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'It's Only Me'

After her husband had gone to work, Mrs Richards sent her children to school and went upstairs to her bedroom. She was too excited to do any **1** _____ that morning, because in the evening she would be going to a fancy dress party with her husband. She intended to dress up as a ghost and she had **2** _____ her costume the night before. Now she was **3** _____ to try it on. Though the costume consisted only of a sheet, it was very effective. Mrs Richards put it **4** _____, looked in the mirror, smiled and went downstairs. She wanted to find out whether it would be **5** _____ to wear.

Just as Mrs Richards was entering the dining-room, there was a **6** _____ on the front door. She knew that it must be the baker. She had told him to come straight in if ever she failed to open the door and to leave the bread on the kitchen table. Not wanting to **7** _____ the poor man, Mrs Richards quickly hid in the small store-room under the stairs. She heard the front door open and heavy footsteps in the hall. Suddenly the door of the store-room was opened and a man entered. Mrs Richards realized that it must be the man from the Electricity Board who had come to read the meter. She tried to **8** _____ the situation, saying 'It's only me', but it was too late. The man let out a cry and jumped back several paces. When Mrs Richards walked towards him, he ran away, slamming the door behind him.

1. A) homework; Б) household; В) housework; Г) housewife
2. A) did; Б) made; В) built; Г) created
3. A) nervous; Б) restless; В) ill at ease; Г) impatient
4. A) up; Б) on; В) over; Г) down
5. A) attractive; Б) exciting; В) comfortable; Г) cozy
6. A) knock; Б) kick; В) hit; Г) crash
7. A) fear; Б) worry; В) disturb; Г) frighten
8. A) describe; Б) explain; В) interpret; Г) clear

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The Great Discovery

In ancient times people lived on whatever food they could find. As the early people **1** in numbers, they had to wander and search for wild fruits and seeds of wild plants or hunt for small animals.

Then one of these early people **2** a great discovery. A great genius discovered the meaning of seeds. He may have noticed that where some seeds had fallen on the ground, new plants grew. Perhaps he was **3** enough to put some seeds in the ground to see what would happen. No one knows how it happened, but man **4** that if he put a seed into the soil it could grow into a plant which might yield hundreds or even thousands of seeds!

He was free of the need to be in a constant **5** of his food!

Early man could now **6** seeds in the spring and wait for them to grow.

In the fall he could gather a harvest of seeds. There would be enough to **7** himself and his family all through the winter, with some left over for planting when spring came.

This discovery was the beginning of **8** and the most important change that ever happened to people on earth.

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| 1. A) decreased; | Б) increased; | В) developed; | Г) improved |
| 2. A) fulfilled; | Б) did; | В) made; | Г) conducted |
| 3. A) curious; | Б) questioning; | В) surprised; | Г) puzzled |
| 4. A) disclosed; | Б) opened; | В) discovered; | Г) exposed |
| 5. A) investigation; | Б) exploration; | В) look; | Г) search |
| 6. A) put; | Б) plant; | В) deliver; | Г) lay |
| 7. A) feed; | Б) food; | В) provide; | Г) nourish |
| 8. A) gardening; | Б) cropping; | В) cultivation; | Г) farming |

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Light from the Past

When you stand and look at the stars, you are really looking at past history. The light from Alkaid, the end star in the handle of the Big Dipper, has taken about 210 years to **1**_____ your eyes. If Alkaid stopped **2**_____ today, people on earth would still see it **3**_____ about 210 years. Some of the stars you see here tonight may have stopped existing several thousand years ago. The light from some **4**_____ stars right now will not be seen on earth until thousands, or even millions, of years from now!

It's **5**_____ breathtaking, and it **6**_____ to the great mystery about the nature of light. Think about water waves. They get smaller and smaller in amplitude as they travel. Their energy is lost in friction among the water molecules. Think of sound waves in air. They too get weaker and weaker because of friction among the air molecules.

But light waves stop only if they strike something, and their energy is transferred **7**_____ another form. **8**_____, they can go on and on, at the same terrific speed, with no loss of energy, forever!

