**V. Decide which answer (A,B,C or D) best fits each gap:**

1. It must have cost him a small fortune.

A. little B. slight C. small D. slim

1. Clarence raised his head, looked at her, and shrugged his shoulders helplessly.

A. shrugged B. hunched C. hugged D. stooped

1. The prosecution tried to cast doubt on her character as a witness.

A. shed B. cast C. spread D. inflicted

1. He will lie through his teeth, saying anything he needs to get her to sign the contract.

A. lips B. teeth C. face D. mouth

1. It is a job that brings him constantly into the public eye.

A. vision B. sight C. stare D. eye

1. Kids his age typically have a very short attention span.

A. span B. time C. period D. spell

1. Nothing she did seemed to meet with her parents’ approval.

A. fit B. find C. meet D. take

1. In spite of this painfully slow start, today he is a millionaire.

A. absolutely B. painfully C. utterly D. extensively

1. The coach then began a desperate race against time to get the players ready for the event.

A. race B. match C. game D. sprint

1. His father bought him the bike he had set his heart on.

A. put B. got C. set D. taken

1. Buying a cabin in the mountains may be all the rage at the moment, but is it really a sound investment?

A. fashion B. rage C. craze D. mode

1. You can't sit on the fence any longer - what's it going to be?

A. wall B. fence C. side D. hedge

1. It can be a headache for parents to make sure their offspring eat properly while they are at school.

A. siblings B. spouses C. offspring D. kin

1. The area was invaded by a swarm of locusts.

A. shoal B. swarm C. herd D. pack

1. This is the second time I've been passed over for promotion.

A. taken out B. gone through C. left out D. passed over

1. Diana was, all by herself, the British icon of the late 20th century.

A. icon B. image C. picture D. portrait

1. No-one gave the woman in the grey uniform a second glance.

A. peep B. wink C. stare D. glance

1. The students were greatly surprised by Professor Unwin's remark.

A. grossly B. greatly C. largely D. hugely

1. The police are trying hard to wage war on drug pushers in the city.

A. wage B. battle C. struggle D. combat

1. Developing countries often try to emulate the experiences of developed countries - not always a good idea.

A. emulate B. envisage C. visualize D. embody

1. Car manufacturers have been accused of flooding the market with cheap cars.

A. drowning B. flooding C. soaking D. washing

1. The only solution for the parents is to provide their kids with a packed lunch.

A. set B. boxed C. wrapped D. packed

1. In the end, the victim gets well and truly stuck, with little hope of escape.

A. properly B. undeniably C. invariably D. truly

1. I rarely drink in the week, and I've never acquired a taste for wine.

A. adapted B. assumed C. acquired D. adopted

1. These findings have profound implications for the future of humanity.

A. consequential B. heavy C. profound D. expansive

1. When a person plunges into icy water, the body temperature falls rapidly due to super-fast cooling.

A. falls B. reduces C. lessens D. dwindles

1. I made it clear I wasn't interested in him, but he didn't take the hint.

A. note B. suggestion C. clue D. hint

1. He was certainly not her idea of a doting husband.

A. perception B. feeling C. thought D. idea

1. Someone has tampered with the lock on my door.

a) serviced b) tricked c) tampered d) altered

1. When I met Rachel I enquired after her husband, who I knew had been ill.

A. with B. on C. after D. for

1. I had to wait no less than three hours to see the doctor this morning.

A. no few than B. fewer than C. no less than D. no fewer than

1. He sees a future in which books are no longer made of paper, but are read on hand-held electronic devices.

A. a future B. the future C. future D. futures

1. He had been born and bred on the river, but had never seen anything like it before.

A. grown B. bred C. brought D. grown up

1. Everyone saw him as the gentle singing cowboy and the media reinforced this one-sided image.

A. concept B. perception C. impression D. image

1. With odds of 100 to 1 against him, he ran a tremendous race and finished in third place.

A. stakes B. odds C. wagers D. bets

1. I think the chief exec was extremely impressed by your presentation.

A. extremely B. rightly C. completely D. absolutely

1. The Le Mans 24 hour race is the most gruelling event in the motor-racing calendar.

A. tedious B. gruelling C. tiresome D. grilling

1. She banged on the door, yelling at the top of her voice.

A. height B. peak C. summit D. top

1. As it happens, there is another side to the coin.

A. face B. shape C. side D. head

1. Unfortunately, there is no way in except through the front door.

A. only B. except C. unless D. just

1. Now that our exporting business to Asia has grown so successful, everyone wants to get in on the act.

A. act B. scene C. performance D. show

1. I agree with the latter point, but not with the former.

A. prior B. earlier C. former D. first

1. Global warming is being cited as the culprit for the slow start to this year’s European ski season.

A. offender B. culprit C. respondent D. suspect

1. For three weeks the country laboured under the worst floods in living memory.

A. existing B. current C. contemporary D. living

1. Three low-lying farmsteads outside town were evacuated.

A. low B. level C. deep D. flat

1. Look on the bright side, Tim. Things could be a lot worse.

A. bright B. good C. positive D. favourable

1. Fans are generally taken unawares when a famous actor or actress suddenly quits the profession.

A. surprised B. astonished C. unawares D. unexpected

1. Many southern cities are growing above the national average - Atlanta is a(n) case in point.

A. case B. type C. example D. illustration

1. Not one of them correctly forecast that the market would fall rather than rise.

