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TASK ONE: MULTIPLE CHOICE

Read the text below and then decide which word (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. Put the letter you choose for each question in the gap. The exercise begins with an example (0).

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A MORE COMMERCIAL TUNE

At the age of 40, Roger Press (0) **B** his career. After spending five years as a concert pianist, he went into business, (1)_____ up his own company.

‘After leaving university I decided to (2)_____ myself to a career in music. I loved performing but it was very hard (3)_____. I played at concerts in Europe and America, made recordings and got good (4)_____. But unless you’re one of the world’s top pianists, it’s difficult to earn a good (5)_____ and I wasn’t one of the greatest.

‘When I (6)_____ up my performing career, I joined a recording company and started its classical video division, producing programmes about famous artists. Then I left and formed my own company, (7)_____ in multimedia programmes. Now that I run my own business I am in control of my life. Although the stress is high and I work (8)_____ hours, the stressed involved in piano playing was much worse.’

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0	A moved	B changed	C adjusted	D stopped
1	A giving	B setting	C forming	D bringing
2	A devote	B take	C assign	D employ
3	A job	B effort	C work	D career
4	A reviews	B critics	C reports	D praise
5	A life	B living	C money	D payment
6	A took	B brought	C gave	D put
7	A dedicating	B focusing	C concentrating	D specialising
8	A overtime	B large	C bonus	D long

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TASK TWO: KEY WORD TRANSFORMATION

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use **between two and five words, including the word given.** The exercise begins with an example (0).

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Example:

0. I consider him my worst enemy

LOOK

I _____ my worst enemy. (4 words)

0. I **look upon him as** my worst enemy.

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9. Why don't you throw away that old blouse?

RID

How about _____ that old blouse?

10. I still find it strange to wear glasses.

USED

I still haven't _____ glasses.

11. He never asks when he borrows my things!

ALWAYS

He is _____ asking!

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12. Simon doesn't usually drink coffee.

UNUSUAL

It _____ drink coffee.

13. Helen is not usually so pessimistic.

LIKE

It is _____ so pessimistic.

14. I can't wait to see you again.

FORWARD

I'm really _____ you again.

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TASK THREE: WORD FORMATION

Read the text below and use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space in the same line.

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BOARDING SCHOOLS

Boarding schools are (0) **RESIDENTIAL** (**RESIDENT**) schools that provide students with accommodation and food as well as education. The initial separation from the family can be a traumatic experience, and not (15)_____ (**SURPRISE**). Homesickness is a common problem.

However, (16)_____ (**SUPPORT**) of this type of education feel that the advantages more than outweigh the disadvantages. They believe that boarding schools encourage a sense of discipline and (17)_____ (**RESPONSIBLE**); children are taught to follow a strict daily routine and obey a clear set of rules, but they are also forced to make many (18)_____ (**DECIDE**) on their own, which leads to greater (19)_____ (**DEPEND**) and increase self-confidence. Another associated benefit is the (20)_____ (**DEVELOP**) of communication and social skills.

Many parents also argue that boarding schools can (21)_____ (**STRONG**) family ties; time spent away from home often (22)_____ (**HIGH**) a child's appreciation of precious time spent with the family, and teenage anger can be directed at teachers rather than parents.

answer key

1	B	9	GETTING RID OF	17	RESPONSIBILITY
2	A	10	GOT USED TO WEAR	18	DECISIONS
3	C	11	ALWAYS BORROWING MY THINGS WITHOUT	19	INDEPENDENCE
4	A	12	IS UNUSUAL FOR SIMON TO	20	DEVELOPMENT
5	B	13	NOT LIKE HELEN TO BE	21	STRENGTHEN
6	C	14	LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING	22	HEIGHTENS
7	D	15	SURPRISINGLY		
8	D	16	SUPPORTERS		

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Read the text below and answer Questions 1-4.
Write **TRUE**, **FALSE** or **NOT GIVEN** according to
the information given in the text.

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MONEY TRANSFERS BY MOBILE

A.

