



Practice 1

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Body and Health

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The skeleton forms a/an _____ for the different parts of a body.
 (1) bone (2) framework (3) outline (4) system ()
2. The main support of our body is the backbone or _____.
 (1) cells (2) skeleton (3) spine (4) structure ()
3. The _____ protects the brain.
 (1) skull (2) forehead (3) membrane (4) ligament ()
4. The _____ protect our lungs and heart.
 (1) ribs (2) spine (3) vessels (4) cells ()
5. A/An _____ is formed when two bones are joined together.
 (1) ankle (2) joint (3) layer (4) socket ()
6. _____ make up the flesh that lies between the skin and the skeleton.
 (1) Fats (2) Proteins (3) Nerves (4) Muscles ()
7. The _____ and relaxation of muscles cause body movements.
 (1) expansion (2) contraction (3) exercise (4) mutation ()
8. The _____ is a round opening in the middle of the iris of each eye.
 (1) gaze (2) pupa (3) pupil (4) membrane ()
9. Bad eyesight can be _____ by wearing a pair of spectacles.
 (1) adjusted (2) amended (3) eradicated (4) corrected ()
10. Sound signals are sent to the brain by the _____.
 (1) messages (2) nerves (3) systems (4) framework ()



Practice 2

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Body and Health

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. If we lose a tooth from the _____ set of teeth, we will not be able to grow another to take its place.

(1) permanent	(2) temporary	
(3) perfect	(4) growing	()

2. A good set of teeth will add a _____ to your smile!

(1) special	(2) sparkle	
(3) shiny	(4) glamour	()

3. Just like a car that needs fuel to move, the energy that we need comes from the food we _____ daily.

(1) consume	(2) save	
(3) input	(4) measure	()

4. The breaking down of foods into simple forms is known as _____.

(1) digestion	(2) ingestion	
(3) circulation	(4) breakages	()

5. When you breathe in, air enters the lungs. The rush of air into the body is called _____.

(1) respiration	(2) expiration	
(3) inspiration	(4) perspiration	()

6. During expiration, the ribs move inwards and downwards and the lungs _____ instead of expand.

(1) enlarge	(2) collapse	
(3) rise	(4) contract	()

7. Each time we breathe in, air enters the air _____ of the lungs.

(1) holes	(2) spaces	
(3) sacs	(4) cells	()

8. Carbon dioxide is _____ by our lungs when we breathe out.

(1) expelled	(2) dispersed	
(3) rejected	(4) absorbed	()

9. Sweat comes to the surface of the skin through small openings called _____.

(1) sacs	(2) pores	
(3) holes	(4) vessels	()

10. Blood is _____ by the heart through blood vessels to all parts of the body.

(1) produced	(2) transferred	
(3) pumped	(4) transfused	()



Practice 3

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

The Universe

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The Earth _____ a force of attraction on all objects.
 (1) pulls (2) exerts
 (3) produces (4) extorts ()
2. To travel to space and the moon, we have to _____ the Earth's gravitational pull.
 (1) bypass (2) overcome
 (3) avoid (4) sustain ()
3. A rocket has a _____ body and a conical head.
 (1) cylindrical (2) triangular
 (3) circular (4) squarish ()
4. When a rocket is _____ into space, a lot of heat and hot gases are released.
 (1) set (2) propelled
 (3) flown (4) launched ()
5. The sound can be _____ when a rocket blasts off into the sky.
 (1) soothing (2) huge
 (3) deafening (4) enjoyable ()
6. Natural as well as _____ satellites circle the planets in a definite path.
 (1) artificial (2) handmade
 (3) real (4) custom made ()
7. The clouds on Venus are not made of water vapour but of _____ concentrated sulphuric acid.
 (1) magnetic (2) corrosive
 (3) boiling (4) beneficial ()
8. Some plants and animals living in the soil are so small that we cannot see them. They are _____.
 (1) gigantic (2) invisible
 (3) microscopic (4) dwindle ()
9. Since ancient times, learned men or _____ have thought about matter and what it is made up of.
 (1) psychologists (2) philosophers
 (3) psychiatrists (4) politicians ()
10. Niels Bohr and Ernest Rutherford _____ towards our understanding of the atom.
 (1) furnished (2) gathered
 (3) contributed (4) supplied ()



Practice 4

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

The Universe

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. A _____ reaction is said to have taken place when atoms combine.
 (1) physical (2) reactive
 (3) chemical (4) biological ()
2. Our present sources of energy like coal and petroleum might be _____ in the near future.
 (1) exhausted (2) refreshed
 (3) disappeared (4) extinct ()
3. An atomic explosion can cause an _____ amount of harm.
 (1) underestimated (2) unlimited
 (3) uncompleted (4) overrated ()
4. For a long time, scientists had been attempting to get _____ of this strange fish.
 (1) genes (2) species
 (3) samples (4) specimens ()
5. Unpolluted air is _____ to good health.
 (1) conducive (2) detrimental
 (3) harmful (4) productive ()
6. Marine mammals often show deep _____ for their young, just like humans.
 (1) concentration (2) affection
 (3) knowledge (4) approval ()
7. The world's coastal and marine ecosystems are _____ to us.
 (1) fundamental (2) auxiliaries
 (3) temperamental (4) dependable ()
8. Some animals have developed amazing _____ to their environments.
 (1) improvements (2) transformations
 (3) adaptations (4) senses ()
9. Have you ever _____ at how sound reaches your ears?
 (1) recognised (2) amused
 (3) marvelled (4) debated ()
10. The earthquake _____ a series of devastating tsunamis along the coasts of the Indian Ocean.
 (1) triggered (2) established
 (3) erupted (4) formed ()



Practice 5

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The rabbit leapt into some thick undergrowth, leaving the hunters _____.
 (1) relieved (2) disappointed
 (3) puzzled (4) amazed ()
2. It is very evident in his speeches that he is _____ towards his colleagues.
 (1) biased (2) disliked
 (3) favoured (4) respected ()
3. My mother was so _____ of all the housework that I had done while she was away on holiday that she gave me a hug.
 (1) surprised (2) grateful
 (3) thankful (4) appreciative ()
4. It was with great _____ that Zhihui agreed to run the errands.
 (1) persuade (2) reluctance
 (3) imagination (4) honour ()
5. Her decision to invest in these stocks was a _____ one.
 (1) shrewd (2) crafty
 (3) meagre (4) yielded ()
6. Mrs Lee said that she has full _____ that her husband would get the promotion.
 (1) wisdom (2) belief
 (3) confidence (4) understanding ()
7. Joan _____ in her efforts to build a mock-up of the building till she finally succeeded.
 (1) resisted (2) persisted
 (3) relented (4) determined ()
8. Shurui is so _____ about basketball that she always plays a game with her classmates after school every day.
 (1) enthusiastic (2) passion
 (3) devoted (4) committed ()
9. I can _____ you that it is you whom I love.
 (1) insure (2) ensure
 (3) unsure (4) assure ()
10. This competition _____ a lot to me and I cannot lose this match.
 (1) means (2) represents
 (3) shows (4) displays ()



Practice 6

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. We are _____ to think and love unlike any other living things.
 (1) programmed (2) born
 (3) moulded (4) planned ()
2. We should display _____ towards the poor and needy.
 (1) ignorance (2) donation
 (3) apathy (4) compassion ()
3. Alex is usually a _____ boy but today he talks freely about himself.
 (1) bold (2) reserved
 (3) preserved (4) sociable ()
4. Zhiyang's legs were _____ after marching ten kilometres yesterday with the rest of the troops.
 (1) soft (2) rigid
 (3) stiff (4) shivering ()
5. May's words _____ Lateef so much that he lost his temper and yelled loudly.
 (1) annoyed (2) fumed
 (3) remarked (4) rallied ()
6. "My sincerest _____ for the death of your grandmother," Robert said to his friend.
 (1) regards (2) wishes
 (3) sorrows (4) condolences ()
7. Keep yourself abreast with the current affairs so as not to be _____ of the happenings around you.
 (1) ignorant (2) knowledgable
 (3) wise (4) inevident ()
8. The cat showed its _____ for the stale fish by turning its back on it.
 (1) disgust (2) disappointment
 (3) disgrace (4) digress ()
9. The decision to bring home a new kitten or puppy is very exciting but could also be a little _____.
 (1) discouraging (2) overcoming
 (3) annoying (4) daunting ()
10. A tour to the National Museum could be an _____ trip.
 (1) exquisite (2) enriching
 (3) admiring (4) abundance ()



Practice 7

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Sharon _____ to be a nurse when she grows up.
 (1) aspires (2) inspires
 (3) motivates (4) applies ()
2. Geraldine was so _____ by the trinket that she refused to part with it.
 (1) attracted (2) horrified
 (3) charmed (4) struck ()
3. Charles _____ with fear when he saw that the boar was an arm's length away.
 (1) shivered (2) quivered
 (3) vibrated (4) maddened ()
4. She sends Ben her _____ wishes at his wedding.
 (1) great (2) sincere
 (3) honest (4) deepest ()
5. Where do you _____ to go for your holidays this June?
 (1) expect (2) crave
 (3) aspire (4) intend ()
6. Jeffrey finds much _____ in his job as a pastor and plans to be one till he retires.
 (1) satisfaction (2) fulfilling
 (3) response (4) duty ()
7. This issue is _____; no one should know about it except yourself.
 (1) conditional (2) public
 (3) secretive (4) confidential ()
8. You feel _____ when you try to move about in the dark.
 (1) desperate (2) emotional
 (3) helpless (4) blinding ()
9. She was _____ as she could only afford to purchase either a music player or laptop.
 (1) wishful (2) indecisive
 (3) peaceful (4) trembling ()
10. His kind deeds were so _____ that he was presented the 'Most Helpful Youth of the Year'.
 (1) attractive (2) notable
 (3) capable (4) feasible ()



Practice 8

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Wearing face masks is no longer _____ in many situations; it is a choice.
 (1) independence (2) unity
 (3) compulsory (4) patriotism ()
2. Pingping's dog wagged its tail _____ when we approached her house.
 (1) fiercely (2) strangely
 (3) charmingly (4) eagerly ()
3. The heavy downpour was _____ as the meteorologist had forecasted fine weather.
 (1) unexpected (2) predicted
 (3) surprised (4) intensified ()
4. Shirley _____ when she heard their compliments of her fabulous acting.
 (1) blushed (2) shuddered
 (3) jolted (4) dazzled ()
5. The pupils nodded _____ in agreement when the teacher asked for their response.
 (1) separately (2) practically
 (3) unanimously (4) unity ()
6. David emerged out of the water _____ for air.
 (1) globing (2) grabbing
 (3) gasping (4) grasping ()
7. Mr Chang turned and walked off in _____ after his brief encounter with a beggar.
 (1) halt (2) disgust
 (3) disturb (4) passion ()
8. To many people, nightmares are _____.
 (1) reality (2) indicative
 (3) ominous (4) superstitious ()
9. After a hard day's work, the workers had a/an _____ appetite.
 (1) failing (2) invincible
 (3) credulous (4) ravenous ()
10. Tabloids seek readership by _____ issues.
 (1) sensationalising (2) magnifying
 (3) frauding (4) deceiving ()



Practice 9

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The poor boy is _____ with the fear of failing his piano examination.
 (1) obsessed (2) incessant
 (3) haunted (4) depressed ()
2. Some people are _____ about religion.
 (1) ominous (2) sceptical
 (3) devoid (4) doubt ()
3. Razali used to be an object of _____ to his classmates but that changed when he saved them from harm.
 (1) admiration (2) unattractiveness
 (3) ridicule (4) bashfulness ()
4. I could not sleep _____ last night because I had a late supper.
 (1) half-heartedly (2) severely
 (3) thoroughly (4) soundly ()
5. I like contemporary music but I do not _____ to know all about it.
 (1) imagine (2) pretend
 (3) disguise (4) believe ()
6. I have no _____ in saying that Alwin is a responsible monitor.
 (1) wavering (2) pauses
 (3) hesitation (4) confirmation ()
7. He stared _____ at the piles of money on his desk.
 (1) incredulously (2) impossibly
 (3) impatiently (4) lovingly ()
8. Everyone commits mistakes; no one is _____.
 (1) truthful (2) certain
 (3) infallible (4) gullible ()
9. When Jiahui was questioned about the missing diamond ring, she firmly _____ that she had even seen it.
 (1) denied (2) refused
 (3) rebelled (4) accused ()
10. The principal was more _____ to believe the prefect's side of the story.
 (1) defined (2) declined
 (3) inclined (4) reclined ()



Practice 10

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Feelings

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. You will never become a good singer if you continue to _____ criticism.
 (1) accept (2) resent
 (3) reproach (4) present ()
2. With a sigh of _____, he finished the last of his holiday homework.
 (1) shudder (2) joy
 (3) fulfilment (4) relief ()
3. The _____ of the team is still very high despite the loss of the championship title to another school.
 (1) morale (2) spirit
 (3) hope (4) cooperativeness ()
4. His fiery speech _____ the enthusiasm of the others and they decided to press on with the search.
 (1) instigated (2) inflamed
 (3) ignited (4) magnified ()
5. The husband and wife had such a serious quarrel that our attempts at _____ them were futile.
 (1) reconciling (2) harmonising
 (3) befriending (4) bringing ()
6. He had a remarkably _____ face; nobody could tell if he was pleased or upset.
 (1) immobile (2) expressive
 (3) expressionless (4) flat ()
7. The explorer had been completely exhausted but felt considerably _____ after a nap.
 (1) regained (2) renewed
 (3) refreshed (4) reborned ()
8. Joseph is a very _____ person; he always looks on the bright side of things.
 (1) optimistic (2) pessimistic
 (3) repulsive (4) sunny ()
9. The child cried till his father _____ and bought him the toy.
 (1) relinquished (2) relaxed
 (3) surrendered (4) relented ()
10. Each time he remembered how unfilial he had been to his late mother, he suffered pangs of _____.
 (1) remorse (2) disillusionment
 (3) disappointment (4) apologies ()



Practice 11

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Occupations

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. _____ are people who study things from the past.
 (1) Curators (2) Civil engineers
 (3) Archaeologists (4) Sociologists ()
2. The _____ studies animals of every description.
 (1) botanist (2) zoologist
 (3) sentry (4) animator ()
3. Daisy went to collect her new dress from the _____ this morning.
 (1) tailor (2) violinist
 (3) collector (4) ventriloquist ()
4. As one of the two _____ of the company, Jia Jun often has to attend board meetings.
 (1) proprietors (2) governors
 (3) officers (4) directors ()
5. The artistes are going through a recording session of this song at the _____ now.
 (1) theatre (2) apartment
 (3) studio (4) hub ()
6. The actress takes pleasure in giving _____ of short stories by her favourite authors.
 (1) rehearsals (2) recitations
 (3) lectures (4) performances ()
7. All the nurses here report to Madam Koh, who is the _____ of this ward.
 (1) matron (2) sister
 (3) charger (4) manager ()
8. The lawyer tried his best to defend his _____ but his appeal was rejected.
 (1) customer (2) client
 (3) convict (4) prosecutor ()
9. This weekly column in this newspaper is always written by the _____ himself.
 (1) journalist (2) correspondent
 (3) author (4) editor ()
10. The _____ are studying the stars tonight with the help of this giant telescope at the observatory.
 (1) archaeologists (2) astronauts
 (3) astrologers (4) astronomers ()



Practice 12

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Occupations

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The former president of that country has just published a/an _____ of his life.
 (1) diary (2) tale
 (3) biography (4) encounter ()
2. A knowledge of Japanese, Mandarin and Malay has earned Desmond the post as a court _____.
 (1) interpreter (2) secretary
 (3) chairperson (4) attendant ()
3. Uncle Sam is a good _____; he can imitate many different voices of famous personalities without moving his lips.
 (1) speech therapist (2) tuner
 (3) ventriloquist (4) rapper ()
4. The _____ encountered a huge sea turtle and swam along it for five metres in the deep waters.
 (1) swimmer (2) explorer
 (3) scuba diver (4) snorkeler ()
5. The _____ fastened bait onto the hook and threw his fishing line into the waters.
 (1) fisher (2) pitcher
 (3) martinet (4) angler ()
6. The _____ drew his sword from its sheath and approached his opponent courageously.
 (1) policeman (2) attacker
 (3) fencer (4) leader ()
7. Beethoven is my favourite _____.
 (1) author (2) composer
 (3) lyricist (4) teacher ()
8. The doctor sees so many _____ every day that she has to work late on most nights.
 (1) clients (2) customers
 (3) appointments (4) patients ()
9. Many of the _____ stood up and roared when the football team scored a winning goal.
 (1) audiences (2) sightseers
 (3) witnesses (4) spectators ()
10. A salesman has to be very _____ in order to sell his services or products.
 (1) gullible (2) persuasive
 (3) extravagant (4) exaggerating ()



