**14 - 6959** .... other market possibilities, he mentioned a promising deal.

D

- A. Suddenly he'd mention.
- B. While we were having.
- C. During our discussion.
- D. While we were discussing.

**14 - 7014** He's very good .... languages!

B

- A. About.
- B. At.
- C. On.
- D. In.

**14 - 7142** On second thought, your solution seems the best.

A

- A. Ripensandoci bene, la tua soluzione sembra la migliore.
- B. Non voglio pensare di nuovo alla tua soluzione.
- C. Non ho pensato a una soluzione migliore della tua.
- D. Senza pensarci due volte, la tua soluzione non sembra la migliore.

**14 - 7181** It took me twenty minutes to realise I \_\_\_\_\_ in the wrong file.

D

- A. Had looked.
- B. Have been looking.
- C. Looked.
- D. Had been looking.

**15 - 1451** Choose the best word to complete the following: He said I was overweight and should go on a diet.  
After all the problems I've had this year I think that is so \_\_\_\_!

D

- A. polite
- B. easy-going
- C. kind
- D. rude

**15 - 7027** Turn .... the lights when you come in, will you?

D

- A. In.

- B. For.
- C. At.
- D. Out.

**15 - 7055** I have lived in Worcester .... ten years.

A

- A. For.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. As.

**15 - 7069** The man was .... for questioning.

D

- A. Drunk.
- B. Away.
- C. Traumatized.
- D. Detained.

**15 - 7136** Maria's coffee bar was \_\_\_\_\_ she decided to franchise it.

D

- A. Such successful as.
- B. Such successful that.
- C. So successful than.
- D. So successful that.

**15 - 7140** If he knows the answer, he \_\_\_\_\_ it.

B

- A. Is repeating.
- B. Will repeat.
- C. Repeated.
- D. Can to repeat.

**15 - 7168** She fainted, but came to shortly afterward.

D

- A. È svenuta, ma ricorda tutte le cose recenti.
- B. È svenuta ma poco dopo è svenuta di nuovo.
- C. È svenuta, ma non ricorda niente delle cose recenti.
- D. È svenuta, ma ha ripreso conoscenza poco dopo.

**16 - 1371** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Your purse? \_\_\_\_ in your office?

D

- A. Haven't you
- B. Isn't
- C. Aren't
- D. Isn't it

**16 - 1740** Choose the best word to complete the following: I have a lot of responsibility. I also have to deal \_\_\_\_\_ all customer complaints at the department store.

B

- A. to
- B. with
- C. by
- D. for

**16 - 6935** Mr. Smith doesn't work \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays.

C

- A. Until.
- B. At.
- C. On.
- D. By.

**16 - 6938** Downsizing is certainly .... cruel.

A

- A. Rather.

- B. Just.
- C. Yet.
- D. Surely.

**16 - 6956** We shall make the payment in due ....

C

- A. Space.
- B. Weather.
- C. Course.
- D. Time.

**16 - 7178** To \_\_\_\_\_ it may concern, I hereby designate Mathilda Jones \_\_\_\_\_ my attorney.

C

- A. Whoever / such as.
- B. Who / as.
- C. Whom / as.
- D. Whom / like.

**16 - 7524** After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. Here, "heavy-hitter" means.....

B

- A. Overweight.
- B. Well-known.
- C. Wealthy.
- D. Spacious.

**17 - 1386** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
I really like \_\_\_\_\_ to foreign countries.

D

- A. travel
- B. seeing
- C. visit
- D. going

**17 - 1725** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
I \_\_\_\_\_ haven't seen the film that won the Cannes Film Festival this year.

C

- A. again
- B. already
- C. still
- D. yet

**17 - 6917** Which number is written correctly?

A

- A. Three thousand two hundred and forty two.
- B. Three thousand two hundred and fourty two.
- C. Three thousands two hundred and forty two.
- D. Three thousands and two hundreds and forty two.

**17 - 7046** How .... you are here?

A

- A. Come.
- B. Do.
- C. Go.
- D. Have.

- 17 - 7144** I tried to come, but I couldn't make it. A
- A. Ho provato a venire, ma non ce l'ho fatta.
  - B. Volevo proprio venire, ma non ce l'ho fatta.
  - C. Sono venuto lo stesso, anche se non potevo.
  - D. Potevo venire, ma non volevo farlo.
- 17 - 7197** She felt \_\_\_\_\_ when she first arrived because she had \_\_\_\_\_ to talk to. C
- A. Lonely / anybody.
  - B. Lone / no one.
  - C. Lonely / nobody.
  - D. Alone / somebody.
- 17 - 7557** In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. If you "back someone" you..... A
- A. Support them.
  - B. Show friendship towards them.
  - C. Vote for them.
  - D. Help them.
- 18 - 1713** Choose the best word to complete the following: My boss \_\_\_\_\_ to Florence for a meeting last week. He came back on Friday. B
- A. were
  - B. went
  - C. was
  - D. wore
- 18 - 1717** Which adverb CANNOT be used complete this sentence:  
This illness is thought to be \_\_\_\_\_ genetic in origin. D
- A. mainly
  - B. principally
  - C. primarily
  - D. organically
- 18 - 6922** He was sorry to \_\_\_\_\_ your birthday. C
- A. Forgot.
  - B. Loose.
  - C. Forget.
  - D. Lost.
- 18 - 6986** A flashlight is a battery-powered light .... you can carry around with you. C
- A. So that.
  - B. In order.
  - C. That.
  - D. What.
- 18 - 6995** I want .... to the store. B
- A. That you went.
  - B. You to go.



- C. You'd go.
- D. Who you go.

**18 - 7498** In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) \_\_\_\_\_ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Were used to.
- B. Used to.
- C. Use to.
- D. Were use to.

B

**18 - 7544** Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. "Shortcomings" are....

- A. Lay-offs.
- B. Low sales.
- C. Faults.
- D. Low revenues.

C

**19 - 1428** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
Rome is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a city very beautiful
- B. a very beautiful city
- C. very beautiful city
- D. the city very beautiful

B

**19 - 1707** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
I'll pay you back the money \_\_\_\_\_ I can get to the bank.

- A. sooner
- B. as soon
- C. as soon as
- D. no sooner than

C

**19 - 6971** The company took .... shortly after the deal.

- A. Up.

D

- B. Down.
- C. Out.
- D. Over.

**19 - 7165** She's not very keen \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.

A

- A. On.
- B. With.
- C. Around.
- D. To.

**19 - 7167** They went over my work with a fine-toothed comb.

A

- A. Hanno passato al vaglio il mio lavoro.
- B. Hanno rifatto il mio lavoro con più precisione.
- C. Hanno continuato il mio lavoro con un pettine più fine.
- D. Hanno soppresso il mio posto di lavoro in modo agguerrito.

**19 - 7537** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. The phrase "few firms are sheltered" means.....

C

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- B. Not many companies are sold.
- C. Not many companies are protected.
- D. Not many companies are international.

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A

- A. Adjusted specifically to.
- B. Low-keyed.
- C. Musically accompanied.
- D. High class.

**20 - 1412** Choose the best phrase to complete the following: Hello, reception? \_\_\_\_\_ an external line please?

C

- A. I would
- B. Can have
- C. Can I have

D. Can you give

**20 - 1431** Choose the best phrase to complete the following: If you are going to be interviewed for a new job, you \_\_\_\_\_ as much as possible about what the interview will be like. Who'll be interviewing you? Does the interview include any tests or exercises?

- A. should find out
- B. must look for
- C. have to look after
- D. may find

A

**20 - 1533** Choose the correct question for this answer: She's a film director.

- A. What does your sister work?
- B. What job your sister does?
- C. What job does your sister?
- D. What does your sister do?

D

**20 - 1687** Which of the following would be an appropriate way to begin a formal letter to a person you don't know?

- A. Dear Responsible
- B. Dear Mrs
- C. Illustrious Mister
- D. Dear Sir

D

**20 - 1704** Choose the best word to complete the following: I'm always exhausted because my job is so demanding. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a coffee bar in the centre of town at the moment, so I'm busy every day except Sundays.

- A. directing
- B. running
- C. working
- D. having

B

**20 - 7538** Bromley Limited (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) \_\_\_\_\_ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. At top of.
- B. At the top.
- C. On top of.
- D. On top the.

C

**20 - 7559** The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-term prospects after the events of September 11. The supplier to Boeing and Rolls-Royce said that it would cut about 10 per cent of its workforce in a cost-cutting drive, announced last month, to pre-empt lower business levels. The group, which generates two-thirds of its income from making aircraft components, also said it felt that it was inappropriate to pay a dividend. Brett Welch, the finance director, said the cost-cutting exercise would help the company when the airline industry returned to normality. Separately, Ryanair, the no-frills Republic of Ireland airline, is expected to confirm Frankfurt as its second European hub today. The move, eagerly anticipated by observers in the airlines sector, would enable the budget airline to step up its efforts to take cost-conscious

B

business passengers from the flag carriers. "A cost-cutting drive" refers to an....

- A. Attempt to reduce employers.
- B. Attempt to cut costs.
- C. Act of faith.
- D. Attempt to stave off incoming airlines.

**21 - 6912** I'm afraid we can't comment \_\_\_\_\_ the court's decision at this time.

A

- A. On.
- B. At.
- C. Of.
- D. To.

**21 - 6974** I don't work in this sector and .... does she!

B

- A. Either.
- B. Neither.
- C. Even.
- D. Or.

**21 - 6976** They sold their house .... they could buy a boat.

D

- A. For that.
- B. To allow.
- C. In order.
- D. So that.

**21 - 7068** A new wall is .... built.

D

- A. Just.
- B. Has been.
- C. Been.
- D. Being.

**21 - 7158** \_\_\_\_\_ my family knew about my boyfriend.

B

- A. No one.
- B. None of.
- C. Not any.
- D. Anybody of.