The ping of a text message has never sounded so sweet. In what is being touted as a world first, Kenya's biggest mobile operator is allowing subscribers to send cash to other phone users by SMS. Known as M-Pesa, or mobile money, the service is expected to revolutionise banking in a country where more than 80% of people are excluded from the formal financial sector. Apart from transferring cash - a service much in demand among urban Kenyans supporting relatives in rural areas - customers of the Safaricom network will be able to keep up to 50,000 shillings (£370) in a "virtual account" on their handsets.

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B.

Developed by Vodafone, which holds a 35% share in Safaricom, M-Pesa was formally launched in Kenya two weeks ago. More than 10,000 people have signed up for the service, with around 8 million shillings transferred so far, mostly in tiny denominations. Safaricom's executives are confident that growth will be strong in Kenya, and later across Africa. "We are effectively giving people ATM cards without them ever having to open a real bank account," said Michael Joseph, chief executive of Safaricom, who called the money transfer concept the "next big thing" in mobile telephony.

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C.

M-Pesa is simple. There is no need for a new handset or SIM card. To send money, you hand over the cash to a registered agent - typically a retailer - who credits your virtual account. You then send between 100 shillings (£74) and 35,000 shillings (£259) via text message to the desired recipient - even someone on a different mobile network - who cashes it at an agent by entering a secret code and showing ID. A commission of up to 170 shillings (£1.25) is paid by the recipient but it compares favourably with fees levied by the major banks, whose services are too expensive for most of the population.

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D.

Mobile phone growth in Kenya, as in most of Africa, has been remarkable, even among the rural poor. In June 1999, Kenya had 15,000 mobile subscribers. Today, it has nearly 8 million out of a population of 35 million, and the two operators' networks are as extensive as the access to banks is limited. Safaricom says it is not so much competing with financial services companies as filling a void. In time, M-Pesa will allow people to borrow and repay money, and make purchases. Companies will be able to pay salaries directly into workers' phones - something that has already attracted the interest of larger employers, such as the tea companies, whose

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workers often have to be paid in cash as they do not have bank accounts. There are concerns about security, but Safaricom insists that even if someone's phone is stolen, the PIN system prevents unauthorised withdrawals. Mr. Joseph said the only danger is sending cash to the wrong mobile number and the recipient redeeming it straight away.

E.

The project is being watched closely by mobile operators around the world as a way of targeting the multibillion pound international cash transfer industry long dominated by companies such as Western

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Union and Moneygram. Remittances sent from nearly 200 million migrant workers to developing countries totalled £102 billion last year, according to the World Bank. The GSM Association, which represents more than 700 mobile operators worldwide, believes this could quadruple by 2012 if transfers by SMS become the norm. Vodafone has entered a partnership with Citigroup that will soon allow Kenyans in the UK to send money home via text message. The charge for sending £50 is expected to be about £3, less than a third of what some traditional services charge.

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DO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AGREE WITH THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TEXT?

1. Most Kenyans working in urban areas have relatives in rural areas. _____
2. So far, most of the people using M-Pesa have used it to send small amounts of money. _____
3. M-Pesa can only be used by people using one phone network. _____
4. M-Pesa can be used to buy products and services.
5. The GSM Association is a consumer organisation. _____

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DO/PULL AN
ALL-NIGHTER

to stay awake all night
studying

He pulled an all-nighter to study for the exam.

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HIT THE
BOOKS

to begin to study hard

After relaxing all weekend I hit the books on Sunday evening.

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**SUFFER
FROM EXAM
NERVES**

to feel nervous before the
exam

A lot of students suffer from exam nerves.

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CRAM/SWOT
FOR EXAMS

to study assiduously

All over the country, school and university students have their heads down to swot for summer exams.

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**BREEZE
THROUGH
EXAMS**

to do something successfully
and easily

He breezed through the exams with great ease.

practice task

FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE APPROPRIATE WORDS

6. He's been _____ his exams all week.
7. Jeff _____ on Thursday to get his report finished by the deadline today.
8. I am sure you will _____ all your exams.
9. Most people feel anxious when taking an exam, but research shows that some people are more likely to _____ than others.
10. I can't go out tonight. I need to _____ – I have two exams next week.

answer key

1	NOT GIVEN	6	CRAMMING/SWOTTING FOR
2	TRUE	7	DID/PULLED AN ALL-NIGHTER
3	FALSE	8	BREEZE THROUGH
4	FALSE	9	SUFFER FROM EXAM NERVES
5	FALSE	10	HIT THE BOOKS

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TASK ONE

Find any mistakes in the italicised parts of this blog post and suggest correction. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓).