Practice 13

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Occupations

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The _____ tried to pick up the ropes of the shipping trade by working under Mr Lee, the director of Lee Shipping Lines.
 (1) butler (2) admiral
 (3) sailor (4) apprentice ()
2. A/An _____ is one who foretells things by the stars.
 (1) custodian (2) astrologer
 (3) astronomer (4) blacksmith ()
3. Ethan works as a/an _____. His main duties include directing the course of air traffic.
 (1) navigator (2) host
 (3) oculist (4) glazier ()
4. Zhaoyan aspires to be a/an _____ when she grows up and thus has been reading up on soils and rocks.
 (1) herbalist (2) greengrocer
 (3) environmentalist (4) geologist ()
5. The _____ blew his whistle and declared the football game to be over.
 (1) judge (2) warden
 (3) referee (4) reserve ()
6. The army camp has four _____ who keep watch at night and give warning of impending danger by sounding the alarm.
 (1) sentinels (2) stewards
 (3) stationers (4) stevedores ()
7. A _____ is trained and skilled in building and repairing chimneys, towers and smokestacks.
 (1) shepherd (2) steeplejack
 (3) sentry (4) weaver ()
8. One who works as a prison guard is also called a/an _____.
 (1) soldier (2) warden
 (3) usher (4) umpire ()
9. Being a _____ himself, he displays many of his stone carvings in his home.
 (1) peon (2) curator
 (3) sculptor (4) conjurer ()
10. The developer has just engaged Shawn to be the _____ to prepare plans and drawings for this new building.
 (1) draughtsman (2) planner
 (3) mechanic (4) custodian ()



Practice 14

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Occupations

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. While the traffic police keeps danger off the roads, the _____ prevents smuggling along the high seas.
 (1) army (2) navy
 (3) airforce (4) coastguard ()
2. I took my shoes to the _____ when the heels came off.
 (1) miller (2) locksmith
 (3) cobbler (4) engraver ()
3. The _____ who performed the heart operation just now is my brother-in-law.
 (1) organist (2) dentist
 (3) surgeon (4) nurse ()
4. The _____ of the Chess Club collected funds from each of the members yesterday.
 (1) treasurer (2) auditor
 (3) accountant (4) secretary ()
5. With the help of eight _____, the school hopes to deter cheating in the examination halls.
 (1) matrons (2) magistrates
 (3) invigilators (4) detectives ()
6. As Mr Low does not know how to drive, he engages a _____ to drive him around.
 (1) chauffeur (2) chaperon
 (3) caretaker (4) butler ()
7. Everybody in the audience clapped when the _____ performed the daring gymnastics stunt.
 (1) acrobat (2) juggler
 (3) conjurer (4) compere ()
8. I have lost my keys. Please call the _____ now or we would not be able to get into the house.
 (1) blacksmith (2) locksmith
 (3) electrician (4) mechanic ()
9. Mrs Wong had run out of sugar and instructed her daughter to purchase some from the _____ in the neighbourhood.
 (1) grocer (2) miller
 (3) hawker (4) fishmonger ()
10. The water pipe in the bathroom has burst. Please call in a/an _____.
 (1) electrician (2) plumber
 (3) tinker (4) porter ()



Practice 15

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Occupations

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. A _____ cannot be overweight as he would need to ride a horse for races.
 (1) hosier (2) saddler
 (3) jockey (4) farrier ()
2. The _____ received the final bid for the antique watch and declared it sold to Mr Foo.
 (1) auctioneer (2) umpire
 (3) jeweller (4) watchmaker ()
3. Debra works as a _____, one who records or writes in shorthand.
 (1) surveyor (2) pharmacist
 (3) stenographer (4) typist ()
4. The _____ stood up to receive a bouquet from her actors for writing the heartwarming play.
 (1) director (2) producer
 (3) playwright (4) publicist ()
5. The store engaged the services of a celebrity to be the _____ for the opening ceremony.
 (1) novelist (2) draper
 (3) compere (4) foreman ()
6. The _____ mentioned some interesting anecdotes on the displays as he was conducting the tour in the museum.
 (1) curator (2) manager
 (3) librarian (4) masseur ()
7. As a foreign student, Clyde needs a _____ to act on behalf of his parents who are in Taiwan.
 (1) matron (2) guardian
 (3) haberdasher (4) controller ()
8. The tourist gave the _____ a tip for carrying his luggage at the hotel.
 (1) potter (2) porter
 (3) salesman (4) undertaker ()
9. Wendy took her sickly rabbit to the _____ for treatment.
 (1) doctor (2) surgeon
 (3) dentist (4) veterinarian ()
10. The _____ makes and sells cakes, pastries and sweets.
 (1) chocolatier (2) waitress
 (3) confectioner (4) farrier ()



Practice 16

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Illnesses and Injuries

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. As Jeremy is a diabetic, he has to _____ from sweets and chocolates.
 (1) forgo (2) abolish
 (3) abstain (4) refuse ()
2. After futile attempts to _____ him, the doctor pronounced him dead.
 (1) revive (2) wake
 (3) grant (4) douse ()
3. Jonah rested at home for two days to _____ from the bout of flu.
 (1) progress (2) recover
 (3) regain (4) restore ()
4. Uncle Peter's refusal to _____ by the doctor's advice to have an operation resulted in the eventual failure of his kidneys.
 (1) obey (2) follow
 (3) listen (4) abide ()
5. The fee charged by the surgeon for his services was high as there was no _____ from the government.
 (1) subsidy (2) discount
 (3) claim (4) privilege ()
6. This medicine is _____ from a herb grown in China.
 (1) originated (2) planted
 (3) derived (4) issued ()
7. Jessie _____ the news of their mother's lung cancer to her sisters.
 (1) revealed (2) divulged
 (3) cracked (4) rumoured ()
8. Dr Yap is _____ for her cautiousness and fine skills on the operating table.
 (1) notorious (2) honoured
 (3) reputed (4) proclaimed ()
9. The doctor was able to _____ Dehui's life by prescribing him with a new drug.
 (1) multiply (2) lengthen
 (3) supply (4) expand ()
10. You have to take more care in future to prevent a/an _____ of cancer.
 (1) remission (2) relapse
 (3) submission (4) appearance ()



Practice 17

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Illnesses and Injuries

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The casualty's condition was not serious enough to be admitted into a _____ immediately.
 (1) mortuary (2) ward ()
 (3) chamber (4) reception ()
2. He _____ some pills and then retired to rest.
 (1) obtained (2) grasped ()
 (3) gulped (4) swallowed ()
3. It is quite difficult to understand Mohan's statements as he has a slight _____ in his speech as a result of an accident.
 (1) impediment (2) complication ()
 (3) difficulty (4) contraction ()
4. After a long struggle, he _____ to his illness.
 (1) fell (2) died ()
 (3) succumbed (4) lost ()
5. The average life _____ increases with the advancement of medicine and science.
 (1) range (2) cycle ()
 (3) period (4) expectancy ()
6. He was _____ when his father died.
 (1) distraught (2) broken ()
 (3) shook (4) grips ()
7. When a person is vaccinated, he acquires _____ against that particular disease for a period of time.
 (1) prevention (2) immunity ()
 (3) defence (4) safety ()
8. My grandfather felt _____ by the fresh air as I wheeled him out of the ward and into the garden.
 (1) invigorated (2) disturbed ()
 (3) strengthened (4) nestled ()
9. Julius is _____ going for an operation to remove a tumour.
 (1) deciding (2) meditating ()
 (3) contemplating (4) thinking ()
10. Only qualified medical practitioners are allowed to _____ this new drug.
 (1) treat (2) present ()
 (3) administer (4) inject ()



Practice 18

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Illnesses and Injuries

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. His mother's sudden death had _____ effects on his health.
 (1) adverse (2) positive
 (3) motivating (4) unpredictable ()
2. Gizelle had a faint _____ of hope that her sister might pull through the surgery.
 (1) furry (2) flutter
 (3) flitter (4) flicker ()
3. Dr Thien treats all her patients in her _____.
 (1) clinic (2) theatre
 (3) ward (4) unit ()
4. The housewife cut her finger while slicing the vegetables and it bled _____.
 (1) freely (2) abundantly
 (3) plentifully (4) profusely ()
5. People who are colour-blind often find it difficult to _____ between green and blue.
 (1) clarify (2) separate
 (3) distinguish (4) compare ()
6. It is _____ to set aside some money for a rainy day, such as in times of illnesses.
 (1) redundant (2) vital
 (3) unnecessary (4) reserved ()
7. This medicine has a good _____ on patients as they recovered fast after taking it.
 (1) effect (2) affect
 (3) infect (4) effort ()
8. Please do not visit the patient until he has fully _____.
 (1) rested (2) recovered
 (3) discharged (4) restored ()
9. Some civic-minded people _____ blood regularly to the hospital.
 (1) render (2) offer
 (3) provide (4) donate ()
10. I can assure you that this _____ is not serious to warrant a visit to the doctor.
 (1) opening (2) wound
 (3) cutting (4) hurt ()



Practice 19

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Illnesses and Injuries

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Karen was so weak from her illness that her voice was barely _____.
 (1) visible (2) clear
 (3) significant (4) audible ()
2. Please go to the hospital immediately; your hand looks _____.
 (1) affected (2) decayed
 (3) infected (4) worse ()
3. Mariam was _____ as having an inflamed throat by the doctor at the clinic.
 (1) diagnosed (2) discovered
 (3) treated (4) revealed ()
4. The bandage on his arm was tied too tightly and caused him great _____.
 (1) distress (2) discomfort
 (3) inconvenience (4) irritating ()
5. After her long illness, she required six months of _____.
 (1) condolences (2) convalescence
 (3) cooperation (4) conveyance ()
6. As this is a very uncommon poison, there is no known _____.
 (1) antiseptic (2) antibiotic
 (3) antidote (4) antonym ()
7. Fiona and Gary have made an _____ to see the gynaecologist at 3 p.m.
 (1) engagement (2) arrangement
 (3) agreement (4) appointment ()
8. Xiaomin slipped on a banana peel and _____ her ankle.
 (1) tore (2) sprained
 (3) cracked (4) hurled ()
9. People who have _____ problems should visit the psychologist.
 (1) financial (2) intellectual
 (3) physical (4) emotional ()
10. Some _____ of dengue fever are pain in the joints, rashes and a persisting fever.
 (1) clues (2) symptoms
 (3) signals (4) warnings ()



Practice 20

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Illnesses and Injuries

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. I do not think this medicine _____ with me; kindly prescribe me another.
 (1) matches (2) suits
 (3) agrees (4) goes ()
2. The _____ of the former president will be private and members of the public would be denied entrance.
 (1) ceremony (2) rite
 (3) ritual (4) funeral ()
3. Modern research is used to _____ old wives' tales about measles.
 (1) refute (2) refuse
 (3) defeat (4) prove ()
4. The prime minister was _____ wounded by the assassinator.
 (1) slightly (2) significantly
 (3) adversely (4) fatally ()
5. The family kept constant _____ by the sickly man's bed.
 (1) warning (2) awareness
 (3) hope (4) vigil ()
6. Lena tried to do everything with _____ after the doctor established that she had only six months to live.
 (1) zeal (2) pride
 (3) sorrow (4) boredom ()
7. Smoking is _____ in all hospital wards.
 (1) allowed (2) prohibited
 (3) encouraged (4) selective ()
8. The nurse administered some drops of eye lotion into his eyes with a _____.
 (1) funnel (2) tube
 (3) dropper (4) pump ()
9. It is dangerous to give him matches as he is a _____.
 (1) pyromaniac (2) kleptomaniac
 (3) chauvinist (4) martinet ()
10. Her health _____ when she refused to take her medicine.
 (1) improved (2) recovered
 (3) deteriorated (4) progressed ()



Practice 21

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. At the age of 21, Robert was a/an _____ young man.
 (1) independent (2) liberated ()
 (3) freed (4) apart ()
2. If you _____ on my property, I will sue you.
 (1) overstep (2) disturb ()
 (3) encroach (4) trespass ()
3. He was _____ for promotion as he had a wealth of experience and competence.
 (1) proposed (2) harnessed ()
 (3) recommended (4) interviewed ()
4. Drivers would be _____ from driving for a year if they are caught speeding on the road.
 (1) disregarded (2) disqualified ()
 (3) deranged (4) disreputed ()
5. The court was presented with evidence of the accused's _____ lifestyle.
 (1) lavish (2) scanty ()
 (3) abundant (4) expensive ()
6. The unpainted iron railings were soon _____ by the sea water.
 (1) rusted (2) corroded ()
 (3) polluted (4) corrupted ()
7. The students were advised to _____ extreme care in the handling of the chemicals.
 (1) exercise (2) exorcised ()
 (3) exist (4) extend ()
8. The murderer will be _____ for a decade.
 (1) executed (2) sentenced ()
 (3) exported (4) imprisoned ()
9. You have to be more careful in future to avoid _____ of such a mistake.
 (1) recession (2) remission ()
 (3) recurrence (4) regression ()
10. This concentrated lemon juice needs to be _____ before you can drink it.
 (1) flavoured (2) dissolved ()
 (3) dispersed (4) diluted ()



Practice 22

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Leonard _____ with the knobs on the machine and broke them.
 (1) rubbed (2) fiddled
 (3) meddled (4) twisted ()
2. Please do not _____ ignorance as you know what I mean.
 (1) feign (2) pretend
 (3) act (4) concur ()
3. The rude boy _____ the door to express his displeasure.
 (1) crashes (2) slams
 (3) slaps (4) pops ()
4. Jerald did not know the actual area of this room but he _____ it to be about 800 square feet.
 (1) measured (2) evaluated
 (3) estimated (4) appraised ()
5. The interview was _____ to tomorrow as the interviewer was busy.
 (1) postponed (2) cancelled
 (3) reviewed (4) arranged ()
6. The drowning boy _____ to save himself by clinging onto a piece of log.
 (1) fought (2) rushed
 (3) struggled (4) persisted ()
7. This plot of land cannot be sold to you but you can _____ it for three years.
 (1) pawn (2) finance
 (3) stay (4) lease ()
8. The car has a five-year _____. Faulty parts will be replaced for free during this period.
 (1) assurance (2) promise
 (3) warranty (4) approval ()
9. The pedestrians looked up at the aeroplane that passed _____.
 (1) overhead (2) overall
 (3) overhanging (4) overshot ()
10. The country has seen _____ economic growth in the last few years.
 (1) rapid (2) bare
 (3) snail (4) loose ()



Practice 23

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The moving cape _____ the bull to anger.
 (1) stirred (2) directed
 (3) provoked (4) ignited ()
2. The 'No Littering' campaign was successfully _____ last week by the officials.
 (1) launched (2) established
 (3) built (4) formed ()
3. Jason was _____ to Swee Kiang's new business idea and they will be brainstorming again.
 (1) receptive (2) opposed
 (3) insulted (4) rejected ()
4. In reply to his _____, I told him that the socks were out of stock.
 (1) answer (2) expression
 (3) action (4) query ()
5. The government has promised to prevent the panda from becoming _____.
 (1) extinct (2) erased
 (3) extinguished (4) disappeared ()
6. The nanny was _____ a lullaby to send the baby to sleep.
 (1) serenading (2) carolling
 (3) humming (4) charming ()
7. He was _____ for parking his car illegally.
 (1) sentenced (2) fined
 (3) scolded (4) praised ()
8. This movie genre does not _____ to me.
 (1) attract (2) please
 (3) fancy (4) appeal ()
9. As I _____ of his course of action, he went ahead with the plan.
 (1) approved (2) agreed
 (3) consented (4) accepted ()
10. Do not get near to that wasp, or else it might _____ you.
 (1) pinch (2) bite
 (3) prick (4) sting ()



Practice 24

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Your luggage would have to be _____ when you check in at the airport.
 (1) weighed (2) estimated
 (3) couriered (4) separated ()
2. Just _____ your toes in the water; you will find it is really refreshing.
 (1) dump (2) dip
 (3) touch (4) drop ()
3. The chickens _____ hard at the ground with their beaks to get the worms.
 (1) pecked (2) poked
 (3) perched (4) picked ()
4. The boiling kettle is _____; please turn off the stove now.
 (1) whistling (2) hissing
 (3) rattling (4) horning ()
5. She _____ out of the room quietly without anyone's knowledge.
 (1) swirled (2) slid
 (3) snapped (4) slipped ()
6. The water from the lake was _____ by the toxins discharged by this factory.
 (1) corrupted (2) distilled
 (3) contaminated (4) unpolluted ()
7. The sea has been _____ with sharks for many years.
 (1) infested (2) infected
 (3) polluted (4) existent ()
8. As a comedian, he often _____ while he is talking.
 (1) shakes (2) gesticulates
 (3) signals (4) protests ()
9. She _____ in an attempt to avoid the ball that was hurled at her carelessly.
 (1) tugged (2) bent
 (3) dipped (4) ducked ()
10. The boys tried to _____ the water out of their boat but to no avail.
 (1) suck (2) dish
 (3) drain (4) empty ()



