



P. 4

A.

appealing

lodging

avoid

weightlessness

priority

team building

B.

all-inclusive

budget

value

scuba diving

outings

ranging

C.

1 a/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 a/5 a/ 6 c/ 7 b

P. 5

A.

- 1. got**
- 2. hostels**
- 3. approached**
- 4. flight**
- 5. voyages**
- 6. resort**
- 7. expedition**
- 8. journey**
- 9. suites**
- 10. reach**

B.

description

impression

decision

advertisements

assistance

C.

- 1. usually wears - doesn't like**
- 2. is increasing**
- 3. is thinking of**
- 4. leaves**
- 5. is improving**

6. works – enjoys

7. scores

8. flow

P. 6

D.

1. is always telling

2. do you play

3. does this bag belong

4. is having

5. still hurts - is getting

6. am using

7. is Michael talking – believe

8. goes

E.

1 a/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 c/ 5 b/ 6 b

F.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 a/ 6 d

P. 7

A.

1. waterfall

2. pond

3. archaeological sites

4. rainforest

5. conference room

B.

1. receptionist

2. lounge

3. bellboy

4. spa

5. volcano

C.

1. was

2. light

3. pair

4. needs

5. tube

6. flash

D.

1. brother's in law

2. luggage

3. feet

4. mice

5. deer

E.

1 c/ 2 b/ 3 a/ 4 c/ 5 b/ 6 a/ 7b/ 8 a

P. 8

A.

1. stuffy

2. safe

3. challenging

4. scenery

5. destination

6. confined

7. relaxing

B.

1. is a lot of traffic

2. always criticizes/is always criticizing

3. had horrible weather

4. the news is bad

5. does this weather belong to

6. (very) few people

7. is seeing her dentist / is going to her dentist

8. are being very

P. 9

A.

1. correspond

2. pick – up

3. option

4. is putting - up

5. spare

6. are looking forward to

justify

B.

1. in

2. many

3. lots/plenty

4. few

5. hardly

6. is

7. a

8. ends/finishes

9. of

10.on

11.without

12.back



P. 10

A.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 a/ 5 a/ 6 b/ 7 a

B.

1. in search of

2. makes sense

3. stands out

4. made up

5. was in for

6. make up for

7. associated with

C.

1 c/ 2 d/ 3 b/ 4 e/ 5 a

P. 11

A.

1. loss

2. succeeded

3. beach

4. accomplished

5. fog

6. shortages

7. weather

8. downpour

9. coast

10. climate

B.

1. made

2. Make

3. make

4. made

5. did

6. do

7. makes

8. do

C.

1. made – effort

2. make – noise

3. do business

4. doing – duty

5. made a mess

6. do – work

7. made a complaint

8. did damage

9. make a suggestion

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D.

1. have you been – has been looking for – went

2. Hasn't – come – has gone

3. have ever eaten

4. has had – has already broken down

E.

1 b/ 2 b/ 3 c/ 4 a/ 5 c/ 6 b/ 7 a/ 8 a

F.

1. have known Alice since

2. book my mother has ever

3. second time Ted has visited

4. have not eaten fish for

5. has been raining continuously for

6. has been in Paris since

7. has been learning Spanish for

8. since I (last) went

P. 13

A.

- 1. thrilled**
- 2. disappointing**
- 3. frightened**
- 4. impressive**
- 5. overwhelmed**
- 6. scary**
- 7. boring**

B.

- 1. dungeon**
- 2. plain**
- 3. affordable**
- 4. splendid**
- 5. ticket counter**
- 6. adapt to**
- 7. glorious**
- 8. struggle**
- 9. paid off**

C.

- 1. a**

2. the

3. - / - / -

4. a

5. the / a

6. an /-

7. the

8. the

E.

1. The / a

2. - / a

3. a

4. - / - / the / the / the

5. - / A

6. the

7. The / the

8. The / a / -

P. 14

A.

1 c/ 2 a/ 3 d/ 4 b/ 5 d/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 b/ 9 d/ 10 b

B.

1 c/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 c/ 5 d/ 6 a/ 7 a/ 8 c/ 9 c/ 10 c

P. 15

A.