**21 - 7170** Everyone was surprised when he turned down the offer.

D

- A. Sono rimasti tutti senza parole quando lui ha abbassato l'offerta.
- B. Si sono tutti sorpresi che la sua offerta fosse così bassa.
- C. Lui ha sorpreso tutti quando ha cambiato l'offerta.
- D. Tutti erano sorpresi quando ha rifiutato l'offerta.

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B

- A. By.
- B. Under.

- C. According.
- D. Of.

**22 - 1730** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
By this time next week we \_\_\_\_\_ the new computer system.

- A. will installing
- B. have installed
- C. will have been installing
- D. will have installed

D

**22 - 6957** I don't suppose I could have a glass of water, ....?

- A. Do I.
- B. Couldn't I.
- C. Could I.
- D. I suppose.

C

**22 - 7087** I wish it .... snow!

- A. Will.
- B. Has.
- C. Had.
- D. Would.

D

**22 - 7135** \_\_\_\_\_ is very much a part of Barbara's character.

- A. Helpfulness.
- B. Helpful.
- C. Helping.
- D. Help.

A

**22 - 7179** Call me at 10 p.m. By that time my parents \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Will have left.
- B. Will leave.
- C. Have left.
- D. Will have been leaving.

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- A. Culinary sport.
- B. New recipes.
- C. Wild animals.
- D. Exotic kitchen utensils.

C

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- A. Plain passenger.
- B. A new plane.
- C. Vehicle that carries flags.
- D. National airline.

**23 - 1426** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:

The notebook \_\_\_\_ in the office yesterday evening, but now it's gone!

A

- A. was
- B. were
- C. aren't
- D. be

**23 - 1609** Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:

There's \_\_\_\_ speculation about who will become the new leader of the Labour Party when the Prime Minister retires.

A

- A. too much
- B. a lot
- C. very
- D. many

**23 - 6969** Neither you .... Tom should use that knife!

C

- A. Either.
- B. Or.
- C. Nor.
- D. Heather.

**23 - 7015** I wish it .... rain so much in this place!

C

- A. Wouldn't.
- B. Shouldn't.
- C. Didn't.
- D. Hadn't.

**23 - 7043** They say that "... killed the cat ", so don't be nosy!

B

- A. Intimacy.
- B. Curiosity.
- C. Pregnancy.
- D. Familiarity.

**23 - 7098** If you buy shares you become ....

A

- A. A stockholder.
- B. A sparring partner.
- C. A shared man.
- D. A bonded person.

**23 - 7546** '(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into

A

chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. Man is.
- B. The men are.
- C. The man is.
- D. Men are.

**24 - 1686** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
If I \_\_\_\_\_ a cake, will you bring some wine?

- A. make
- B. had made
- C. would be making
- D. will make

**24 - 6966** What do you like .... in your spare time?

- A. To doing.
- B. Do.
- C. Being done.
- D. Doing.

**24 - 6973** He works very, very ....

- A. Careful.
- B. Likely.
- C. In a caring way.
- D. Carefully.

**24 - 7078** ...., if he doesn't call you by tomorrow afternoon.

- A. I'll let you know.
- B. I'd have let you know.
- C. I'd let you know.
- D. I'll have let you know.

**24 - 7121** I couldn't make it to work yesterday.

- A. Ieri non volevo andare al lavoro.
- B. Non sono riuscito ad andare al lavoro ieri.
- C. Non potevo farlo ieri al lavoro.
- D. Non ho potuto farlo funzionare ieri.

**24 - 7176** If I \_\_\_\_\_ to university, I \_\_\_\_\_ the possibility to work in this field.

- A. Had gone / wouldn't have.
- B. Hadn't been / would had.
- C. Hadn't gone / had had.
- D. Hadn't gone / wouldn't have had.

**24 - 7201** Serena: "My daughter's been promoted to General Manager." Tom: "\_\_\_\_\_? You must be so proud!"

- A. Had she.
- B. Hasn't she.
- C. Is she.
- D. Has she.

**25 - 1465** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
When she lived in the centre, she \_\_\_\_\_ the bus to work.

- A. used take often
- B. would often take
- C. was often taking



D. often was taking

**25 - 6920** The milk has gone off. It is:

C

- A. Stale.
- B. Rotten.
- C. Sour.
- D. Ripe.

**25 - 6941** Most carmakers have .... It hard to increase profit.

B

- A. Created.
- B. Found.
- C. Managed.
- D. Discovered.

**25 - 7096** Marconi will soon ....JTC Ltd.

B

- A. Take up.
- B. Take over.
- C. Take off.
- D. Take out.

**25 - 7149** A \_\_\_\_\_ the wedding guests \_\_\_\_\_ sitting and playing cards.

C

- A. Couple / was.
- B. Few / be.
- C. Few of / were.
- D. Some / were.

**25 - 7195** I'm really worried \_\_\_\_\_ you. You don't seem to care \_\_\_\_\_ anything anymore.

B

- A. For / toward.
- B. About / about.
- C. Toward / for.
- D. With / for.

**25 - 7560** The fallout from the global slowdown in the airline industry is still casting a shadow over airline suppliers, despite the resurgence of budget airlines. L Gardner, the engineering company, said yesterday that it had got rid of its final dividend and would cut 250 staff in the face of uncertain short-term prospects after the events of September 11. The supplier to Boeing and Rolls-Royce said that it would cut about 10 per cent of its workforce in a cost-cutting drive, announced last month, to preempt lower business levels. The group, which generates two-thirds of its income from making aircraft components, also said it felt that it was inappropriate to pay a dividend. Brett Welch, the finance director, said the cost-cutting exercise would help the company when the airline industry returned to normality. Separately, Ryanair, the no-frills Republic of Ireland airline, is expected to confirm Frankfurt as its second European hub today. The move, eagerly anticipated by observers in the airlines sector, would enable the budget airline to step up its efforts to take cost-conscious business passengers from the flag carriers. If you "step up" your efforts you will.....

C

- A. Disfigure them.
- B. Shift them.
- C. Increase them.
- D. Stabilize them.

**26 - 6965** First of all, you'll have to .... that the signature on these documents is genuine.

B

- A. Accord.
- B. Make sure.
- C. Do.
- D. Comply.

**26 - 6997** I spoke slowly .... she could understand me.

D

- A. In order.



- B. For that.
- C. To allow.
- D. So that.

**26 - 7041** He had been waiting for ten minutes when he came to the .... that he was in the wrong shop.

B

- A. Reason.
- B. Conclusion.
- C. Station.
- D. Town centre.

**26 - 7084** Shut the door on your way out, ....?

D

- A. Do you.
- B. Did you.
- C. Are you.
- D. Will you.

**26 - 7504** Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) \_\_\_\_\_ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) \_\_\_\_\_ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

B

- A. In.
- B. To.
- C. Near.
- D. By.

**26 - 7506** Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) \_\_\_\_\_ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) \_\_\_\_\_ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

B

- A. Saying.
- B. Getting.
- C. Pushing.
- D. Convincing.

**26 - 7545** Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say

D

sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. The "timing and scope" of their apologies refers to.....

- A. How long the apology lasts and where the press conference is held.
- B. At what time of the day they apologize and why they are apologizing.
- C. How often they apologize and who they apologize to.
- D. When they apologize and the reason for their apology.

**27 - 1381** Choose the best word to complete the following: He never knows where things are and his desk is always in such a mess! He leaves papers everywhere and is always losing his keys. He's just so \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. fussy
- B. untidy
- C. undone
- D. neat

**27 - 1591** You are at an office party with your husband and encounter a senior colleague who hasn't met your husband before. What do you say?

- A. Let me present you with my husband.
- B. Would you mind knowing my husband?
- C. Do you like to meet my husband?
- D. May I introduce you to my husband?

**27 - 1742** Choose the best way to begin this sentence: \_\_\_\_\_ our expectations, we found that the bank was quite willing to give us a loan to cover our debts.

- A. Contrary to
- B. Opposite
- C. Counter
- D. As against

**27 - 6949** Did you agree to take .... the job?

- A. At.
- B. For.
- C. In.
- D. On.

**27 - 7054** .... he's a good student!

- A. Although.
- B. As he know.
- C. Mostly and largely.
- D. On the whole.

**27 - 7128** This morning I .... into Tom Brown!

- A. Ran.
- B. Skipped.
- C. Scuttled.
- D. Jumped.

**27 - 7130** I forgot my keys, so I \_\_\_\_\_ break the window and climb \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Must / through it.
- B. Had to / across it.
- C. Could / over it.
- D. Had to / through it.

**28 - 1470** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
The department \_\_\_\_\_ he works for will soon be closed.

- A. it
- B. where
- C. that
- D. what

C

**28 - 1502** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
I do \_\_\_\_\_ work at home.

- A. lot
- B. a lot
- C. a lot of
- D. lot of

C

**28 - 1534** Which sentence is correct?

- A. I like much my job
- B. I like very much my job
- C. I like my job very much
- D. I very like my job

C

**28 - 6975** She .... here since 1988. And she's still with us.

- A. Had been working.
- B. Had been worked.
- C. Worked.
- D. Has worked.

D

**28 - 7072** She's the .... intelligent of the girls.

- A. Little.
- B. Small.
- C. Least.
- D. Less.

C

**28 - 7499** In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) \_\_\_\_\_ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Aim.
- B. Goal.
- C. Fry.
- D. Reach.

D

**28 - 7532** ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on

B

cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. ITV debut on digital satellite television took....

- A. A couple of weeks.
- B. Quite a while.
- C. A short time.
- D. Almost a week.

**29 - 1391** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Their children don't get any exercise. They just watch television \_\_\_\_.

- A. all day
- B. each time
- C. every time
- D. ever

A

**29 - 1456** You read the following newspaper headline: Get away for less. The article will be about...

- A. buying a house
- B. increased train fares
- C. online trading
- D. a low-cost travel offer

D

**29 - 1654** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence: Everyone \_\_\_\_ pay taxes.

- A. doesn't have
- B. has to
- C. have to
- D. don't have

B

**29 - 7013** I haven't seen him .... 1989.

- A. For.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. Since when.