Practice 25

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. This flat has been _____ against fire and theft.
 (1) protected (2) insured
 (3) warranted (4) insulated ()
2. Seth went to the bank to _____ his cheque.
 (1) withdrawn (2) deposit
 (3) save (4) register ()
3. The bare-footed lady walks _____ on the beach that is strewn with sharp rocks and shells.
 (1) cheerfully (2) expectantly
 (3) gingerly (4) hopefully ()
4. These skirts are permanently _____ and need no ironing after a wash.
 (1) pleated (2) folded
 (3) creased (4) sewed ()
5. If you _____ your homework, it is unlikely that you would pass your examinations.
 (1) bother (2) reduce
 (3) stall (4) neglect ()
6. The vase fell to the concrete floor and _____ into pieces.
 (1) shattered (2) compressed
 (3) manifested (4) displayed ()
7. The invasion caused the _____ of the country into two parts.
 (1) distortion (2) merging
 (3) compulsion (4) division ()
8. Charles was _____ by the teacher for failing to submit his homework on time.
 (1) persuaded (2) reprimanded
 (3) praised (4) commanded ()
9. Please _____ your passport before it expires.
 (1) refresh (2) rejuvenate
 (3) renew (4) replace ()
10. As the food was inadequate, it had to be _____.
 (1) estimated (2) divided
 (3) delayed (4) rationed ()



Practice 26

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The ill-disciplined boy was _____ from the school.
 (1) rejected (2) expelled
 (3) disallowed (4) excluded ()
2. With the noise from the construction site, I could not _____ on my revision.
 (1) aim (2) ponder
 (3) concentrate (4) rely ()
3. Do not take _____ of what those rude boys said.
 (1) attention (2) sight
 (3) offend (4) notice ()
4. The guest speaker spoke in such a/an _____ voice that his audience became bored during his speech.
 (1) monotonous (2) plain
 (3) animated (4) tedious ()
5. The method that he suggested might be _____ but not practical in monetary sense.
 (1) feasible (2) subjective
 (3) capable (4) trendy ()
6. Despite the heavy flooding, my furniture was still _____.
 (1) perfect (2) unhurt
 (3) intact (4) integral ()
7. Please find _____ a copy of my certificate.
 (1) excluded (2) enclosed
 (3) enabled (4) embraced ()
8. Anthony _____ a thread round his finger to remind himself to buy the groceries.
 (1) spun (2) bound
 (3) wound (4) twined ()
9. The golf ball _____ a few times before it rolled down the hill.
 (1) skidded (2) slid
 (3) leapt (4) bounced ()
10. Shuxuan _____ the shuttlecock powerfully with her badminton racquet and sent it whirling to the opponent's court.
 (1) smacked (2) smashed
 (3) slapped (4) struck ()



Practice 27

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. In spite of the choppy waters, we managed to _____ our boat safely into the harbour.
 (1) ride (2) drive ()
 (3) wheel (4) steer ()
2. She is clueless about this matter; please give her your _____.
 (1) advice (2) sympathy ()
 (3) information (4) affections ()
3. Hassan listened very intently, _____ in every word that the lecturer said.
 (1) feeding (2) gulping ()
 (3) taking (4) drinking ()
4. The kitten _____ its paw after it had finished its meal.
 (1) polished (2) licked ()
 (3) lapped (4) rubbed ()
5. Jasmine screamed in _____ as the accident unfolded before her eyes.
 (1) delight (2) amusement ()
 (3) awfulness (4) horror ()
6. In a workshop, the floor is constantly _____ with sawdust to make it anti-skid.
 (1) sprinkled (2) spotted ()
 (3) sprayed (4) sprouted ()
7. Your annual _____ to the magazine is due next week.
 (1) contribution (2) payment ()
 (3) subscription (4) endorsement ()
8. At the first _____ of midnight, the horse carriage turned back into a pumpkin.
 (1) strike (2) sight ()
 (3) sign (4) stroke ()
9. Before you sign this agreement, pay careful _____ to the fine print.
 (1) focus (2) attention ()
 (3) notice (4) reference ()
10. The mother tried to _____ her son of the dangers of swimming in the sea.
 (1) warn (2) threaten ()
 (3) exaggerate (4) emphasise ()



Practice 28

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The cause of the fire was _____ by the police who later announced that it was foul play.
 (1) searched (2) inspected
 (3) investigated (4) deployed ()
2. Please write down your full name and _____ your surname on this sheet of paper.
 (1) underline (2) draft
 (3) emphasised (4) sketch ()
3. The company is offering _____ to every retrenched worker.
 (1) reward (2) premium
 (3) bonus (4) severance ()
4. The identity of the murderer will only be _____ at the end of this chapter.
 (1) displayed (2) revealed
 (3) announced (4) unearthed ()
5. The speeding taxi _____ with a truck loaded with sand.
 (1) collided (2) smashed
 (3) bumped (4) rammed ()
6. You will _____ your hand if you put it into that basin of boiling water.
 (1) scorch (2) scald
 (3) starch (4) swell ()
7. My _____ of the days I spent with you are vague.
 (1) countenance (2) diary
 (3) journal (4) recollections ()
8. Lijing was _____ to visit her brother in prison.
 (1) permitted (2) admitted
 (3) remitted (4) emitted ()
9. Place the daisies in the vase of water before they _____.
 (1) droop (2) die
 (3) wither (4) wilt ()
10. Please do not _____ your family as they might drift apart from you.
 (1) devalue (2) neglect
 (3) abuse (4) oppress ()



Practice 29

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The taste of a dish _____ on the ingredients as well as the chef.
 (1) varies (2) relies
 (3) depends (4) counts ()
2. Please _____ your rubbish in this bin.
 (1) dispose (2) dismiss
 (3) contain (4) organise ()
3. The elderly man _____ in his efforts to climb the hill all by himself.
 (1) retained (2) determined
 (3) persisted (4) pursued ()
4. She _____ the finder of her expensive watch with cash.
 (1) induced (2) motivated
 (3) obligated (4) rewarded ()
5. Do not _____ my actions; I am not your slave.
 (1) compel (2) dictate
 (3) confront (4) edict ()
6. A failure should not _____ you from trying again.
 (1) deter (2) startle
 (3) astound (4) constrain ()
7. I have been unable to _____ you since last week.
 (1) contact (2) connect
 (3) communicate (4) correspond ()
8. Two parallel lines will never _____.
 (1) equivalent (2) separate
 (3) continue (4) converge ()
9. It took Denise two months to _____ to life in Australia.
 (1) alter (2) settle
 (3) maintain (4) adapt ()
10. Many strands of strings were _____ together to make a rope strong.
 (1) bound (2) wound
 (3) gathered (4) woven ()



Practice 30

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The explorer is _____ his assistants through the narrow cave with his torch.
 (1) leading (2) instructing
 (3) conducting (4) examining ()
2. The pungent smell of durian _____ the air.
 (1) transformed (2) permeated
 (3) evaporated (4) saturated ()
3. Road accidents can be _____ by abiding the traffic rules.
 (1) predicted (2) averted
 (3) forecasted (4) thwarted ()
4. The aeroplane _____ high in the sky till it was not visible from the ground.
 (1) soared (2) zoomed
 (3) plummeted (4) mounted ()
5. The traffic was _____ to the side street as the main road was closed for the parade.
 (1) digressed (2) concentrated
 (3) instructed (4) diverted ()
6. There he goes again, I wish he would stop _____ and be contented with what he has.
 (1) grumbling (2) mumbling
 (3) grieving (4) criticising ()
7. In his annoyance, he _____ up the document and threw it onto the floor.
 (1) crumbled (2) crumpled
 (3) coiled (4) creased ()
8. We could see a little boat _____ up and down on the waves with our binoculars.
 (1) jostling (2) balancing
 (3) ascending (4) tossing ()
9. You ought to _____ for your rude behaviour.
 (1) apologise (2) compliment
 (3) appal (4) responsible ()
10. Please _____ him from quitting school.
 (1) preserve (2) neglect
 (3) promote (4) dissuade ()



Practice 31

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. We should be honest and not _____ anyone.
 (1) convince (2) deceive ()
 (3) fraud (4) scam ()
2. The bungalow is _____ by fierce dogs; please do not go near it.
 (1) handled (2) defended ()
 (3) guarded (4) restricted ()
3. The lawyer _____ to the witness' statement but it was overruled.
 (1) protested (2) disputed ()
 (3) appealed (4) objected ()
4. Do not worry, this mistake can be _____.
 (1) remedied (2) avoided ()
 (3) subdued (4) treated ()
5. It is difficult to _____ the nutrients of the vegetables if you cook it that way.
 (1) reserve (2) preserve ()
 (3) maintain (4) contain ()
6. Joshua _____ his argument with some quotes from a philosopher.
 (1) debated (2) proved ()
 (3) enlarged (4) supported ()
7. Amidst loud _____ from the fans, the band played their opening song.
 (1) commendation (2) applause ()
 (3) praises (4) admiration ()
8. Jia Jun smiled at Basia but his smile was not _____.
 (1) shared (2) communal ()
 (3) reciprocated (4) granted ()
9. Wouldn't it be great if you could _____ and foretell the future?
 (1) estimate (2) prophesy ()
 (3) anticipate (4) guess ()
10. The king's brother has plans to _____ the throne.
 (1) betray (2) usurp ()
 (3) command (4) attack ()



Practice 32

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Can the engineer please explain how this machine _____?
 (1) operates (2) performs
 (3) activates (4) manoeuvres ()
2. The secret message was _____ in code.
 (1) communicated (2) transferred
 (3) divulged (4) transmitted ()
3. Five hundred young men were _____ in the army last week.
 (1) merged (2) enlisted
 (3) joined (4) engaged ()
4. Rebecca's aunt _____ her for being rude to her elders.
 (1) advised (2) teased
 (3) commanded (4) rebuked ()
5. Can you assist me to untie this red string and my chain? They got _____ yesterday.
 (1) united (2) bound
 (3) entangled (4) rolled ()
6. Man's _____ destruction of forests has upset the balance of nature.
 (1) hurtful (2) benevolent
 (3) wanton (4) vindictive ()
7. To _____ colour blindness, you would need to undergo a special test.
 (1) contract (2) prevent
 (3) perceive (4) detect ()
8. The only _____ to the mountain is through this track.
 (1) access (2) obstruction
 (3) admission (4) contact ()
9. The violinist _____ the music in a very bizarre way.
 (1) deduced (2) translated
 (3) transmitted (4) interpreted ()
10. This gift _____ my deepest love for you.
 (1) replaces (2) signals
 (3) infers (4) symbolises ()



Practice 33

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Please _____ the proposal before you put it into action.
 (1) mutate (2) transform
 (3) adapt (4) modify ()

2. Jenny _____ the match and lighted the candles on the cake.
 (1) ignited (2) smouldered
 (3) detonated (4) blasted ()

3. We must keep constant _____ against our enemies lest they attack us unexpectedly.
 (1) control (2) vigilance
 (3) propaganda (4) notice ()

4. The rich man's son _____ away his father's fortune.
 (1) ruined (2) destroyed
 (3) squandered (4) shattered ()

5. The profit in the annual report was _____ to paint a rosy picture of the company.
 (1) disclaimed (2) omitted
 (3) indistinguishable (4) fabricated ()

6. The professor _____ some light on the problems.
 (1) shone (2) illuminated
 (3) presented (4) shed ()

7. The walls of the desolated building _____ in the night.
 (1) tumbled (2) stumbled
 (3) rumbled (4) crumbled ()

8. The debts that Joanna _____ were more than her savings.
 (1) earned (2) incurred
 (3) stirred (4) deferred ()

9. Since his _____ at the airport, she has been feeling down.
 (1) leaving (2) departure
 (3) exodus (4) exit ()

10. The singer ended her song _____ with no apologies.
 (1) finally (2) gradually
 (3) abruptly (4) politely ()



Practice 34

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Their efforts proved _____ as the experiment yielded no results.
 (1) fruitful (2) futile
 (3) worthy (4) functional ()
2. Visitors to the Labrador Nature Reserve are asked not to _____ the monkeys.
 (1) tease (2) fret
 (3) stalk (4) rally ()
3. Do _____ the teacher if you have any doubts.
 (1) interview (2) counsel
 (3) protest (4) consult ()
4. Alex was a shy person who _____ from the attention of strangers.
 (1) swarmed (2) swished
 (3) shrank (4) shrunk ()
5. Paul witnessed the aeroplane crash down and _____ into flames.
 (1) ripped (2) evaporated
 (3) wrecked (4) burst ()
6. We can _____ food by keeping it in the freezer.
 (1) prolong (2) preserve
 (3) protect (4) prescribe ()
7. The meeting will _____ tomorrow morning; please do not be late.
 (1) terminate (2) originate
 (3) commence (4) abort ()
8. The prisoner _____ his opportunity and escaped through the passage.
 (1) chanced (2) granted
 (3) held (4) seized ()
9. You are _____ for the damages to this machine.
 (1) committed (2) liable
 (3) dependable (4) ensured ()
10. The poor tailor _____ to earn an honest living.
 (1) tussles (2) strives
 (3) searches (4) pleases ()



Practice 35

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. To _____ good grades, you have to pay attention in class.
 (1) attain (2) guarantee
 (3) reach (4) encourage ()
2. The troops were _____ after the warning was given.
 (1) disarmed (2) mobilised
 (3) mustered (4) stimulated ()
3. The thought of seeing him later made her heart _____ with excitement.
 (1) throb (2) thunder
 (3) purr (4) thump ()
4. We were awakened by the _____ of the church bells.
 (1) chimes (2) pounds
 (3) rings (4) swings ()
5. The sales assistant _____ 15 per cent off the total amount of my bill as the item was on sale.
 (1) reduced (2) declined
 (3) lowered (4) deducted ()
6. National Day _____ the nationhood or independence of a country.
 (1) represents (2) commemorates
 (3) motivates (4) registers ()
7. Unemployment is the first problem that the newly formed government has to _____.
 (1) tackle (2) flaunt
 (3) bother (4) seize ()
8. Manufacturers hope that the trade fair would _____ sales of their goods.
 (1) demand (2) boost
 (3) trade (4) boom ()
9. The eagle _____ down on its prey and soared into the sky.
 (1) swooped (2) snatched
 (3) attacked (4) focused ()
10. The farmer used a water buffalo to help him _____ his paddy field.
 (1) work (2) harvest
 (3) plant (4) plough ()



Practice 36

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Actions

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. It is a pity that Christine is so _____ towards her studies.
 (1) indifferent (2) indignant
 (3) indiscriminate (4) indigenous ()
2. Candy _____ the ball into the net just seconds before the whistle was blown.
 (1) shot (2) scored
 (3) darted (4) dribbled ()
3. The florist carefully _____ the best blooms and made them into a bouquet for the bride.
 (1) withdrew (2) plucked
 (3) searched (4) selected ()
4. The ponies in the zoo are tame and are _____ to being fed by children.
 (1) adapted (2) accustomed
 (3) affected (4) acquainted ()
5. Mr Wong idly _____ through the fashion magazines as he waited for his wife at the beauty salon.
 (1) glanced (2) glazed
 (3) growled (4) grossed ()
6. George and his family _____ to Norway a few months ago; they like their new life there.
 (1) emigrated (2) immigrated
 (3) transferred (4) exiled ()
7. One is surely bound to _____ high and low moments in life.
 (1) seek (2) encounter
 (3) stumble (4) involve ()
8. Quanwei _____ to Christianity five years ago.
 (1) converted (2) changed
 (3) accepted (4) embraced ()
9. I would like to share and _____ your burdens with you.
 (1) contain (2) transport
 (3) tug (4) bear ()
10. Everyone _____ for safety before the bomb exploded.
 (1) flew (2) escaped
 (3) fled (4) covered ()



Practice 37

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Weather

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. A blinding _____ of lightning flashed across the sky.
 (1) streak (2) strip (3) glow (4) thud ()
2. She let down the _____ as sunlight was coming into the room.
 (1) awning (2) screen (3) shade (4) blinds ()
3. The weather was so _____ that it was hard to decide what clothes one should wear.
 (1) unjustified (2) unpredictable (3) unbalanced (4) immeasurable ()
4. The sky was so _____ with grey clouds that we decided not to go jogging.
 (1) overdue (2) overcast (3) overshadowed (4) overweighing ()
5. As the clouds _____ away, the peak of the mountain became visible to the climbers.
 (1) glided (2) slipped (3) floated (4) drifted ()
6. The full moon was not _____ to the observers as dark clouds had hidden it.
 (1) visible (2) marked (3) ostensible (4) discernible ()
7. As a storm was _____, we had to leave in a great hurry.
 (1) brewing (2) incoming (3) suspected (4) expectant ()
8. In spite of the thunderstorm, the children slept _____ all night.
 (1) quietly (2) resonantly (3) softly (4) soundly ()
9. The heavy downpour was unexpected as the meteorologist had _____ fine weather.
 (1) foretold (2) forecasted (3) forewarned (4) foreword ()
10. When _____ in a thunderstorm, do not use the phone except for emergencies.
 (1) stopped (2) trapped (3) hindered (4) caught ()