1. g

2. h

3. a

4. b

5. d

6. f

7. c

8. e

B.

1 a/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 d/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 b/ 9 c/ 10 c/ 11 d/ 12 b

P. 17

A.

1 c/ 2 d/ 3 c/ 4 d/ 5 c/ 6 d/ 7 c/ 8 a/ 9 b

P. 18

B.

1. of

2. for

3. the

4. and

5. Lots/Plenty

6. out

7. make/take

8. In

9. such

10.not

11.has

12.a

P. 19

C.

How are you? I'm really pleased for receiving your letter. Thank you for saying that you will pick me up from Bristol airport next Monday and I'm sorry for the flight arriving late at night.

It's a great idea to spend the first night at your cousin's place in Bristol to visit place such as the museums and the amazing bridge. I agree with you for going camping, it sounds great and I want to ask if I should bring my tent.

For staying in your parents' house or not, I'd rather prefer to stay in a hotel. I couldn't stay for a second week, because I have no time to remain.

I'm looking forward to see you.

Best wishes



Crime and punishment

P. 20

A.

- 1. sympathise**
- 2. commit**
- 3. misunderstood**
- 4. curled**
- 5. investigate**
- 6. withdraw**
- 7. concluded**

B.

- 1. held up**
- 2. broke into**
- 3. deal with**
- 4. made off**
- 5. Pick out**
- 6. go through with**

C.

blackmail
burglary

murder

kidnapping

theft

hacking

P. 21

A.

1. kidnapper

2. robbers

3. raud

4. ine

5. ijacker

6. hoplifting

B.

1. mugged

2. Witnesses

3. accused

4. banning

5. plead

6. sentenced

C.

1. was driving – stopped – wasn't wearing

2. was – got – washed – had – went

3. always got / was always getting

4. usually went – gave – up

P. 22

D.

1. I didn't use to get up early until I started working.

2. In those days, they were working in a restaurant.

3. Sandra saw an accident as she was walking down the street.

4. Did you have a good time at Mohammed's house last night?

5. Karen did not realise it was so late.

E.

1. historical

2. murderers

3. criminals

4. pleasant

5. terrified

6. successfully

7. inexplicable

8. tourist

9. disagree

10. horrible/horrifying

P. 23

A.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 c

B.

1. more demanding than

2. the most expensive

3. warmer than

4. Further

5. older than

6. the silliest

C.

1. His accent is getting better and better every day.

2. Mark's box is not as heavy as Will's.

3. The more Jack eats, the fatter he'll get.

4. The weather was getting worse and worse, so we decided not to go out.

5. They live closer / nearer than I thought.

6. The higher we climbed, the more difficulty we had breathing.

P. 24

A.

1. c

2. f

3. e

4. a

5. d

6. b

B.

1. pickpockets

2. inmates

3. poverty

4. tempting

C.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 d/ 5 c/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 a/ 9 a/ 10 d

P. 25

A.

1. hooliganism

2. out of order

3. authorities – facilities

4. aware – arise

5. due to

6. From my point of view – combine

7. expert

B.

1 b/ 2 a/ 3 d/ 4 c/ 5 a/ 6 b/ 7 c/ 8 a/ 9 d/ 10 a/ 11 b/ 12 d



P. 26

A.

came to halt

is set

inspect

stare

encountered

exhausted

breathtaking

B.

1. frantically

2. lever

3. blankly

4. undertake

5. guarding

6. proceed

C.

1. b

2. e

3. f

4. c

5. a

6. d

1. legendary

2. volunteer

3. gloomy

4. seek

5. trapped

6. awe

P. 27

A.

1. take one's time

2. take pride in

3. take advantage of

4. take care of

5. take notice of

6. take for granted

7. take one's advice

B.

1. furious

- 2. enormous**
- 3. essential**
- 4. delicious**
- 5. fascinating**
- 6. ridiculous**
- 7. awful**
- 8. terrified**

C.

- 1. crashed – was standing**
- 2. left – were playing – got – were still playing – hadn't moved**
- 3. had been jogging – met**

P. 28

D.