C

**29 - 7033** It's high time you .... a better job!

- A. Find.
- B. Found.
- C. Funded.
- D. Founding.

B

**29 - 7100** It's no use .... over spilt milk!

- A. To cry.
- B. Cry.
- C. Crying.
- D. Having cried.

C

**29 - 7162** Can I give you \_\_\_\_\_ advice?

- A. A lot.
- B. Much.

D

- C. Many.
- D. Some.

**30 - 6945** I have worked here .... 1990.

C

- A. As.
- B. From.
- C. Since.
- D. For.

**30 - 7032** ".... you are here, I'm off! See you!".

B

- A. When.
- B. Since.
- C. For.
- D. Like.

**30 - 7110** He's a good man. They all .... him.

A

- A. Look up to.
- B. Look at.
- C. Look into.
- D. Look out to.

**30 - 7113** He won't be here, ....

A

- A. Will he?.
- B. Shan't he?.
- C. Wouldn't he?.
- D. Doesn't he?.

**30 - 7129** We look \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ from you.

D

- A. Happily / hear.
- B. Glad / hear.
- C. Delighted / hearing.
- D. Forward / hearing.

**30 - 7173** Once a list of suitable candidates \_\_\_\_\_ we can contact \_\_\_\_\_ to arrange interviews.

A

- A. Has been drawn up / them.
- B. Have been drawn up / they.
- C. Has drawn up / their.
- D. Is drew up / to them.

**30 - 7501** The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. Which sentence is true:

C

- A. Philip Morris deliberately chose the name Altria Group to confuse customers.
- B. Warren Smedley changed jobs.
- C. Philip Morris has ruffled some feathers by choosing the name Altria Group.
- D. Altria Healthcare was taken over by Altria Group.

- 31 - 1469** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
I'd like to take six months off work and go on a \_\_\_\_\_ round the world. D
- A. travelling  
B. trips  
C. travel  
D. journey
- 31 - 6943** Large factories are .... to produce several models. D
- A. Cleverly.  
B. Experiencing.  
C. Expert.  
D. Able.
- 31 - 6950** When you first arrived, what was the company ....? A
- A. Like.  
B. For.  
C. About.  
D. Around.
- 31 - 7009** All the hydrochloric acid .... in this tank. C
- A. Is store.  
B. Are storing.  
C. Is stored.  
D. Are store.
- 31 - 7017** I regret .... my job. A
- A. Leaving.  
B. Left.  
C. The leaving.  
D. To leave.
- 31 - 7143** The milk has gone off. C
- A. Il latte è finito.  
B. Il latte non è mio.  
C. Il latte non è più buono.  
D. Il prezzo del latte è aumentato.
- 31 - 7547** '(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)? B
- A. Speedy.  
B. Fast.  
C. Quick.  
D. Fastly.
- 32 - 6915** The accident \_\_\_\_\_ at 9 p.m. and the ambulance arrived within 10 minutes. C
- A. Had reported.  
B. Was reporting.  
C. Was reported.

D. Has been reported.

**32 - 6964** The higher the discount, ....

B

- A. The more we pay.
- B. The more you save.
- C. As higher the savings.
- D. Ever higher the savings.

**32 - 6985** You .... have a driver's license to ride a bike.

C

- A. Mustn't.
- B. Aren't allowed to.
- C. Don't need to.
- D. Shouldn't.

**32 - 7160** Please, hurry up! I have to call Jim \_\_\_\_\_ 5 o'clock.

D

- A. Until.
- B. To.
- C. From.
- D. By.

**32 - 7198** Well, I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ invite the CEO, if you don't \_\_\_\_\_.

B

- A. Mustn't / to mind.
- B. Didn't / mind.
- C. Wouldn't / mind.
- D. Shouldn't / care.

**32 - 7200** Red wine \_\_\_\_\_ to benefit circulation.

A

- A. Has been found.
- B. Has found.
- C. Founded.
- D. Was being found.

**32 - 7520** The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". "Roche was fined" means....

A

- A. Roche was penalised.
- B. Roche was made redundant.
- C. Roche lost a market dispute.
- D. Roche lost its grip.

**33 - 1445** Choose the best phrase to complete this question: Does anyone know how much \_\_\_\_\_ on staff per year?

C

- A. does the department spend
- B. is spending the department
- C. the department spends
- D. spends the department

**33 - 1521** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence. \_\_\_\_\_ left after the tourist office and you

A



will see the Marine Hotel on the right.

- A. Turn
- B. Go to
- C. Take
- D. Turn on

**33 - 7039** Millions of people in the world live in dreadful ....

- A. Errands.
- B. Beaches.
- C. Valleys.
- D. Conditions.

**33 - 7079** If you don't write down the date and time of the message, ....

- A. Tom would know.
- B. Tom would never know.
- C. Tom will never know.
- D. Tom never knew.

**33 - 7155** I'm sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ about Jim.

- A. Didn't concentrate / was thinking.
- B. Was thinking / was concentrating.
- C. Was concentrating / didn't think.
- D. Wasn't concentrating / was thinking.

**33 - 7163** Complete the question. "Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_"

- A. How long takes it to get to Seattle?.
- B. How long does it take to get to Seattle?.
- C. How long it takes to get to Seattle?.
- D. How long to get to Seattle it takes?.

**33 - 7508** Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. Looks over.
- B. Overlooks.
- C. Gives out on.
- D. Oversees.

**34 - 1394** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:

To improve our balance of payments, we must increase productivity and \_\_\_\_\_ expenditure.

- A. cut down on
- B. drop out of
- C. pull lower
- D. put under

**34 - 1517** Choose the best verb to complete this sentence:



By midnight yesterday all the forms \_\_\_\_\_ to the Commission.

- A. had been sent
- B. were transmitting
- C. we send
- D. are gone

**34 - 1546** Choose the best phrase to complete this question. \_\_\_\_\_ money did the government ask them for?

- A. Too much B.
- How many C.
- "How much"
- D. A lot of

C

**34 - 6992** The cottage is .... fire.

- A. At.
- B. Of.
- C. On.
- D. Up.

C

**34 - 7016** I wish it .... rain!

- A. Had.
- B. Has.
- C. Would.
- D. Will.

C

**34 - 7101** The more the ....

- A. Small.
- B. Less.
- C. Better.
- D. Little.

C

**34 - 7511** Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

- A. Seen.
- B. To be seen.
- C. To see.
- D. Seeing.

B

**35 - 1409** Which question is correct?

- A. How does the weather in Rome?
- B. What's the weather like in Rome?
- C. What's like the weather in Rome?
- D. How the weather is in Rome?

B

**35 - 1587** You are telephoning Dr Paton. What do you say when her secretary answers the phone?

- A. Good morning, do I speak with Dr Paton please?

D

- B. Good morning, can I speak Dr Paton please?
- C. Good morning, am I speaking Dr Paton please?
- D. Good morning, may I speak to Dr Paton please?

**35 - 1658** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
Angela told me \_\_\_\_ was said at the meeting.

B

- A. which
- B. "what"
- C. that which
- D. that what

**35 - 1723** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
You will feel more confident about your new job when you \_\_\_\_ in it for another month.

B

- A. were
- B. have been
- C. are
- D. will be

**35 - 6998** I'll .... have to go to Madrid next month for a meeting.

A

- A. Probably.
- B. Perhaps.
- C. Might.
- D. Maybe.

**35 - 7028** .... is this? It's the Browns'.

B

- A. Whom.
- B. Whose.
- C. Who.
- D. What.

**35 - 7157** The boy admitted \_\_\_\_\_ the toy.

C

- A. Broken.
- B. He breaks.
- C. Breaking.
- D. To break.

**36 - 1508** Which verb CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? I've \_\_\_\_ an appointment with the dentist next week, because I'm really worried about the state of my teeth.

C

- A. arranged
- B. made
- C. done
- D. fixed

**36 - 1545** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
You \_\_\_\_ send the original documents, a photocopy will do.

B

- A. couldn't
- B. don't have to
- C. don't need
- D. mustn't

**36 - 6923** Which of the following is not a part of the human body?

A

- A. Heal.
- B. Calf.
- C. Palm.
- D. Lap.

**36 - 6979** I've never .... anything like it before.

C

- A. To see.
- B. See.
- C. Seen.
- D. Saw.

**36 - 7551** '(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

B

- A. Layed.
- B. Laid.
- C. Lain.
- D. Lied.

**36 - 7554** In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. The word "demeaning" means ....

C

- A. Changing the meaning.
- B. Defining.
- C. Lowering the dignity.
- D. Treating.

**36 - 7558** In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. It is understood that .....

B

- A. Mr. Shaw has been drawing up a list of minority rights.
- B. Debates in Europe about minority rights turn into free-for-alls.
- C. Mr. Shaw can't stand minorities.
- D. The law sides with minorities.

**37 - 1374** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
The busy terminal is now returning \_\_\_\_.

C

- A. to the norm
- B. to the normal
- C. to normal
- D. normally

**37 - 1570** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
Her sister is expecting a baby in June, so they \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday this year.

A

- A. won't be having
- B. is going to have
- C. haven't
- D. going to get

**37 - 6933** Not only did my husband make me dinner, he \_\_\_\_\_ did the washing up!

C

- A. So. B.
- Too. C.
- Even.
- D. Only.

**37 - 6948** What are you good ....?

B

- A. On.
- B. At.
- C. In.
- D. For.

**37 - 7134** Italian people differ \_\_\_\_\_ other nationalities I know.

D

- A. To.
- B. About.
- C. As.
- D. From.

**37 - 7502** Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) \_\_\_\_\_ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) \_\_\_\_\_ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

A

- A. In.
- B. On.
- C. At.
- D. By.

**37 - 7522** After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. Londoners are described as .....

D

- A. Having a sense of superiority.
- B. People concerned about safety.
- C. Being indifferent to bombings.
- D. People not easily phased.

**38 - 1612** Which word CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? Why is the USA \_\_\_\_ in Africa?

- A. intending
- B. involved
- C. interested
- D. investing

A

**38 - 1664** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence. James Chan doesn't live in Hong Kong any \_\_\_\_.