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| 1. A) approach; | Б) reach; | В) hit; | Г) achieve |
| 2. A) burning; | Б) flashing; | В) blushing; | Г) shining |
| 3. A) after; | Б) through; | В) for; | Г) at |
| 4. A) farewell; | Б) faraway; | В) far; | Г) fair |
| 5. A) quit; | Б) quick; | В) quiet; | Г) quite |
| 6. A) enlarges; | Б) increases; | В) adds; | Г) multiplies |
| 7. A) into; | Б) onto; | В) for; | Г) at |
| 8. A) although; | Б) otherwise; | В) whatever; | Г) either |

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The First Day at School

Do you remember your first day at school? It was probably **1**_____ confusing. Now, to **2**_____ this confusion, many primary schools in England have a special teacher who welcomes new pupils. She is **3**_____ a reception class teacher. The children are **4**_____ with the idea of school and if they have been good, they can't understand why they have to go to school. They imagine that school is optional. When the child goes to school on his first day and watches his mother leaving he thinks that she is deserting him. The teacher must **5**_____ him that at the end of the day his mother will be back and take him home. The children are not the only people that are disturbed by going to school. The teacher sometimes has as much difficulty in **6**_____ with the mothers. They hang around and dislike leaving the child without their protection.

The best way to **7**_____ with the situation is to get the child used to the idea of school. Before the beginning of term, the mother should take her child to see the teacher and to look **8**_____ the school. The first day should be something to emphasize the regularity of school.

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| 1. A) enough; | Б) rarely; | В) rather; | Г) equally |
| 2. A) escape; | Б) defeat; | В) beat; | Г) avoid |
| 3. A) named; | Б) called; | В) said; | Г) told |
| 4. A) afraid; | Б) threatened; | В) endangered; | Г) risked |
| 5. A) convince; | Б) prove; | В) explain; | Г) announce |
| 6. A) managing; | Б) guiding; | В) coping; | Г) handling |
| 7. A) face; | Б) deal; | В) touch; | Г) consider |
| 8. A) through; | Б) about; | В) after; | Г) round |

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Your Future World

What will you be doing in 2025? Will you be living in an undersea research station? Will you be the chief engineer **1** _____ a bridge across the Atlantic Ocean? Will you be leading an **2** _____ to the planet Mars? Will you be ...?

You can daydream, of course, but nobody knows exactly what the world will be **3** _____. But scientists have made some guesses.

Based on the advances made, they believe people will be healthier. Diphtheria, malaria, tuberculosis, polio and many other killers are under control now. These diseases are on the way out, **4** _____ to germ-killing chemicals, new ways of finding out about our bodies, and new ways of providing clean, safe **5** _____ and water.

Healthier people live longer, so we can expect the world's population to **6** _____ sharply. It may double in the next forty years! This brings up a serious problem: how will we find food, water, and minerals for such a huge population?

Scientists are at work on some **7** _____. From the ocean they hope to get new fertilizers to increase the yield of the soil; new chemicals to kill crop-destroying insects without **8** _____ other animals, new sources of water or supplies of food.

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| 1. A) inventing; | Б) designing; | В) scheming; | Г) doing |
| 2. A) exploration; | Б) expenditure; | В) expedition; | Г) exhibit |
| 3. A) like; | Б) alike; | В) likely; | Г) likable |
| 4. A) as a result; | Б) because; | В) on account; | Г) thanks |
| 5. A) eat; | Б) feed; | В) food; | Г) cooking |
| 6. A) decrease; | Б) distract; | В) dissolve; | Г) increase |
| 7. A) solutions; | Б) alternatives; | В) preferences; | Г) questions |
| 8. A) hurting; | Б) harming; | В) injuring; | Г) wounding |

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Alaska

The first Europeans to visit what is now called Alaska were Russian sailors led by Captain Bering. The **1** _____ was funded by Russian czar Peter the Great. In 1728 Bering and his crew **2** _____ through the strait that is now named after him, between the easternmost part of Asia and the westernmost part of the Americas. Their journey **3** _____ that Asia was not connected to North America; however, due to the heavy fog, they never actually saw the nearby land of North America. In 1741 Bering headed further south, landing on tiny Kayak Island off the **4** _____ of what is now the southeastern part of the state.

