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Task 1

Complete the sentences with words from the given paragraphs. Change the form where necessary. The first letter of each word is given.

- 1. Women have made astonishing progress in their competition with men in business and professional world. (Para.1)
- 2. It's said that ancient Chinese soldiers slipped paper message into mooncakes to help fight against the invaders. (Para.3)
- 3. Her heart pounded , not knowing whether she should accept his flowers or not in front of the class. (Para.5)



- 4. He has grown up with genuine respect for books, but he has never thought of going into bookselling business. (Para.7)
- 5. Sidney returned to his hometown where he resumed his education. (Para.8)
- 6. The film tells of an engineer who has chosen to spare nothing in p ursuit of his dream. (Para.10)
 - 7. The health organization can offer community members the opportunity to obtain information necessary and explore choices in making difficult health care decisions. (Para.15)
 - 8. Many people will choose to d<u>ismiss</u> this idea completely, while others may be more open-minded and accept it.

 (Para.16)



Task 2

Complete the sentences with the expressions below. Change the form when necessary.

- 1. You'll go through difficult times, and suffer, and learn.
- 2. I <u>believe in</u> being strong when everything seems to be going wrong.
- 3. I <u>leafed through</u> the pages of the test paper and smiled to myself because the questions seemed familiar to me.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the expressions below. Change the form when necessary.

- 4. This old building could have been pulled down

 <u>if it hadn't been for</u> some collectors choosing it to be their private storage.
- 5. They <u>had no idea</u> what they were about to face at this great turning point in their career.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the expressions below. Change the form when necessary.

be lost in if it wasn't / weren't for sb. / sth.

- 6. Would you please <u>put</u> me <u>in touch with</u> Professor Johnson from the career planning office in the university.
- 7. Bothered by the dilemma of his career, Mark was lost in thought and didn't hear the knock on the door.

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Task 2

Complete the sentences with the expressions below. Change the form when necessary.

leaf through have no idea a variety of

3. I put ... in touch with believe in go through be lost in if it wasn't / weren't for sb. / sth.

8. Cars, phones, jobs, products, lifestyles – at no other point in human history have there been such <u>a variety of</u> choices.



Task 3 Complete the sentences by choosing suitable words below to collocate with the italicized words.

translate lean need pursuit

- 1. Despite losing the game, she chose to <u>lean</u> over and hug her rival before leaving the tennis court.
- 2. When I asked for his opinion, he mumbled something which I *translated* as agreement.
- 3. Those who are most promising *in their* <u>pursuit</u> of arts often choose to study in France, a place of romance and art.



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translate	lean	need	pursuit
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- 4. Kev <u>leaned</u> against the table where he sat, elbows propped, lost in thought about where to travel on Christmas days.
- 5. Some countries have taken a new attitude toward immigration since their economy is much in <u>need</u> of more productive young men.
- 6. It stands to reason that more attention will <u>translate</u> into greater learning.



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- 7. They all talked about the <u>need</u> for a change in their attitudes and habits if they wanted to achieve greater success.
- 8. There's sufficient evidence that the <u>pursuit</u> of wealth sometimes leads smart people to make wrong decisions and do stupid things.

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Task 5

Complete the passage with suitable words from the word bank. You may not use any of the words more than once.

lost anger appreciated course attending misdirected quiet reverence convinced silence voice uttered lectured sound pursuing

A turning point if the time when a big event happens that changes the 1) course of our life.



My mother 2) convinced me to study business in a community college although I had no real interest in business. I might not have finished college if it hadn't been for the two astonishing sentences that an economics professor 3) uttered . On a fall morning, when the professor 4) lectured about macroeconomic theory, I began reading a novel by Jack London. I was 5) lost in my reading so that I didn't notice that the professor was walking toward me. When he reached my desk and snatched the book from my hands, I was terrified by the absolute 6) lence in classroom. However, instead of criticizing me, the professor said in a very loud 7) voice "This student won't be spending the rest of his life studying columns of debits and credits. He's interested in literature. "He pronounced the word "literature" with genuine 8) reverence.

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I spent the next few weeks pondering his reaction. If an economics professor valued literature as much as or even more than economics, perhaps the study of literature would be something worth 9) <u>pursuing</u>. Then I changed my major to English, raised my grades, and 10) <u>appreciated</u> school for the first time. Now I'm doing what I'm really interested: writing books.