- A. when
- B. long
- C. more
- D. much

C

**38 - 6989** The dish is normally .... at Christmas.

- A. Eating.
- B. Eaten.
- C. Eat.
- D. Ate.

B

**38 - 7021** I wish she .... speak so much!

- A. Wouldn't.
- B. Weren't.
- C. Didn't.
- D. Hadn't.

C

**38 - 7185** I \_\_\_\_\_ not to mention it.

- A. Was said.
- B. Was telling.
- C. Was told.
- D. Told.

C

**38 - 7192** The market demand is now \_\_\_\_\_ due to a major slowdown.

- A. Stagnating.
- B. Bright.
- C. Downing.
- D. Looking up.

A

**38 - 7533** Bromley Limited (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) \_\_\_\_\_ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. Although.
- B. However.
- C. But.
- D. Moreover.

B

**39 - 1406** Choose the best word or phrase to begin this sentence:

\_\_\_\_ I manage to get through all the letters I have to write this morning, I'll be able to start working

D

on the new project this afternoon.

- A. Since
- B. However
- C. Whether
- D. As long as

**39 - 1696** Only one of these sentences is correct. Which one?

B

- A. I'll see you tomorrow at eight, like usual
- B. I would never do anything like that
- C. She works in the same department like me
- D. She is similar like her brother

**39 - 1750** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence :I am going to London to do a summer course to \_\_\_\_.

D

- A. better know English language
- B. know better the English
- C. know better English language
- D. get to know the language better

**39 - 7036** He hit the target with great .... every time he shot.

A

- A. Strength.
- B. Time.
- C. Desire.
- D. Want.

**39 - 7065** He's terribly .... . He doesn't remember anything you tell him.

D

- A. Easygoing.
- B. Stable.
- C. Outgoing.
- D. Forgetful.

**39 - 7127** I \_\_\_\_\_studied physics if the teacher \_\_\_\_\_interesting.

C

- A. Wouldn't have / was.
- B. Wouldn't / hadn't been.
- C. Wouldn't have / hadn't been.
- D. Would have / hadn't been.

**39 - 7190** He drove off without saying a word.

D

- A. Ha guidato la macchina senza mai parlare.
- B. Ha guidato la macchina in modo strano.
- C. Ha parlato poco mentre guidava.
- D. Se ne andò in macchina senza dire una parola.

**40 - 1407** Choose the best phrase to complete this question:How many questions \_\_\_\_\_in this test?

C

- A. they are
- B. are they
- C. are there
- D. there are

**40 - 1449** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
Mark writes for a \_\_\_\_\_newspaper.

D

- A. Sweden
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Dutch

**40 - 6932** The opposite of to whisper is:

- A. To cry.
- B. To laugh.
- C. To howl.
- D. To shout.

D

**40 - 7119** Did you know that Tom has been hanging out with Steve?

- A. Sapevi che Tom frequenta Steve?
- B. Sapevi che Tom e Steve vivono fuori casa?
- C. Sai che Tom fuori di casa non parla con Steve?
- D. Hai saputo che Steve ha cacciato Tom fuori di casa?

A

**40 - 7146** How come Lisa's putting you up this week?

- A. Come può aiutarti Lisa questa settimana?
- B. Come arriva Lisa questa settimana?
- C. Perché Lisa ti ospita questa settimana?
- D. È vero che Lisa questa settimana manderà te?

C

**40 - 7194** At first, my friend didn't want to hire Wendy. But, because I had previously worked with Wendy, I told my friend that she \_\_\_\_\_ take another look at her C.V. and reconsider \_\_\_\_\_ for the job.

- A. Has to / she.
- B. Ought to / her.
- C. Must / her.
- D. 'd had to / she.

B

**40 - 7507** Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. Seat.
- B. Area.
- C. Position.
- D. Room.

D

**41 - 1726** Choose the best word to complete this question: I'm sorry. I didn't understand your name. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ your surname please?

- A. writing
- B. spell
- C. syllable
- D. tell

B

**41 - 6914** Silvia's flight from Sao Paolo took more than 10 hours. She \_\_\_\_\_ be exhausted after such a long flight.

- A. Had better.
- B. Had.
- C. Can.
- D. Must.

D



- 41 - 7007** Planes travel .... than trains, but getting on and off planes at airports is very slow. A
- A. More quickly.  
B. More quick.  
C. The quickest.  
D. As quickly.
- 41 - 7008** The company spent over six million dollars on improving safety. The scheme was a big success. Now, the firm has .... accidents. C
- A. Lesser.  
B. Little.  
C. Fewer.  
D. More.
- 41 - 7059** It would have taken a .... to solve that particular problem. B
- A. Small timing.  
B. Long time.  
C. Years.  
D. Some years.
- 41 - 7063** As soon as he was arrested, the man gave some .... to the police. B
- A. Mistakes.  
B. Information.  
C. Out.  
D. Point.
- 41 - 7164** Life would be much simpler if you \_\_\_\_\_ worrying so much. B
- A. Will stop.  
B. Stopped.  
C. Stop.  
D. Have stopped.
- 42 - 1584** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
Working in the office \_\_\_\_\_ dealing with the public. B
- A. isn't tiring as  
B. isn't as tiring as  
C. is as tired than  
D. is more tired than
- 42 - 1656** Choose the best word or words to complete the following: I'm quite an ambitious person. I want \_\_\_\_\_ general manager in a few years' time. A
- A. to become  
B. becoming  
C. I become  
D. that I become
- 42 - 1714** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: Ian McEwan is a British writer. \_\_\_\_\_ from Hampshire. B
- A. Is  
B. He's  
C. Come  
D. He come
- 42 - 6991** The house is .... painted at the moment. A
- A. Being.  
B. Has.  
C. Was.



D. Been.

**42 - 6996** I usually enjoy .... to training courses.

B

- A. For going.
- B. Going.
- C. To go.
- D. Go.

**42 - 7061** This disease has spread .... in the past few years.

A

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. Down.
- D. In.

**42 - 7090** Telling lies never....

C

- A. Dares.
- B. Takes.
- C. Pays.
- D. Gives.

**43 - 1637** Which word CANNOT be used as a synonym for prevents in the following newspaper headline? Russia prevents plan to sell arms to African states.

C

- A. stops
- B. interferes with
- C. helps
- D. blocks

**43 - 1752** Choose the best way to complete the following: Please \_\_\_\_\_ need any further information. I will be very pleased to provide it.

C

- A. if you let me know
- B. if let me know you
- C. let me know if you
- D. let me know you if

**43 - 7050** Tom has just left the office. In other words he's ....

C

- A. In.
- B. Up.
- C. Out.
- D. Down.

**43 - 7151** I'm really quite lost. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ showing me how to get out of here?

B

- A. Must / mind.
- B. Would / mind.
- C. Might / minding.
- D. Would / be.

**43 - 7512** Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming

B

under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. Another word for "whole-hearted" is....

- A. Hypocritical.
- B. Sincere.
- C. Warm.
- D. Cold.

**43 - 7523** After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. "A rapid-fire succession of restaurants" are .....

- A. A series of restaurants burning down.
- B. A series of restaurants closing quickly.
- C. A series of restaurants opening quickly.
- D. A series of restaurants opening near each other.

**43 - 7529** The Treasury Select Committee is to launch an inquiry into the planned take-over of Liffe, the London Futures exchange, by Euronext, the alliance of the Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam stock exchanges. The unusual move is thought to have been provoked by growing concern among committee members about the impact on the City of London of the £555 million cash take-over. The committee will hear evidence from Liffe and Euronext officials on December 13. It will then question officials from the London Stock Exchange, which lost out in the auction for Liffe despite tabling a higher offer. "Philip Morris switch challenged": Philip Morris, the tobacco company, has become embroiled in a dispute about its proposed name change. Altria Healthcare, a private medical billing company in America, is concerned about Philip Morris's proposed name change to Altria Group. "It is of great concern to a healthcare business to have a big tobacco and alcohol company wish to adopt an identical name," Warren Smedley, Altria Healthcare's president, said. Philip Morris said it had conducted all necessary searches and was confident that it was not in breach of any laws and would not confuse Altria Healthcare's customers. "Philip Morris has become embroiled". In other words,....

- A. PM has become cheaper.
- B. PM has become entangled.
- C. PM has lost prestige.
- D. PM has become less competitive.

**44 - 6928** I \_\_\_\_\_ not to mention it.

- A. Was told.
- B. Was telling.
- C. Told.
- D. Was said.

**44 - 7004** I'm responsible .... with complaints.

- A. To deal.
- B. To dealing.
- C. For deal.
- D. For dealing.

**44 - 7058** Tonight I will probably ....

- A. Take you up.

- B. Take you for.
- C. Take you out.
- D. Take you down.

**44 - 7085** "Of course! It goes without ...."

A

- A. Saying.
- B. Doing.
- C. Telling.
- D. Speaking.

**44 - 7103** Does she play the piano? Yes, she ....

C

- A. Would.
- B. Do.
- C. Does.
- D. Did.

**44 - 7510** Think of the City of London and you think of Sir Terence Conran; he already has 11 restaurants in or near the area but there's always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for one more when it's as good as Sauterelle. Combining the perfect location and clever design has always been Conran's forte, and his latest wins on both scores. Inside the historic Royal Exchange building, Sauterelle's dining room (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the huge central hall from the mezzanine, but this isn't (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a "view" restaurant. The menu is full of excellently prepared French classics like rabbit stew and chocolate tarts. While the City area may be hopping, the real action is in London's West End, specifically Mayfair. Not content with one hugely successful branch in the neighbourhood, the Nobu Group recently opened a second on Berkeley Square. But unlike its older sister, Nobu Berkely has taken a beating from many critics. It's not that the food (4) \_\_\_\_\_ good. What irked these critics (and many diners) when it opened was the strict no-reservation policy that left you waiting in an overpriced bar for an hour or two. Management has wisely changed the policy, but whether the rather ungraceful service has improved remains (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

C

- A. Be.
- B. Cannot be.
- C. Isn't.
- D. Is.

