9. Choose the most suitable of the four given words to complete each of the sentences below.

1. He's not only tedious, he's also ... .
   a) boring b) incompetent c) efficient d) brilliant
2. Despite its director's high reputation, the film was ... .
   a) extraordinary b) gripping c) embarrassing d) powerful
3. I can't always be elegant; sometimes I enjoy wearing ... clothes.
   a) scintillating b) scruffy c) shallow d) rude
4. Finally at the end, things hotted up; the ending was really ... .
   a) gripping b) delicate c) chaotic d) ludicrous
5. Not all film stars are beautiful; some are quite ... .
   a) exquisite b) stunning c) vulgar d) plain
6. We need someone well-educated and ... .
   a) illiterate b) dim c) coarse d) well-travelled
7. He's an extremely ... pianist.
   a) graceful b) gifted c) exceptional d) refined
8. It wasn't exactly exciting, but it was certainly ... .
   a) enthralling b) absorbing c) thrilling d) gripping

***10. Choose the most suitable word or phrase.**

A. Verbs of movement

1. Alex suddenly ... into the room waving a telegramme.
   a) dashed b) slunk c) rambled d) arrived
2. Sue found it very difficult to ... the busy street.
   a) pass b) overtake c) surpass d) cross
3. Passengers who wish to ... at the next station should travel in the front four coaches.
   a) leave b) alight c) dismount d) descend
4. The runner with the injured foot ... across the finishing line.
   a) limped b) trundled c) scrambled d) flashed
5. Kate spent the morning ... along the seafront.
   a) hiking b) rambling c) strolling d) crawling
6. Harry ... along the landing, trying not to make any noise.
   a) strode b) tiptoed c) trudged d) filed
7. The road was icy, and I ... over.
   a) slid b) skidded c) skated d) slipped
8. I managed to ... up behind the burglar before he noticed me.
   a) creep b) slink c) strut d) wriggle
9. After the meal we ... over our coffees for an hour or so.
   a) loitered b) staggered c) lounged d) lingered
10. The drunken soldier was ... crazily from one side of the street to the other.
    a) marching b) racing c) staggering d) scrambling

B. Sounds

1. A bee was ... angrily against the window pane, unable to get out.
   a) humming b) buzzing c) crashing d) howling
2. The crowd ... in disagreement as the politician left the platform.
   a) rustled b) banged c) neighed d) booed
3. The bus stopped at the traffic lights with a ... of brakes.
   a) screech b) howl c) crash d) grind
4. I had to put some oil on the hinges to stop the door ... .
   a) crying b) whimpering c) squeaking d) mooing
5. The sack of potatoes fell from the lorry with a heavy ... .
   a) splash b) crunch c) rattle d) thud
6. The helicopter passed overhead with a ... sound like a giant insect.
   a) grinding b) crashing c) chirping d) whirring
7. The mirror fell from the wall with a ... .
   a) whoosh b) crash c) ping d) screech
8. Air was escaping from the punctured tyre with a ... sound.
   a) hissing b) bubbling c) blowing d) puffing
9. The tiny bells on the Christmas tree were ... in the draught.
   a) clanging b) ringing c) tinkling d) gurgling
10. The saucepans fell onto the floor with a great ... .
    a) clatter b) whoosh c) crunch d) squeak

C. People

1. I thought that Wendy's action was rather out of ... .
   a) personality b) character c) image d) role
2. Paul was easy to manage when he was crawling, but now he is a/an ..., it's a little more difficult.
   a) infant b) youngster c) brat d) toddler
3. Tim has been visiting some distant ... in the country.
   a) relatives b) parents c) family d) relationships
4. She's not a teenager any more. She looks quite ... now.
   a) overgrown b) outgrown c) grown-up d) grown through
5. I can't understand Keith, he's a funny sort of ... .
   a) individual b) figure c) human d) one
6. Good heaven, it's you, Tom. You are the last ... I expected to see here.
   a) person b) personality c) personage d) persona
7. Mary later became a/an ... of some importance in the academic world.
   a) figure b) adult c) being d) character
8. With the end of childhood and the onset of ..., young people experience profound changes.
   a) teenage b) childhood c) infancy d) adolescence
9. Do you think that ... will ever be able to live on other planets?
   a) population b) human beings c) masses d) human races
10. Jean has a very easy-going ..., which is why she is so popular.
    a) role b) characteristic c) personality d) reputation

1.2 Words with Multiple Meanings

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given in boxes A, B and C.

