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**Task 1. Complete this text with the correct verb form.**

### Karen and Dave

Karen sat at her desk. She couldn't concentrate on her work because she 1) ... (*thought / used to think / was thinking / has thought*) about Dave. They 2) ... (*have worked / had been working / were working / used to work*) together for three years and she 3) ... (*was always liking / had always been liking / has always liked / had always liked*) him more than any of her other colleagues. They 4) ... (*were never having / had never had / never used to have / had never been having*) an argument. They 5) ... (*used to be able to / were being able to / have been able to / have been being able to*) talk about anything together – work matters or things that 6) ... (*was affecting / have affected / were affecting / has affected*) their private lives at the time. But now, everything 7) ... (*has changed / changed / used to change / had changed*). She felt that Dave 8) ... (*was being / used to be / has been / had been being*) very strange. 9) ... (*Had he / Did he have / Was he having / Did he used to have*) some terrible secret? She decided to speak to him about it.

Dave 10) ... (*had / has been having / was having / has had*) a coffee in the canteen when she found him. She got straight to the point. "Dave," she said, "I 11) ... (*have known / knew / used to know / was knowing*) you for years. We 12) ... (*used to start / have started / started / were starting*) working here at the same time and we 13) ... (*have always got on / were always getting on / have always been getting on / had always been getting on*) well together. But you 14) ... (*had behaved / have been behaving / used to behave / were behaving*) very strangely. 15) ... (*What used to happen? / What was happening? / What happened? / What's happened?*)

16) ... (*Have I done / Had I done / Was I doing / Did I used to do*) something to upset you?" Dave said nothing at first. He 17) ... (*had sat / has been sitting / used to sit / sat*) there in silence. Then he leaned forward and whispered, "No, you 18) ... (*haven't done / hadn't done / weren't doing / used not to do*) anything wrong. It's me. For the past couple of months, I 19) ... (*had done / used to be doing / have been doing / was doing*) something I shouldn't. But I can't tell you about it now." And then he got up and left. As he disappeared Karen 20) ... (*used to wonder / wondered / had wondered / had been wondering*) what on earth it could be.

**Task 2. Complete the following text using the appropriate article.**

Frank Leonard – Private Eye

When private investigator Frank Leonard got back to his office, there was **1)** ... woman waiting for him, **2)** ... woman he had never seen before. Or at least, he thought he had never seen her before, but when **3)** ... woman began to speak, he felt that there was something familiar about her. "My name is Toyah Hart," she said offering him **4)** ... business card. "I'm **5)** ... dancer," she said smiling in **6)** ... way that made Frank highly suspicious. She clearly wasn't **7)** ... person she said she was, he decided instantly. He looked at **8)** ... card closely and then took **9)** ... file out of his desk. He opened **10)** ... file. It was full of papers and photographs. He took **11)** ... photograph out of it and placed it on **12)** ... desk so that **13)** ... woman could see it. She looked briefly at **14)** ... photograph and **15)** ... smile that had been on her face disappeared. 'OK,' she said, "Let's talk business."

***Task 3. Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.***

### **A Mum's Own Adventure Story**

What do you do if you can't find anything suitable **1)** ... your sons to read? Easy: publish something yourself. **2)** ... least, that was Christine Cubitt's response when she found herself searching **3)** ... success for a magazine that would bridge the gap **4)** ... children's comics and football magazines. Two months ago, she realised her dream with the launch of Boys 1<sup>st</sup>, **5)** ... monthly mix of facts and fun for 8-to 13-year-olds. **6)** ... contains science, dinosaurs and cars, a comic strip and star interviews. "The aim is **7)** ... entertain, inform and stimulate," Christine explains. And it seems to **8)** ... catching on. Issue One has **9)** ... reprinted and the demand for the second edition has led to the number being printed increasing from 10,000 to 30,000. "Interest from readers and shops proves that **10)** ... is a market for it," she says.

Christine, 39, **11)** ... for nine years a full - time mum to her three sons. "When my youngest went to school, I felt I wanted to go back to work," she says. Which is exactly **12)** ... she did, as a secretary. But she felt restless: "I realised I really wanted to work for myself." Doing what, she wasn't sure, until she started to wonder **13)** ... the absence of what **14)** ... calls the 'right' material for her sons to read. "I began to research the market **15)** ... found there was a gap that could be filled," she says.

***Task 4. Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.***

### **The Tour Guide**

I'm a tour guide at the Tower of London, one of the city's principal attractions. When you **1)** ... the public for your first guided tour, 'terrifying' is the word that springs to mind. I'm quite sociable, but having 300 or **2)** ... visitors in front of you is quite daunting.

