

Exam practice 14

1 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: In the end, our fears turned out to be groundless.

proved

In the end, our fears proved (to be) groundless.

- a The director claimed not to be involved in the petty financial arguments over the film.
distanced
- b You've got to accept that you are too old for that sort of thing nowadays.
face
- c My husband is enormously proud of his cooking.
prides
- d Everyone stopped talking when he entered.
fell
- e She wasn't as reliable as we had hoped.
proved
- f Senior management and representatives from the shop floor go to make up the committee.
comprised
- g None of us was hurt in the explosion.
unscathed
- h We made sure we were in the best position to watch the parade.
positioned
- i We mustn't become separated in the crowd.
stick
- j There was hardly any movement in the traffic in front of us.
inched

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2 Complete each sentence so that it is **as similar as possible in meaning to the sentence printed before it**.

EXAMPLE: All the buildings were razed to the ground by the earthquake.

No building remained *standing after the earthquake*.

- a Take another biscuit if you like.
Help
- b Standing as tall as he could, he passionately denied any involvement in the affair.
Drawing

- c Julia and I met by chance in Gloucester Green.
Julia and I bumped
- d 'You really must take a holiday, Dad,' said my daughter.
My daughter insisted that
- e Getting the captaincy represented the pinnacle of his career.
Being made
- f I know that Andrew is one of our most hard-working supporters.
I know Andrew to
- g The man was convicted on three counts of dangerous driving.
The jury found
- h It sounds as if a compromise has been reached.
A compromise appears
- i In my view, you are responsible for the delays.
I hold
- j Most people felt nothing but contempt for the murderer.
The murderer was held

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3 Fill the blanks with a suitable word or phrase.

EXAMPLE: The bricks were loaded *onto* the lorry.

- a You don't need to commit this stage to anything.
- b Believe me, you are kidding you believe you can finish this by Christmas.
- c Numbers attending last Sunday's demonstration are estimated region of 100,000.
- d Some diseases seem dormant for months before becoming active.
- e The bombers managed way undetected through the security cordon.
- f His land far as the eye can see.
- g By skilful negotiation, they managed to talk of trouble.
- h The bus was swaying dangerously to side as it descended the hillside.
- i During the selection procedure, the candidate was subjected of searching questions.
- j The spin doctors tried over the fact that the Prime Minister had broken most of his promises.

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4 Circle the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

- 1 Her boyfriend has an impressive of German.
A smattering B knowing C acquaintance D command
- 2 My niece claims to be a(n) vegetarian.
A firm B devout C unshakeable D strict
- 3 I'm a supporter of proportional representation.
A confirmed B strict C practising D staunch
- 4 I know Thessaloniki like the back of my
A hand B head C book D wardrobe
- 5 I've read that report so many times I feel I know it
A forwards B backwards C sideways D upside down
- 6 I think we've kept everybody in the about the arrangements for far too long.
A gloom B dusk C dark D night
- 7 To my, winter is a daft time to go on holiday.
A opinion B belief C view D mind
- 8 This class seems to have only a knowledge of what they are supposed to achieve.
A smattering B rudimentary C comprehensive D faded
- 9 Actually, I'm starting to the hang of this game.
A get B achieve C obtain D keep
- 10 Carolyn is not really well with office procedures.
A dressed B versed C acquainted D done
- 11 To my knowledge, he has no previous convictions.
A certain B absolute C complete D definite
- 12 I really think there is no of her continuing to work here.
A doubt B question C uncertainty D response
- 13 I have every in your ability to succeed.
A confidence B trust C belief D persuasion
- 14 The weaker side managed to over the league champions.
A compete B cheat C prevail D culminate
- 15 Everybody was about the latest production at the National Theatre.
A revelling B triumphing C delighting D raving
- 16 I really can't believe that anyone here would in such shady dealings.
A dabble B stoop C reach D conceive
- 17 The current team are of a remarkably high, despite injury problems.
A shape B standard C spirit D term
- 18 The government was forced to introduce on the sale of such controversial videos.
A preventions B provisions C safeguards D curbs
- 19 I think everyone should be with the way office machinery works.
A conversant B mindful C answerable D attuned
- 20 Your participation is of the way we seek to involve everybody in our plans.
A dependent B indicative C desirous D integral

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