A. Nouns

effect change match work form

1. Don't interrupt me. I've got a lot of _____ to do.
2. Pollution has a very harmful _____ on our health.
3. Come back, sir. You've forgotten your _____.
4. The teacher handed out our _____ and said that we were to look through them and correct all the mistakes we'd made.
5. The football cup final was the most exciting _____ of the season.
6. The use of light creates the _____ of tension in the poems.
7. The government has made some major policy _____.
8. That shirt is a perfect _____ with your blue skirt.
9. To apply for the job, you are to fill in the _____.
10. Circles are the purest and the most perfect geometrical _____.

B. Verbs

match lie suit miss report

1. Tom's problems with discipline led the teachers to _____ him to the headmaster.
2. There's a range of restaurants to _____ all tastes.
3. Do you think this outfit _____ my shoes?
4. I've asked him to come back next week and _____ on his progress.
5. Few cities in Europe can _____ the cultural richness of Berlin.
6. He _____ four games after breaking a bone in his wrist.
7. I could tell from her face that she was _____.
8. She _____ her family badly.
9. That coat really _____ Paul.
10. She _____ back against the pillows and fell asleep at once.

C. Adjectives

unreal fine common tough hard

1. If it's _____ tomorrow, we'll go out.
2. It felt so _____ seeing all my high-school friends after 15 years!
3. Bad dreams are fairly _____ among children.

4. Al Capone had killed many people and was considered a _____ criminal.
5. In acupuncture, _____ needles are inserted in the body.
6. Many people go into marriage with _____ expectations.
7. He insists that he is a revolutionary, not a _____ criminal.
8. My raincoat is made of a very _____ plastic.
9. The whole project requires a lot of _____ work.
10. After months without rain, the ground was too _____ to plough.

2. Read these headlines and identify the word or phrase being used metaphorically. Then use these words and phrases in the correct form to fill the gaps in the sentences that follow.

Prices TUMBLE after government tax announcement

GOVERNMENT
CLOSES THE DOOR
ON NEW PAY TALKS

NEW company takes off after slow START

ECONOMIC PLAN SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES

MARS ROBOT
UNLOCKS THE SECRETS
of the Red Planet

Frosty reception for President at New York summit meeting

1. I can't _____ my suitcase — I've left the key at home.
2. It's cold, _____ morning — you ought to wear a hat.
3. The pilot had a lucky escape when his helicopter was _____ over the sea.
4. Even though it was foggy, our plane _____ on time.
5. I tripped over the cat and _____ down the stairs.
6. We argued for ten minutes outside his office, then he just _____.

3. For each group of sentences, think of a single word which can be used in all three sentences. The first word has been done for you.

1

Have you noticed how different Paul is these days? He used to look so sad, now he looks as if he hasn't got a *care* in the world.
I'll be at work today, so could you send the parcel *care* of my neighbour in the flat upstairs. I'll pick it up from her when I get home.
He was grateful to all the staff at the hospital for taking such good *care* of his wife after she had her accident.

2

After we had played football in the park, we sat down in the shade on the _____ of a huge oak tree.
My car has been breaking down for no reason lately. I'm hoping the mechanic at the garage can get to the _____ of the problem.
If you enter the competition, you'll have lots of support. I'm sure all your friends will _____ for you.

3

People were throwing water on the flames, but the _____ was burning more strongly every minute.
I was so pleased when I got promoted to manager, although I really wish I didn't have to _____ people.
It will be quite a tough interview. I'm expecting them to _____ a lot of questions at me, one after the other.

4

She had to get the sales figures for the ten most popular brands ready before the end of the day. It was a real _____ against time.
After all the long hours of training the athletes were focusing on winning the _____.
I love having my grandchildren to stay with me. Although I must admit it's easier in the summer months when they can _____ around in the garden.

5

That restaurant was a real _____! The food was surprisingly delicious and the service was superb.
There are illuminated signs to help people _____ the emergency exit.
Medical scientists are determined to _____ a cure for cancer.

6

The other kids used to _____ me names, but I tried to ignore them.
Great works of classical music can often _____ forth a mixture of responses from the listener.
Don't worry, there's a doctor on _____ 24 hours a day.

