

USE OF ENGLISH: Multiple Choice

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TASK 1

- 1 When Karen became the manager, she began to _____ people as if they were inferior.
a look down on b go off c fall out with d see to
- 2 We were very much surprised when Maria told us that her _____ on her father's side originally came from China.
a ancestors c successors
b descendants d associates
- 3 It's reported that many refugees leave their country to avoid _____.
a immigration c relegation
b persecution d breakout
- 4 When I saw your present, I realised I'd love _____ a similar one for my last birthday.
a receiving c to receive
b having received d to have received

TASK 2

- 1 I feel cold and feverish so to be honest I'd rather _____ in bed for a day or two than go to work.
a to stay b stay c to be staying d be staying
- 2 When we were buying the house, we were surprised that the previous owner didn't want any of the electrical _____ like the washing machine, the tumble-drier or the freezer.
a utilities b ornaments c utensils d appliances
- 3 Look at Mark and Julia. They're chatting to each other _____ they were good friends. In actual fact, they met just now.
a so as b as though c in spite of d however
- 4 Bullies usually _____ younger and weaker ones as it is easier to criticise or treat them unfairly.
a call in b back up c stand by d pick on

TASK 3

- 1 Gavin felt truly _____ when his girlfriend Sonia decided to split up with him and moved out immediately. He cried for weeks and nobody was able to console him.
a devastated b relieved c tense d offended
- 2 Incredibly slow service _____ a lot of people eating in that restaurant, but the food is worth waiting for.
a gets into b pulls out c puts off d sends off
- 3 Do you think Sheila _____ her assignment before her tutor comes back from sick leave?
a will have been submitting c is submitting
b will have submitted d will be submitting
- 4 We decided to have the roof insulated _____ it would mean stretching ourselves financially quite a lot.
a as if b as long as c whereas d although

TASK 4

- 1 One day you'll have to _____ the consequences of your behaviour towards her and nobody will support you.
a look up for c keep up with
b stand up for d face up to
- 2 Lydia has proved herself to be excellent at teaching children with _____ needs.
a unusual b individual c unique d special
- 3 Apparently, Holland is notorious for bicycle _____ - it's one of the most common crimes in this country.
a theft b hijacking c robbery d fraud
- 4 I wish I _____ my uncle's offer of helping him run his bar on the beach in Florida. I might be enjoying myself now.
a accepted c had accepted
b have accepted d would have accepted

TASK 5

- 1 When I returned to work after maternity leave, I was sent on a course because I had difficulty _____ up with the latest changes in the regulations.
a making b living c keeping d putting
- 2 I guess no one mentioned the side effects of the drug to you, _____?
a did they b had they c didn't they d don't they
- 3 To save energy, appliances shouldn't be left _____ - they ought to be switched off.
a logged on c on standby
b at work d out of order
- 4 All the employees were suddenly _____ after the industry collapsed.
a dropped b fired c rejected d retired

TASK 6

- 1 It's nearly the end of April and I still haven't got _____ to filling in my tax form.
a through b round c over d on
- 2 They say that life really begins once you _____ 40 because of the major problems you begin to experience then.
a make b pass c turn d have
- 3 I made a new cake for the county fair. Not having followed the recipe precisely, I expected it to be dry, but it was very tasty. _____, it won first prize in the baking competition.
a Still b Nevertheless c Moreover d However
- 4 I felt simply exhausted last night and went to bed at 8. I guess it's because I _____ solidly for 8 hours the night before.
a had been studying c have been studying
b was used to studying d would be studying

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- 1 However careful I try to be, I am always taken _____ by my students' tricks on April Fool's Day.
a around b in c on d over
- 2 The other day I forgot to take the meat out of the freezer to _____ it so we had to be vegetarians for a day.
a melt b chill c refrigerate d defrost
- 3 Mark seems to be in love with his wife, but he is thought _____ her for money.
a to be marrying b to have been married c to have married d to have been marrying
- 4 _____ his latest project brought him quite a handsome income, Jack still couldn't afford a holiday abroad.
a Despite b Even though c However d Yet