Practice 38

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Idioms and Proverbs

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The victims should take whatever accommodation is offered to them as _____.
 (1) they are facing the music
 (2) beggars cannot be choosers
 (3) they have the best of both worlds
 (4) they wash their dirty linen in public ()
2. I was sick last week but now I am _____ of health.
 (1) in the red (2) in the dark
 (3) in the green (4) in the pink ()
3. Henry is such a sloth that it would be _____ to get him to help with the housework.
 (1) rubbing shoulders (2) beating a dead horse
 (3) to bell the cat (4) a cat on hot bricks ()
4. I did not believe his _____ about the mistake he committed.
 (1) flash in the pan (2) donkey work
 (3) jack of all trades (4) cock and bull story ()
5. _____, the bankrupt decided to tell his friends that he had sold off his businesses.
 (1) To keep up appearances (2) To pass the hat around
 (3) To stand on one's own feet (4) To see the light ()
6. In order to understand poetry, a reader has to _____.
 (1) sit on the fence (2) read between the lines
 (3) put his foot in (4) cook one's goose ()
7. Her _____ was her pride; she would get angry if anyone criticised her paintings.
 (1) Achilles heel (2) lip service
 (3) red herring (4) mare's nest ()
8. At the gala dinner last evening, I felt like _____.
 (1) a snake in the grass (2) a white elephant
 (3) a fish out of water (4) an El Dorado ()
9. Jeffrey was never successful in his career because he was a _____.
 (1) fly in the ointment (2) jack-of-all trades, master of none
 (3) pig in a poke (4) red herring ()
10. Mandy realised that it was all _____ after Mark explained what had happened.
 (1) a thorn in one's flesh (2) to knuckle under
 (3) to pass the hat around (4) a storm in a teacup ()



Practice 39

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Idioms and Proverbs

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. _____; as a manager, you should be punctual for work.
 (1) New brooms sweep clean (2) Actions speak louder than words
 (3) More haste, less speed (4) The early bird catches the worm ()
2. Arithmetic is a subject where _____ and is not about memorising formulae.
 (1) practice makes perfect (2) the pen is mightier than the sword
 (3) better late than never (4) a miss is as good as a mile ()
3. His father always teaches him to be humble as he believes that _____.
 (1) silence is golden (2) a small leak will sink a great ship
 (3) still waters run deep (4) pride comes before a fall ()
4. Let's limit the team to four members instead of eight as _____.
 (1) first come, first served (2) too many cooks spoil the broth
 (3) great minds think alike (4) union is strength ()
5. _____. You should accept the scholarship to study in this famous university.
 (1) Waste not, want not
 (2) Look before you leap
 (3) Opportunity knocks but once
 (4) You can't have your cake and eat it ()
6. Let's _____ and go home since we are all tired.
 (1) call it a day (2) break the ice
 (3) hang in there (4) bite the bullet ()
7. I have stopped believing in his promises to not be late; _____.
 (1) evil weeds grow apace (2) a leopard never changes its spots
 (3) any time means no time (4) a bad workman blames his tools ()
8. Carolyn remained totally calm and did not _____ when she realised that she had lost her wallet.
 (1) turn a hair (2) pull strings
 (3) come to the point (4) turn turtle ()
9. _____ is to do things the wrong way round.
 (1) A wild-cat scheme
 (2) To smack one's lips
 (3) To be a dog in a manger
 (4) To put the cart before the horse ()
10. You should _____ and not praise him for his creations when he does not deserve the accolades.
 (1) call a spade a spade (2) hold one's tongue
 (3) tell a white lie (4) spin a yarn ()



Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Idioms and Proverbs

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Both Mr Lee and John excel in golf; it is really _____.
 (1) boys would be boys (2) blood is thicker than water
 (3) like father, like son (4) one man's meat is another man's poison
 ()
2. _____. We should respect all cultures and traditions when we are in a foreign land.
 (1) Every dog has its day (2) Ducks lay eggs, geese lay wagers
 (3) Under one's roof (4) When in Rome, do as the Romans do
 ()
3. We should _____ when speaking to the minister.
 (1) stand on ceremony (2) be up to the mark
 (3) keep it quiet (4) hold the reins
 ()
4. _____, lest the opportunity slips you by.
 (1) In the twinkling of an eye (2) Strike while the iron is hot
 (3) To set forth (4) Better late than never
 ()
5. It is _____ for me to agree to your absurd request.
 (1) out of the question (2) no laughing matter
 (3) to throw in the sponge (4) to be caught napping
 ()
6. Alfred is such a serious person that he only smiles _____.
 (1) to see red (2) to lead by the nose
 (3) once in a blue moon (4) on thin ice
 ()
7. You should _____ with regard to your addiction to comics.
 (1) turn over a new leaf (2) read between the lines
 (3) keep in mind (4) draw the line somewhere
 ()
8. Paul _____ the solution while conversing with Jia Ying about his problems.
 (1) back up (2) hit upon
 (3) back out (4) run down
 ()
9. _____. After a year of working overseas, Wesley finally proposed to his girlfriend.
 (1) Good wine needs no bush (2) Absence makes the heart grow fonder
 (3) Out of sight, out of mind (4) Silence gives consent
 ()
10. When I was in despair, only Eric came to help me. _____.
 (1) Once bitten, twice shy
 (2) A friend in need is a friend indeed
 (3) Half a loaf is better than none
 (4) Faint heart never won fair lady
 ()



Practice 42

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Places

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The family visited a _____ during their stay in New Zealand and bought many bottles of wine.
 (1) farm (2) vineyard
 (3) stable (4) tannery ()
2. The rubbish was sorted before it was sent to the _____ to be burnt.
 (1) incinerator (2) incubator
 (3) gaol (4) parsonage ()
3. Ships are built and repaired in a _____.
 (1) depot (2) dispensary
 (3) dockyard (4) creche ()
4. The king kept his prisoners in a _____.
 (1) fold (2) barracks
 (3) convent (4) dungeon ()
5. Young plants are grown and cultivated in a/an _____.
 (1) nursery (2) orchard
 (3) observatory (4) pantry ()
6. The works of the famous artist are displayed in this _____.
 (1) mint (2) gallery
 (3) cabaret (4) stadium ()
7. The pastor preached his message from the _____ to the attentive congregation.
 (1) pulpit (2) auditorium
 (3) synagogue (4) pen ()
8. The teacher organised a trip to the _____ for us to see how beer is made.
 (1) caravan (2) factory
 (3) laboratory (4) brewery ()
9. A place where bees are kept is called the _____.
 (1) aviary (2) apiary
 (3) dairy (4) cannery ()
10. Mr Lim decided to upgrade his technical skills at a local _____.
 (1) college (2) seminary
 (3) sanatorium (4) polytechnic ()



Practice 43

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Places

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The deliveryman collected the goods at the _____ before dispatching them.
 (1) hangar (2) depot
 (3) warehouse (4) quarry ()
2. The billionaire kept his personal aeroplane in a/an _____.
 (1) observatory (2) hangar
 (3) garage (4) studio ()
3. Faith graduated from _____ with a degree in finance.
 (1) university (2) dormitory
 (3) polytechnic (4) seminary ()
4. The lunatic was not jailed for his crimes but instead was sent to the _____.
 (1) monastery (2) camp
 (3) asylum (4) sanatorium ()
5. The horses are kept in a _____ before they are led to the paddock for warm-ups.
 (1) sty (2) zoo
 (3) stall (4) stable ()
6. The _____ has made and issued a series of coins to raise funds for the home for the elderly.
 (1) mint (2) hospital
 (3) emporium (4) temple ()
7. The 13-year-old boy was sent to the _____ for his cruel acts of animal abuse.
 (1) court (2) archives
 (3) reformatory (4) basement ()
8. An Eskimo stays in a/an _____.
 (1) monastery (2) dungeon
 (3) igloo (4) barrack ()
9. Did you stay in a/an _____ within the campus when you were a university student?
 (1) inn (2) hostel
 (3) hotel (4) caravan ()
10. After a day of training, the soldiers returned to the _____ for a night's rest.
 (1) cell (2) resort
 (3) barracks (4) chalet ()



Practice 44

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Similes and Metaphors

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Don't be _____ and help me with the household chores.
 (1) as lazy as a toad (2) as sick as a dog
 (3) as slow as a snail (4) as helpless as a babe ()

2. She appeared _____ after her encounter with the supernatural.
 (1) as white as a sheet (2) as green as grass
 (3) as new as day (4) as transparent as glass ()

3. Alwin is _____ and prefers to walk rather than take the bus to school.
 (1) as wise as Solomon (2) as harmless as a babe
 (3) as mean as a miser (4) as rich as Croesus ()

4. At the rate you are eating, you will soon be _____.
 (1) as clumsy as a bear (2) as heavy as an elephant
 (3) as spineless as a jellyfish (4) as supple as a snake ()

5. A _____ of trees greeted him as he stepped into the forest.
 (1) sea (2) maze
 (3) timber (4) bloom ()

6. The little girl is _____. Everyone is drawn to her.
 (1) as happy as a lark (2) as vain as peacock
 (3) as friendly as a puppy (4) as wise as an owl ()

7. _____, the castle has stood for centuries.
 (1) As sad as night (2) As young as dawn
 (3) As regular as the clock (4) As old as the hills ()

8. She was caught in the thunderstorm and was _____.
 (1) as hungry as a hunter (2) as careless as the wind
 (3) as wet as a fish (4) as frisky as a lamb ()

9. _____, the robber snatched away her purse and ran away.
 (1) As silent as the grave (2) As quick as lightning
 (3) As good as gold (4) As fit as a fiddle ()

10. Samuel finished the assignment in ten minutes for it was _____.
 (1) as patient as Job (2) as happy as a child
 (3) as easy as ABC (4) as wise as an owl ()



Practice 45

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Similes and Metaphors

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The weather now is _____; I wish rain would come soon.
 (1) as gloomy as night (2) as hot as a furnace
 (3) as fresh as a daisy (4) as dark as a dungeon ()

2. The examination hall is _____; I could even hear a pin drop.
 (1) as silent as the grave (2) as sacred as a shrine
 (3) as solid as a brick (4) as deaf as a doorpost ()

3. The diamond ring is _____.
 (1) as bald as an egg (2) as happy as a lark
 (3) as sensitive as a flower (4) as bright as the stars ()

4. He presented his mother a pearl _____.
 (1) as big as a raindrop (2) as soft as wool
 (3) as brittle as glass (4) as dry as a bone ()

5. The scenery from my window is like _____.
 (1) an open book
 (2) as safe as the bank
 (3) a painting come to life
 (4) as smooth as polished marble ()

6. His words _____ my heart when he proposed to me.
 (1) flamed (2) melted
 (3) broke (4) pierced ()

7. _____, the man towed the car with his bare hands.
 (1) As bold as brass (2) As rare as a comet
 (3) As strong as Hercules (4) As right as rain ()

8. The crystal clear water of calm Lake Louise was like a _____.
 (1) rock (2) swamp
 (3) light (4) mirror ()

9. _____ is my love for you.
 (1) As deep as the oceans (2) As large as life
 (3) As hard as steel (4) As keen as mustard ()

10. The _____ of people swamped the exhibition in anticipation.
 (1) canals (2) floods
 (3) crowds (4) torrents ()



Practice 46

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Similes and Metaphors

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The twins are _____.
 (1) as straight as an arrow (2) as true as gospel
 (3) as swift as an arrow (4) as like as two peas ()

2. The sentry stood _____ during his course of duty.
 (1) as sour as vinegar (2) as sharp as a needle
 (3) as pure as lily (4) as upright as a tower ()

3. Michelle was _____ on her first date with Magnus.
 (1) as constant as the sun (2) as bashful as a schoolgirl
 (3) as yellow as sulphur (4) as red as cherry ()

4. The old man was still _____ at his ripe old age.
 (1) as fit as a fiddle (2) as still as a statue
 (3) as sweet as honey (4) as weak as water ()

5. Chor Yik looked _____ beside the toddler.
 (1) as silly as sheep (2) as quiet as a mouse
 (3) as tall as a giant (4) as pale as death ()

6. The comfortable shoes make me feel _____.
 (1) as heavy as lead (2) as flat as pancake
 (3) as light as a feather (4) as stiff as poker ()

7. The beef is overcooked; it tastes _____.
 (1) as tough as leather (2) as round as an orange
 (3) as soft as butter (4) as cool as a cucumber ()

8. _____, Mrs Lim provides plenty of guidance for her pupils.
 (1) As stately as a queen (2) As wise as Solomon
 (3) As tender as a shepherd (4) As warm as wool ()

9. Joyce was _____ when she recited the poem on stage.
 (1) as nervous as a cat (2) as feeble as a child
 (3) as poor as a church mouse (4) as blind as a bat ()

10. Angela does not have a temper; she is _____.
 (1) as silly as a sheep (2) as proud as a peacock
 (3) as strong as a horse (4) as gentle as a dove ()



Practice 47

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Similes and Metaphors

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. He is able to move his body on the floor as if he is _____.
 (1) as dizzy as a goose (2) as spineless as a jellyfish
 (3) as plump as a partridge (4) as tenacious as a bulldog ()

2. Marcus' self-portrait is _____.
 (1) as thin as a rake (2) as pretty as a picture
 (3) as clear as a crystal (4) as ugly as a scarecrow ()

3. The crocodile lurked under the _____ brown waters.
 (1) heavy (2) icy
 (3) placid (4) clear ()

4. He wears his _____ on his sleeve, so he lets people know how he feels.
 (1) heart (2) face
 (3) arm (4) ears ()

5. Guojun looked _____ when I asked him for his comments.
 (1) as sober as a judge (2) as rude as a bear
 (3) as talkative as a magpie (4) as industrious as an ant ()

6. David is _____ to have rescued the girl from the burning flat.
 (1) as fierce as a lion (2) as meek as a lion
 (3) as brave as a lion (4) as loyal as a lion ()

7. Her pink dress and orange shoes made her appear _____.
 (1) as foolish as calf (2) as cheerful as a bird
 (3) as lively as a cricket (4) as gaudy as a butterfly ()

8. I did not trust him for he behaved _____.
 (1) as sneaky as a rat (2) as swift as a hawk
 (3) as obstinate as a mule (4) as hungry as a wolf ()

9. _____, the sales assistant tried very hard to convince the customer to buy his wares.
 (1) As slippery as an eel (2) As game as a fighting cock
 (3) As crafty as a fox (4) As persistent as a mosquito ()

10. The gun shots were _____.
 (1) as heavy as lead (2) as loud as thunder
 (3) as hot as pepper (4) as active as quicksilver ()



Practice 48

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Crime and Law

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The media condemned the _____ actions of those corrupt officials who stole funds intended to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.
 (1) dignified (2) noble
 (3) contemptible (4) admirable ()
2. These casinos have a most _____ and demoralising influence on the weak-minded.
 (1) pernicious (2) risk-free
 (3) vile (4) insightful ()
3. A crime is understood as any act that _____ the law.
 (1) violates (2) compels
 (3) abides by (4) agitates ()
4. Ex-convicts often face social _____ when they look for jobs.
 (1) justification (2) denial
 (3) embarrassment (4) stigma ()
5. Crime and law _____ are the top priorities of a government.
 (1) rules (2) enforcement
 (3) guidance (4) morality ()
6. Some people feel that _____ punishment is degrading and should be abolished.
 (1) state (2) corporate
 (3) corporal (4) mass ()
7. Drug traffickers could face the death _____.
 (1) code (2) penalty
 (3) retribution (4) correction ()
8. He shared his cell with four other _____.
 (1) neighbours (2) acquaintances
 (3) inmates (4) fellows ()
9. Ben was held at a/an _____ detention centre as he was only a minor at the time of crime.
 (1) juvenile (2) adolescent
 (3) teenager (4) youngster ()
10. He was _____ of killing his wife and was released yesterday.
 (1) sentenced (2) convicted
 (3) guilty (4) acquitted ()



Practice 49

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Crime and Law

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. He was charged with _____ of his company's funds.
 (1) accounting (2) appropriation
 (3) miscalculation (4) embezzlement ()
2. Be careful not to divulge your personal details to dubious websites as internet _____ is very common nowadays.
 (1) fraud (2) counterfeit
 (3) laundering (4) bribery ()
3. It is not easy to _____ white-collar crimes as the offenders conceal their activities through complex transactions.
 (1) fine (2) legalise
 (3) evaluate (4) prosecute ()
4. Christopher was under _____ for a hit-and-run accident.
 (1) inspection (2) investigation
 (3) analysis (4) search ()
5. As he was charged with murder, he was denied _____ by the judge.
 (1) defence (2) jail
 (3) bail (4) prosecution ()
6. Mr Teo was declared a _____ after his business failed and he was unable to pay off his debts.
 (1) solvent (2) broke
 (3) discharge (4) bankrupt ()
7. A government official can be charged with _____ if he is suspected of receiving or soliciting bribes from anyone.
 (1) corruption (2) espionage
 (3) embezzlement (4) insider trading ()
8. Money _____ is a process whereby money from illegal origins is disguised through a series of processes to avoid detection.
 (1) counterfeiting (2) laundering
 (3) evasion (4) blackmailing ()
9. It is a personal responsibility to disclose true information about your annual income to the authorities or else you could be charged with tax _____.
 (1) avoidance (2) negligence
 (3) misrepresentation (4) evasion ()
10. Smoking is _____ in hospital wards.
 (1) prevented (2) prohibited
 (3) discouraged (4) warned ()