**44 - 7555** In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. If you "masquerade" you ....

D

- A. Behave badly.
- B. Buy strange clothes.
- C. Dress theatrically.
- D. Assume a false appearance.

**45 - 1442** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
I work \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

A

- A. at the
- B. at
- C. to the
- D. in

**45 - 1444** Choose the best phrase to complete this question: \_\_\_\_\_ to drive if you have had more than two

D

alcoholic drinks?

- A. Do you permit
- B. Must you
- C. Can you
- D. Are you allowed

**45 - 6994** .... is bad for you.

- A. To smoke.
- B. The smoking.
- C. Smoking.
- D. Having smoked.

**45 - 7093** Of all my friends, Tom is the one I like the ....

- A. Smaller.
- B. Most.
- C. Less.
- D. More.

**45 - 7099** It's about time you .... some work!

- A. Do.
- B. Will do.
- C. Did.
- D. Done.

**45 - 7169** Alice is sincere through and through.

- A. Alice è completamente sincera.
- B. Alice qualche volta è sincera.
- C. Alice non è sempre sincera.
- D. Alice non è completamente sincera.

**45 - 7514** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. Any.
- B. Little.
- C. Some.
- D. Few.

**46 - 1388** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
Several people \_\_\_\_ his suggestion and some emails were exchanged about this.

- A. replied
- B. answered him
- C. responded to
- D. told

**46 - 1549** Choose the best phrase to complete this question. \_\_\_\_\_ to do the training program face-to-face or online?

- A. Cost less

- B. Is cheap
- C. Is it cheaper
- D. Is cheaper

**46 - 1680** Choose the correct phrase to complete this sentence. The manager said that all personal telephone calls \_\_\_\_.

C

- A. might have to pay
- B. should have paid
- C. had to be paid for
- D. must have paid for

**46 - 1684** Choose the best word to complete this question: \_\_\_\_ do you like your job?

C

- A. What
- B. Who
- C. Why
- D. Where

**46 - 6968** How .... did it cost?

D

- A. Many.
- B. War.
- C. Well.
- D. Much.

**46 - 7125** Mr. Smith doesn't work \_\_\_\_\_ Fridays or \_\_\_\_\_ weekends.

C

- A. Until / at.
- B. By / till.
- C. On / at.
- D. At / in.

**46 - 7189** I'm sick and tired of this affair.

B

- A. Questo affare mi confonde.
- B. Sono stufo di questo affare.
- C. Questo affare mi causa malessere.
- D. Sono nervoso per questo affare.

**47 - 1510** Choose the best word or words to complete the question: Who \_\_\_\_ this afternoon? I heard that someone was looking for me.

B

- A. ring
- B. rang
- C. rung
- D. does ring

**47 - 7053** The President has just announced his ....

C

- A. Pain.
- B. Regretful.
- C. Resignation.
- D. Discharge.

**47 - 7102** There's no point .... going back now.

D

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. At.
- D. In.

**47 - 7104** Tom .... tennis since 10 o'clock.

C

- A. Had played.
- B. Played.
- C. Has been playing.
- D. Have played.

**47 - 7114** You can stay out late .... that you go with Tom.

A

- A. Provided.
- B. However.
- C. When.
- D. Even.

**47 - 7183** I thought it was a waste of time \_\_\_\_\_ that film.

A

- A. Seeing.
- B. See.
- C. To saw.
- D. Seen.

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C

- A. Were established.
- B. Established.
- C. Was established.
- D. Has been established.

**48 - 1512** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ the small print before I signed the contract.

B

- A. would have read
- B. had read
- C. would read
- D. read

**48 - 1698** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
There is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ of Vermeer's paintings on at the Royal Academy at the moment.

D

- A. performance
- B. demonstration
- C. manifestation
- D. exhibition

**48 - 1735** Choose the best word or words to complete the following: I love Berlin. It's a really lively and exciting place, and the people \_\_\_\_\_ friendly.

C

- A. they are a lot
- B. are much
- C. are very
- D. they are more

**48 - 6921** Chose the correct noun form for the verb 'to advise'?

D

- A. Advise.

- B. Advicing.
- C. Addvice.
- D. Advice.

**48 - 7037** There is no .... for paying women less than men if they do the same job.

A

- A. Reason.
- B. Time.
- C. Point.
- D. Use.

**48 - 7133** The football coach wanted to improve the \_\_\_\_\_ fitness.

A

- A. Players'.
- B. Players's.
- C. Player's.
- D. Players.

**48 - 7516** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

D

- A. Open.
- B. Opening.
- C. The exchanging.
- D. Openness.

**49 - 1392** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
My sister's husband \_\_\_\_\_ thirty-five.

A

- A. is
- B. have
- C. aged
- D. is old

**49 - 1471** Choose the best verb form to complete this question: Where did they all \_\_\_\_\_ after the party?

B

- A. going
- B. go
- C. went
- D. gone

**49 - 6939** How much do you think ....?

D

- A. Can it be.
- B. Is it.
- C. Is this.
- D. It is.

**49 - 7042** There is very little .... if you share a small flat with six others!

A

- A. Room.
- B. Flat.
- C. House.
- D. Water.



**49 - 7091** She can't play the piano! In fact, she's ....

A

- A. Hopeless.
- B. Sly.
- C. Artful.
- D. Cunning.

**49 - 7109** The "Mayor of London" is a ....

C

- A. Statue.
- B. Relic.
- C. Person.
- D. Bust.

**49 - 7549** '(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

A

- A. Not one.
- B. Not some.
- C. No one.
- D. Not none.

**50 - 1370** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
Don't buy that jacket - it's \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

A

- A. too big
- B. too much big
- C. bigger
- D. too big size

**50 - 1483** Choose the correct answer for this question: Did you get the job?

D

- A. Yes, I get it
- B. Yes, I have got
- C. Yes, I got
- D. Yes, I did

**50 - 6954** The company is thinking about .... some managers.

C

- A. Rubbing.
- B. Disrupting.
- C. Removing.
- D. Disposing.

**50 - 6977** Do you really enjoy .... that sort of music?

D

- A. Listen to.
- B. To listen.
- C. Listening.
- D. Listening to.

**50 - 7018** When she got to the station, the train .... already left!

B

- A. Had been.
- B. Had.
- C. Was.

D. Has.

**50 - 7057** I don't mind .... to the cinema.

B

- A. Go.
- B. Going.
- C. To go.
- D. Gone.

**50 - 7541** The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". According to BASF, the fine was "inappropriately high". In other words,....

B

- A. It was cool.
- B. It was far too high.
- C. It was right.
- D. It was far too soon.

**51 - 1571** Which sentence means the same as this one?The train leaves at 8.35.

A

- A. The train leaves at twenty five to nine.
- B. The train leaves at nine minus twenty-five
- C. The train leaves at thirty-five minutes to eight
- D. The train leaves at twenty-five past eight

**51 - 7034** This time next year I'll .... to Australia!

A

- A. Be flying.
- B. To fly.
- C. Flying.
- D. Flew.

**51 - 7152** \_\_\_\_\_ information \_\_\_\_\_ our company is now possible on line.

D

- A. For obtaining / of.
- B. To obtain / from.
- C. Obtain / about.
- D. Obtaining / about.

**51 - 7199** If only I \_\_\_\_\_ taller, life would be \_\_\_\_\_ easier.

C

- A. Had been / so.
- B. Am / so much.
- C. Were / so much.
- D. Was / a lot of.

**51 - 7494** ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will

D

pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. "Under the deal" means.....

- A. Prior to the deal.
- B. Before the deal.
- C. After the deal.
- D. In compliance with the deal.

**51 - 7513** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (1)?

- A. For example.
- B. Such.
- C. Such as.
- D. Whereas.

**51 - 7542** The European Commission yesterday issued a harsh warning to businesses seeking to run cartels by fining eight vitamin producers a total of 855 million Euros (£530 million) for fixing prices for almost a decade. Roche, the Swiss drugs group, was fined 462 million in the highest award to date imposed by the EU on a single company for market abuse. BASF, the German chemical group, was fined 296 million for its part in the cartel, which was known as Vitamins Inc and was exposed in 1999. Both BASF, which described its fine as "inappropriately high", and Roche are considering an appeal. Competition experts said the huge fines underlined the EU's commitment to crackdown on restrictive business practices. Aventis, the French drugs group, escaped fines in connection to two vitamins in return for co-operating with inquiries. Samantha Mobley, EU competition partner at the law firm Baker & McKenzie, said: "It is the first time a company has achieved a 100 per cent reduction in a fine, illustrating the EU's commitment to encourage whistle-blowers". A "law firm" deals with....

- A. Grey matters.
- B. Legal matters.
- C. Scientific matters.
- D. Unknown matters.

**52 - 1440** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
There will soon be wireless computers in \_\_\_\_\_ office.

- A. every
- B. both
- C. all
- D. whole

**52 - 1464** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
Do you prefer to \_\_\_\_\_ the air conditioning on while you are working?

- A. keep
- B. hold
- C. take
- D. go

**52 - 1728** Choose the best word to complete this question. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you like to go this evening?

- A. can
- B. does

- C. would
- D. are

**52 - 1745** Choose the best word to complete the following: He never turns up on time. He's totally \_\_\_\_.

D

- A. sensitive
- B. unsuitable
- C. trustworthy
- D. unreliable

**52 - 6926** There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between two aircrafts last week.

C

- A. Collition.
- B. Colliding.
- C. Collision.
- D. Colision.

**52 - 6983** I haven't heard the news ....

B

- A. Yesterday.
- B. Today.
- C. Last night.
- D. At one o'clock.

**52 - 7010** Before .... the letter we ought to contact the client.

D

- A. To write.
- B. We are writing.
- C. Has written.
- D. Writing.

**53 - 1398** Which of the following is NOT a member of the family?

A

- A. cushion
- B. grand-daughter
- C. niece
- D. uncle

**53 - 1537** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
I \_\_\_\_\_ so many people at the Live8 concert last month.

