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

1. It must have cost him a fortune.

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

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

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

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

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

1. He will lie through his …………………, 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 ………………….

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The coach then began a desperate ………………… 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 ………………… his heart on.

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

1. Buying a cabin in the mountains may be all the ………………… 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 ………………… 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 ………………… eat properly while they are at school.

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

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

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

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

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

1. And then there is Diana, the woman who was, all by herself, the British ………………… 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 ………………….

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Car manufacturers have been accused of ………………… 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 ………………… lunch.

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

1. In the end, the victim gets well and ………………… 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 ………………… a taste for wine.

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

1. These findings have ………………… 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 ………………… 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 ………………….

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

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

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

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

A. serviced B. tricked C. tampered D. altered

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

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

1. I had to wait ……………………………………………………… 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 ……………………………………………………… 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 ………………… 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 ………………….

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

1. With ………………… 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 ………………… impressed by your presentation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Unfortunately, there is no way in ………………… 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 ………………….

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

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

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

1. Global warming is being cited as the ………………… 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 ………………… memory.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Fans are generally taken ………………… 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) ………………… in point.

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

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

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

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

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

1. At about two in the morning, Alan ………………… 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 ………………… out later.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Audience figures ………………… 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 ………………… for my room.

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

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

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

1. He ………………… 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 ………………… it into a floating home.

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

1. Now I understand why travelers ………………… about Thailand.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Kate wears her heart on her ………………….

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

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

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

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

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

1. On the …………………, 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 ………………… 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 ………………… animals, scientists have reached their aim.

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

1. The Committee took just under 12 months to ………………… 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 ………………… from the cart.

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

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

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

1. When he is nervous, his hands ………………….

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

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

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

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

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

94. Ann was very ………………… 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 ………………….

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

96. The cricket match was stopped early due to a ………………… 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 ………………….

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

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

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

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

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

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

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