Practice 50

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Crime and Law

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The government has been fairly successful in curbing drug _____ here.
 (1) cartels (2) corporations (3) clinics (4) leagues ()
2. The _____ labelled the cause of death as unnatural and presented his autopsy report to the judge.
 (1) auditor (2) examiner (3) inspector (4) coroner ()
3. The principal addressed the students with a speech on school _____ prevention.
 (1) abuse (2) bully (3) violence (4) hostility ()
4. We should take _____ to safeguard our possessions at all times.
 (1) protection (2) fortifications (3) defence (4) precautions ()
5. The family of the convict pleaded _____ from the president to grant him an early release.
 (1) clemency (2) apathy (3) sympathy (4) forgiveness ()
6. The police have been on the tracks of the wanted _____ for weeks.
 (1) immigrant (2) prisoner (3) inmate (4) fugitive ()
7. Alex stood as _____ for the case and read out his testimony in court.
 (1) jury (2) witness (3) lawyer (4) translator ()
8. The pistol was submitted as _____ for his act of crime.
 (1) data (2) subject (3) evidence (4) justification ()
9. Steven organised a _____ watch in his community to promote vigilance in their estate.
 (1) corporate (2) neighbourhood (3) region (4) friendly ()
10. The police and the community can work together to _____ the neighbourhood.
 (1) supervise (2) control (3) police (4) regulate ()



Practice 51

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Nature and Disasters

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Massive _____ response poured in from all parts of the world after the earthquake struck.
 (1) humanitarian (2) rescue
 (3) relief (4) aid ()
2. It is certainly a _____ that many would remember for a long time.
 (1) ruin (2) catastrophe
 (3) reminiscence (4) remains ()
3. A _____ is a violently rotating column of air that extends from the thunderstorm to the earth.
 (1) monsoon (2) hailstorm
 (3) tornado (4) tsunami ()
4. The seriousness of an earthquake depends on its _____.
 (1) magnitude (2) altitude
 (3) longitude (4) attitude ()
5. Most earthquakes occur along the _____ in the Earth's crust.
 (1) fractures (2) faults
 (3) cracks (4) boundaries ()
6. I think that is an earthquake; do you feel the ground _____?
 (1) grumbling (2) trembling
 (3) wavering (4) shaking ()
7. One of nature's most violent _____ is an earthquake.
 (1) sightings (2) behaviour
 (3) phenomena (4) prodigies ()
8. He witnessed the building _____ under in mere seconds when the earth shook.
 (1) transform (2) disorganise
 (3) crumble (4) smash ()
9. The hurricane caused massive death _____.
 (1) statistics (2) tolls
 (3) polls (4) data ()
10. In a hurricane, the storm's winds are always counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere, due to the Earth's _____.
 (1) rotation (2) spiralling
 (3) revolution (4) orbiting ()



Practice 52

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Nature and Disasters

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The heavy rains caused floods and _____ in the countryside.
 (1) tremors (2) earthquakes ()
 (3) tornados (4) landslides ()
2. A hurricane's powerful _____ of heavy rains, strong winds and storm surges can lead to destructive results.
 (1) process (2) combination ()
 (3) order (4) blend ()
3. Meteorologists use _____ to track the intensity and location of a storm.
 (1) submarines (2) projections ()
 (3) outposts (4) satellites ()
4. _____ Greeks and Romans believed that volcanoes were controlled by gods.
 (1) Primeval (2) Prehistoric ()
 (3) Ancient (4) Contemporary ()
5. Volcanoes are not _____ destructive; they do provide valuable mineral deposits and fertile soil.
 (1) thoroughly (2) rarely ()
 (3) wholly (4) commonly ()
6. A tornado tears up everything in its _____.
 (1) alley (2) passage ()
 (3) aisle (4) path ()
7. The fiery tornado ripped the homes and vegetation to _____.
 (1) shreds (2) crumbs ()
 (3) slices (4) specks ()
8. No man can comprehend the _____ power of the forces of nature.
 (1) awesome (2) gruesome ()
 (3) humbling (4) inspiring ()
9. Forces of nature can bring both _____ and devastations.
 (1) miracles (2) fortune ()
 (3) strongholds (4) blessings ()
10. We need to know how natural disasters _____ to be prepared when they happen.
 (1) occur (2) serve ()
 (3) encounter (4) experience ()



Practice 53

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Nature and Disasters

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Each tiny change in the Earth's atmosphere, including human activity, can affect something in this _____ system.
 (1) lethargic (2) dynamic
 (3) forceful (4) lively ()
2. A natural disaster is usually _____ by another.
 (1) joined (2) escorted
 (3) accompanied (4) supplemented ()
3. Natural disasters are caused by weather and _____.
 (1) theology (2) typology
 (3) geology (4) geography ()
4. We cannot place a price on the _____ impact that a natural disaster brings to our well-being.
 (1) cultural (2) social
 (3) psychological (4) physical ()
5. You can contact a disaster _____ organisation if you wish to render help to the victims.
 (1) reprieve (2) relief
 (3) resist (4) respite ()
6. _____ only occur in mountainous regions where there is heavy snow.
 (1) Storms (2) Fogs
 (3) Landslides (4) Avalanches ()
7. _____ threatens the existence of life as water becomes scarce.
 (1) Flood (2) Drought
 (3) Monsoon (4) Mist ()
8. The first sign of a tsunami is sea water _____ from the shore.
 (1) disappearing (2) declining
 (3) diminishing (4) receding ()
9. Large tsunamis can push ships quite a distance _____, as well as wipe out vegetation and residences.
 (1) inland (2) internal
 (3) inwards (4) inner ()
10. A dense fog reduces _____ and is a hazard to drivers.
 (1) visionary (2) visibility
 (3) viscosity (4) visage ()



Practice 54

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Nature and Disasters

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. It is possible to get rid of fog through artificial _____.
 (1) dissipation (2) distillation
 (3) dispersion (4) desertion ()
2. A wildfire has the overwhelming power to destroy _____ of forests.
 (1) miles (2) inches
 (3) tons (4) acres ()
3. Forest fires usually occur in forests after a dry _____.
 (1) stretch (2) spell
 (3) session (4) interlude ()
4. One of the dangers of _____ is the spread of diseases.
 (1) flooding (2) snowstorms
 (3) windstorms (4) landslides ()
5. Sandbags can be used to keep rivers from overflowing and _____ flood water.
 (1) divert (2) retain
 (3) avert (4) detain ()
6. Households should lay out an emergency _____ plan in the event of natural disasters.
 (1) rescue (2) departure
 (3) diversion (4) evacuation ()
7. The _____ of lightning mostly occurs within the clouds.
 (1) origins (2) formation
 (3) establishment (4) configuration ()
8. Sandstorms are usually found in dry _____ areas, where strong winds whip up the loose top layer of sand and carry it away.
 (1) desert (2) muddy
 (3) dusty (4) tropical ()
9. During a blizzard, humans and animals can become _____, lose their way and freeze to death.
 (1) mystified (2) stunned
 (3) disorientated (4) progressive ()
10. When there is so much snow that people cannot tell the ground from the sky, it is known as a _____.
 (1) blackout (2) whiteout
 (3) snowfall (4) snowflakes ()



Practice 55

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Nature and Disasters

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Monsoons are termed _____ because they return year after year.
 (1) tropical (2) continental
 (3) habitual (4) seasonal ()
2. The monsoon rains are _____ for crops as they bring about the needed water.
 (1) elemental (2) essential
 (3) estimated (4) exclusive ()
3. Monsoons are _____ in Asia as a result of vast differences in land and sea temperatures.
 (1) usual (2) uncommon
 (3) prevalent (4) customary ()
4. Scientists have been able to study where droughts have occurred in the past by _____ tree rings.
 (1) researching (2) magnifying
 (3) drilling (4) scrutinising ()
5. Although some natural disasters occur in _____ patterns, it is still very difficult to predict their occurrences.
 (1) persistent (2) unique
 (3) cyclical (4) chronic ()
6. Scientists measure the strength of earthquakes through the use of _____.
 (1) thermometers (2) observatories
 (3) satellites (4) seismographs ()
7. An earthquake that is registered as an 8 on the _____ Scale means even earthquake-resistant buildings would be damaged.
 (1) Regae (2) Rubeun
 (3) Richter (4) Rachel ()
8. Furious winds shrieked and _____ outside my window as the hurricane approached.
 (1) wailed (2) cried
 (3) screeched (4) wept ()
9. The ocean waves _____ to enormous heights, taking boats and houses out to the sea.
 (1) surpassed (2) towered
 (3) spiralled (4) levitated ()
10. Stars _____ as a result of the change in the Earth's atmosphere.
 (1) litigate (2) twinkle
 (3) glimmer (4) shingle ()



Practice 56

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Media

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. It takes a lot of effort to _____ a school play such as *Romeo and Juliet*.
 (1) engineer (2) produce
 (3) craft (4) fabricate ()
2. Everyone was awed that the actor's rise to fame was _____.
 (1) gradual (2) plodding
 (3) meteoric (4) radiant ()
3. The sales director decided to _____ his competitors by selling his products at a lower price.
 (1) outreach (2) outrun
 (3) outlive (4) outsell ()
4. Jinyuan is a movie critic who _____ newly released films each week online.
 (1) publishes (2) reviews
 (3) examines (4) circulates ()
5. Social media has become a _____ way to communicate with people in the last few years.
 (1) conservative (2) conventional
 (3) conducive (4) conforming ()
6. Anthony was so busy _____ for the play this afternoon that he skipped his lunch.
 (1) training (2) practising
 (3) running (4) rehearsing ()
7. Many parents feel that the internet is a _____ for children while they are studying at home.
 (1) disruption (2) distinction
 (3) distraction (4) disturbance ()
8. My sister _____ to take up music next year as part of her studies.
 (1) prepares (2) intends
 (3) means (4) extends ()
9. My cousin is acting the part of the lead _____ in the play.
 (1) character (2) performer
 (3) personnel (4) individual ()
10. What time does the concert _____?
 (1) originate (2) initiate
 (3) commerce (4) commence ()



Practice 57

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Media

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Performing at the National Stadium would be one of the band's greatest _____.
 (1) landmark (2) reminiscence
 (3) milestones (4) dealings ()
2. We were so _____ by the voice of the soulful singer that we stood up and applauded after the performance.
 (1) mesmerised (2) induced
 (3) administered (4) desirous ()
3. The performer was prompted to sing another song after repeated calls for an _____ by the audience.
 (1) exit (2) insurgence
 (3) encore (4) exodus ()
4. A person who creates dance steps is called a _____.
 (1) conspirator (2) composer
 (3) conductor (4) choreographer ()
5. A good actor aims to _____ emotions, convey ideas and stories to the audience.
 (1) deduce (2) fascinate
 (3) evoke (4) emit ()
6. Justin Bieber released his _____ studio album at the age of 16.
 (1) decal (2) debut
 (3) duet (4) debunk ()
7. To be an excellent guitarist, you need to have good _____ of your fingers.
 (1) mobility (2) dexterity
 (3) proximity (4) density ()
8. The _____ issue of the magazine was launched with a big bang.
 (1) preliminary (2) beginning
 (3) inaugural (4) foundational ()
9. To obtain a clear image of the model, you should attach your camera to a _____.
 (1) handle (2) booth
 (3) pedal (4) tripod ()
10. The actress was _____ dressed for the awards ceremony.
 (1) impeccably (2) spotlessly
 (3) sufficiently (4) ornately ()



Practice 58

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Media

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. _____ is media that engages many different forms of information content to present to the user.
 (1) Multimedia (2) Animation
 (3) Dimensional (4) Transmission ()
2. The news of the demise of a former president was _____ over radio just minutes ago.
 (1) transferred (2) displayed
 (3) broadcasted (4) screened ()
3. We often find ourselves susceptible to _____ in advertisements.
 (1) tricks (2) gimmicks
 (3) disclaimers (4) provisions ()
4. Some governments use _____ to influence the people.
 (1) promotion (2) publicity
 (3) propaganda (4) prejudice ()
5. Some artistic works might be _____ to prevent people from using them without permission.
 (1) copyrighted (2) rejected
 (3) derivative (4) embodied ()
6. Some teenagers might agree that the mass media has influenced their _____ of romance.
 (1) experience (2) perception
 (3) dwelling (4) information ()
7. The mass media plays a _____ role in shaping public opinion.
 (1) renowned (2) trivial
 (3) crucial (4) superfluous ()
8. The internet has _____ the growth and extensiveness of media in our lives.
 (1) interpreted (2) accelerated
 (3) transpired (4) communicated ()
9. Only _____ events would be reported in the media.
 (1) metaphoric (2) empirical
 (3) notable (4) autonomous ()
10. Some argue that violence as seen on television will increase _____ in some viewers.
 (1) aggression (2) defense
 (3) offensive (4) emotions ()



Practice 59

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Media

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. This studio specialises in _____ media design; you can look for them to design your website.
 (1) interference (2) interactive ()
 (3) interchange (4) intermediate ()
2. The fans asked the film star to _____ the posters.
 (1) autograph (2) authenticate ()
 (3) endorse (4) inscribe ()
3. The bystanders stood watching the film _____ set up the street scenes.
 (1) squad (2) team ()
 (3) group (4) crew ()
4. The magician came on to the _____ to perform his tricks.
 (1) pulpit (2) pavement ()
 (3) platform (4) pedestal ()
5. In a bid to get inspiration for his plays, Gerald went through his _____ of poems.
 (1) sociology (2) methodology ()
 (3) anthology (4) genealogy ()
6. The singer was at the _____ of his career when he retired from the entertainment scene.
 (1) valley (2) apex ()
 (3) launch (4) tip ()
7. The former prime minister published a _____ of his life as a politician.
 (1) memoir (2) legend ()
 (3) log (4) fable ()
8. The film star _____ the journalist's question with regard to her marriage.
 (1) escaped (2) fled ()
 (3) evaded (4) stirred ()
9. She is trying to _____ her lines in the drama before filming starts.
 (1) reminiscent (2) contemplate ()
 (3) retain (4) memorise ()
10. He led a wretched life despite winning many _____ for his photography skills.
 (1) reviews (2) criticisms ()
 (3) accolades (4) appraisals ()



Practice 60

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Media

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. This is an article for _____; laymen like us would not be able to comprehend it.
 (1) schemers (2) intellectuals ()
 (3) schizophrenics (4) morons ()
2. Most great musicians are remarkably _____ people.
 (1) sentimental (2) sensitive ()
 (3) susceptible (4) sentient ()
3. During the interval, the audience chatted in the _____ of the hall.
 (1) foyer (2) studio ()
 (3) chamber (4) arena ()
4. I like the _____ of the cartoon that was published in the newspapers last Tuesday.
 (1) label (2) caption ()
 (3) legend (4) heading ()
5. My mother needs to read the Chinese _____ in order to understand the Hollywood movie as she does not know English.
 (1) subtitles (2) programmes ()
 (3) descriptions (4) footers ()
6. New media usually refers to new technologies and communication methods as compared to the _____ media.
 (1) unconventional (2) ordinary ()
 (3) exceptional (4) mainstream ()
7. With the _____ of the internet, many newspapers have turned digital to reach out to the masses.
 (1) invent (2) advent ()
 (3) survey (4) purvey ()
8. All forms of mass media have the technical _____ to deliver information to many people.
 (1) capacity (2) aptitude ()
 (3) faculty (4) definition ()
9. In this _____ painting, the colours symbolise the truth and freedom that man seeks.
 (1) figurative (2) intangible ()
 (3) abstract (4) surreal ()
10. Mass media — boon or _____ to society?
 (1) bane (2) blight ()
 (3) bonus (4) blessing ()



Practice 61

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Books and Literature

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. He was presented with the Nobel Prize due to his _____ achievements in his field of research.
 (1) conspicuous (2) discreet
 (3) outstanding (4) outlandish ()
2. The fastest way to locate a book in the library is to look up the title in the _____.
 (1) catalogue (2) glossary
 (3) reference (4) contents ()
3. Juliet could not wed Romeo because of the _____ between both their families.
 (1) suspicion (2) enmity
 (3) eminence (4) reputation ()
4. It is Charles Dickens who wrote the _____, *Great Expectations*.
 (1) script (2) plot
 (3) classic (4) draft ()
5. Literature is a collection of written, _____ works.
 (1) report (2) artistic
 (3) statistics (4) judgemental ()
6. Philosophy, journalism and history are subjects that are _____ rated as literature.
 (1) exceptionally (2) eventually
 (3) typically (4) unusually ()
7. William Shakespeare wrote approximately 38 plays and 154 _____.
 (1) sonnets (2) poets
 (3) playwrights (4) lyrics ()
8. Shakespeare is the most _____ writer in the history of the English language.
 (1) recited (2) labelled
 (3) quoted (4) narrated ()
9. The deceased author wrote 15 books in the last decade but to _____ list them by date of work is difficult.
 (1) neatly (2) considerably
 (3) admirably (4) chronologically ()
10. Some of the oldest poetry in the world, which were written by Tang _____ poets, are still being read today.
 (1) clan (2) domestic
 (3) tribe (4) dynasty ()



