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

1. Now, it seems, anyone ………………… connected with a celebrity can reap financial rewards.

A. barely B. virtually C. remotely D. roughly

1. Her ………………… encounter with the Sun had evidently had a bad influence on her.

A. ephemeral B. small C. short D. brief

1. There I saw state-of-the-art diving equipment that made mine appear ………………… ancient.

A. positively B. extremely C. very D. exceptionally

1. Manufacturers need to anticipate the ebb and ………………… of consumer demand.

A. flow B. run C. go D. wane

1. This young woman seems a ………………… candidate for a transfer to our company.

A. prime B. lead C. top D. major

1. Advertising ………………… are set according to the popularity of the programme in which the commercial is shown.

A. ratios B. rates C. proportions D. levels

1. The TV networks have to attract viewers by providing them with ………………… hits.

A. top B. best C. smash D. leading

1. When the popularity of a show …………………, it is likely to be scrapped.

A. slows B. dims C. weakens D. fades

1. The thought of him touching me just makes my skin ………………….

A. wrinkle B. creep C. crawl D. tingle

1. And he was the one who helped her make decisions about how to respond to the ………………… disease.

A. grave B. lethal C. mortal D. deadly

1. She not only deceived him but, to add ………………… to injury, allowed him to pay for her meal.

A. insult B. provocation C. damage D. harm

1. Inspectors gave the factory a ………………… bill of health.

A. new B. clean C. pure D. fresh

1. They want to get married? Have they taken leave of their …………………?

A. minds B. brains C. feelings D. senses

1. And so I decided to climb up the ladder of City College, starting at the lowest ………………….

A. rung B. step C. pace D. stage

1. When young people experiment with drugs, they're ………………… with death.

A. dabbling B. toying C. risking D. dicing

1. ………………… is known to have been a problem with one of the engines.