- 1. I had been wandering around for an hour before I found a cosy cafe to sit in.**
- 2. Fay didn't start tidying up until the children had left for school.**
- 3. Mike had been working for the company for three years when he got a promotion.**
- 4. By the time the police arrived, the thieves had run away.**
- 5. Ali didn't study for the test because he was absent and nobody had informed him about it.**

E.

1 d/ 2 a/ 3 c/ 4 b/ 5 d/ 6 c/ 7 a/ 8 b

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1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 c/ 5 c/ 6 b/ 7 c/ 8 a

B.

1. h

2. c

3. d

4. b

5. a

6. g

C.

1. Which T-shirt looks better on me, the red one or the yellow one

2. What does the price include

3. Who did you give your car to

4. Who told you that story

5. What did he forget to buy

P. 30

A.

1. adventures

2. desert

3. survive

4. shelter

5. endurance

6. optimism

B.

1. the/that/this

2. had

3. to

4. took

5. been

6. to/with

7. fell

8. up

9. was

10. going/about

11. in

12. would

P. 31

A.

1. off

2. released

3. moral

4. No sooner

5. meanwhile

6. cautiously

B.

1 d/ 2 a/ 3 d/ 4 c/ 5 a/ 6 b/ 7 d/ 8 b

C.

1 d/ 2 a/ 3 c/ 4 b/ 5 c/ 6 c/ 7 b/ 8 a

P. 32

A.

1 b/ 2 c

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3 d/ 4 c/ 5 b/ 6 a/ 7 a/ 8 d

B.

1. the best holiday

2. not as entertaining as

3. Kevin had already

4. by the time he

5. had been working for

6. was going to take

7. used to go to

8. did Len talk to/with

C.

Dear editor,

I want to share you my opinion about shoplifting and retail theft which may not seem like a major crime. But to the small business fighting for survival, it's murder. There is a retail theft committed every five seconds in this country, these thefts cost each store owner \$150 a year. No store is immune.

I would like also to say that, in most cases, however, prosecution is in order. It is essential if the shoplifter is violent, if he or she lacks proper identification and you suspect a prior record, if he or she appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, if the theft involves merchandise of great value, or if the shoplifter appears to be a professional.

In my opinion, juvenile shoplifters require special handling. A strict, no-nonsense demeanor often makes a lasting impression on the young offender and may deter future theft, While many stores choose to contact the parents of young shoplifters rather than the police, remember that the juveniles account for half of all shoplifting that goes on in this country. The parents of troubled youngsters may be ineffective in handling the situation.

I hope you agree with me and I look forward to see your next article.

Yours sincerely,

Naw'waf Salem

D.

Justin never expected that he would find himself in such a difficult situation. His football coach drew him hard words. Justin decided to talk to his coach. He said to him;

"You are a great soccer coach, however, a few moments ago, you drew me harsh words. I would like to give me another chance. I knew that the sport of soccer is unique in demanding excellent physical fitness and excellent technique. I promised to be a hard trainer into three general categories: fitness training, technique development, and strategy and tactics. One of your greatest strength is your good strategy and tactics which let your athletes play to the best of their abilities. I appreciate your hard work and ask you for another opportunity."

The coach said to him; "I really admired the hard work you've been doing, although I could tell that your performance should be improved. It would have been better if you'd managed to develop a playing structure in your team; you must become familiar with the basic principles, styles and systems of play as well as individual and group tactics. You have a great desire to be a best player. Continue training to improve your fitness". Justin was happy because the coach gave him another chance.



Lifestyle

P. 34

A.

- 1. extent**
- 2. majority**
- 3. outskirts**
- 4. combine**
- 5. explosion**
- 6. benefits**
- 7. caters for**

B.

- 1. field of study**
- 2. schedule**
- 3. lecture**
- 4. cross my mind**
- 5. assignment**
- 6. deadliness**
- 7. focus**

C.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 c/ 6 a

P. 35

A.

1. expectations

2. zone

3. habitats

4. forecast

5. block of flats

6. suburbs

B.

1 c/ 2 b/ 3 b/ 4 c/ 5 a/ 6 c/ 7 a/ 8 a

C.