Practice 62

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Books and Literature

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Some of the best poetries are timeless and _____; they appeal to all generations.
 (1) universal (2) general
 (3) complete (4) common ()
2. A playwright is a person who writes _____ literature.
 (1) spectacular (2) vivid
 (3) dramatic (4) entertaining ()
3. _____ playwrights no longer enjoy fame and fortune like those in the past, as they have to now compete with films and television shows for an audience.
 (1) Ancient (2) Contemporary
 (3) Early (4) Existing ()
4. Celebrities often hire _____ to work on their autobiographies.
 (1) ghostwriters (2) reporters
 (3) managers (4) correspondents ()
5. This Writer's _____ represents 1000 screenwriters.
 (1) Club (2) Corporation
 (3) Federation (4) Guild ()
6. Poems are compositions written in _____.
 (1) paragraphs (2) melodies
 (3) connotations (4) verses ()
7. The bible is divided into two parts; the old and new _____.
 (1) tribunes (2) sections
 (3) testaments (4) testimonies ()
8. An essay consists of a/an _____ of a topic from the author's point of view.
 (1) preview (2) conversation
 (3) interview (4) discourse ()
9. A library is a place where literary and artistic materials such as newspapers, novels and journals are kept for reading, _____ or loan.
 (1) reference (2) recommendation
 (3) quotation (4) justification ()
10. As his opinions were _____, they were never published in the newspapers.
 (1) reputable (2) controversial
 (3) commendable (4) objective ()

**Practice 63****Vocabulary Multiple-choice****Revision**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The television station has a _____ of broadcasting services rendered in this town.
 (1) monopoly (2) monotony
 (3) monocacy (4) monochrome ()
2. It is his _____ appearance that makes people think he is a good man.
 (1) deceptive (2) inquisitive
 (3) distinctive (4) indignant ()
3. Andy _____ the lighted cigarette in the ashtray.
 (1) burnt (2) doused
 (3) glazed (4) pressed ()
4. She raised a _____ point and was rebutted by the leader.
 (1) relevant (2) significant
 (3) symbolic (4) negligible ()
5. The _____ is that he had been cheated by those he tried to cheat.
 (1) metaphor (2) simile
 (3) irony (4) prose ()
6. Shirley is the _____ heiress to the inheritance.
 (1) legitimate (2) capricious
 (3) opulent (4) sensible ()
7. At night, one may hear the _____ calls of the crickets.
 (1) impressive (2) courageous
 (3) distinctive (4) domestic ()
8. Sometimes, autobiographies seem to be prompted by sheer _____.
 (1) morality (2) vanity
 (3) righteousness (4) vigilance ()
9. Ricky dislikes doing household chores as there is a lot of _____.
 (1) indolence (2) drudgery
 (3) imagery (4) lethargy ()
10. The authorities _____ these advertisements as they deemed them misleading.
 (1) promoted (2) provoked
 (3) banned (4) claimed ()



Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The changes that the minister proposed were so _____ that everyone objected.
 (1) inconsiderable (2) stirring
 (3) thrilling (4) radical ()
2. Your argument is a very _____ one that I find myself agreeing with you.
 (1) conniving (2) manipulative
 (3) convincing (4) extreme ()
3. The _____ of the houses dashed out upon hearing the gunshots.
 (1) inhabitants (2) population
 (3) people (4) populace ()
4. The debts that Grace _____ were more than she could repay.
 (1) recurred (2) deferred
 (3) incurred (4) inferred ()
5. My uncle welcomed me _____ into his house.
 (1) cordially (2) indifferently
 (3) casually (4) miserably ()
6. When the traveller got lost, he _____ the map.
 (1) learned (2) referred
 (3) consulted (4) plotted ()
7. After a day of _____ rain, many areas were flooded.
 (1) drizzling (2) incessant
 (3) deteriorating (4) recovering ()
8. When a person smells a rat, it means that he _____ something.
 (1) predicts (2) regards
 (3) suspects (4) grasps ()
9. The millionaire likes to _____ his wealth to his relatives.
 (1) flaunt (2) demonstrate
 (3) portray (4) protest ()
10. With the _____ of the train, man need not depend on horses for transportation.
 (1) conclusion (2) fabrication
 (3) production (4) invention ()



Practice 65

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Joyce fainted when she heard the bad news but the paramedics managed to _____ her.
 (1) ventilate (2) restore
 (3) remedy (4) resuscitate ()
2. Owing to fine weather, there has been a/an _____ of durians this year.
 (1) glut (2) overflow
 (3) swarm (4) spill ()
3. Kindly explain the _____ for registration to the freshmen again.
 (1) examples (2) precautions
 (3) procedures (4) illustrations ()
4. A _____ is someone who has good taste in food and wines.
 (1) gourmet (2) glutton
 (3) waiter (4) specialist ()
5. The body of the dead motorist was sent to the _____.
 (1) colloquium (2) vault
 (3) grave (4) mortuary ()
6. His bedroom was so _____ that he could not find his wallet.
 (1) chaotic (2) cluttered
 (3) clattered (4) fluttered ()
7. The _____ of goods has yet to arrive at the shop.
 (1) consignment (2) schedule
 (3) assignment (4) confinement ()
8. Her parents were _____ about the closure of the school.
 (1) out of question (2) a nip in the bud
 (3) up in arms (4) to hold the reins ()
9. The coins _____ as I counted them.
 (1) creaked (2) clanked
 (3) clinked (4) clashed ()
10. I wish you would think through this matter before doing anything _____.
 (1) direly (2) speedily
 (3) gingerly (4) hastily ()



Practice 66

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Henry related a ghost story last night that _____.
 (1) evil weeds grow apace (2) made our hair stand on end
 (3) no cross, no crown (4) made a mountain out of a molehill
 ()
2. The burglar made a forced entry into the house by breaking the _____.
 (1) padlock (2) locker
 (3) bolt (4) latch
 ()
3. A pebble was thrown into the lake, causing _____ to form on the surface.
 (1) waves (2) swells
 (3) currents (4) ripples
 ()
4. Julius tried to _____ his income by giving tuition in the evenings.
 (1) prolong (2) supplement
 (3) expand (4) multiply
 ()
5. The interviewer stressed that job applicants should have a/an _____ for visual design.
 (1) ability (2) dexterity
 (3) flair (4) instinct
 ()
6. _____; press on and do not be discouraged.
 (1) Sit on the fence (2) Every cloud has a silver lining
 (3) An eye for an eye (4) Receive with open arms
 ()
7. The misunderstanding caused her to treat him _____.
 (1) as black as coal (2) as keen as mustard
 (3) as cold as ice (4) as cool as cucumber
 ()
8. The man was _____ by his employer after they discovered his dishonest acts.
 (1) violated (2) resigned
 (3) discharged (4) dismissed
 ()
9. To cater to the demands of the festive season, the supplier ordered more _____ of mandarin oranges from China.
 (1) crates (2) cases
 (3) sacks (4) barrels
 ()
10. When the boss _____ his decision, the workers shook their heads in disbelief.
 (1) relegated (2) submitted
 (3) announced (4) relinquished
 ()



Practice 67

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. I enjoy taking care of your puppy as it is quite _____.
 (1) docile (2) modest
 (3) compliant (4) bashful ()

2. Laura _____ the hardships as the going got tough, for she was looking forward to the breakthrough.
 (1) maintained (2) opposed
 (3) endured (4) tussled ()

3. The socialite delights in _____ with the elite of the society.
 (1) leading the nose (2) rubbing shoulders
 (3) laughing up her sleeve (4) holding her tongue ()

4. The dogs in the circus were trained to walk on their _____ legs.
 (1) rear (2) hind
 (3) behind (4) last ()

5. Catherine is a very _____ person; she will believe everything that you say.
 (1) gullible (2) doubtless
 (3) responsive (4) mature ()

6. It is sheer _____ listening to her atrocious singing.
 (1) pleasure (2) affliction
 (3) torture (4) hardship ()

7. The health authorities are planning to clear the slums as the living conditions are _____.
 (1) subjective (2) banal
 (3) lacklustre (4) appalling ()

8. Drinking is not going to _____ your sorrows.
 (1) aggravate (2) improve
 (3) modify (4) alleviate ()

9. Can you write _____ with both of your hands?
 (1) musically (2) rhythmically
 (3) simultaneously (4) severally ()

10. The police were criticised for _____ the rioters with tear gas.
 (1) dispersing (2) segregating
 (3) aiming (4) resisting ()



Practice 68

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. I would not accept such a _____ reply; please think through and give me a better answer.
 (1) superimposed (2) superficial
 (3) supercilious (4) superb ()
2. My grandparents like the _____ of the mountains so much that they extended their stay.
 (1) tranquillity (2) hustle
 (3) gentleness (4) silence ()
3. Life is so _____ that we should treasure every moment of our lives.
 (1) feeble (2) fragile
 (3) brittle (4) perilous ()
4. He is on a/an _____ mission and we must pray for his safety each day.
 (1) morbid (2) precarious
 (3) insecure (4) frail ()
5. It is difficult to change his mind as he is _____.
 (1) as timid as a mouse (2) as obstinate as a mule
 (3) as tenacious as a bulldog (4) as meek as a lamb ()
6. After three hours of gruelling questioning, he finally _____ to killing the girl.
 (1) recollected (2) surrendered
 (3) confessed (4) proceeded ()
7. The visit to the orphanage is _____; you need not go if you do not want to.
 (1) compulsory (2) selective
 (3) intentional (4) voluntary ()
8. Barnabus is an _____ stem cell researcher who won several awards for his contribution.
 (1) eminent (2) authoritative
 (3) impediment (4) undisputed ()
9. Gary decided to _____ the plan despite objections from his colleagues.
 (1) control (2) effect
 (3) carry (4) execute ()
10. Kavi was such a/an _____ speaker that she won the Best Debater Award.
 (1) eloquent (2) notorious
 (3) peculiar (4) famous ()



Practice 69

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Cars _____ carbon monoxide, which causes air pollution.
 (1) reduce (2) generate
 (3) emit (4) secrete ()
2. I need your _____ as the instructions are not comprehensible.
 (1) clarifications (2) certifications
 (3) communications (4) creations ()
3. He was _____ from the country as he was suspected of plotting against the government.
 (1) expelled (2) banned
 (3) transferred (4) exiled ()
4. Dustin _____ from the swimming competition as he had pulled his hamstrings.
 (1) retreated (2) withdrew
 (3) recoiled (4) retired ()
5. The celebrity was _____ by his fans who clamoured for his attention.
 (1) crowded (2) gathered
 (3) besieged (4) flooded ()
6. Mr Lee is a great _____ who makes it a point to donate \$1 million to the charity annually.
 (1) phenomenon (2) philanthropist
 (3) philosopher (4) plaintiff ()
7. You will require a _____ to connect your computer to the internet.
 (1) modem (2) plug
 (3) transmitter (4) mouse ()
8. The superstitious parents insisted on picking an _____ date for their daughter's wedding.
 (1) auspicious (2) anecdotal
 (3) adjoining (4) adversative ()
9. Mrs Chong spent a week at a/an _____ to recuperate after her heart surgery.
 (1) nursery (2) reformatory
 (3) incubator (4) sanatorium ()
10. Jon is a _____ who firmly does not believe in idealism.
 (1) polygamist (2) pessimist
 (3) prowler (4) pragmatist ()



Practice 70

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Ms Goh was annoyed when the pupil _____ her tutorial by running into the classroom.
 (1) paused (2) corrupted
 (3) interrupted (4) fasted ()
2. He _____ into the office to demand the whereabouts of his wife.
 (1) broke (2) barged
 (3) bore (4) blabbed ()
3. As Clyde was often out in the sun, there were many _____ on his face.
 (1) wrinkles (2) dimples
 (3) freckles (4) scars ()
4. Patrick engaged an interior designer to make his _____ look more modern.
 (1) address (2) household
 (3) family (4) abode ()
5. Though they are twins, they do not _____ each other at all.
 (1) resemble (2) diverge
 (3) differ (4) impersonate ()
6. She realised the _____ of her hasty decision only after James lectured her.
 (1) insanity (2) folly
 (3) ignorance (4) dearth ()
7. Lynn could not resist the _____ of the cookies and bought a bagful of them.
 (1) persuasion (2) beckoning
 (3) temptation (4) power ()
8. The explorers discovered a _____ of gold and precious stones in the deserted castle.
 (1) casket (2) decanter
 (3) brick (4) flask ()
9. To get away from the hustle and bustle of city life, he decided to be a/an _____ and made his home in the mountains.
 (1) hermit (2) pilgrim
 (3) refugee (4) isolator ()
10. An _____ silence came up between them as each refused to initiate a conversation.
 (1) estimated (2) organised
 (3) awkward (4) honoured ()



Practice 71

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Both of us came up with the same solutions; indeed, _____.
 (1) great minds think alike (2) necessity is the mother of invention
 (3) a stitch in time saves nine (4) empty vessels make the most noise
 ()
2. Stop _____ in self-pity; move on and leave behind the hurts.
 (1) redeeming (2) peddling
 (3) gulping (4) wallowing
 ()
3. Be responsible and bear the _____ of your actions.
 (1) procedures (2) penalties
 (3) trials (4) consequences
 ()
4. An _____ is a place where animals are slaughtered.
 (1) arsenal (2) asylum
 (3) abattoir (4) apiary
 ()
5. Standing beneath the Zytglogge, I marvelled at the giant clock tower for its beauty and _____ timekeeping.
 (1) definite (2) rigorous
 (3) strict (4) precise
 ()
6. Alfred spoke to the press at his earliest _____.
 (1) convenience (2) patience
 (3) hassle (4) desire
 ()
7. The landlord _____ the tenant when he did not pay his rental promptly many times.
 (1) convicted (2) exiled
 (3) evicted (4) jostled
 ()
8. While in college, his father provided him with a monthly _____ for his expenses.
 (1) wage (2) maintenance
 (3) salary (4) allowance
 ()
9. The train crossed the _____ and we were soon in another country.
 (1) border (2) edge
 (3) margin (4) perimeter
 ()
10. Your _____ in equities is making a healthy profit.
 (1) share (2) savings
 (3) investment (4) asset
 ()


Practice 72
Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. It is impolite to _____ on the conversations of others.
 (1) whisper (2) eavesdrop
 (3) peer (4) dramatic ()
2. I have just bought a _____ speaker; I can lend it to you for the picnic tomorrow.
 (1) manageable (2) portable
 (3) convenient (4) flexible ()
3. She _____ with her mother not to impose a curfew on her.
 (1) prayed (2) questioned
 (3) pleaded (4) asserted ()
4. Yuan Ming had enough _____ to finish the race and came in first.
 (1) breath (2) stamina
 (3) vigour (4) strength ()
5. Never _____ in a quarrel between a man and his wife.
 (1) interrupt (2) disrupt
 (3) forbid (4) intervene ()
6. The weather is so _____ nowadays that it is hard to decide what to wear.
 (1) uneven (2) unbalanced
 (3) unpredictable (4) misjudged ()
7. The bird _____ its nest with leaves so that it would not fall prey to the snakes.
 (1) camouflaged (2) churned
 (3) distracted (4) veiled ()
8. We found the _____ of a dog in our backyard this morning.
 (1) corpse (2) carcass
 (3) torso (4) statue ()
9. Zhiying and I are merely _____; we do not keep in contact regularly and seldom share our life experiences with each other.
 (1) acquaintances (2) enemies
 (3) contacts (4) links ()
10. _____ of ants are crawling all over my book.
 (1) Hordes (2) Streaks
 (3) Streams (4) Swarms ()



Practice 74

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Mother left the frozen meat on the table to _____.
 (1) freeze (2) liquefy
 (3) soften (4) thaw ()
2. The fairy _____ into thin air and left Serbil looking stunned.
 (1) evaporated (2) condensed
 (3) melted (4) vanished ()
3. I hate people who _____ their friends for financial gains.
 (1) impose (2) demolish
 (3) betray (4) regard ()
4. The father _____ his daughter to the groom and reminded him to take good care of her.
 (1) solemnised (2) empowered
 (3) entrusted (4) obligated ()
5. He was badly _____ by the live wire and was sent to the hospital immediately.
 (1) shocked (2) strengthened
 (3) marvelled (4) electrocuted ()
6. The mother _____ when she received the news of the death of her only son.
 (1) glorified (2) gladdened
 (3) glistened (4) grieved ()
7. This _____ yacht cost the businessman a hefty sum of \$700,000.
 (1) decorative (2) adventurous
 (3) luxurious (4) crafty ()
8. One of the reasons why I purchase this house is because the view from the balcony looks _____.
 (1) picturesque (2) bizarre
 (3) graphic (4) symbolic ()
9. After a good night's rest, I feel _____.
 (1) as clean as a new pin (2) as right as rain
 (3) as fresh as dew (4) as steady as a rock ()
10. To have a bee in one's bonnet is to be _____ with a certain idea.
 (1) preoccupied (2) deliberate
 (3) pleased (4) limited ()