2. Match a word in A with a word/word combination in B to make verb/noun collocations. Then complete the sentences with 6 words/word combinations from B.

A	B
achieve	handball
play	your personal best
be	stiff competition
have	a magnificent performance
break	a world record
reach	a reputation for smth
come up against	a goal
give	high standards
gain	a success

1. Her farm has gained _____ for providing exceptional fruit.
2. As parents, they clearly have incredibly _____.
3. This sportsman is encouraged to achieve his own _____.
4. The experiment was a great _____.
5. I haven't yet reached my _____ of losing 5 kilos.
6. The school drama society gave _____ of *Hamlet*.

***3. Which of the nouns in the box go with the adjectives below?**

beach hill shore mountain coast river forest sea bay volcano
lake pond waterfall spring bank cliff current

shallow, rocky, dangerous, thermal, sandy, turbulent, thick, high, active

4. Complete each sentence with the correct verb.

Example: Those children next door are <u>*making*</u> a lot of noise.

1. I don't really _____ like going out this evening.
2. You don't have to hurry. You can _____ your time.
3. Armstrong was the first person to _____ foot on the moon.
4. The director _____ us permission to park our motorbikes here.
5. Can you _____ me a favour? I need some help with the garden.
6. I can't talk now. I'm just _____ lunch.
7. When something goes wrong, people always _____ the blame on me!
8. Tom has just _____ in love yet again!
9. I would like to _____ your attention to these instructions.
10. They're going to _____ us a visit one of these days.

5. Match the words in the columns so as to form collocations as in the example below.

Example: a breath of fresh air

A		B	
lump	lemon	piece	lightning
dash	garlic	spell	fog
grain / pinch	celery	flash	advice
clove	salt	crash	fun
bar	chilli sauce	gust	applause
stick	water	patch	wind
slice	sugar	bit	dry weather
drop	chocolate	burst	thunder

6. Match the collective nouns in A with the nouns in B to form collocations as in the example below.

Example: a flock of sheep

A	B
swarm	thieves
herd	stamps
pack	bees
bunch	lions
board	cards
gang	stars
company	furniture
bundle	cattle (deer)
troupe	fish
suite	directors
galaxy	artists
collection	soldiers
deck	matches
shoal	old clothes
race	grapes
pride	people
book (box)	wolves

***7. What other nouns can you think of to complete the following phrases?**

1. a stroke of luck/ _____
2. an act of God/ _____
3. a state of emergency/ _____
4. a round of golf/ _____
5. a grain of truth/ _____
6. a fit of anger/ _____

8. Read the following texts. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

A

E-mail is such a (0) *painless* way to write letters. I've never found it easy to put pen to paper, not even to say "thank you"	PAIN
for presents sent by (1) _____ relatives. They must	THOUGHT
have thought I was so (2) _____. Now there is no	GRATITUDE
stopping me! I type away (3) _____ on my computer,	END
all types of messages to all types of people. E-mail has all the benefits of a word (4) _____ and none of the tedious	PROCESS
(5) _____ of writing by hand. It's better than the letter	ADVANTAGE
because you can edit it quickly and (6) _____, and it's	EFFORT
instant like the phone but without the need to talk! And sending an e-mail is so (7) _____ fast: just press the button	WONDER
and it's gone. However, the Web is (8) _____ overrated	EXTREME
and sometimes so slow that it's (9) _____. What's more,	PRACTICAL
websites are not updated and a lot of the information is (10) _____. I think it's a joke in that respect — and not a very good one.	USE

***B**

Now that computers (1) _____ the workplace and the	DOMINATION
home, we have the tools to make all of us (2) _____.	ART
Computer art is challenging our ideas about who is an artist and what is an original work of art. There are computer programs which copy the random nature of (3) _____ so that you can produce	CREATE
an original work of art. Computer programs also allow you to make as many (4) _____ as you want, but no picture will be	PRODUCE
an exact copy but will (5) _____ slightly from the others.	DIFFERENT
This will please (6) _____ who are looking for an original	BUY
work of art. The most (7) _____ computer art is based on	IMPRESS
"fractal geometry", which was (8) _____ by Benoit Mandelbrot in the 1970s. Fractals are irregular or	INVENTION
(9) _____ shapes that are made up from smaller and	CHAOS
smaller (10) _____ of the same shape. They have been	REPEAT
used by (11) _____ to model natural features that appear	MATHEMATICS
random: from the (12) _____ of galaxies in space, to the way branches grow on trees. Try downloading one of the many free fractal programmes available on the Internet yourself.	DISTRIBUTE