TASK 8

- 1 In the current economic situation, banks are unlikely to increase their interest _____ soon.
a fees b charges c rates d prices
- 2 Parents need to remember to praise their children for their accomplishments not only to _____ them off when they have done something wrong.
a tell b see c put d cut
- 3 It's quite rare to come across elderly people with no _____ teeth. I guess it's because of poor dental hygiene when they were younger.
a forged b faulty c fake d false
- 4 Since you are aware of me being allergic to cats and rabbits, you _____ have bought this lovely Persian.
a can't b oughtn't to c might not d needn't

TASK 9

- 1 It's feared that after severe flooding there might be an _____ of cholera because water supplies have been contaminated.
a eruption b invention c outbreak d approach
- 2 The family agreed to pay the ransom to the kidnappers, _____ infuriated the police.
a which b that c what d whose
- 3 To begin with, the offer sounded excellent. However, we _____ after we discovered some financial pitfalls connected with it.
a turned it down b gave it away c hit it off d used it up
- 4 I wasn't aware how icy the road was until the car _____ and I nearly hit a tree.
a tripped b skidded c limped d strolled

TASK 10

- 1 For some reason my grandfather's garden has always attracted a number of birds that build nests and _____ their eggs in them.
a put b lay c place d plant
- 2 I wouldn't go for this particular _____ of car if I were you. We might have rather bumpy rides on our roads.
a make b mark c label d brand
- 3 I can't stand John always boasting about his achievements. Will he ever stop _____ and telling people he's the best at everything?
a putting forward b pulling over c showing off d speaking up
- 4 No sooner _____ home than he got an urgent call from the hospital about one of his patients.
a does he come b has he come c had he come d would be come

TASK 11

- 1 When the actor stood in front of us, we could clearly see that he was suffering from stage _____.
a fear b threat c fright d panic
- 2 I have no idea how to _____ the subject of the politeness and punctuality of the manager himself. I'm in a very uncomfortable situation.
a bring up b pick up c squeeze in d come to
- 3 A very long and dry summer has caused a severe drought in many parts of Africa. _____ is expected to follow, leaving thousands of people without food.
a Sleet b Extinction c Poverty d Famine
- 4 You'd better book the seats in advance _____ this offer ends quickly.
a unless b in case c on condition that d while

TASK 12

- 1 You should expect to be in pain after the effects of the drug _____.
a spread out b slow down c pull out d wear off
- 2 Do you fancy coming to our _____ rehearsal tonight? It's actually as exciting as the first night.
a costume b dress c attire d outfit
- 3 Playing basketball has become a popular activity in our town so it's a good idea to book a _____ well in advance.
a court b pitch c track d ground
- 4 You wouldn't be asking me so many questions _____ you had taken the trouble to read the reports I gave you.
a if b even if c as if d supposing

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- 1 I can't stand my flatmate. She ____ her clothes all over the floor.
a always leaves
b is always leaving
c always leave
- 2 Never ____ such an interesting biography. I knew it would be made into a brilliant film.
a have I read before
b before I had read
c before had I read
- 3 The authorities have asked everyone in the town not to leave their houses ____ to find and catch the animal on the run.
a until the police have managed
b until the police are managing
c until the police will have managed
- 4 Delia Young, ____ from my school, received a special award for her outstanding achievements.
a a 18-year-old student
b an 18-year-old student
c an 18-year-olds student
- 5 I regret ____ here earlier – it's such a gorgeous place.
a that I didn't come
b having not come
c not having come
- 6 How long did your brother take ____ with his in-laws?
a to be used to living
b to get used to living
c getting used to living
- 7 I met Rob in May. ____ the new layout of our office together.
a We have prepared.
b We have been preparing.
c We had been preparing.
- 8 My twins are quite easy to look after. However, ____ being dressed in the same way.
a either of them like
b neither of them is liking
c neither of them likes
- 9 ____ young kids than teenagers?
a Wouldn't you rather teach
b Wouldn't you teach rather
c Wouldn't you rather teaching
- 10 I'm quite sure that 10 minutes ____ time to finish this report.
a is definitely too little
b are definitely too little
c is definitely too few

