



Exam practice 10

1 Fill each of the numbered blanks with **one** suitable word.

Some people have a touching faith in the intelligence and sensitivity of dolphins. A long scientific study has recently reported (1) they are (2) highly intelligent that, given the chance, they would spend their time reading The London Review of Books and listening to Wagner. As far as I am concerned, the height of dolphinkind's achievements are in a dolphinarium, where they learn (3) to jump out of a pool to snatch a fish from a blonde in a wet suit. I completely (4) to understand (5), armed with (6) slender evidence, people can make their extraordinary claims for the swimming mammal's superior brain power. Dogs, after all, can be trained in much the same way but (7) anyone to (8) similar claims of massive I.Q. for a dog (9) a stick would be clearly ridiculous. If dolphins are (10) clever, how come they keep (11) caught in those tuna nets? I can't understand (12) they don't swim the other way. Have they got highly developed communication skills or haven't they? (13) dolphins are playful is indisputable, as is the (14) that (15) them to do tricks is relatively easy. The purely coincidental fact (16) their mouth structure makes them look to humans (17) in normal critical awareness as if they are smiling and thoroughly enjoying themselves is not, however a (18) of intelligence. During the Cold War, the US Navy trained dolphins to (19) out highly dangerous mine-clearing work. If anything, (20) strikes me as conclusive proof of lack of intelligence.

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2 Fill each of the gaps with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: It's incredible *that anyone should* want to live in an industrial area.

- a What our decision depends the final cost is likely to be.
- b How her down after such a good interview, I'll never know.
- c Why she aback by our decision I don't understand.
- d That the police lied I believe.
- e The been lying to us all along means we should never trust him again.
- f Whether or not, you have to practise if you want to be any good.
- g My mother eventually came round that it would be better to move in with us.
- h I've never had any particular visit the USA.
- i Realising just people in the world are close to the poverty line is a shock.
- j That shop in the High Street has closed down, or appear.

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3 Finish each sentence in such a way that it is as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it.

EXAMPLE: The landlord said he would evict us if we didn't pay the rent.

The landlord threatened *to evict us if we didn't pay the rent*.

- a You shouldn't complain about the service here: it's not worth it.
It would be absurd for
- b Her financial problems only became clear later.
That
- c His belief in ghosts is a bit of a mystery to me.
I find it
- d My brother's refusal to even discuss the issue really annoys me.
What
- e Kingsley learned Russian in six weeks, which wasn't bad going for him.
To have

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4 For each of the sentences below, write a new sentence **as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence**, but using the word given. This word **must not be altered in any way**.

EXAMPLE: Why didn't the Principal publish the exam results in the normal way?

purpose

What was the Principal's purpose in not publishing the exam results in the normal way?

a We need to think about how old the house is when making our decision.

account

b If that's the way it has to be, then we have to accept it.

so

c This factory needs to produce more if it is to survive.

output

d We are currently spending far more than we earn.

outgoings

e The public were up in arms over the proposed change to privacy laws.

outcry

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5 Complete each sentence with the most suitable word or phrase.

1 I seem to be in energy this morning.

A bereft B short C lack D low

2 Managers claim we are in desperate of greater investment in our industries.

A requirement B excess C need D lack

3 This neighbourhood looks a little and tatty these days.

A well-heeled B well-off C run down D down and out

4 The builders told us that that pile of cement was to their requirements.

A excess B extra C surplus D spare

5 The discovery of oil brought wealth to the country.

A untold B unsaid C uncalculated D unannounced

6 Born into a rich family, he has for nothing all his life.

A needed B required C lacked D wanted

7 This area is absolutely for more investment.

A crying out B breaking down C better off D cutting back

8 The sudden in viewing figures encouraged more advertisers to turn to television.

A upshot B upturn C upkeep D uptake

9 I'm afraid my youngest son has never been particularly quick on the

A upshot B upturn C upkeep D uptake

10 That was a bit of a for the books: I never expected him to show up.

A turn-up B turn-out C turn-in D turn-away

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