1.6 Idioms

1. Choose the correct alternative to make a definition of the phrase in bold.

1. If you **keep an eye on** someone or something, you are observing them in order to *look after them/understand them better*.
2. If two people **make eyes at** each other, they are looking at each other in a way that suggests they *are angry with each other/find each other attractive*.
3. If you **have an eye for** something, you are good at *noticing/talking about* it.
4. If you **keep an eye open for** something, you *are interested in/hope to find or notice* it.
5. If something **opens your eyes**, it *makes you understand something better than you did before/keeps you awake*.
6. If you **don't see eye to eye with** someone, you *disagree with them/don't see them very often*.

2. Complete each of the similes below (1–35) with a suitable word or words from the following box.

night	a mule	a button	old boots
a feather	a mouse	a pancake	Punch
rain	a flash	pie	thieves
the weather	a peacock	mustard	a hatter
the hills	a bee	a cucumber	a rake
clockwork	an owl	a beetroot	a bell
lead	a dog	a bone	a doornail
nails	a lamb		a sheet
	a lion		a fiddle
	a bat		
	a fox		

1. as brave as _____
2. as bright as _____
3. as changeable as _____
4. as dark as _____
5. as dry as _____
6. as flat as _____
7. as easy as _____
8. as gentle as _____
9. as pleased as _____
10. as red as _____
11. as right as _____
12. as quiet as _____
13. as quick as _____
14. as proud as _____
15. as sick as _____
16. as regular as _____
17. as busy as _____
18. as stubborn as _____
19. as thick as _____
20. as tough as _____
21. as thin as _____
22. as white as _____
23. as wise as _____
24. as dead as _____
25. as cool as _____
26. as clear as _____

4. Complete the idiom below with a suitable colour. Choose from the box. (You will need to use some words more than once.)

black green red blue grey white brown pink yellow

1. You can argue with me until you're _____ in the face.
2. After several weeks of discussions, the group was given the _____ light, and could finally go ahead with the new project.
3. The news of their marriage came as a bolt from the _____.
4. She went as _____ as a sheet when she heard about the accident.
5. I'm sorry, James, I refuse to believe it unless you can show it to me in _____ and _____!
6. I was _____ with envy when my neighbour drove up in a brand new Jaguar.
7. My mother has got _____ fingers. Everything she plants in the garden grows well.
8. You shouldn't have had that last pint. You'll be seeing those _____ elephants again.
9. Tony can't be trusted with too much responsibility yet, he's still _____.
10. There's a common prejudice that girls who are very beautiful must automatically be lacking in _____ matter — so-called "dumb blondes".
11. When the visitors from Japan arrived, the company gave them the _____ carpet treatment.

***5. Complete the idioms below with a suitable colour.**

1. We decided to celebrate by going out and painting the town _____.
2. In most countries, goods that are scarce are usually freely available on the _____ market — provided you have the money to pay for them.
3. After sunbathing for two hours every day, Joanna was as _____ as a berry.
4. She was absolutely _____ with envy when I won a trip to Los Angeles.
5. If I don't finish my report in time, that'll be another _____ mark against my name.
6. If the city authorities give the _____ light to the new conservation project, it will begin next year.
7. I wanted to apply for a visa but a friend told me there is so much _____ tape, I've decided to forget about it.
8. Sometimes it is better to tell a _____ lie than to hurt someone's feelings.
9. She had only recently had lunch with her cousin, so the news of his death came as a bolt from the _____.
10. Are you afraid to fight? You're not _____, are you? Come on, don't be a coward!