Of course, visitors **3)** ... you to know the answers to every question. If someone asks you something **4)** ... which you don't know the answer, it's mighty embarrassing. You always get the history experts. They are the visitors who have **5)** ... an age at home or in a library researching a **6)** ... subject. When they visit the Tower, already knowing the answers, they will ask their questions in the **7)** ... of catching us out. We don't try **8)** ... to know the answer; if we don't know, we **9)** ... it and ask a colleague. The most irritating people are those who ask really stupid questions while their friends video our reactions. We get asked all **10)** ... of things, the most common being "Where's the lavatory?" We have a book in which we **11)** ... the silliest questions we've been asked. Often, people just don't **12)** ... before they speak. You always get the odd person who's in a bad **13)** ... and is determined to spoil your day. We just stand there and take it. We never **14)** ... our tempers, it's not what we're here for. We want visitors to **15)** ... a nice time and there's nothing better than when someone says, "Great, it's been a wonderful day".

1	A	Face	B	cope	C	bear	D	oppose
2	A	further	B	so	C	other	D	even
3	A	predict	B	foresee	C	suppose	D	expect
4	A	That	B	of	C	to	D	such
5	A	afforded	B	spent	C	concentrated	D	lasted
6	A	Pet	B	liked	C	precious	D	close
7	A	wish	B	desire	C	aim	D	hope
8	A	lying	B	pretending	C	acting	D	deceiving
9	A	admit	B	tolerate	C	let	D	cooperate
10	A	forms	B	orders	C	sorts	D	cases
11	A	enroll	B	commit	C	enter	D	compose
12	A	judge	B	attend	C	think	D	examine
13	A	mood	B	feeling	C	emotion	D	nature
14	A	Fail	B	lose	C	forget	D	miss
15	A	Gain	B	make	C	take	D	have

**Task 5. Choose the correct item.**

- 1) "It's hot here" – "... (**Do / Shall / Will / Would**) I open the window?"
- 2) The crowd are getting very excited. The race ... (**is about to / is due to / is to / is just**) start.
- 3) We often go to Florida ... (**while / until / during / since**) the winter.
- 4) Don't go to the crowded tourist spots, come to our region ... (**otherwise / instead / rather / else**)!
- 5) ... (**On the other hand / Nevertheless / Whereas / Even so**) I love swimming, my friends don't go near the water.
- 6) They threatened to sack him if he ... (**wouldn't / won't / didn't / doesn't**) change his attitude.

- 7) I must remember ... (*send / sending / having sent / to send*) her a birthday card next week.
- 8) “Why are you angry with Kelly? Because she insisted on my ... (*seeing / to seeing / to see / see*) Paul again.”
- 9) I ... (*had better / would rather / would prefer / had rather*) have gone somewhere else last summer.
- 10) I wouldn't ... (*matter / care / want / mind*) going to the beach at the weekend.
- 11) She painted the whole house ... (*by her own / on herself / on her own / at her own*).
- 12) Some people like this kind of music but ... (*others / the other / another / the others*) hate it.
- 13) He speaks ... (*little / a little / few / a few*) of the language and can go shopping easily.
- 14) The car ... (*must / has to / needs / should*) repairing so I will take it to a garage.
- 15) If you hadn't stayed out late last night you ... (*wouldn't be / wouldn't have been / were not / will not be*) tired now.
- 16) This is by far ... (*more interesting / interesting / the most interesting / much more interesting*) film I have ever seen.
- 17) Since we moved house, I have to get up ... (*early / earliest / more early / earlier*) for school than before.
- 18) Everybody was staring and laughing at her – she felt so ... (*excited / exhausted / embarrassed / amused*).
- 19) It wasn't me who stole the bag. You've made a ... (*big / large / great / high*) mistake.
- 20) It would ... (*make / do / have / take*) you good to have more exercise.
- 21) They soon took a mutual interest ... (*in / for / in for / with*) music.
- 22) This exhibit was kindly loaned ... (*with / by / at / after*) the artist's family.
- 23) There was a substantial increase ... (*of / on / in / by*) sales on New Year's Eve.
- 24) They managed to put the fire out ... (*with / by / on / at*) a fire extinguisher.
- 25) It's typical ... (*for / of / to / in*) him to find fault with everybody.
- 26) There's an urgent need ... (*in / on / for / of*) qualified teachers.
- 27) Students should aim to become more independent ... (*by / on / from / of*) their parents.
- 28) I'm having no trouble finding anything new to say on this subject. - ... (*So am I. / Neither am I. / So do I. / Nor have I.*)
- 29) Everybody commented on my work, ... (*didn't she / didn't they / did they / didn't he*)?
- 30) When I was a child I ... (*used to be / was used to being / used to being / was used to be*) very shy.

***Task 6. Read the following text and use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.***

### **Media Career Opportunities**

Nowadays there is a 1) ... (*vary*) of career opportunities in the media. It is possible to study 2) ... (*journalist*) at most universities, many of which offer 3) ... (*option*) courses in reporting on sports and 4) ... (*entertain*). Newer degrees in media studies, which were 5) ... (*available*) as recently as ten years ago, attract 6) ... (*enthusiasm*) students from all over the country.

