

Test 9

- 1 Complete each sentence using the nouns in the box to form collocations with the verbs in bold. One noun is not used. Add a preposition if necessary. More than one answer may be possible.

activities ~~effect~~ difference impact influence
interest journey records transformation view

- 0 Electrical storms **have been having** a serious~~effect~~..... on flights, causing severe delays.
- 1 As we move from adolescence to adulthood, we **undergo** a profound in character.
- 2 Like most multinational companies, we are **engaged** in a wide variety of business
- 3 I don't think I'll **break** any but if I can run a marathon in under five hours I'll be happy.
- 4 It doesn't **make** any how hard I try. I'll never get the hang of skiing.
- 5 By the time he was 18, Joao had **lost** in school and decided to pursue his love of cooking.
- 6 The plays of William Shakespeare **had** a huge on the work of later writers.
- 7 The desire for fame and fortune led early explorers to **embark** on to all corners of the world.
- 8 The recent election appears to have **had** little on the financial markets.
- 2 Complete each sentence by putting the verbs in brackets into the correct active or passive form. More than one answer may be possible.
- 0 Nigel~~was watching~~..... (watch) the TV when it was struck by lightning.
- 1 I (stare) miserably out of the window while the rain poured down outside.
- 2 I always (offer) guests a drink or something to eat when they (arrive). It's just basic politeness.
- 3 Sheila (have) to increase her offer price before it (accepted) by the seller.
- 4 Susan (keep) a dog while she was living in the countryside.
- 5 As soon as Rachel (save) enough money, she'll take a year off work and go travelling.
- 6 When I (get) time I'll mend the broken lock on the bathroom door.
- 7 Early fog this morning (expect) to clear when the Sun (come out).
- 8 After she (speak) to her manager, Ana (give) some time off work to move house.
- 9 We (not see) each other since my sister's wedding. How are you?
- 10 When Martine (finish) her report, she (send) it to the company board for consideration.

3 Complete the text with the appropriate prepositions.

It was ⁰.....~~on~~..... the day of her graduation from university, ¹..... the beginning of the summer, that Karen felt like a grown up, free for the first time ²..... her life. ³..... many occasions throughout her time at university, she had felt like she had never really left school. She still had to go to classes ⁴..... 9.00 every morning and she still had lunch in a canteen ⁵..... the same time every day. She still had to write essays, and she still had had the same kinds of friends. ⁶..... the last Friday evening, ⁷..... the end of her course, though, she realised this was all coming to an end. She would soon be on her own, able to live her own life. ⁸..... July, she finally was.

4 Complete each sentence with *action*, *activity*, *event*, or *programme* in the correct form.

- 0 Sports ..~~events~~.. like the Olympics have become huge money-making operations.
- 1 This government pledges to take to eliminate all poverty within 20 years.
- 2 We had expected an exciting tennis match, but in the it was rather one-sided.
- 3 Mornings are very quiet in the restaurant, followed by three hours of frenetic at lunchtime.
- 4 Did you get a ? I can't remember who's playing the lead in this production.
- 5 A flurry of near the hotel entrance told me that someone important was arriving.
- 6 It took swift from a member of the public to save the man from drowning.
- 7 Walking remains one of the most popular spare time , with over three million participants.
- 8 Anyone wishing to organise a social on university property must have prior written permission.
- 9 'Earth rise', a photograph taken from the Moon, remains a potent symbol of the US space
- 10 Achieving spin from your tennis serve is all down to having the right wrist

5 For questions 1–6, 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 three and six words, including the word given.

- 1 Moving to the countryside was what made me learn to drive.

UNTIL

It to the countryside that I learned to drive.

- 2 You will be wasting your time if you go to the shop today because they are closed.

POINT

The shop is closed so it's there today.

- 3 People pay less attention to political issues these days.

INTEREST

People are politics these days.

- 4 Getting lost is easy in this sort of weather.

WAY

It's easy in weather like this.

- 5 In the past a craftsman would learn everything from his father.

HANDED

Traditional crafts used father to son.

- 6 August marks Enrique's fiftieth year of work with this company.

BEEN

By August Enrique this company for fifty years.

- 6 You are going to read a newspaper article. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs A–G the one which fits each gap (1–6). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

Hiking an Icelandic glacier

All you need to have to walk on water is the right equipment plus a reliable guide, oh, and an ice axe might also come in handy now and then. Once you have all this in place, just wait a few thousand years for the water to freeze into a glacier and you're ready to step onto – and into – another world.

1

This is why you need a guide. Mine, Hannes Amarson, clearly loves his job. 'Nothing in the world is as much fun as being on a glacier,' he says. 'They're never the same for long and you'll always see something new when you go back to one.' As a guide with Arctic Experiences, a company offering beginners a taster of the arctic followed by a good lunch in a local village.

2

Hannes begins a story about trolls, those ugly human-like creatures of Norse mythology. Some are apparently fairly easy to spot, as they have been turned into rocks by the rays of the Sun. Indeed, I had already seen a pair of them earlier that day, while sitting alone in my 4x4 waiting for Hannes to show up.

3

Later he admitted that he did not actually believe in any of this stuff. After a moment, though, he said: 'But not everything can be seen with the human eye.' Just as I was starting to feel uncomfortable again, he lightened the mood by reminding me that there are plenty of far more real dangers in Iceland.

4

Hannes reassures me that none of this is likely to happen during our trip, but, just in case, he always has his mobile phone with him. 'The government will text everyone if there's a problem. It is supposed to give us all around three hours to escape to safety,' he says, as we begin our preparations.

5

We are strictly instructed to follow in our guide's footsteps as we make our way slowly and carefully up and down the fantastical ice shapes that form the glacier's surface. The ice is surprisingly dirty with volcanic ash. Just now and then, the wind has blown away the snow to reveal clear, blue-white ice like frozen diamonds.

6

Our final destination is an outdoor volcanic hot tub with stunning views of the far-off peaks of the mountains. This illustrates perfectly the extremes of Iceland. You can spend a day hiking over billions of tonnes of frozen water and then spend the evening up to your neck in it at a delightful 40 °C, and all the work of Mother Nature.

- A On the horizon Mount Hekla, an extremely active volcano, looms ominously over its neighbouring mountains. The first settlers here believed it to be the entrance to the underworld, and one can easily see why. There is much about Iceland that is slightly supernatural.
- B We start by beginning to use our spiked boots and ice axes on a practice slope. When we reach the required standard, we head off on to the ice. Everything is covered in fresh snow. This has the unfortunate effect that it hides all the cracks and holes in the ice.
- C Walking on an Icelandic glacier is nothing else on Earth. They may look like smooth, white roads from the air, but they are crazy ice rivers that sprawl in complete confusion, from sheer cliffs of ice to enormously deep chasms. Nothing is flat and dangers lurk everywhere.
- D But for now, we can still see something of the same view that has long drawn explorers, and soldiers too, to ready themselves for polar expeditions. They will spend weeks pushing themselves and their equipment to the limits.
- E Hannes tells me it is at its best in summer, when the rain clears everything and the entire glacier is revealed. It is a place to stop and stare and be amazed at the true wonders of the natural world, and to think sadly of how little time this incredible landscape may have left.
- F Only the previous month two of his friends saw their house collapse into a hole in the ground following an earthquake. And in the south of the island, the kitchen of a house filled with boiling water as a hot spring burst through the floor.
- G I was reading a guidebook when I suddenly felt I was being watched. As I looked around me, I noticed two large rocks which looked for all the world like two fat, ancient, wrinkled, old men. It was an uncomfortable twenty minutes before Hannes turned up.