1. will not make

2. Will – give

3. is going to dive

4. will be attending

5. will have finished

6. will have been learning

7. is leaving

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D.

1. will be working

2. will have interviewed - arrives

3. is about to leave
4. will probably win
5. will have been working
6. isn't going to invite

E.

1 b/ 2 b/ 3 c/ 4 c/ 5 c/ 6 d/ 7 b/ 8 d/ 9 d/ 10 a/ 11 b/ 12 c

P. 37

A.

1. in the city centre
2. underground
3. pavement
4. flat
5. chips
6. football
7. autumn
8. university
9. study

B.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 a/ 6 a/ 7 a/ 8 b/ 9 c/ 10 b/ 11 a/ 12 c

C.

- 1. must/should**
- 2. can**
- 3. mustn't/shouldn't**
- 4. mustn't/shouldn't**
- 5. Should**
- 6. can't**

P. 38

A.

- 1. time-consuming**
- 2. harmful**
- 3. complicated**
- 4. frequent**
- 5. accommodate**
- 6. necessity**
- 7. obligation**

B.

1 c/ 2 a/ 3 d/ 4 d/ 5 d/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 b

C.

1 c/ 2 b/ 3 a/ 4 a/ 5 b/ 6 a/ 7 c

P. 39

A.

- 1. conscious**
- 2. volunteer**
- 3. persuaded**
- 4. specialities**
- 5. replace**
- 6. suggestions**
- 7. vending machine**
- 8. proposal**
- 9. in reply to**
- 10.announcement**

B.

- 1. considerably**
- 2. discussion**
- 3. inconvenient**
- 4. harmful**
- 5. announcement**
- 6. necessity**
- 7. argument**
- 8. explosion**
- 9. reality**
- 10.combination**



The environment

P. 40

A.

- 1. aware of**
- 2. global warming**
- 3. species**
- 4. extinction**
- 5. alternative**
- 6. solar**
- 7. power**
- 8. accessible**

B.

- 1. advance**
- 2. slippery**
- 3. misleading**
- 4. facilities**
- 5. linen**
- 6. admission**

C.

- 1. f**
- 2. e**

3. d

4. g

5. a

6. c

7. b

1. Donating

2. residents

3. currently

4. disabled

5. generates

6. charge

7. urban

P. 41

A.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 d/ 4 a/ 5 d/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 d

B.

1. restore

2. field

3. poles

4. atmosphere

5. reduce

6. recommended

C.

1. go

2. were

3. give

4. don't hurry

5. studies

6. wouldn't talk

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D.

1 a/ 2 b/ 3 a/ 4 b/ 5 b/ 6 a

E.

1. energy/power

2. on

3. if

4. in

5. make

6. but

7. in

8. did

9. went

10.have/has

11.unless

12.on

p. 43

A.

1. endangered species

2. profit

3. ingredients

4. appealing

5. Spread

B.

1. keep off

2. keeping – back

3. keep on

4. keep to

C.

1. good

2. delay

3. change

4. warning

5. a while

6. doubt

7. sure

8. fail

9. exception

D.

1 c/ 2 c/ 3 c/ 4 d/ 5 a/ 6 a

E.

1. might be another snowstorm tonight

2. must be sleeping

3. can't be Abdul's car

4. the weather, roots down, Eric won't come

5. will find out the time of the last train home

6. might not be Toby's boots

P. 44

1. recycling

2. dispose of

3. save

4. environmentally friendly

5. cut down

6. energy-saving

7. throw away

B.

- 1. unless she follows**
- 2. you should see**
- 3. as long as you are**
- 4. must be somewhere**
- 5. can't be**
- 6. might not visit us**
- 7. if he did not accept**
- 8. I were, I would**

P. 45

A.

- 1. maintenance**
- 2. at the expense of**
- 3. compulsory**
- 4. eliminate**
- 5. regarded**
- 6. commute**
- 7. dependent**
- 8. campaign**

B.

1 b/ 2 a/ 3 c/ 4 b/ 5 c/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 a

C.

1 a/ 2 b/ 3 c/ 4 d/ 5 b/ 6 b/ 7 d/ 8 c

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A.