A. It B. There C. This D. That

1. Slowly, but surely, her career is ………………….

A. going up B. getting up C. carrying away D. taking off

1. The report puts the blame ………………… on the government.

A. squarely B. forcefully C. totally D. heavily

1. Evolution had reached its ………………… and was going backwards.

A. apex B. peak C. crest D. summit

1. The present situation of ………………… global water supplies may be further exacerbated by global warming.

A. reducing B. diminishing C. eroding D. deteriorating

1. To the ………………… eye, the two flowers look remarkably similar.

A. uneducated B. untrained C. illiterate D. uninformed

1. At the meeting Mark made some ………………… remarks about Sally, who wasn't there to defend herself.

A. cutting B. splitting C. piercing D. throbbing

1. Soon, hypothermia ………………… and the lungs fill with water, making the body appear lifeless.

A. comes up B. takes over C. sets in D. brings round

1. Doctors then thought that application of strong antiseptic solutions could prevent or ………………… off infection.

A. ward B. put C. fend D. send

1. Drawing, like writing, can be a ………………… for exploring your feelings.

A. method B. means C. vehicle D. drive

1. None of her books really ………………… itself to being made into a film.

A. helps B. lends C. offers D. provides

1. A punctual man himself by nature, he detested the thought of any ………………… delays.

A. improper B. unfounded C. groundless D. untoward

1. Peter handed over his passport and ticket and ………………… his bags onto the conveyor belt.

A. settled B. hoisted C. elevated D. handed

1. Assessments should not be affected by any personal ………………… such as the writer’s race, religion and age.

A. biases B. predispositions C. partialities D. suppositions.

1. I laid the glass down in the space she had cleared amongst the junk that ………………… the table.

A. cluttered B. disordered C. jumbled D. muddled

1. As I turned to leave she put a ………………… hand on my shoulder.

A. distorted B. gnarled C. knotted D. warped

1. The original platoon of 30 men had ………………… to 12.

A. ebbed B. dwindled C. reduced D. lowered

1. Many bar owners ………………… the laws on under-age drinking.

A. taunt B. sneer C. flout D. spurn

1. Moving schools frequently can ………………… a child's education.

A. disrupt B. interrupt C. derail D. eradicate

1. Many people in the U.S. give ………………… attention to European affairs.

A. scarce B. scant C. small D. slim

1. It had vanished as silently as if it had been only a ………………… of her imagination.

A. flight B. figure C. figment D. form

1. The disease had left her weak and ………………… to all sorts of diseases.

A. prone B. subject C. liable D. probable

1. There were two unconfirmed ………………… of UFOs in the area.

A. sightings B. signs C. spectacles D. views

1. I didn't like the way he made ………………… comments about his colleagues.

A. depleting B. detrimental C. derogatory D. deteriorating

1. She was ………………… by his smooth talk.

A. possessed B. obsessed C. addicted D. beguiled

1. I could feel my courage ………………… away.

A. dwindling B. ebbing C. falling D. sliding

1. The bill would ………………… existing gun-control regulations.

A. control B. stiffen C. tighten D. impose

1. Publicity has ………………… awareness of the threats to the environment.

A. improved B. risen C. sharpened D. heightened

1. Bad working conditions might take a heavy ………………… on staff morale.

A. damage B. toll C. effect D. wreck

1. Mieno is ………………… cold water on the report before she's even seen it.

A. throwing B. casting C. drenching D. pouring

1. He ………………… on a new career as a teacher.

A. embarked B. launched C. undertook D. boarded

1. Kelly was outstanding and ………………… every other player on the field.

A. bettered B. outshone C. overcome D. excelled

1. A basic ………………… in math is essential for the economics course.

A. tuition B. teaching C. instruction D. grounding

1. It was a bad cut, but he'd ………………… it off.

A. carried B. threw C. shrugged D. put

1. ………………… out pamphlets and booklets is ineffective if consumers cannot understand the message.