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(1) *Each* so often I like to invite (2) *my entire family* – my parents, six brothers and their families – over for dinner on Saturday evening. My parents are quite old now, so I like to see them (3) *each* few weeks. It's quite a lot of work and I usually spend (4) *all Friday* shopping and cooking. Some of my family are fussy about what they eat, so I generally have to cook different things for (5) *every* of them. Fortunately, (6) *all the food doesn't usually get eaten*, so I have plenty left for the rest of the week.

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(7) *None* of my brothers always come, but the ones who live locally usually do. Last Saturday Neil and his family (8) *all were* on holiday so they couldn't make it. Anyway, the rest of (9) *us had all* a great time and we spent (10) *the whole evening* talking about when we were children.

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TASK TWO

Think of **one** word only which can be used appropriately in **all three** sentences.

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- The stage of the railways has _____ a major political issue during the recent election campaign.
- The reason for my decision will _____ clear at the next meeting.
- After the strange events in the house she has _____ convinced that it was haunted.

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- Lev isn't home yet. He _____ have been held up at work.
- A: I wonder how old Louis is?
B: Well, he went to school with my mother, so he _____ be well over 50.
- A: I know I'm always complaining that my house is small, but it's very convenient for work.
B: Yes, it _____ be handy living so close to your office.

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13

- We _____ go to Majorca for our holiday this summer.
- The traffic is awful today. We _____ as well just walk to the party.
- I fell really sore after playing tennis. I think I _____ have a bath.

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14

- I was in the _____ of texting Debbie when my phone rang and it was her!
- Recent developments mean that there is a good chance the Middle East peace _____ could be restarted.
- If the monster isn't behind that door or that door, then it must be behind the third one – it's just a _____ of elimination.

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- In this game, you compete against the _____ to collect as many gold rings as you can.
- People in my office waste time surfing the Net and watching the _____ until it's time to leave.
- We provide full technical support for all our products around the _____.

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16

- Carter was the _____ behind the whole criminal operation.
- Could I just pick your _____ about good places to eat around here?
- We sat there racking our _____ trying to think of a place to take Paul and Doug in the evening.

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17

- Motorists should always show _____ for pedestrians crossing the street at a zebra crossing.
- I'll give some _____ to your proposals and get back to you.
- We stupidly didn't take changes in interest rates into _____ when we got a mortgage for our house.

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- I was so tired that I couldn't even think _____.
- I'll come _____ to the point – you're fired!
- It's time to set the record _____ about what really happened that night.

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19

- Someone with no _____ of smell can't taste food well either.
- I can't make _____ of this film at all – what's going on?
- Unplugging a toaster before you try to fix it is just common _____, isn't it?

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- My grandmother managed to _____ five children single-handedly.
- Before ending the meeting, the Managing Director asked if anyone wanted to _____ any objections.
- They will _____ the flag while we sing the national anthem.

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TASK THREE

Match the phrasal verbs to their definitions.

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21	figure sth out	A	leave a hotel
22	fall apart	B	investigate
23	check out	C	stop being friends
24	hang in	D	meet unexpectedly
25	go over sth	E	disappoint
26	grow apart	F	understand
27	run into sb/sth	G	eat at a restaurant
28	look into sth	H	break into pieces
29	let sb down	I	review
30	eat out	J	stay positive

answer key

1	EVERY	11	BECOME	21	F
2	V	12	MUST	22	H
3	EVERY	13	MIGHT	23	A
4	V	14	PROCESS	24	J
5	EACH	15	CLOCK	25	I
6	NOT ALL THE FOOD USUALLY GETS EATEN	16	BRAINS	26	C
7	NOT ALL	17	CONSIDERATION	27	D
8	WERE ALL	18	STRAIGHT	28	B
9	US ALL HAD	19	SENSE	29	E
10	V	20	RAISE	30	G

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