1 d/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 a/ 5 b/ 6 b

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B.

1 c/ 2 a/ 3 b/ 4 d/ 5 c/ 6 a/ 7 c/ 8 b/ 9 a/ 10 d/ 11 b/ 12 c

C.

Dear, Mr McQuire

I write this letter to share you my opinions about the Olympic financial denotation to the society's Sports in the Community project.

I suggest that the programme of community projects should cover culture, sport, education, volunteering and the environment, including opportunities to participate in community activities. I think a regional training centre for students should be created, as well as local boxing clubs, football court, and associations.

It's a great idea that university's Director for using the money to increase the number of young people aged 17-plus who volunteer to provide sport training to local clubs and to search for ways of improving their relationship with sports groups and working for increasing the number of people who use sports equipments.

It is an outreach project where groups and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are given the opportunity to showcase their talent alongside others and I would like to accompany them to the game.

I hope you agree with me.

Yours sincerely,

Osama Jasem

D.

Many people take environment for granted and do not realize that everyone should assist in preserving environment because someday it may start to vanish.

Everyone can help save the environment around us by acting out in many different ways. Recycling, planting, using eco-friendly products, being more conservative with products and bringing awareness to this horrid matter are just a few simple acts that can cure the earth.

As can seen the problem from what I have stated. In my view, protecting the ecological balance necessitate the government and people to work together. Moreover, strictly-forced public recycling system should be introduced, and people should be encouraged to reduce and renew by a mix of taxes and subsidies.

In conclusion, government's policies and citizen's behavior both completely influence the only planet we have. The government should play a good model in environmental preservation, and people have to stand up for the self-right and oppose the damages which would make the world worse.



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A.

- 1. medieval**
- 2. endangered**
- 3. exhibit**
- 4. gems**
- 5. accessible**
- 6. hourly**
- 7. continent**

B.

- 1. bizarre**
- 2. sculpture**
- 3. display**
- 4. search**
- 5. gathered**
- 6. exhibition**
- 7. emerging**
- 8. donated**

C.

- 1. descendants**

- 2. skyline**
- 3. immigration**
- 4. contemporary**
- 5. defining**
- 6. limited**

P. 49

A.

1 d/ 2 b/ 3 d/ 4 a/ 5 a/ 6 d/ 7 a/ 8 c

B.

- 1. different**
- 2. confident**
- 3. adventurous**
- 4. introductory**
- 5. attractive**
- 6. luxurious**
- 7. impressive**
- 8. daily**

C.

- 1. who**
- 2. whose**
- 3. which**

4. where

5. whom

6. who

7. where

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D.

- 1. The journalist will interview the elderly man whose house was broken into last night.**
- 2. We visited the town where we were born.**
- 3. People believe that the old house which/that is on Park Avenue is owned by a famous writer.**
- 4. I invited Mr Robinson, who lives next door; to my house for dinner.**
- 5. Mahdi, who is an excellent chef, went to a famous cookery school.**
- 6. That's Sally Brown, whose seven brothers all live abroad.**
- 7. I spoke to the assistant manager last week, who was very helpful.**

E.

1. in

2. but

3. them

4. and

5. which

6. to

7. where

8. who

9. whose

10.that

11.To

12.of/in

P. 51

A.

1 c/ 2 a/ 3 d/ 4 b/ 5 c/ 6 b/ 7 a/ 8 a

B.

1. Thrilled

2. wearing

3. sitting

4. made

5. written

6. sold

7. chewing

C.

1. Exhausted by the hike up the mountain, the hikers went straight to bed when they arrived at their campsite.

2. While I was walking in the park, a man holding a blue umbrella stopped me.

3. Discouraged by his poor exam results, Robert decided to spend more time studying.

4. Moved by the book, Carrie started to cry when the heroine was killed.
5. Thrilled with the new shoes she bought, Jenny wore them to her graduation.
6. The windows shattered by the explosion were replaced.
7. Flicking through a magazine, I came across an interesting article on visual arts.

P. 52

A.