A. pouring B. spilling C. ladling D. churning

1. She's always looked at life through rose-coloured ………………….

A. glasses B. lenses C. shades D. panes

1. Employers shouldn’t try to ………………… into what a person does in the privacy of their own home.

A. prod B. pry C. prowl D. proceed

1. The bus company is operating a ………………… service on Christmas Day.

A. limited B. reduced C. skeleton D. bare

1. Tom’s ………………… sin was pride.

A. overriding B. redeeming C. overwhelming D. besetting

1. When the stunt man heard what he had to do, he didn’t turn a …………………!

A. hair B. heel C. finger D. head

1. The school takes a very hard ………………… on drugs.

A. line B. path C. rule D. lane

1. The lady behind the counter looked ………………… at me.

A. blades B. daggers C. knives D. swords

1. Sometimes we should avoid looking the proverbial gift horse in the mouth and ………………… in the moment.

A. cheer B. relish C. rejoice D. enjoy

1. He was so drunk he could hardly ………………… two words together.

A. rope B. pleat C. string D. line

1. His nerves were torn to ………………….

A. shreds B. strips C. slits D. parts

1. I put on some nice ………………… music.

A. soothing B. seething C. sustaining D. slanting

1. Let's see if she's at Fiona's house. It's a ………………… in the dark, but we've got to start looking somewhere.

A. jump B. shot C. leap D. slap

1. Take the leaflets home and read them at your ………………….

A. relaxation B. leisure C. comfort D. ease

1. He proved himself to be a cut ………………… the rest.

A. beyond B. over C. above D. away

1. Diplomats say NATO is clearly at fault, and that officials there are trying to pass the ………………….

A. buck B. burden C. fault D. problem

1. Won't he ………………… up a fuss when he discovers they're missing?

A. make B. take C. beat D. kick

1. Sarah thinks she can set the world to ………………… all by herself.

A. justice B. fairness C. principle D. rights

1. I didn’t expect them to come so I had to ………………… lunch ………………….

A. put up B. knock up C. cobble together D. patch up

1. Eventually, all the members of the team ………………… the manager’s proposals.

A. went down with B. chimed in with C. came up with D. came down with

1. When the series was first shown, the media ………………… praise on its creator, David Lynch.

A. lavished B. poured C. rained D. cast

1. I’m pretty sure someone has ………………… us, otherwise we wouldn’t have got caught.

A. told on B. squealed on C. notified on D. brought on

1. I’ve started avoiding my new neighbour for he talks a ………………… streak and I can’t understand a thing.

A. blue B. grey C. green D. red

1. They are blowing trumpets, singing up a ………………… and waving as they walk past us.

A. sun B. thunder C. storm D. wind

1. They expect the bill to move through Congress like greased ………………….

A. thunder B. lightning C. storm D. hurricane

1. You should keep a ………………… eye on your finances.

A. sun B. thunder C. weather D. drought

1. The little boy ………………… in his seat, anxious to get up and leave the table.

A. squirted B. squirmed C. squatted D. squabbled

1. This initiative is not the answer to what ………………… our educational system.

A. allays B. alludes C. ails D. allures

1. He had ………………… thoughts of marrying Alice and raising a family, but he entered the Society instead.

A. entwined B. entertained C. bundled D. gathered

1. When he refused to join the strike, Joe's mates sent him to ………………… for three weeks.

A. London B. Bath C. Coventry D. Newcastle

1. Just copy the disk, and …………………‘s your uncle!

A. Harry B. Bob C. Tom D. Jack

1. It's difficult to put a price ………………… on such a project.

A. slip B. label C. marker D. tag

1. We're just beginning to ………………… the benefits of all our hard work.

A. harvest B. gather C. reap D. plough

1. This scandal could ………………… the government.

A. push B. topple C. totter D. shove

1. Babies ………………… language by listening to those around them.

A. obtain B. get C. acquire D. gain

1. Most psychologists are of the ………………… that the definition of your job by others can affect your performance.

A. idea B. mind C. concept D. notion

1. Britain is ………………… behind the rest of Europe.

A. loitering B. lingering C. dallying D. lagging

1. He was a ………………… starter but soon caught up with the rest.

A. late B. delayed C. belated D. slowed

1. "You did amazingly well to get the ball in." "Oh, it was more by ………………… than judgment."

A. chance B. accident C. fortune D. luck

1. Many people, fearing a military coup, are leaving the country while the going is ………………….

A. fine B. well C. good D. fair

1. TV Game shows have been my ………………… aversion for some time now.

A. favourite B. chosen C. pet D. preferred

1. He'd have to have a much more ………………… reason than that.

A. prevailing B. compelling C. forceful D. commanding

1. Puddings are the ………………… in the crown of British cookery.

A. brooch B. jewel C. necklace D. Feather

1. It is now known that many plants grow at temperatures as low as 0°C, ………………… slowly.

A. even though B. nevertheless C. albeit D. all the same

1. She was struck by an ………………… feeling of déjà vu.

A. supernatural B. unwieldy C. mystic D. uncanny

1. Today's climate of difficulties and problems, stresses and …………………, inevitably affects our lives.

A. strains B. sprains C. straits D. scraps

1. Andy's going through a bit of a rough ………………… at the moment - his wife wants a divorce.

A. course B. spot C. patch D. hole

1. Paris and Milan ………………… with each other for the title of world fashion capital.

A. combat B. contest C. conflict D. vie

1. Basically, if you believe the ………………… of averages, we should win at least once.

A. norm B. rule C. code D. law

1. Women seek out ways to look different while men choose clothes which are as ………………… as possible.

A. indescribable B. nondescript C. obscure D. nonexistent

1. She noted that he ………………… an almost tangible air of self-assurance.

A. absorbed B. attracted C. exuded D. retained

1. I remember my father standing over her sickbed ………………… his hands so afraid of losing another child.

A. wrapping B. shaking C. wringing D. clasping

1. Then he saw her face and stopped dead in his ………………….

A. steps B. tracks C. place D. feet

1. Why did it happen now, just when he was about to ………………… on his PhD?

A. endeavour B. embark C. depart D. undertake

1. Tom didn't ………………… words and told me straight away that I had failed.

A. dice B. blend C. mince D. chop

1. On registering , copies of ………………… of citizenship and identity must be provided in duplicate.

A. receipt B. statement C. testimony D. proof

1. Social workers are still trying to find the victim's next of ………………….

A. family B. kin C. clan D. relation

1. The candle tipped ………………… and the hay caught fire.

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

1. She seems disillusioned with her ………………… in life.

A. plot B. load C. lot D. haul

1. At his grandmother’s death, he forged signatures to obtain his entire ………………….

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