A. fade B. drop C. fall D. sink

1. House prices have gone through the floor this year.

A. ground B. bottom C. floor D. foot

1. At about two in the morning, Alan took it into his head to go for a swim.

A. put B. took C. fixed D. set

1. There will be outbreaks of rain, gradually dying out later.

A. dropping B. dying C. passing D. falling

1. The health of 20% of British adults is seriously at risk because they are overweight.

A. stake B. risk C. danger D. threat

1. He hated it when students answered his questions without putting up their hands first.

A. putting B. raising C. lifting D. setting

1. The doctors gave him more powerful drugs in the vain hope that he might recover.

A. poor B. wrong C. blind D. vain

1. The greatest worry attending the introduction of the euro in 2002 was providing the right amount of hard cash.

A. cash B. coin C. money D. metal

1. Victim Support helps thousands of people every year, but the service is running desperately short of funds.

A. desperately B. hopelessly C. greatly D. largely

1. Since his last book five years ago, he seems to have sunk without trace.

A. sign B. mark C. trace D. track

1. Monster waves more than 40m high have provided the raw material for countless novels and films.

A. uncountable B. interminable C. incalculable D. countless

1. In order to stay in business, they decided that the wisest course to follow was to lower their prices.

A. course B. action C. way D. method

1. Legend has it that Sarah was put to death for practising witchcraft.

A. executed B. put C. taken D. sent

1. This method is now virtually obsolete, so we need to move with the times.

A. antiquated B. extinct C. obsolete D. vanished

1. He put his trust in the genius of individuals.

A. trust B. preference C. reliance D. belief

1. Chopping down trees is part of the eternal quest for shelter and warmth.

A. Chopping B. Chipping C. Carving D. Clipping

1. Audience figures fell off during the second series of the programme.

A. fell down B. fell off C. fell out D. fell short

1. Afterwards we grabbed a few bottles and headed for my room.

A. headed B. turned C. steered D. wandered

1. While women spend hours trying to emulate their favourite top model, their partners spend approximately five minutes deciding what to wear.

A. emulate B. envisage C. visualize D. embody

1. He donned his finest coat and hat and went to the party.

A. dressed B. worn C. donned D. adorned

1. A young couple have bought an obsolete Thames barge and intend to convert it into a floating home.

A. convert B. alter C. transfer D. adapt

1. Now I understand why travelers rave about Thailand.

A. crave B. long C. rage D. rave

1. Demand for the product soon exceeded the original production order.

A. expanded B. extended C. exceeded D. excelled

1. Swindon is one of the boom towns that had to shoulder the burden of recession.

A. drag B. heave C. shoulder D. weigh

1. Ann suggested that they dispense with speeches altogether at the wedding.

A. discard B. dispel C. dispatch D. dispense

1. They did up an old cottage in the Scottish Highlands.

A. restored B. made C. did D. built

1. Good jobs are few and far between these days.

A. about B. around C. between D. beyond

1. Let me know if there are not enough glasses to go round.

A. pass B. go C. spread D. share

1. British politicians tend to steer clear of religious topics.

A. wind B. drive C. steer D. move

1. Jeff just got into college by the skin of his teeth.

A. edge B. white C. run D. skin

1. There are very few new buildings so the village is relatively unspoiled.

A. highly B. scarcely C. roughly D. relatively

1. Kate wears her heart on her sleeve.

A. hand B. jacket C. hat D. sleeve

1. To the contrary, we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.

A. craziest B. wildest C. strangest D. maddest

1. As a child I was scared stiff of going down to the cellar.

A. scared B. frightened C. terrified D. feared

1. On the surface, life seemed normal in Beirut at that time.

A. surface B. face C. outside D. front

1. Her teachers said she was a slow learner, whereas in actual fact she was partially deaf.

A. by B. in C. on D. through

1. By tracking sperm whales, which are known to hunt these elusive animals, scientists have reached their aim.

A. obscure B. elusive C. indefinite D. intangible

1. The Committee took just under 12 months to carry out its investigation.

A. draw up B. set down C. carry out D. put through

1. Most accidents occur when the unattended child attempts to climb down from the cart.

A. down B. off C. away D. out

1. They pour money and staff time into the politicians' campaigns.

A. drop B. spill C. flow D. pour

1. When he is nervous, his hands shake.

A. shake B. shiver C. vibrate D. shudder

1. A huge grin spread across her face when she saw he boyfriend.

A. grin B. giggle C. chuckle D. groan

93. I had to lean out of the window to shout to him.

A. bend B. lean C. bow D. curve

94. Ann was very self-conscious about her figure and was always on a diet.

A. self-confident B. self-conscious C. self-centred D. self-controlled

95. This brooch has been passed down through three generations as a family heirloom.

A. heritage B. inheritance C. heirloom D. legacy

96. The cricket match was stopped early due to a downpour that lasted two hours.

A. rain B. drizzle C. downpour D. splash

97. I’m afraid you can’t see the director at the moment because he’s in conference.

A. conference B. meeting C. convention D. assembly

98. The astronaut’s landing on the moon was a historic moment for the world.

A. historic B. reminiscent C. historical D. memorial

99. Somebody’s gain is often somebody else’s loss.

A. win B. achievement C. gain D. catch

100. The house is in a very convenient location, very near the shop and public transport.

A. accessible B. comfortable C. convenient D. comforting