In the 1780s and 1790s Russians began small colonies, first on Kodiak Island and later on the mainland. In 1799 the Russian-American Company was established to **5** _____ Russian interests. For the next 68 years the company provided the only form of government for the European colonists, **6** _____ never numbered more than a few hundred. The Russians ruled the **7** _____ until the late 1860s, when they sold it to the United States for \$7.2 million dollars.

The **8** _____ of gold in 1896 in the Yukon Territory started a huge gold rush that brought thousands of settlers.

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| 1. A) travel; | Б) trip; | В) journey; | Г) expedition |
| 2. A) paddled; | Б) sailed; | В) travelled; | Г) rowed |
| 3. A) proved; | Б) convinced; | В) persuaded; | Г) appeared |
| 4. A) bank; | Б) beach; | В) shore; | Г) sea-side |
| 5. A) look after; | Б) look at; | В) look for; | Г) look away |
| 6. A) which; | Б) whose; | В) what; | Г) who |
| 7. A) country; | Б) area; | В) ground; | Г) earth |
| 8. A) discovery; | Б) detection; | В) exploration; | Г) innovation |

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Ordinary

“Ordinary” was the worst word she could find for anything. She and I would argue fiercely because I wanted to be ordinary as desperately as my mother wanted to be **1**_____ .

“I can’t **2**_____ that hair-do”, she said when I went to the hairdresser with my friend and came back with a pageboy haircut straight out of Seventeen magazine, “It’s so terribly ordinary”. Not ugly, not unsuitable. But ordinary.

Her **3**_____ of ordinariness came out most strongly in her clothes.

“Couldn’t you please **4**_____ something else?” I asked her when she was dressing for Parents’ Day in tight-fitting pants and a bright pink sweater, with a Mexican cape.

“What’s wrong with my outfit?”

What wasn’t wrong with it!

“It’s just that I wish it would be something more plain,” I said sheepishly, “something that people won’t **5**_____ at.”

She looked at me angrily and drew herself **6**_____ to her full height of five feet ten inches.

“Are you **7**_____ of your own mother? Because if you are, Isadora, I feel **8**_____ for you. I really do.”

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| 1. A) uncommon; | Б) unusual; | В) odd; | Г) peculiar |
| 2. A) stand; | Б) approve; | В) agree; | Г) vote |
| 3. A) worry; | Б) trouble; | В) panic; | Г) fear |
| 4. A) dress; | Б) put; | В) wear; | Г) clothe |
| 5. A) watch; | Б) stare; | В) glance; | Г) peep |
| 6. A) up; | Б) on; | В) over; | Г) at |
| 7. A) sorry; | Б) shamed; | В) ashamed; | Г) angry |
| 8. A) regretful; | Б) sorry; | В) guilty; | Г) unhappy |

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Searching for a New Programme

A healthy lifestyle can vastly improve your well-being. This is a lifestyle designed for those who wish to feel more certain about their health and more in control of what the present and future will bring them in that important **1** _____ of existence. None of us wants to be sick. None of us enjoys the idea that we may become a medical statistic. This is a simple, easy-to-follow health-style that can enable you to get cards very much in your **2** _____. The doctors were fortunate enough to come into **3** _____ with a field of study that brought them to healing and well-being that they so desperately needed. They personally have **4** _____ thousands of people improve their health using only a small part of information. Many more people begin to improve their health now. Embracing the most current information from many health-related fields, the programme of healthy lifestyle gives you an understanding of the impact of exercise, breathing, sunshine, sleep and much more on your health. In order for this programme to work for you, you have to be willing to apply at least some part of it. Some change will be **5** _____. And as you make those first modest changes, you will get positive results that encourage you to do more. Changing is fun. And if you realize that your new healthy lifestyle **6** _____ the making of new habits, not the **7** _____ of old ones, you will feel very positive about what the future holds for you.