TASK 14

- 1 By the time I retire at the age of 65, I ____ over 40 years.
a will has taught for
b will have been teaching for
c will teach for
- 2 But ____, James would never have become a celebrity chef.
a for his parents support
b for his parents's support
c for his parents' support
- 3 I'm worried not about this arm but ____ because I've already broken it twice.
a the other one
b another one
c other one
- 4 Isn't ____ a new car? The old one uses far too much petrol.
a it high time you should buy
b it high time you bought
c it high time you buy
- 5 Jack ____ an online shop to sell our hand-made jewellery.
a suggested to setting up
b suggested to set up
c suggested setting up
- 6 Why don't you ring Tom ____ about our meeting?
a in case he has forget
b in case he has forgotten
c in case he have forgotten
- 7 Could you have a look at my account? ____ be a problem with the last transfer.
a There is
b There seems to
c There seem to
- 8 Mr Smith ____ him the whole story.
a insisted on us telling
b insisted on telling us
c insisted on us to tell
- 9 Nowadays I am much fitter than I used to be in my 20s, ____?
a am not I
b isn't I
c aren't I
- 10 It's a pity that ____ read books nowadays.
a less and less
b fewer and fewer
c more and more

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- 1 Your name rings a bell so ____ before.
a we should have met
b we must have met
c we must meet
- 2 My neighbour ____ to pay the mortgage and buy some basic food.
a hardly has enough money
b has hardly enough money
c hardly have enough money
- 3 My elderly grandmother requires some help so I ____.
a visit her every another Saturday
b visits her every Saturday
c visit her every other Saturday
- 4 You ____ about me. I rang you before I left.
a need not have worried
b didn't need to worry
c need have worried
- 5 I reminded Charles to settle the bill but he said ____ the previous week.
a he had already paid it
b he already paid it
c he has already paid it
- 6 ____ all the documents so far?
a Who sent you
b Who sending you
c Who has sent you
- 7 He surely didn't spend the night at home because ____ the train in the evening.
a he saw getting on
b he was seen getting on
c he was seen to get on
- 8 My daughter is excellent at keeping her room tidy, ____ is always in a terrible mess.
a whereas the room of my sons's
b whereas my sons room
c whereas my sons' room
- 9 I have no idea _____. You lost me a long time ago!
a what are you talking about
b what you are talking about
c what do you talk about
- 10 I ____ English classes with a native speaker when I started learning it years ago.
a would have rather had
b would have had rather
c would rather have had

TASK 16

- 1 You ____ before we left. I'm sure you'll be hungry very soon.
a should eat something
b had eaten something
c should have eaten something
- 2 We were unbelievably exhausted. ____ was a long holiday.
a All what we need
b What we all needed
c What we all need
- 3 I suppose we'll have an early night ____ too tired tomorrow.
a so that we are
b so that we isn't
c so that we aren't
- 4 I know he owns a Ferrari but he ____ as poor as a church mouse.
a looks as if he were
b look as if he were
c looks as if he be
- 5 ____ plant as many trees as they wanted.
a They were not allowed to
b They are not allowed to
c They didn't allow to
- 6 ____, Kate had to stay at work longer that night.
a Despite of her illness
b In spite her illness
c Despite her illness
- 7 Just ring this number - ____ trouble getting somebody to fix the dishwasher.
a there won't be no
b there will be no
c there are no
- 8 Mark ____ his neighbours' house while they were away.
a admitted to break into
b admitted to be broken into
c admitted to having broken into
- 9 We were asked to stay ____ while they were away.
a at my husband's parents' house
b at my parents' husband's house
c at my husbands parents house
- 10 ____ here next week to start the campaign for his second term in office.
a The presidents was coming
b The president will be come
c The president is to come

USE OF ENGLISH: Word Formation

Read the sentences. Fill each gap with the word in bold. Change the form of the word where necessary.