1. abstract
2. depicts
3. appreciation
4. broaden
5. portrait
6. artistic
7. pastime
8. stunning
9. reality

B.

1. yearly
2. exhibition
3. artistic
4. installation
5. limited

6. announcement

7. publicity

8. instantly

9. daily

10. appreciation

P. 53

A.

1. come up with

2. admire

3. appreciate

4. have a look

5. include

6. deadline

7. was wondering

8. exhibition

9. budget

10. discount

11. put you up

B.

1 b/ 2 c/ 3 b/ 4 a/ 5 b/ 6 a/ 7 d/ 8 a/ 9 b/ 10 c



The written word

P. 54

A.

- 1. selection**
- 2. clay**
- 3. reputable**
- 4. entirely**
- 5. pronunciation**
- 6. involve**
- 7. volumes**

B.

- 1. regarded**
- 2. reign**
- 3. attempt**
- 4. Middle**
- 5. doubt**

C.

- 1. definition**
- 2. engraved**
- 3. requirements**
- 4. appreciate**

5. collapsed

6. comprehensive

P. 55

A.

1 d/ 2 b/ 3 c/ 4 c/ 5 a/ 6 a

B.

1. out of breath

2. in order

3. in vain

4. out of shape

5. in advance

6. in charge

7. in fashion

8. out of work

C.

1. It is too late to go shopping

2. I don't know where to hang; the new painting

3. Ken was the first student to finish writing the/a composition

4. Len regrets talking to Bill in that manner

5. I will never forget seeing the Jeddah Fountain for the first time

6. There is / was no point in fixing the machine

7. Don't hesitate to ask for my help
8. My friends (have) persuaded me to go to a/the Chinese restaurant with them

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D.

1. can't afford to go on holiday this summer
2. tried hard to open the window, but he couldn't
3. suggested going to the beach / suggested that we (should) go to the beach
4. avoid travelling by plane because I'm afraid of flying
5. was the first (person) to finish the assignment
6. you remember to take the rubbish out before you left the house
7. denied breaking/having broken the window

E.

1 c/ 2 b/ 3 c/ 4 a/ 5 a/ 6 c/ 7 d/ 8 a/ 9 d/ 10 b/ 11 a/ 12 d

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A.

mathematician 9

director 11

instructor 1

producer 10

reporter 12

adviser	3
politician	8
scientist	7
artist	4
typist	5
electrician	6
operator	2

B.

- 1. may**
- 2. needn't**
- 3. shouldn't**
- 4. ought to**
- 5. can't**
- 6. needn't**
- 7. must**

C.

- 1. You shouldn't have lied to your teacher**
- 2. You needn't have bought me flowers**
- 3. Thomas can't have visited this museum before**
- 4. Sheena might not have woken up yet**
- 5. Jabir must have taken your mobile phone by mistake**
- 6. We needn't have hurried to catch the bus**

- 7. Walter might have stayed at home last night**
- 8. Roger should have finished his project last week**

P. 58

A.

- 1. motivation**
- 2. downside**
- 3. impractical**
- 4. ordinary**
- 5. subscription**
- 6. expand**
- 7. specific**
- 8. convenient**

B.

- 1. beneficial**
- 2. educational**
- 3. entertainment**
- 4. reference**
- 5. informative**
- 6. scientists**
- 7. awareness**
- 8. preference**
- 9. enjoyable**

10.creativity

P. 59

A.

- 1. kindness**
- 2. poverty**
- 3. hypocrisy**
- 4. mistreat**
- 5. Greed**
- 6. raised**
- 7. science**

B.

- 1. them**
- 2. imagination**
- 3. situated**
- 4. published**
- 5. author**
- 6. wrote**

C.

1 c/ 2 a/ 3 b/ 4 a/ 5 b/ 6 d/ 7 b/ 8 a/ 9 c/ 10 b/ 11 d/ 12 c

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A.

1. D

2. F

3. A

4. H

5. G

6. B

7. E

B.

1. who I hadn't hear

2. having watched TV

3. damaged by the earthquake

4. had difficulty (in) finding

5. regret to tell/inform you

6. in which I used to

7. might not have known

8. shouldn't have accepted

C.

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