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| 1. A) sector | Б) region | В) area | Г) territory |
| 2. A) benefit | Б) advantage | В) privilege | Г) favour |
| 3. A) touch | Б) contact | В) view | Г) connection |
| 4. A) confessed | Б) witnessed | В) determined | Г) recognized |
| 5. A) ordered | Б) commanded | В) forced | Г) required |
| 6. A) contains | Б) consists | В) involves | Г) encloses |
| 7. A) breaking | Б) damaging | В) ruining | Г) destroying |

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To the North of London

The Aldenham Country Park is a large and pleasant area easily reached if you are travelling north out of London. It is worth visiting if you want a quick breath of fresh air and a reasonably attractive place for a brief picnic. The most important point of the park is Aldenham Reservoir. It was built in 1796 to 1 _____ the water level in the river 2 _____ by the newly constructed Grand Union Canal, and more recently has been used as a reserve public water supply. Not far from there lies the busy town of Watford which can be recommended for a brief visit. And in any 3 _____ much more interesting stretches of the canal are met further north. And if you make your way through the town you can visit the Watford Museum in the High Street which has materials on printing and paper-making on 4 _____. The picture gallery has changing exhibitions of works by artists who lived or painted in the area. Another attraction of the neighbourhood is a fascinating complex of Roman buildings, the 5 _____ of a great city, once the third largest centre of Roman Britain. The private houses were impressive, many of them furnished with mosaic floors. The beauty of the mosaics can hardly be described on paper, and it is best 6 _____ by standing and looking for a while. The other principal Roman site to be visited is a long stretch of the city wall which 7 _____ back to the 3rd century.

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| 1. A) remain | Б) support | В) hold | Г) maintain |
| 2. A) confused | Б) affected | В) bothered | Г) disturbed |
| 3. A) condition | Б) situation | В) circumstance | Г) case |
| 4. A) presentation | Б) display | В) demonstration | Г) exhibition |
| 5. A) remains | Б) wastes | В) wreckage | Г) reminders |
| 6. A) praised | Б) approved | В) appreciated | Г) regarded |
| 7. A) dates | Б) returns | В) follows | Г) comes |

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Sharing music with friends

Brenda is a nineteen-year old full-time college student, and she earns money working part time as a waitress. Brenda loves to listen to music like most young people, but she can't **1** _____ the high CD prices that record companies **2** _____ for popular CDs. Brenda says that the prices of CDs are ridiculously high at \$17 to \$20 each and there are only two or three good songs on each CD.

She **3** _____ an apartment with three other roommates. She pays her own **4** _____ and she also pays most of her **5** _____. Her solution to expensive CDs is to download or copy music from the Internet. Brenda and millions of other people are called "downloaders" because they download free file-sharing software and music. When Brenda later gives, shares, or trades her music files free over the Internet, she is also an uploader. She considers herself an active music uploader, but the music industry considers her a **6** _____. From 2001 on, the Recording Industry Association of America has sued and fined dozens of file-sharing services, for uploading music files, and hundreds of people, for **7** _____ the law by downloading music.

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| 1. A) provide | Б) supply | В) afford | Г) allow |
| 2. A) offer | Б) charge | В) suggest | Г) propose |
| 3. A) leases | Б) lends | В) hires | Г) rents |
| 4. A) lessons | Б) classes | В) tuition | Г) education |
| 5. A) costs | Б) fees | В) expenses | Г) payments |
| 6. A) thief | Б) cheater | В) burglar | Г) bandit |
| 7. A) undermining | Б) disobeying | В) breaking | Г) ruining |

Лексика и грамматика (высокий уровень)

Keys:

Задание 1: 1В 2Б 3Г 4Б 5В 6А 7Г 8Б

Задание 2: 1Б 2В 3А 4В 5Г 6Б 7А 8Г

Задание 3: 1Б 2Г 3И 4Б 5Г 6В 7А 8Б

Задание 4: 1В 2Г 3Б 4Б 5А 6В 7Б 8Г

Задание 5: 1Б 2В 3А 4Г 5В 6Г 7А 8Б

Задание 6: 1Г 2Б 3А 4В 5А 6В 7Б 8А

Задание 7: 1Б 2А 3Г 4В 5Б 6А 7В 8Б

Задание 8: 1В 2Г 3Б 4Б 5Г 6В 7А

Задание 9: 1Г 2Б 3Г 4Б 5А 6В 7А

Задание10: 1В 2Б 3Г 4В 5В 6А 7В