Practice 75

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The _____ ensures that a game is properly played.
 (1) usurer (2) undertaker
 (3) understudy (4) umpire ()
2. The relatives tried to _____ her by telling her that all hope is not lost yet.
 (1) console (2) consult
 (3) relieve (4) ease ()
3. The car accident left him _____ for life.
 (1) wounded (2) crippled
 (3) vegetarian (4) muddled ()
4. Please _____ me for the lunch as I have made a prior appointment with the dentist.
 (1) release (2) impose
 (3) exclude (4) extract ()
5. Clothes made from cotton _____ perspiration easily.
 (1) discharge (2) gather
 (3) banish (4) absorb ()
6. The tribe was _____ by the ruthless troops.
 (1) converted (2) obliterated
 (3) relinquished (4) demolished ()
7. Singapore used to be one of the British _____.
 (1) colonies (2) countries
 (3) islands (4) continents ()
8. The bully _____ Xiaomin by ordering her to bark like a dog.
 (1) besieged (2) poked
 (3) ridiculed (4) enslaved ()
9. Can you _____ the methods of solving these sums?
 (1) beautify (2) simplify
 (3) gratify (4) satisfy ()
10. In _____, we must learn that while needs are unlimited, resources are scarce.
 (1) fatality (2) purity
 (3) reality (4) gaiety ()



Practice 76

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The suspect was under _____ by the police for failing to show up in court.
 (1) pursuit (2) punishment
 (3) resentment (4) offence ()
2. The doctor told Madam Zaniat that the cancerous cells have _____ and urged her to go for the operation soon.
 (1) inflated (2) concluded
 (3) prospered (4) spread ()
3. Your lease for the house is going to expire soon. Please sign a _____ with the landlord tomorrow.
 (1) consideration (2) renewal
 (3) provision (4) recognition ()
4. After going through the _____ rites, the newlyweds turned and smiled at their relatives.
 (1) probationary (2) industrial
 (3) commercial (4) customary ()
5. Wendy is into her second trimester of her _____ and is expecting a boy.
 (1) pregnancy (2) preliminary
 (3) pouching (4) planning ()
6. Be _____ and she will definitely give in to your requests.
 (1) as persistent as a mosquito (2) as faithful as a dog
 (3) as tricky as an ape (4) as playful as a kitten ()
7. The lunatic pulled out a _____ of grass and put it in his mouth.
 (1) bale (2) hedge
 (3) sheaf (4) tuft ()
8. Peter was voted as the most _____ bachelor of the year by the magazine.
 (1) negligible (2) legible
 (3) eligible (4) legitimate ()
9. With the advent of technology and science, no country can deem itself to be _____.
 (1) vulnerable (2) tenuous
 (3) impregnable (4) indispensable ()
10. He _____ against the king's order and was thrown into the dungeon.
 (1) rejected (2) rebelled
 (3) enlivened (4) loosened ()



Practice 77

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. He _____ on the sofa and fell asleep immediately.
 (1) tilted (2) recoiled
 (3) descended (4) reclined ()

2. Is it only fame and wealth that you _____ after, and not a clear conscience?
 (1) rule (2) attend
 (3) acquire (4) hanker ()

3. She _____ for a cool drink after being stranded in the desert for a day.
 (1) required (2) yearned
 (3) despaired (4) cringed ()

4. Thomas _____ his name on his leather diary.
 (1) inscribed (2) decked
 (3) tattooed (4) filled ()

5. The forgiving father embraced his _____ son with open arms.
 (1) feeble (2) courageous
 (3) prodigal (4) patriotic ()

6. This _____ animal has two hind legs and two forelegs.
 (1) equilibrium (2) quadruped
 (3) polygonal (4) oblique ()

7. This school was built more than a/an _____ ago, in the 1900s.
 (1) decade (2) century
 (3) millennium (4) eon ()

8. He tried to prove his _____ by substantiating it with fresh evidence.
 (1) innocence (2) fear
 (3) guilt (4) rights ()

9. You need not _____ his unreasonable requests.
 (1) coerce (2) compel
 (3) oblige (4) indulge ()

10. The discipline master is the law _____ in the school.
 (1) enforcer (2) offender
 (3) defender (4) governor ()



Practice 78

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. It is essential to check the _____ of your work before submission.
 (1) correction (2) truth
 (3) accuracy (4) mythology ()
2. The young mother _____ waking up in the wee hours of the night to feed her baby.
 (1) panicked (2) dreaded
 (3) forecasted (4) disgusted ()
3. You should learn how to express your feelings _____ instead of bottling them up.
 (1) comfortably (2) cautiously
 (3) outwardly (4) beneficially ()
4. Esther and Michael have _____ in Texas for the past six months due to their work commitments.
 (1) presided (2) resided
 (3) decided (4) favoured ()
5. He makes me laugh each time I hear his _____ jokes.
 (1) ghastly (2) energetic
 (3) humorous (4) original ()
6. This is not a _____ volcano as it can erupt anytime.
 (1) fatal (2) dormant
 (3) sleeping (4) developed ()
7. _____, so is my love for you.
 (1) As clear as a bell (2) As blunt as a hammer
 (3) As tender as a chicken (4) As constant as the sun ()
8. His heartless words were _____ and they pierced through my heart.
 (1) as sharp as a razor (2) as smooth as glass
 (3) as bitter as gall (4) as inconstant as the moon ()
9. _____ is to prevent others from having what is useless to oneself.
 (1) To kick the bucket (2) To make a clean breast of
 (3) To shed crocodile tears (4) To be a dog in a manger ()
10. In this _____ of globalisation, the world is like a global village.
 (1) space (2) era
 (3) technology (4) air ()



Practice 79

Vocabulary Multiple-choice


 Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. She is such an _____ toddler that she touches everything within her reach.
 (1) obstinate (2) inspiring
 (3) aspiring (4) inquisitive ()
2. It was cool and _____ under the tree.
 (1) shady (2) dingy
 (3) dusky (4) shadowy ()
3. The merchants were required to pay heavy _____ on the liquor that they had imported.
 (1) prices (2) duties
 (3) undertaking (4) responsibilities ()
4. Lijing wore her watch on her left _____.
 (1) wrist (2) waist
 (3) ankle (4) palm ()
5. They _____ the boat to a tree stump and left it by the riverbank.
 (1) ferried (2) parked
 (3) moored (4) towed ()
6. A _____ was erected round the school.
 (1) force (2) defence
 (3) barricade (4) line ()
7. Do not worry if you do not like the dress, the choices are not _____.
 (1) unlimited (2) exaggerated
 (3) exhilarating (4) exhaustive ()
8. She likes to shower her concern on all her friends as she is an _____ lady.
 (1) affluent (2) affectionate
 (3) argumentative (4) aloof ()
9. Never do things _____.
 (1) to be reckoned with (2) to knuckle under
 (3) to turn tail (4) at the eleventh hour ()
10. He is a _____; he would not be able to help you.
 (1) man of straw (2) mare's nest
 (3) dog with two tails (4) thin rake ()



Practice 80

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The sales assistant answered the tourist's queries _____.
 (1) courteously (2) silently ()
 (3) uprightly (4) regularly ()
2. Yvonne looked _____ in her evening gown.
 (1) as large as life (2) as rosy as a bride ()
 (3) as happy as a king (4) as true as gospel ()
3. The enemy surrendered _____ after they ran out of water supply.
 (1) eventually (2) firstly ()
 (3) abruptly (4) excitedly ()
4. The lady gained _____ of her two children after the divorce.
 (1) rights (2) maintenance ()
 (3) authority (4) custody ()
5. _____ is to harm or be ungrateful to somebody who has helped you.
 (1) To talk through your hat (2) To cool one's heels ()
 (3) To put one's foot down (4) To bite the hand that feeds you ()
6. _____; you should listen to the wise old man.
 (1) Familiarity breeds contempt ()
 (2) Make hay while the sun shines ()
 (3) The early bird catches the worm ()
 (4) Experience is the teacher of fools ()
7. I have a stomach ache; let me visit the _____ before we leave this place.
 (1) lavatory (2) laboratory ()
 (3) cannery (4) granary ()
8. There is some _____ that she will agree to your requests.
 (1) potential (2) prospect ()
 (3) likelihood (4) opportunity ()
9. All surgical instruments in hospitals are _____ before use.
 (1) steamed (2) sterilised ()
 (3) preserved (4) purified ()
10. Jews worship in a _____.
 (1) temple (2) church ()
 (3) mosque (4) synagogue ()



Practice 81

Vocabulary Multiple-choice


Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The actress was accompanied by her _____ everywhere she goes.
 (1) caddie (2) chaperon
 (3) custodian (4) charwoman ()

2. The _____ is in the midst of preparing his signature dishes for the special guests.
 (1) apprentice (2) steward
 (3) tinker (4) chef ()

3. Please _____ over what I have asked you. I expect an answer tomorrow.
 (1) consider (2) concentrate
 (3) ponder (4) mull ()

4. Though it was a _____ for me to watch *Ballet Under the Stars*, I had thoroughly enjoyed it.
 (1) novelty (2) chance
 (3) familiarity (4) revelation ()

5. _____ such as coffee, tea and soft drinks are available for purchase here.
 (1) Food (2) Beverages
 (3) Dishes (4) Samples ()

6. This sum of money came at an _____ time.
 (1) accidental (2) incidental
 (3) operational (4) opportune ()

7. The dog is so _____ that it needs to be leashed at all times.
 (1) weak (2) aggressive
 (3) noisy (4) obstinate ()

8. As she has leukaemia, she needs a bone marrow _____.
 (1) transplant (2) cultivation
 (3) implant (4) modification ()

9. The businessman is so resourceful that _____.
 (1) all is grist to his mill (2) he gets to the point
 (3) to smell a rat is an instinct (4) he pays through the nose ()

10. Ahmad considers himself a _____ pupil and not someone who is very intelligent.
 (1) brilliant (2) poor
 (3) deserving (4) mediocre ()



Practice 82

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Rising _____ is something that most economies have to grapple with.
 (1) supply (2) attention ()
 (3) complaints (4) inflation ()
2. Zhijian is always _____ about how well he plays basketball.
 (1) rendering (2) boosting ()
 (3) flaunting (4) boasting ()
3. The mischievous boy is trying to _____ like a horse.
 (1) gibber (2) howl ()
 (3) bray (4) neigh ()
4. Mr Tan is such a responsible and _____ worker that he is favoured by the boss.
 (1) conscientious (2) considerable ()
 (3) conclusive (4) conspicuous ()
5. We are going on a shopping _____ this weekend as there is a sale.
 (1) spree (2) expedition ()
 (3) excursion (4) trial ()
6. The villagers _____ a lamb as an act of sacrificial offering to their god.
 (1) possessed (2) slaughtered ()
 (3) reared (4) murdered ()
7. The Americans and the British were _____ during World War II.
 (1) allies (2) colleagues ()
 (3) helpers (4) members ()
8. Mrs Ong assured her husband that she had never bought any _____ that was advertised on television.
 (1) placement (2) prospect ()
 (3) project (4) product ()
9. Are the strawberries ripe enough to be _____?
 (1) ripped (2) harvested ()
 (3) cultivated (4) preserved ()
10. The witness took a/an _____ to state that his testimony was truthful.
 (1) promise (2) oath ()
 (3) guide (4) underwriting ()



Practice 83

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. He felt a _____ in his vocal chords and decided to visit the doctor for a check-up.
 (1) damage (2) twist
 (3) strain (4) terse ()
2. _____; I am not ever going to believe your tall tales again.
 (1) Better late than never (2) It is a long lane that has no turning
 (3) Once bitten, twice shy (4) Spare the rod and spoil the child ()
3. This is such a dangerous sport that the competitors participate at their _____.
 (1) peril (2) danger
 (3) safety (4) selection ()
4. He laid _____ on the bed after hurting his back while playing golf.
 (1) imaginable (2) immobile
 (3) imbued (4) immeasurable ()
5. The future seemed _____ for them after they lost their parents in an accident.
 (1) pessimistic (2) jolly
 (3) grim (4) ominous ()
6. The granite for the construction of this building is supplied by a local _____.
 (1) mine (2) quarry
 (3) shaft (4) factory ()
7. The secretary _____ the letters and dropped them in the mailbox in the evening.
 (1) opened (2) closed
 (3) concluded (4) sealed ()
8. I am not taking sides in this matter; I prefer to adopt a/an _____ stand.
 (1) partial (2) indifferent
 (3) uninvolved (4) neutral ()
9. The director finds his secretary _____; he would not be able to cope without her.
 (1) essential (2) necessary
 (3) indispensable (4) obligatory ()
10. If you carry on _____ his actions, he would think that playing truant is acceptable.
 (1) condemning (2) convicting
 (3) condoning (4) complimenting ()



Practice 84

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Please _____ for more funds from the headquarters or else we would not be able to acquire this equipment.
 (1) inspect (2) request
 (3) lobby (4) report ()
2. A _____ is a place where water is collected and stored.
 (1) reservoir (2) quay
 (3) quadrangle (4) depot ()
3. Can you send my jackets to the _____ for dry cleaning?
 (1) washer (2) laundrette
 (3) incinerator (4) garage ()
4. The warning _____ was sounded when a tsunami was detected to be approaching.
 (1) siren (2) bell
 (3) chimes (4) horn ()
5. He _____ the documents to make his claims appear true.
 (1) identified (2) transformed
 (3) inspected (4) falsified ()
6. He has an _____ attitude towards his work and does not care if he does not meet the project deadlines.
 (1) enthusiastic (2) indifferent
 (3) eager (4) understanding ()
7. It is _____ to have adequate sleep every day for a healthy lifestyle.
 (1) efficient (2) imperative
 (3) effective (4) indulgence ()
8. You can _____ your lucky draw prize at that counter.
 (1) redeem (2) return
 (3) regain (4) retain ()
9. The cashier made a mistake in her calculation and _____ me the excess of my payment.
 (1) requested (2) recalled
 (3) reloaded (4) refunded ()
10. This restaurant does not take reservations as it only accepts customers on a/an _____ basis.
 (1) early to bed, early to rise (2) first come, first served
 (3) once bitten, twice shy (4) time and tide wait for no man ()



Practice 85

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The _____ for the examination was very well-prepared.
 (1) correspondent (2) draughtsman
 (3) librarian (4) candidate ()
2. He was very surprised with his _____ results as he did not study very hard.
 (1) errant (2) eccentric
 (3) exceptional (4) gleaming ()
3. It is not _____ to wear a uniform here.
 (1) voluntary (2) mandatory
 (3) fixed (4) instilled ()
4. You cannot use that footpath; it is _____ by law.
 (1) judged (2) labelled
 (3) forbidden (4) advised ()
5. We should always wear _____ clothing in the factory.
 (1) damaging (2) safe
 (3) protective (4) warranty ()
6. She was an _____ of a bank before she started her own business.
 (1) employer (2) employee
 (3) expert (4) experiment ()
7. A _____ castle was fenced off for safety reasons.
 (1) destroyed (2) solvent
 (3) ruined (4) devastated ()
8. This supermarket does not accept credit card _____.
 (1) invoices (2) receipts
 (3) guarantees (4) payments ()
9. The _____ massaged my father's painful back as we looked on.
 (1) osteopath (2) acupuncturist
 (3) welder (4) oculist ()
10. Luke never dares to stand up in _____ and say what he thinks.
 (1) private (2) closet
 (3) community (4) public ()



Practice 86

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. There was a/an _____ noise and the roof was blown away!
 (1) tremendous (2) pleasant
 (3) interrupted (4) contagious ()
2. I _____ you to do 50 sit-ups.
 (1) cheer (2) challenge
 (3) confront (4) contest ()
3. They are appealing again as they are not satisfied with the _____.
 (1) lyrics (2) affirmation
 (3) verdict (4) promise ()
4. It is not clear how far the _____ layer has been damaged by the aerosol sprays.
 (1) content (2) ozone
 (3) superficial (4) zoning ()
5. It is feared that all the _____ had died in the air crash.
 (1) visitors (2) transporters
 (3) clients (4) passengers ()
6. These days, even the most _____ places on Earth are visited by tourists.
 (1) quiet (2) popular
 (3) remote (4) terrific ()
7. It is he who _____ this award-winning sofa.
 (1) designed (2) composed
 (3) strategised (4) sew ()
8. Many beautiful old buildings in cities are being replaced by _____ ones.
 (1) ruined (2) modern
 (3) fresh (4) conserved ()
9. Can I have this letter _____ and filed in the archives, please?
 (1) photocopied (2) cleaned
 (3) preserved (4) encountered ()
10. Can you please _____ my trousers? There is a hole in the left pocket.
 (1) repair (2) mend
 (3) restore (4) refurbish ()