8. Our cat just loves to curl up _____ the fire and go to sleep.
9. The burglar heard a noise coming from upstairs, so he hid _____ the curtains.
10. She has beautiful works of art all _____ her house, even _____ the kitchen and the bathroom.
11. Last night the temperature fell to three degrees _____ zero.
12. The view from the top of the mountain was breathtaking. We could see the town and the river _____ us, and people who looked like ants.

c) of direction or movement

1. We arrived _____ the cinema just in time for the film to start.
2. The dog jumped _____ my lap, and settled down for a good sleep.
3. The hunter froze as the tiger started running _____ him. He had nowhere to hide.
4. He climbed _____ the wall and ran _____ the field.
5. She took her purse _____ _____ her bag and paid the taxi driver.
6. Peter came running _____ the room and threw his books _____ the floor.
7. Most tourists were wandering _____ the streets, taking photos.
8. I gave my bike _____ my little sister, when it became too small for me.
9. We travelled all day and arrived _____ Cardiff in the evening.
10. We go _____ our home town every summer.

***2. Complete the following texts with prepositions of:**

a) time

Paul Gauguin

Paul Gauguin was born in Paris (1) _____ 1848. He spent part of his childhood in Peru and the period from 1865 (2) _____ 1871 at sea. He then became a stockbroker and a Sunday painter, collecting the works of the Impressionists and joining in their exhibitions. He gave up his job (3) _____ 1883 and went to live in Brittany at Pont-Aven and Le Pouldu. He worked here (4) _____ 1890, though (5) _____ this period he spent two months with Van Gogh in Arles. He travelled to Tahiti (6) _____ 1891 but (7) _____ 1893 he had run out of money and was back in Paris. He returned to the South Sea Islands two years later but he had suffered serious injuries in a fight with sailors (8) _____ he left France. When he died (9) _____ 1903 his health had been poor (10) _____ nine years.

His early work may be compared to that of the Impressionists Cezanne and Pissarro, but (11) _____ his voyage to Martinique he tried to introduce more colour in his painting and later abandoned Impressionism. (12) _____ time, as he came to know the natives of Tahiti, he tried to express the simplicity of their lives through an art that was free from the conventions of the European tradition.

(13) _____ his death, his influence on artists has been enormous. He is considered one of the fathers of non-naturalistic 20th-century art.

b) place and direction

The Royal Mile

The Royal Mile of Edinburgh is a historic thoroughfare that links two of the city's main tourist attractions, the Castle and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. There is much to see (1) _____ this street.

Begin (2) _____ the Castle Esplanade. (3) _____ the right is "Cannonball House" built in 1630. The cannonball lodged (4) _____ the wall was not fired in anger, but marks the gravitation height of the city's first piped water supply. (5) _____ the street is a fountain, dated 1722, which marks the spot where hundreds of women were burnt as witches. (6) _____ the corner with Ramsay Lane is the Outlook Tower and Camera Obscura, while (7) _____ the right is the Scotch Whisky Heritage Centre. As you descend Castlehill, the Tolbooth Kirk comes into view; its 240 ft spire is the tallest (8) _____ Edinburgh.

Cross George IV Bridge, and go right (9) _____ Parliament Square. After visiting the Parliament House and Kaw Courts, leave the square (10) _____ the Mercat Cross, opposite the splendid City Chambers. (11) _____ the downhill end of the chambers is Anchor Close, where in 1768 William Smellie printed the first edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

Downhill (12) _____ the right is the Museum of Childhood. Further down is Huntly House Museum, and (13) _____ the street, the Canongate Tolbooth. Next (14) _____ it is Canongate Kirk. There are graves of Adam Smith, the economist, and the poet Robert Fergusson (15) _____ the kirkyard.

Cross the roundabout (16) _____ Abbey Strand and finish your walk (17) _____ the gates to Holyroodhouse.

3. Choose the most suitable phrase.

1. I can't disturb Dad now. He's *at bed/in bed*.
2. Tony always arrives exactly *in time/on time* for his lessons.
3. Two dollars for each ticket, that makes $12 *in all/with all*.
4. I can't pick that last apple. It's *out of hand/out of reach*.
5. Joe and I met on the plane completely *by chance/by surprise*.
6. How can Sam love Lucy? They have nothing *in common/in general*.
7. They should be here soon. They are *in the way/on the way*.
8. Sorry, I seem to have taken the wrong umbrella *by mistake/in mistake*.
9. Don't worry, everything is *under control/in control*.
10. I feel very tired. *At times/In times* I consider giving up work.
11. We decided to take a holiday in Wales *for a change/in a change*.
12. That wasn't an accident! You did it *by purpose/on purpose*.