C

- A. knew
- B. meet
- C. met
- D. have known

**53 - 1719** Choose the correct phrase to complete the following: You \_\_\_\_\_ in an election, but I think you should. If you have the right to vote, you should take advantage of it.

C

- A. needn't have voted
- B. need to vote
- C. don't have to vote
- D. have to vote

**53 - 6955** Ian speaks much .... than Roger.

A

- A. Better.
- B. Well.
- C. Worsen.
- D. Good.

**53 - 7035** Never .... such a beautiful church!

C

- A. I have seen.

- B. I will see.
- C. Have I seen.
- D. Do I see.

**53 - 7548** Japanese expression of regret and atonement are finely tuned to the circumstances. So students of etiquette were quick to note that the apology issued by Sony on Tuesday October 24th, for manufacturing occasionally inflammable laptop batteries, was less than whole-hearted. In a land where shamed executives are not shy of shedding tears during shows of contrition, the seated shallow bow performed by some of the Japanese electronic giant's bosses was deemed a middling act of corporate obeisance. Sony's apology is part of a growing trend for business leaders to say sorry to consumers (and sometimes to workers and shareholders) for corporate shortcomings. Of late, Steve Jobs was widely praised for taking responsibility for Apple's problems over the backdating of share-options. Mark Hurd, Hewlett-Packard's boss, got a critical reaction to his more equivocal "apology" for a recent scandal that swept the American tech firm. As companies appear to be quicker at accepting the blame for failures, the timing and scope of their apologies are coming under ever-greater scrutiny. The oft-touted example of an exemplary corporate reaction to trouble is that of Johnson & Johnson in the early 1980s after several people died after taking a drug called Tylenol. Though the product had been deliberately poisoned with cyanide while on shop shelves the firm's chief executive apologized repeatedly and profusely, production ceased and over 30m bottles were recalled at a cost of some \$100m. Despite huge public disquiet about the drug at the time, sales of Tylenol quickly recovered. In this article, "oft-touted" means....

- A. Very old.
- B. The first.
- C. Rarely told.
- D. Frequently mentioned.

**53 - 7550** '(1) \_\_\_\_\_ the only creature that consumes without producing. He does not give milk, he does not lay eggs, he is too weak to pull the plough, he cannot run (2) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to catch rabbits. Yet he is lord of all the animals. He sets them to work, he gives back to them the bare minimum that will prevent them from starving, and the rest he keeps for himself. Our labour tills the soil, our dung fertilises it, and yet there is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of us that owns more than his bare skin. You cows that I see before me, how many thousands of gallons of milk have you given during this last year? And what has happened to that milk which (4) \_\_\_\_\_ breeding up sturdy calves? Every drop of it has gone down the throats of our enemies. And you hens, how many eggs have you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in this last year, and how many of those eggs ever hatched into chickens? The rest have all gone to market to bring in money for Jones and his men. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Can have been.
- B. Must have been.
- C. Can't have been.
- D. Should have been.

**54 - 1473** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:  
On my first trip abroad, I lived for a month \_\_\_\_\_ a German family.

- A. with
- B. at
- C. by
- D. on

**54 - 1588** Which word or phrase CANNOT be used to complete this sentence? Professor Firth's plane \_\_\_\_\_ at 23.00 tomorrow evening.

- A. is arriving
- B. will arrive
- C. arrives
- D. is arrived

**54 - 6929** Choose the most appropriate adjective. A moody person is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Confused.
- B. Optimistic.
- C. Unpredictable.

D. Excitable.

**54 - 6967** Everybody .... her for saving the old man from drowning.

B

- A. Accused.
- B. Praised.
- C. Congratulated.
- D. Prohibited.

**54 - 7020** Before .... switch off the lights.

C

- A. Go.
- B. To leave.
- C. Leaving.
- D. Come.

**54 - 7029** Who .... you tell?

B

- A. Had.
- B. Did.
- C. Has.
- D. Have.

**54 - 7115** We leave York .... London at 7.30 tomorrow morning.

B

- A. Towards.
- B. For.
- C. On.
- D. To.

**55 - 1375** Which of the following is NOT a place in a house?

C

- A. hall
- B. bathroom
- C. chicken
- D. living room

**55 - 1460** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

My boss \_\_\_\_\_ me that the report was due in by Friday.

B

- A. said
- B. reminded
- C. recalled
- D. remembered

**55 - 6913** Tomorrow is our wedding anniversary. We \_\_\_\_\_ for 35 years.

B

- A. Will be marrying.
- B. Will have been married.
- C. Are going to be married.
- D. Will be married.

**55 - 6946** How much progress .... you made so far?

C

- A. Might.
- B. Did.
- C. Have.
- D. Has.

**55 - 7147** The meeting was .... to another day.

D

- A. Thrown out.
- B. Made up.
- C. Cast away.

D. Put off.

**55 - 7188** I never expected him to let us down that way.

A

- A. Non mi sarei mai aspettato che ci deludesse così.
- B. Non avrei mai aspettato il suo permesso.
- C. Non l'avrei mai aspettato giù per quella strada.
- D. Non mi sarei mai aspettato che ci lasciasse in quella strada.

**55 - 7497** In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) \_\_\_\_\_ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

B

- A. In.
- B. From.
- C. Of.
- D. By.

**56 - 1424** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
I am not familiar with this technology yet so I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ research on it.

C

- A. make a
- B. do any
- C. do some
- D. make

**56 - 1586** Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:  
It rained all last weekend \_\_\_\_\_ we didn't go to the seaside.

A

- A. so
- B. through
- C. by
- D. because of

**56 - 6952** She can't stand .... by herself!

D

- A. To work.
- B. Work.
- C. Worked.
- D. Working.

**56 - 7175** The jump was such a daunting prospect that he decided \_\_\_\_\_ doing it.

C

- A. Off.
- B. On.
- C. Against.
- D. About.

**56 - 7186** The results of the test were doctored up.

A

- A. I risultati dell'esame sono stati falsificati.
- B. I risultati dell'esame sono stati pubblicati.
- C. I risultati dell'esame sono stati firmati dal dottore.
- D. I risultati dell'esame sono stati mandati al dottore.



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- A. Go up.
- B. Go on.
- C. Go through.
- D. Go astray.

A

**56 - 7556** In 1999 Jack Straw, then Britain's home secretary, was attacked for being rude about an ethnic minority. There were demands for criminal investigations, appeals to various commissions and public agencies, a fevered debate over whether Mr Straw was racist. On that occasion, he was accused of demeaning gypsies by saying that people who masqueraded as travellers seemed to think they had a right to commit crimes. In the past few weeks Mr. Straw, now leader of the House of Commons, has triggered a similar response by arguing that the Muslim veil (i.e., the full, face-covering niqab) is an unhelpful symbol of separateness. This week he won the backing of his boss, Tony Blair. These episodes are reminders not that Mr. Straw is hostile to minorities (he isn't) but that any debate in Europe about minority rights soon degenerates into a fight between self-proclaimed community leaders, public agencies, the police, courts and the law. It may be hard to reconcile militant Islam with secular Europe. To "trigger a response" is to....

- A. Shoot a response.
- B. Repeat a response.
- C. Initiate a response.
- D. Publicise a response.

C

**57 - 6984** There's a choice of two colours. You can buy them in .... red or green.

- A. Also.
- B. Whether.
- C. As well as.
- D. Either.

D

**57 - 7019** It's .... since I last .... him!

- A. A lot / seen.
- B. Several / years.
- C. Months / will see.
- D. Years / saw.

D

**57 - 7026** It's about time you made .... your mind!

- A. Out.
- B. Up.
- C. On.
- D. In.

B

**57 - 7049** "How are you today?" - " .... ."

- A. Best.
- B. Fine.
- C. Refinery.
- D. Fined.

B

**57 - 7067** No names have yet .... made.

A

- A. Been.
- B. Still.
- C. Being.
- D. Just.

**57 - 7166** I know I made a mistake, but you don't have to rub it in.

B

- A. Lo so che ho fatto uno sbaglio, ma tu non devi cancellarlo.
- B. Lo so che ho sbagliato, ma tu non farla lunga.
- C. Sbagliando si impara.
- D. Sapevo di sbagliare, ma l'ho fatto lo stesso.

**57 - 7521** After the subway bombing last summer, the downturn predicted by so many London watchdogs never happened - if anything, it was just the opposite. Stoic Londoners have carried on with the characteristic stiff upper lip. And with that has come a rapid-fire succession of restaurants from some of the city's (and the world's) most closely watched chefs. Dining out is now one of the capital's favourite pastimes, bringing about the inevitable comparisons to New York. Future openings from heavy hitters like Joël Robuchon, who will make his mark on both London and Manhattan this year, draw the parallel even closer. But London is not just a stage for international players. Everyone passes through Borough Market at some point. It's become a Grand Central Station for food lovers, who stop to marvel at the furred and feathered game, to covet Brindisa's Spanish hams, or to graze at the dozens of stalls serving seared scallops, oysters, chorizo buns. "Downturn" means...

A

- A. Decline.
- B. Change.
- C. Refusal.
- D. Demolition.

**58 - 1727** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
Our customers usually pay \_\_\_\_\_ bills promptly.

D

- A. you're
- B. there
- C. ours
- D. their

**58 - 6927** I went to the library to \_\_\_\_\_ a book.

B

- A. Take.
- B. Borrow.
- C. Lend.
- D. Loan.

**58 - 7011** I'd go if I .... you!

D

- A. Has been.
- B. Had been.
- C. Was.
- D. Were.

**58 - 7075** I knew you .... show up!

B

- A. Hasn't.
- B. Wouldn't.
- C. Wasn't.
- D. Didn't.

**58 - 7095** I always do my ....

B

- A. Good.
- B. Best.
- C. Well.
- D. Better.

**58 - 7123** \_\_\_\_\_ you be so kind as \_\_\_\_\_ the window?

B

- A. Would / opening.
- B. Would / to open.
- C. Should / to open.
- D. Could / to open.