TASK 1

- 1 When Poland joined the EU, there was an absolute _____ in the number of people signing up for extra English classes. **EXPLODE**
- 2 An intriguing _____ house, visited by tens of thousands of tourists every year, is definitely the highlight of the tour. **TRIANGLE**
- 3 Consuming large quantities of caffeine may _____ your health because it increases blood pressure. **DANGER**
- 4 With poor access to hospitals, many children in the developing world rarely reach _____. **ADULT**

TASK 2

- 1 I read on the net that visa _____ must fill in a form and pay \$100 before they can see an official at the embassy. **APPLY**
- 2 Chris sounded very _____ on the phone, as if he had done something wrong. **APOLOGY**
- 3 Accusing that little boy of breaking into a house was pure _____. He is far too young to even think of it. **JUST**
- 4 I often _____ my students from taking a large number of A-levels because I believe they should focus on two or three subjects. **COURAGE**

TASK 3

- 1 When all my friends went away on holiday, I thought at first that I'd die of _____. **BORE**
- 2 There has been a _____ improvement in Mario's behaviour during classes recently, probably because of the real threat of being expelled. **NOTICE**
- 3 It's now clear that someone _____ the communication system on purpose about an hour after take-off and we lost contact with the control tower. **ABLE**
- 4 I am pretty sure that women over 90 _____ men as they tend to live longer. **NUMBER**

TASK 4

- 1 How can you believe that meeting Louise in Glasgow was a pure _____? I'm sure she knew about our plans and followed us. **COINCIDE**
- 2 Some people are heavily _____ on help from the state. They wouldn't be able to survive without it. **DEPEND**
- 3 You would have thought that at the age of 24 he would know what he was doing, but he still seems quite _____ for his age. **MATURE**
- 4 It took us months to choose the right music to _____ the fashion show. **COMPANY**

TASK 5

- 1 The police weren't sure about the exact _____ at the march but their estimate showed at least 20,000 people had turned up. **ATTEND**
- 2 Eating five portions of fruit and vegetables a day has been proved to have a _____ effect on our health. **BENEFIT**
- 3 Doctors told my dad that it was _____ to plan a skiing holiday two weeks after a serious fall. **REASON**
- 4 Unfortunately, the way the sale was advertised was _____ so many customers felt cheated. **LEAD**

TASK 6

- 1 There is no doubt that my _____ is very different to what my parents' childhood looked like. That's probably the reason why we quarrel so often. **BRING**
- 2 Many teenagers complain that instead of positive encouragement they mainly get _____ criticism of their behaviour, which usually leads nowhere. **SENSE**
- 3 My editor advised me to _____ a few sections of my novel in order to make the ending less depressing. **WRITE**
- 4 Popular tourist destinations attract a large number of _____ who hope to get more money from holidaymakers. **BEG**

TASK 7

- 1 During the festival, which was attended by thousands of people, refuse _____ worked day and night to keep the city clean. **COLLECT**
- 2 The architect suggested alterations which would make the conference rooms _____ to people in wheelchairs. **ACCESS**
- 3 I completely forgot about the potatoes and left them on the stove for an hour. In the end they were incredibly _____ and inedible. **COOK**
- 4 Due to a technical _____, our flight was delayed by 3 hours, which meant we missed our train home. **FAIL**

TASK 8

- 1 We called an ambulance because John lost _____ when he fell and banged his head on the table. **CONSCIOUS**
- 2 I'm not surprised your bag went missing - it was _____ of you to leave it unattended. **FOOL**
- 3 About 12 countries took part in the last _____ snooker competition. **NATION**
- 4 Having raised three children, I can tell you that you should never _____ how resourceful little kids can be. **ESTIMATE**