

TEST 6

I. Replace each italicized word with a synonymous one.

The game of solving *difficult* (1) puzzles has always *filled* (2) people with the feeling of a profound *excitement* (3). No wonder, then, that the *fascination* (4) of treasure hunting has invariably been associated with the possibility of realizing the most *improbable* (5) dreams. According to what the psychologists claim, there is a little boy in every treasure hunter. Yet, the *chase* (6) of hidden valuables has recently become a serious *venture* (7) with amateur and professional seekers equipped with highly sophisticated *devices* (8) like metal detectors, radars, sonars or underwater cameras.

What raises the adrenaline level in these treasure-obsessed fanatics are legends, myths, old maps and other *variety* (9) of clues promising *immeasurable* (10) fortunes buried beneath the earth's surface or drowned in the ancient galleys.

For many treasure hunters the struggle of hint searching is even more *stimulating* (11) than digging out a treasure trove composed of golden or silver objects, jewellery and other priceless artefacts. The job is, however, extremely strenuous as even the most *puzzling* (12) clues must be thoroughly *analysed* (13). Failures and misinterpretations *occur* (14) quite frequently, too. Yet, even the most unlikely clue or the smallest find is enough to reinforce the hunter's self-confidence and passion.

Indeed, the delight in treasure finding doesn't always *depend on* (15) acquiring tremendous amounts of valuables. Whatever is detected, be it a rusty sundial or a marble statue, brings joy and reward after a long and exhausting search.

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| 1. a) extreme | b) fierce | c) intricate | d) vehement |
| 2. a) imposed | b) congested | c) imbued | d) aroused |
| 3. a) exhilaration | b) dismay | c) acclaim | d) inflammation |
| 4. a) rage | b) trauma | c) craze | d) uproar |
| 5. a) inopportune | b) impetuous | c) unbearable | d) implausible |
| 6. a) pursuit | b) dash | c) gait | d) crusade |
| 7. a) riddle | b) exploit | c) toil | d) strain |
| 8. a) garments | b) auxiliaries | c) appliances | d) phenomena |
| 9. a) range | b) abundance | c) stack | d) batch |
| 10. a) ceaseless | b) superfluous | c) unaccountable | d) inestimable |
| 11. a) rousing | b) gruelling | c) escalating | d) engulfing |

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| 12. a) crippling | b) appalling | c) baffling | d) overwhelming |
| 13. a) utilized | b) scrutinized | c) disclosed | d) verbalized |
| 14. a) unveil | b) concur | c) befall | d) encounter |
| 15. a) dwell on | b) poke around | c) lay about | d) hinge upon |

II. Replace the italicized verbs or phrases with a synonymous phrasal verb in the correct form.

account for	back up	bring about	bring up	call off
carry out	feel up to	get on	look up	make up
pull up	put off	set in	take back	turn up

- The policeman waved at Danny to *stop his car* at the lay-by.
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- Several recruits were given a harsh training for their reluctance to *fulfil* the captain's orders.
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- Luckily, the two ministers *ended their argument* before the programme was broadcast.
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- Doesn't any of you want to *give me support*? Will you let them believe that I'm guilty of the fraud?
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- Things are beginning to *improve* now that we have received the aid.
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- At first, I felt like going to the concert, but it was the price of the ticket that *discouraged* me in the end.
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- The season of dry weather has *begun* too early this year. I'm afraid we may have to face drought.
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- Lucy says she *isn't well enough to do* so much housework.
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- The pump breakdown has been *caused* by an electrical fault.
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