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A

- A. Decided.
- B. Was decided.
- C. Has decided.
- D. Had decided.

**59 - 1518** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
Eritrea is the most exciting country \_\_\_\_\_.

A

- A. I have ever visited
- B. I have never gone
- C. I ever been
- D. I never went

**59 - 1544** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
He's worked in this department \_\_\_\_\_.

C

- A. since five years
- B. from 2000 to 2004
- C. for a long time
- D. when he was 30

**59 - 1688** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:  
At the time of my visit last April, Kembruck Inc. \_\_\_\_\_ a successful, £340 million advertising campaign.

B

- A. have already finished
- B. was just finishing
- C. had been finished
- D. has finished

**59 - 7006** .... signing here, please?

A

- A. Would you mind.
- B. Would you like.
- C. Would you want.
- D. Would you care.

**59 - 7030** This morning I .... into Tom Brown!

D

- A. Scuttled.
- B. Skipped.
- C. Jumped.
- D. Ran.

**59 - 7060** Tom is the boy .... lives in Nashville.

D

- A. Which.
- B. Whom.
- C. Whose.
- D. That.

**59 - 7154** She regards \_\_\_\_\_ as a failure for having dropped out \_\_\_\_\_ university.

D

- A. Herself / at.
- B. Self / in.
- C. Her own self / of.
- D. Herself / of.

**60 - 1655** Choose the best word to complete this sentence. Veronica has three \_\_\_\_, Barbara, Helen and Peter.

D

- A. child
- B. daughters
- C. sons
- D. children

**60 - 6958** She's a .... nicer person than I thought she was.

C

- A. Very.
- B. Such.
- C. Much.
- D. Quite.

**60 - 7081** I wish she .... married me then.

C

- A. Was.
- B. Were.
- C. Had.
- D. Has.

**60 - 7094** Tim denied .... the boy.

D

- A. Beat.
- B. To beating.
- C. Was beaten.
- D. Beating.

**60 - 7196** When I see James, \_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_ you said.

D

- A. I told / which.
- B. I tell / that.
- C. I'm telling / that.
- D. I'll tell / what.

**60 - 7495** ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. Stuart Prebble said that the deal was.....

C

- A. A deterrent for viewers.
- B. A long way off.

- C. Attractive for satellite viewers.
- D. Near.

**60 - 7534** Bromley Limited (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1908. The founder of the company, Alec Bromley was a steeplejack. In the early years, Alec ran the business with his son, George. The pair owned a horse and cart, some essential tools and equipment and operated from a rented yard in Liverpool, England. Today there are very few steeplejacks left, as the trade has declined over the years. In the past, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, they were very much in demand. Steeplejacks were tradesmen (3) \_\_\_\_\_ worked on tall structures, such as church steeples. As buildings became higher during the industrial revolution, steeplejacks were often employed to climb tall chimneys and work (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tall buildings in order to carry out maintenance work. Instead of repairing buildings, many steeplejacks were also hired to knock them down. Demolishing chimneys and industrial structures was often part of the trade. At the time, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the management of George Bromley, the firm was expanding into a regional company. Flyers were delivered by hand to mill owners and architects throughout the north-west of England. Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (3)?

- A. Which.
- B. Whom.
- C. Where.
- D. Who.

**61 - 1389** Choose the best words to complete this sentence:  
Sorry. Sandra isn't here at the moment. She's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. went home
- B. gone out
- C. came back
- D. been away

**61 - 1566** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
The chancellor said that every child born after September 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ a gift of £250 at birth.

- A. would have given
- B. would present
- C. would be got
- D. would receive

**61 - 1589** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
\_\_\_\_\_ I listened to a football match on the radio.

- A. Tomorrow night
- B. Next week
- C. The last night
- D. Yesterday evening

**61 - 1618** Which word or phrase CANNOT be used to complete this sentence?  
Omega Systems announced that it did not support the criminal prosecution of a Russian hacker \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

- A. captured
- B. arrested
- C. taken into custody
- D. kept

**61 - 7117** What do these initials stand for?

- A. Qual è il principio di tutto?
- B. Fa qualcosa per sé prima di iniziare?
- C. Che cosa significano queste iniziali?
- D. Cosa fanno per sé prima di tutto?

**61 - 7156** I had been \_\_\_\_\_ what to cook for dinner when the telephone \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Guessing / had been ringing.

- B. Studying / rings.
- C. Wondering / rang.
- D. Asking / was ringing.

**61 - 7531** ITV made its long-awaited debut on digital satellite television last night after an agreement with BSkyB that followed months of negotiations. Until now ITV has been available in digital form only on cable and digital terrestrial TV. But from last night the digital version of ITV1, with its 16 regional variations, was available on Sky Digital. The ITV2 channel will follow in the next few days and will be available for the first time in the 5.5 million homes with digital satellite - an increase of more than 150 per cent on its current audience. The deal between ITV and BSkyB, in which the News Corporation, parent company of The Times, has a 36.3 per cent stake, should give an advertising revenue boost to Granada and Carlton, the two main ITV companies. Advertisers were angered by the fact that ITV was not carried on Sky Digital, the country's most popular digital platform. ITV will pay BSkyB about £13 million a year under the deal. Stuart Prebble, chief executive of ITV, said last night that the deal was "good news for satellite viewers", who will be able to watch ITV1 and ITV2 with digital quality pictures and full programme information. "Revenue" is another word for.....

- A. Income.
- B. A share.
- C. A bond.
- D. A stock.

A

**62 - 1541** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
The company \_\_\_\_\_ in the red for some years when it was forced to close down.

- A. had already been operating
- B. has already operated
- C. already operating
- D. was already operated

A

**62 - 6916** The shutters were closed and the lights were switched off at my neighbours house. They \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.

- A. Mustn't have gone.
- B. Should be.
- C. Can't have been.
- D. Must have been.

D

**62 - 6924** Italian people differ \_\_\_\_\_ other nationalities I know.

- A. As.
- B. To.
- C. From.
- D. About.

C

**62 - 6942** There .... a considerable amount of consolidation among suppliers.

- A. Was going.
- B. Were.
- C. Going to be.
- D. Has been.

D

**62 - 7097** In the US, shares are also known as ....

- A. Bonds.
- B. Assets.
- C. Stocks.
- D. Securities.

C

**62 - 7159** "I've never been to Prague." "Neither \_\_\_\_\_"

- A. Was I."
- B. Do I."
- C. Had I."

D

D. Have I."

**62 - 7182** I really regretted my mistake. It was one that I \_\_\_\_\_.

B

- A. Mustn't make.
- B. Ought not to have made.
- C. Had not to make.
- D. Ought not to be making.

**63 - 1411** Choose the best word or words to complete this sentence:

I want to become a judge so I am studying \_\_\_\_\_.

D

- A. jury
- B. right
- C. the rights
- D. law

**63 - 1611** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

I like \_\_\_\_\_ news on the radio in the morning.

B

- A. to listen
- B. listening to the
- C. listen to
- D. listening

**63 - 1705** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

Pedro Almodòvar is a film director from \_\_\_\_\_.

A

- A. Spain
- B. the Spanish
- C. the Spain
- D. Spanish

**63 - 6990** All boarding passes .... to the flight attendant before boarding.

C

- A. Must have given.
- B. Must give.
- C. Must be given.
- D. Must be giving.

**63 - 7138** Tomorrow I have an appointment \_\_\_\_\_.

B

- A. To get cut my hair.
- B. To have my hair cut.
- C. To cut my hair.
- D. To have cut my hair.

**63 - 7193** Large factories are \_\_\_\_\_ to produce several models.

C

- A. Cleverly.
- B. Experiencing.
- C. Able.
- D. Expert.

**63 - 7492** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new

B



plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Several new plants have been set up.....

- A. To support foreign customers.
- B. To respond to demand overseas.
- C. To set new regulations.
- D. To curb inflation.

**64 - 1438** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

Do you think that the government will ever \_\_\_\_back capital punishment?

- A. take
- B. hold
- C. bring
- D. fetch

C

**64 - 1475** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

\_\_\_\_ I like Caroline personally, I don't think she is the person best qualified for the job.

- A. Despite
- B. However
- C. Although
- D. Nevertheless

C

**64 - 1690** Which sentence is correct?

- A. I haven't seen him for a long time
- B. It's a long time I don't see him
- C. It's a long time I did not see him
- D. I don't see him since a long time

A

**64 - 1754** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

John Baxter sent a report this afternoon from \_\_\_\_the disaster scene.

- A. far
- B. next
- C. close to
- D. in front

C

**64 - 6980** The door of the plane is open. Is everybody ready? Ok .... jump!

- A. Let's go.
- B. Let.
- C. Let you.
- D. Let's.

D

**64 - 7052** Have you ever been to the UK?

- A. Yes I will.
- B. Yes I had.
- C. Yes I have.
- D. Yes I did.

C

**64 - 7141** He threw away a chance to go to China.

- A. Ha sprecato l'occasione di andare in Cina.
- B. Ha dato un'occasione a qualcuno per andare in Cina.
- C. Ha mandato qualcuno in Cina.
- D. Ha invitato qualcuno ad andare in Cina.

A

**65 - 1613** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: That isn't your desk. It's \_\_\_\_.

- A. main
- B. hers

B

- C. your
- D. he's

**65 - 1729** Choose the best word or phrase to complete the following: This is our area manager. He \_\_\_\_ all the day-to-day business at the company.

B

- A. deals
- B. is in charge of
- C. responds to
- D. is responsive

**65 - 6978** If this rain .... soon, we'll run around and go back home.

A

- A. Doesn't stop.
- B. Not stopping.
- C. Isn't stopping.
- D. Won't stop.

**65 - 7112** Let's go out, ....

B

- A. Don't we?.
- B. Shall we?.
- C. Shan't we?.
- D. Do we?.

**65 - 7161** There was a man \_\_\_\_\_ was looking for you.

D

- A. In which.
- B. Which.
- C. Whom.
- D. Who.