Practice 87

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Before the digital era, films were _____ and printed.
 (1) washed (2) photocopied
 (3) developed (4) exposed ()
2. We _____ see our neighbours as they are often not in the country.
 (1) usually (2) narrowly
 (3) hardly (4) distinctively ()
3. The party was _____ when the phone rang.
 (1) in full swing (2) in the red
 (3) in the know (4) in the nick of time ()
4. If the weather _____, we will go for a walk.
 (1) clears (2) dissipates
 (3) runs (4) soothes ()
5. If they have the right _____, they would be able to apply for better jobs.
 (1) universities (2) measurements
 (3) characteristics (4) qualifications ()
6. The house did not burn down because the fire _____ came almost immediately.
 (1) consortium (2) console
 (3) brigade (4) bric-a-brac ()
7. Without speaking _____, both men shook hands and drove away.
 (1) farther (2) further
 (3) fabled (4) father ()
8. Grandmother recently turned 109 years old and reporters visited her to find out her _____ to long life.
 (1) secret (2) myth
 (3) mystery (4) enigma ()
9. _____ that I would be free on Monday, we could visit the bird park.
 (1) Thinking (2) Assuming
 (3) Hoping (4) Wishing ()
10. It is best to live our lives meaningfully so that we would not have any _____.
 (1) blames (2) memories
 (3) reminiscence (4) regrets ()



Practice 88

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Please do not exceed the speed _____ while driving on the roads.
 (1) limit (2) factor
 (3) meter (4) distance ()
2. If you had not warned me, I would have fallen into the same _____ like you did.
 (1) existence (2) trap
 (3) sorrow (4) con ()
3. There are now fewer _____ by the workers as the management has become more flexible.
 (1) pauses (2) anger
 (3) strikes (4) encouragement ()
4. The rich man's daughter has always been the subject of _____ among her classmates in school.
 (1) envy (2) desire
 (3) greed (4) plea ()
5. She _____ her eyebrow in disbelief when I answered her question correctly.
 (1) raised (2) lifted
 (3) hung (4) tensed ()
6. There is currently no _____ for cancer.
 (1) correction (2) management
 (3) restoration (4) cure ()
7. She _____ me to pay the bills before the due dates.
 (1) recapped (2) reminded
 (3) reinforced (4) recalled ()
8. The little boy _____ on going closer to the lion's cage despite his mother's objection.
 (1) insisted (2) preserved
 (3) persisted (4) compelled ()
9. The _____ had all the recruits marching like real soldiers in a month.
 (1) crew (2) manager
 (3) operator (4) sergeant ()
10. I watched a pavement artist drawing a _____ in crayons while I was in Paris.
 (1) study (2) depiction
 (3) portrayal (4) portrait ()



Practice 89

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Rachel is a _____ teacher to have you bake such delectable treats in a month.
 (1) deft (2) superb
 (3) dire (4) substitute ()
2. The roof of his house was _____ with rats.
 (1) reared (2) infested
 (3) clamoured (4) littered ()
3. He was thought to be foolish to leave such an established firm and to _____ his interest in the arts.
 (1) commence (2) enjoy
 (3) pursue (4) liquidate ()
4. During the _____, the judge said it was his duty to send such a ruthless man to prison.
 (1) sentence (2) term
 (3) jury (4) trial ()
5. It would be rude to _____ their invitation to their housewarming party.
 (1) refute (2) refuse
 (3) reply (4) recline ()
6. The conductor raised his _____ and the orchestra commenced to perform.
 (1) stick (2) palm
 (3) eyebrow (4) baton ()
7. She has had trouble with her back before she went to see a _____.
 (1) nurse (2) socialist
 (3) specialist (4) atheist ()
8. Does your father _____ a car?
 (1) possess (2) owe
 (3) hold (4) receive ()
9. Mr Sim's _____ opened the door for me and led me through a large hall where I was told to wait for him.
 (1) guardian (2) custodian
 (3) hosier (4) butler ()
10. Not expecting him to question me, I _____ for a moment.
 (1) hesitated (2) lurked
 (3) waned (4) faded ()


Practice 90
Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Jerald was a/an _____ at mathematics and scored 100 per cent for every test last semester.
 (1) mastermind (2) architect
 (3) forte (4) genius ()
2. There have been serious _____ in this country and the police are trying to restore peace.
 (1) arguments (2) stability
 (3) riots (4) repulses ()
3. Is there a _____ to the town centre from here and is it more direct?
 (1) route (2) review
 (3) rote (4) rouge ()
4. There is an _____ on relics from the Ming dynasty at the museum today.
 (1) exhortation (2) exploration
 (3) exhilaration (4) exhibition ()
5. They did not expect to be _____ ten years later after they were separated when they were just nine years old.
 (1) reunited (2) reclaimed
 (3) renounced (4) regained ()
6. The pilot made an _____ landing at the field as the plane had engine trouble.
 (1) emaciated (2) emergency
 (3) eluded (4) euphoria ()
7. I wish to work for another five years before I _____ at the age of 63.
 (1) rest (2) recharge
 (3) retire (4) remain ()
8. Her _____ as a nurse told her to rescue the injured man.
 (1) character (2) impulse
 (3) nature (4) instinct ()
9. Christopher _____ that a green monster attacked him while he was walking along a lonely road.
 (1) claimed (2) accepted
 (3) demanded (4) accused ()
10. The pupils started working on their assignments for their teacher had _____.
 (1) set the ball rolling (2) leave no stone unturned
 (3) spin a yarn (4) turn tail ()



Practice 92

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. His fate depends on the _____ of the inquiry.
 (1) income (2) outcome
 (3) induce (4) deduce ()
2. The _____ mail were thrown into the wastepaper basket without being read.
 (1) opened (2) rubbish
 (3) wanted (4) junk ()
3. The trouble was caused by the _____ switch and the electrician had to be called in.
 (1) disabled (2) faulty
 (3) distorted (4) irreversible ()
4. I learnt _____ and theories by heart and yet I failed the examination.
 (1) formulae (2) predictions
 (3) prescriptions (4) fabrications ()
5. It is _____ that the performance would be postponed.
 (1) negative (2) effective
 (3) certain (4) confident ()
6. If you see Ginnie, please send her my _____.
 (1) esteem (2) honour
 (3) attention (4) regards ()
7. There is a _____ view of the mountains from this hotel.
 (1) super (2) splendid
 (3) haughty (4) mediocre ()
8. France celebrated the 200th _____ of the French Revolution in 1989.
 (1) anniversary (2) affair
 (3) arbitration (4) apparition ()
9. It is important to learn to _____ energy in a world of limited resources.
 (1) tap (2) protect
 (3) revenge (4) conserve ()
10. The friends _____ the couple on the birth of their daughter.
 (1) wished (2) praised
 (3) jeered (4) congratulated ()



Practice 93

Vocabulary Multiple-choice


Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. I enjoy being an uncle; I have two nieces and three _____.
 (1) cousins (2) kins
 (3) siblings (4) nephews ()

2. Contact lenses are worn by more people while the _____ still wear glasses.
 (1) majority (2) minority
 (3) minimum (4) maximum ()

3. I am looking for _____ and would like to stay at this motel for the night.
 (1) reservation (2) accommodation
 (3) bedding (4) sleep ()

4. Kit is like a walking _____; everyone looks for her when they need help with words.
 (1) dictionary (2) index
 (3) directory (4) glossary ()

5. A rush of _____ filled her when she came in first for the race.
 (1) soreness (2) adrenaline
 (3) power (4) haste ()

6. Along with the national flag, the national anthem reflects the country's _____.
 (1) position (2) purpose
 (3) identity (4) indemnity ()

7. Although water is essential in our daily lives, it is also _____.
 (1) aplenty (2) abundant
 (3) scarce (4) effective ()

8. A cup is a drinking _____.
 (1) vessel (2) utensil
 (3) container (4) unit ()

9. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the _____ of dengue fever in this district.
 (1) outbreak (2) outcast
 (3) outlook (4) outlast ()

10. The shortage of certain commodities in the market is sometimes caused by a decline in _____.
 (1) demand (2) supply
 (3) wants (4) needs ()



Practice 94

Vocabulary Multiple-choice



Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The vendor is selling a special _____ for sewing clothes.
 (1) spindle (2) device
 (3) method (4) design ()
2. _____ is the study of the pronunciation of English words.
 (1) Prose (2) Communication
 (3) Phonetics (4) Colloquial ()
3. A critical essay attempts to _____, interpret and evaluate its subject.
 (1) ponder (2) mislead
 (3) guide (4) analyse ()
4. With information overload these days, it is good to be _____ in our writing.
 (1) dated (2) roundabout
 (3) long-winded (4) concise ()
5. The concluding paragraph provides a _____ of the contents of the essay.
 (1) bird's eye view (2) mare's nest
 (3) red herring (4) sweet tooth ()
6. Amanda needed me to _____ my points as she did not pay attention just now.
 (1) focus (2) reiterate
 (3) manage (4) recall ()
7. You should _____ more with your peers to widen your circle of friends.
 (1) disturb (2) rally
 (3) interact (4) jostle ()
8. Pollution _____ to respiratory disease and lung cancer in particular.
 (1) factors (2) constitutes
 (3) mingles (4) contributes ()
9. English is considered a/an _____ language as it is spoken by more than 1.35 billion people in the world.
 (1) multinational (2) cultural
 (3) international (4) conversant ()
10. I am afraid I have not considered all the _____ that my decision would bring.
 (1) guesses (2) associations
 (3) causes (4) implications ()



Practice 95

Vocabulary Multiple-choice



Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. _____ of his objections, the board of directors gave the green light to proceed with the changes.
 (1) Nonetheless (2) Regardless
 (3) Nevertheless (4) Irregardless ()
2. Teachers should _____ the habit of independent thinking among their pupils.
 (1) practise (2) reduce
 (3) inculcate (4) induce ()
3. Jeremy took on the _____ task of collating all the information.
 (1) daunting (2) developing
 (3) gloomy (4) fruitful ()
4. The furniture in the bedroom is in _____. Please do something about it.
 (1) hysteria (2) frenzy
 (3) disarray (4) tangle ()
5. The window was broken and there were _____ of blood on the floor.
 (1) stains (2) dyes
 (3) colours (4) marks ()
6. The apartment door was _____ but there was no one in the room.
 (1) adjourned (2) ajar
 (3) amiss (4) halved ()
7. The detective made a _____ that someone had broken into the house.
 (1) hypothesis (2) theory
 (3) foundation (4) thesis ()
8. The glass on the window near the back door was _____.
 (1) torn (2) shredded
 (3) shattered (4) crushed ()
9. The operating instructions are explicitly written in the _____.
 (1) menu (2) manuscript
 (3) blackboard (4) manual ()
10. The neighbour called the police to complain about _____ strangers loitering along the corridor.
 (1) trifling (2) wary
 (3) cunning (4) suspicious ()



Practice 96

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. She took a _____ at the man and found him familiar.
 (1) glimpse (2) preview
 (3) view (4) shot ()
2. One theory claims that the human species is the result of gradual _____ from apelike ancestors.
 (1) creation (2) appearance
 (3) evolution (4) evaluation ()
3. Do you believe that the universe was born in a huge explosion at an immensely high _____?
 (1) fire (2) temperature
 (3) power (4) altitude ()
4. All human beings are equal; there is none who is _____ to another.
 (1) weaker (2) inferior
 (3) lower (4) ordinary ()
5. In some countries in the world, women are _____ against.
 (1) associated (2) preferred
 (3) discriminated (4) favoured ()
6. Amy speaks with an American _____.
 (1) pronunciation (2) sound
 (3) voice (4) accent ()
7. Although there is no direct inhaling, _____ smoking can also cause cancer.
 (1) passive (2) direct
 (3) active (4) bystander ()
8. _____ is a system in which every individual has the right to vote.
 (1) Socialism (2) Communism
 (3) Democracy (4) Patriotism ()
9. He is a _____ king who consults his subjects before making any decision.
 (1) callous (2) generous
 (3) vindictive (4) benevolent ()
10. No man is omnipotent and _____.
 (1) overbearing (2) ominous
 (3) omniscient (4) overabundant ()



Practice 97

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. A reader has the _____ to decide whether to believe a writer's claims or not.
 (1) prerogative (2) assessment
 (3) blame (4) accountability ()
2. As a small country without natural resources, Singapore has to depend on international trade to develop its _____.
 (1) people (2) economy
 (3) future (4) agenda ()
3. Singapore is often _____ as having one of the best international airports in the world.
 (1) disputed (2) ranked
 (3) placed (4) discussed ()
4. The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 pandemic as a global health _____.
 (1) crisis (2) urgency
 (3) mishap (4) misfortune ()
5. The electronics _____ has played a leading role in the rapid development of the nation.
 (1) field (2) profession
 (3) authority (4) industry ()
6. _____ is the activity of investigating something.
 (1) Knowledge (2) Understanding
 (3) Theory (4) Research ()
7. How would you _____ a friend of the dangers of smoking?
 (1) persuade (2) convince
 (3) debate (4) influence ()
8. The cat's eyes look _____ at night when they reflect the moonlight.
 (1) endearing (2) eerie
 (3) superstitious (4) charming ()
9. What are your _____ and weaknesses?
 (1) intensities (2) strengths
 (3) powers (4) forces ()
10. The hungry and starved children are suffering from _____.
 (1) malnutrition (2) scarcity
 (3) shortage (4) overfeeding ()



Practice 98

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. The owner of the coffee shop took strong action when his business was _____ by the newly opened restaurant across the street.
 (1) threatened (2) mangled
 (3) stressed (4) vulnerable ()
2. A group of angry teens pushed me as I was _____ the bus.
 (1) boarding (2) entering
 (3) lodging (4) hoarding ()
3. Advertising _____ too great an influence on our daily lives.
 (1) provides (2) exerts
 (3) furnishes (4) submits ()
4. The child _____ out of the shop and knocked into an old lady.
 (1) dashed (2) lashed
 (3) lapsed (4) gushed ()
5. A pollution-free planet is a/an _____ goal.
 (1) favourable (2) pleasing
 (3) appealing (4) desirable ()
6. The _____ of wildlife is important to us.
 (1) activation (2) preservation
 (3) extinction (4) destruction ()
7. The school organised an _____ to the nature reserve.
 (1) exploration (2) evacuation
 (3) expedition (4) evaluation ()
8. _____, she went for her job interview.
 (1) As slow as a tortoise (2) As swift as a hawk
 (3) As nervous as a mouse (4) As slippery as an eel ()
9. You would be buying a _____ if you did not examine the car before buying it.
 (1) pig in a poke (2) red herring
 (3) scapegoat (4) bed of roses ()
10. I decided to _____ after I tried to solve the sum without success for a day.
 (1) throw in the towel (2) clutch at any straw
 (3) get into hot water (4) get to the top of the tree ()



Practice 99

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Does the _____ use of social media affect our mental health?
 (1) restricted (2) widespread ()
 (3) resorted (4) wiping ()
2. Admiring the majestic mountains, time seems to _____ still.
 (1) station (2) stand ()
 (3) bear (4) rest ()
3. Rowdy and rude teenagers should be severely _____.
 (1) restricted (2) controlled ()
 (3) disciplined (4) objected ()
4. What are the benefits and _____ of living on an island?
 (1) manifestations (2) adaptations ()
 (3) limitations (4) modifications ()
5. A newborn baby was found _____ at a bus stop.
 (1) abandoned (2) collided ()
 (3) managed (4) thrown ()
6. The computer is more of a/an _____ than a useful tool, do you agree?
 (1) peril (2) boon ()
 (3) hindrance (4) honour ()
7. As the saying goes, the love of money is the root of all _____.
 (1) greatness (2) evil ()
 (3) masters (4) good ()
8. Rebecca was kept in _____ by her mother who wanted to give her a surprise.
 (1) suspense (2) anxiety ()
 (3) nervousness (4) tension ()
9. Can violence _____ all arguments?
 (1) settle (2) move ()
 (3) mend (4) reconcile ()
10. He made a _____ effort to apologise; better late than never.
 (1) prompt (2) belated ()
 (3) late (4) due ()



Practice 100

Vocabulary Multiple-choice

Revision

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. How much of your _____ at school is the result of your own ability or good teaching?
 (1) proceeding (2) promptness
 (3) progress (4) prologue ()
2. There was no one on the bus but the engine was _____.
 (1) toiling (2) whining
 (3) spinning (4) running ()
3. They are in high spirits now. However, a few days ago, they were _____.
 (1) thrashing (2) sobbing
 (3) rejoicing (4) bursting ()
4. My neighbour asked me to _____ her in the search for her missing child.
 (1) hinder (2) manage
 (3) render (4) assist ()
5. Though the work was hard, everyone was _____ cheerful.
 (1) usually (2) exceptionally
 (3) thoroughly (4) entirely ()
6. The police needed a _____ account from the witness with regard to the theft.
 (1) vague (2) particular
 (3) strict (4) precise ()
7. The novel was _____ *The Joy of My Life*.
 (1) titled (2) labelled
 (3) authored (4) written ()
8. The world-class footballer enthralled the world with his _____ footwork.
 (1) lively (2) alert
 (3) brisk (4) nimble ()
9. These products use only natural plant _____ and have not been tested on animals.
 (1) contents (2) materials
 (3) ingredients (4) items ()
10. The leaves of the maple tree turn from green to _____ colours of yellow, red and gold in autumn.
 (1) energetic (2) vibrant
 (3) violent (4) explosive ()