**65 - 7171** Alfred is now hanging around only well-to-do people!

B

- A. Alfred spera un giorno di incontrare gente che ami viaggiare!
- B. Alfred frequenta solamente gente altolocata!
- C. Alfred vuole conoscere gente importante e per questo viaggia molto!
- D. Alfred è alla ricerca di brava gente!

**65 - 7172** I had to deny \_\_\_\_\_ request.

D

- A. Her / it's.
- B. To him / his.
- C. him / it's.
- D. Him / his.

**66 - 1535** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
The Prime Minister returned to Scotland \_\_\_\_\_.

A

- A. last night
- B. the evening of yesterday
- C. tomorrow morning
- D. next afternoon

**66 - 7001** We've delivered it, but we haven't installed it ....

C

- A. Still.
- B. Already.
- C. Yet.
- D. Now.

**66 - 7089** Let's go out, ....?

B

- A. Won't we.

- B. Shall we.
- C. Will we.
- D. Don't we.

**66 - 7118** That theory will never hold water.

- A. É una teoria inutile.
- B. Quella teoria non sarà mai pubblicata.
- C. Quella teoria non piacerà mai a nessuno.
- D. Quella teoria non reggerà mai.

D

**66 - 7124** \_\_\_\_\_ the play is set in Italy, \_\_\_\_\_ the characters are Italian.

- A. Although / the little.
- B. But / the few.
- C. Although / few of.
- D. However / little of.

C

**66 - 7505** Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) \_\_\_\_\_ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) \_\_\_\_\_ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (4)?

- A. Were breeding.
- B. Will have been breeding.
- C. Was breeding.
- D. Has been breeding.

C

**66 - 7539** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. Hyper-competition can sometimes be....

- A. Long.
- B. Enduring.
- C. Stringent.
- D. Transient.

D

**67 - 1472** Which of the following is NOT a school subject?

- A. chemistry
- B. story
- C. maths
- D. physics

B

**67 - 1615** Choose the best verb form to complete this sentence:  
Last Monday the House unanimously \_\_\_\_\_ the new legislation.

B

- A. have passed
- B. passed
- C. were passing
- D. was passed

**67 - 1709** Choose the best phrase to complete this sentence:  
I've been trying \_\_\_\_\_ with him all week, but he's never in the office and his mobile always seems to be busy.

B

- A. getting hold
- B. to get in touch
- C. to answer
- D. contacting

**67 - 6918** What is the correct spelling of the following word?

D

- A. Accommodation.
- B. Accomodation.
- C. Acommodation.
- D. Accommodation.

**67 - 6981** I've asked the waiter for the bill but he hasn't brought it ....

A

- A. Yet.
- B. Already.
- C. Now.
- D. Still.

**67 - 7116** We want to throw a party before summer vacation.

D

- A. Vogliamo fissare una data per la festa prima delle vacanze estive.
- B. Vogliamo cancellare la festa prima delle vacanze estive.
- C. Vogliamo andare a una festa prima delle vacanze estive.
- D. Vogliamo dare una festa prima delle vacanze estive.

**67 - 7515** As always happens, an industry grows up around any such laws (and lawsuits), dedicated to policing, sustaining and extending the legal framework. The industry consists of government bodies, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's Commission for Racial Equality, which investigate complaints; official agencies, such as France's Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel, which monitor the media for racist remarks; and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ number of informal organisations that represent minorities and win their spurs by doing battle with the political establishment. Laws against incitement to hatred tend to hamper (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of debate because they are too easily interpreted as laws against causing offence. The placing of sanctions on "offensive" speech risks conflating two different things: bigoted speech (4) \_\_\_\_\_ constructive criticism. The big danger is that, in the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of stopping bigots, one may end up stopping all criticism. (The Economist Newspaper and The Economist Group, 2006). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

A

- A. Name.
- B. Work.
- C. Call.
- D. Show.

**68 - 1384** Choose the best answer for this question: Are you ready?

A

- A. Yes, I am
- B. No, I not
- C. Yes, I do
- D. Yes, I ready

**68 - 1540** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

A

The passing of this law marks the first step on a road that we hope will \_\_\_\_\_ to greater prosperity for all.

- A. lead
- B. bring
- C. take
- D. move

**68 - 1614** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

I think the company's \_\_\_\_\_ a busy year next year.

- A. going to have
- B. had
- C. have
- D. has

**68 - 6987** It wasn't too bad. I was able to answer most of the questions ....

- A. Clearly.
- B. Carefully.
- C. Easily.
- D. Quietly.

**68 - 7024** At 5:00 am he was making .... the airport.

- A. Towards.
- B. At.
- C. For.
- D. To.

**68 - 7503** Three nights later old Major died peacefully in his sleep. His body was buried at the foot of the orchard. This was early (1) \_\_\_\_\_ March. During the next three months there was much secret activity. Major's speech had given to the more intelligent animals on the farm a completely new outlook on life. They did not know when the Rebellion predicted by Major would take place, they had no reason for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be within their own lifetime, but they saw clearly that it was their duty to prepare for it. The work of teaching and organising the others fell naturally (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigs, who were generally recognised as being the cleverest of the animals. Pre-eminent among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr Jones (4) \_\_\_\_\_ up for sale. Napoleon was a large, rather fierce-looking Berkshire boar, the only Berkshire on the farm, not much of a talker but with a reputation for (5) \_\_\_\_\_ his own way. Snowball was a more vivacious pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character. All the other make pigs on the farm were porkers. ('Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 1945). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (2)?

- A. To think.
- B. To thinking.
- C. Thinking.
- D. Think.

**68 - 7526** In 1830 baron Bettino Ricasoli, the father of Chianti wine, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to industrialize agriculture in order to increase the rate of productivity. Since then many years have gone by giving way to several important social changes which have transformed the Chianti area and economic crises that have alternated with sudden increases in productivity. Let's start (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning: in the 19th century the Chianti landscape was dotted with a few villages and big farmhouses where the noble families (3) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoy their holidays. Agriculture was still bound to archaic systems of cultivation. Unlike all other crops that grew here and there and were directly taken by farmers for personal use, wine was sold and exported. The cultivation system on terraces was very complicated but it spurred farmers to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ higher rates of productivity. More and more land was then brought under crops, new country-houses mushroomed everywhere, special vines were selected and all estates were re-organized according to capitalist principles. This progress (5) \_\_\_\_\_ place without the marvellous, natural landscape being damaged. ('Chianti' Latest Color Guide- by Carlo Grassetti, 1999). Which of the given alternatives correctly fills in the gap (5)?

- A. Taking.

- B. Took.
- C. Was taken.
- D. Has taken.

**69 - 1417** Choose the best word to complete this sentence:

Door-to-door \_\_\_\_\_ will involve a 10% surcharge on the price of the purchased goods.

A

- A. delivery
- B. invoice
- C. posting
- D. expedition

**69 - 1722** Which word or phrase is missing from the following sentence? I graduated \_\_\_\_\_ 'Industrial Management Engineer' three months ago.

D

- A. from
- B. in
- C. at the
- D. as an

**69 - 1734** Choose the best word or phrase to complete this sentence:

My husband doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ to help plan our holidays!

C

- A. ever much do
- B. do often
- C. do much
- D. a lot do

**69 - 7056** I'm very sorry. I must have .... I'll add it up again.

A

- A. Made a mistake.
- B. Carried out a mistake.
- C. Performed a mistake.
- D. Done a mistake.

**69 - 7064** This magazine only comes out ....

D

- A. In herds.
- B. On hutches.
- C. By itself.
- D. Quarterly.

**69 - 7074** .... you nor Tom will have to work this weekend!

C

- A. Nor.
- B. Never.
- C. Neither.
- D. Either.

**69 - 7153** I'm working on two jobs to \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ money.

A

- A. Earn / extra.
- B. Gain / extra.
- C. Win / more.
- D. Gain / more.

**70 - 1403** Choose the best word to complete the following: She knows how to get on with people and does all the right things. She really is terribly \_\_\_\_\_.

D

- A. moody
- B. shy
- C. selfish
- D. sensible

**70 - 1419** If you like meeting people, what kind of a person are you?

B

- A. socialist
- B. out-going
- C. dependable
- D. self-conscious

**70 - 1737** Choose the best question for this answer:I'm fine thanks.

C

- A. What are you?
- B. Where are you?
- C. How are you?
- D. Who are you?

**70 - 7005** Perhaps we .... check the figures again to make sure we haven't made any mistakes.

B

- A. Shall.
- B. Should.
- C. Ought.
- D. Must.

**70 - 7044** There's a certain .... between them, but I wouldn't really have guessed that they were brother and sister.

C

- A. Condition.
- B. Taste.
- C. Similarity.
- D. Medium.

**70 - 7145** He turned up just as the meeting was ending.

C

- A. Lui ha concluso la riunione con un riassunto.
- B. Alla fine della riunione si è sentito male.
- C. Lui è arrivato proprio quando la riunione stava per concludersi.
- D. Si è voltato solo alla fine della riunione.

**70 - 7493** In today's global market place few firms are sheltered from international competition. Most markets are very competitive. Some are extremely competitive. In a number of industries supply has grown faster than demand and, as too many firms compete for too few customers, some markets have become hyper-competitive. Hyper-competition can be fairly short-lived, but in some sectors it has become the norm. The automobile industry is a classic example. How do you cut costs by 20%, improve quality and increase output all at once? It's a pretty tough question, but one that carmakers and their suppliers have had to answer regularly. In view of market conditions, it is hardly surprising that the automotive sector has become so competitive. In recent years, productivity has increased very quickly, but demand has grown quite slowly. This has resulted in over-capacity. The problem has been worsened by slow growth in markets. Several car manufacturers have invested in new plants to meet growing demand abroad. But many vehicle markets have proved rather slow in developing. Early forecasts, it appears, were a little optimistic. A 'tough question' is a.....

C

- A. Mathematical one.
- B. Common one.
- C. Difficult one.
- D. Redundant one.