Some graduates prefer to work in 7) ... (*advertise*) as it allows them to use their 8) ... (*create*) in the 9) ... (*produce*) of increasingly sophisticated TV and press advertisements.

10) ... (*Fortunate*) not all graduates find work easily as there is still a lot of 11) ... (*employ*) in the media industry, but things are improving.

***Task 7. Some lines in the text are correct and some have an extra word. If a line has an extra word, write it in the answer boxes provided. If a line is correct, put a tick by the number in the answer boxes provided.***

<b>My New Telephone Number</b>	
<p>I was annoyed when I picked it up the telephone and found it was out of the order. But before I had time to ring the company and asked to them what was wrong my brother rang me. I wondered that how he had been able to ring; it seemed I could receive calls but not to make them. "Why didn't you tell me you had changed number?" Bob asked. I asked him how that he knew I had because I didn't and he said there was a recorded message informing people. Then I remembered myself taking a call from the bank about a telephone bill for a different number from the mine and telling them that not to pay it. "What a mess!" I said to Bob. "They've changed the number and told everyone except me. But after all, people don't usually ring to themselves. That's why I didn't know."</p>	<p>1).....                  2).....                  3).....                  4).....                  5).....                  6).....                  7).....                  8).....                  9).....                  10).....                  11).....                  12).....                  13).....                  14).....                  15).....                  16).....</p>

***Task 8. Will you read the article?***

Shaun Baker has two equally crazy ways of **descending** through the torrents of a waterfall in a small kayak. He either paddles through a series of boulders that could smash him and his boat to pieces, or pushes his boat out into the air so that he free-falls through the air into the water below. He calls this extreme kayaking. Others may be tempted to translate this as **sheer** lunacy. However, everyone agrees that it is a high-risk sport.

When Baker, a 32-year-old professional white water rodeo champion from outside Maidenhead, explains what he does, it sounds impossible. When he actually shows you, it is truly amazing how he **emerges** from the waters below, a little bruised, but in one smiling, **triumphant** piece.

One of his favourite areas to perform these daredevil feats is a valley or waterfalls on the edge of the Black Mountains in central Wales. A breathtakingly beautiful but dangerous spot, it provides Baker with as nerve-wrecking a challenge as any he has faced in the 20 years he has been in some kind of canoe.

“It’s in my blood,” he explains, preparing himself both physically and mentally for the challenge ahead. “I don’t do this for any macho reasons, I do it for myself. If I am honest, it scares the life out of me, especially when I start to tip over the edge and I know there is no turning back.”

“The trick is to turn the fear into positive energy. You are frightened at the top of the fall, but this changes into a survival instinct. You need every ounce of mental energy and reaction to survive. The real **kick** is when you hit the bottom and reappear from under the water. That’s when you know you have made it, and that is the moment when you have a sense of elation.”

Apart from various national white water rodeo championship wins, Baker also holds the record for the highest free-fall waterfall drop in a kayak, as well as the world speed altitude drop of 50 metres. He is just about the only regular extreme kayaker in the world.

“The reason why I still do this”, he says, “is that I have the ability to work out whether I can survive or not. If I think something is too risky, I won’t do it.”

‘Too risky’ in Baker’s language is, of course, totally different to my or your interpretation. As he steadies himself for his first descent, a slide down a fall of around 60 feet, with dangerous rocks at the bottom, you are left wondering just how he is going to succeed. In his tiny, 2.2-metere-long ‘eskimo kayak’, the smallest in the world, Baker begins. It is all over in a few seconds. He drops, like a stone, down the fall, and is then forced to his left and onto a totally different route that he had planned. Then he moves downstream to his second challenge in order to perform an actual free fall.

“The trick here is to **punch** the water with the nose of the kayak”, Baker explains. “If you have a flat landing, it could kill you.” Barker holds his arm in the air, shoots his thumb up, and then **leaps** out into the sky before falling down and

under the river. There is a second's silence before he emerges again – wet, a little bruised, but safe.

“It’s a whole way of life for me”, he explains, as we climb our way out of the valley and back to the cars. “It’s not that I go out to impress anyone, or try to say I’m better. It’s just the wonderful experience of testing myself against nature and the elements. And each night I look back on a day like today and realise there is nothing I would rather be doing with myself.”

**A. Will you answer the following questions, choosing the correct variant.**

1) What does the passage suggest about the two methods Baker uses to kayak down waterfalls? - .....

- a) One is much safer than the other.
- b) Both involve free-falling from the top of the waterfall.
- c) One is called ‘extreme kayaking’.
- d) Both are very dangerous.

2) Why does Baker enjoy kayaking in the waterfalls on the edge of the Black Mountains? - .....

- a) It’s very beautiful there.
- b) It offers him a great challenge.
- c) He has lived there for 20 years.
- d) Kayaking is very easy there.

3) What does “*it*” mean in the following sentence: “If I am honest, *it* scares the life out of me, especially when I start to tip over the edge and I know there is no turning back.” - .....

- a) Baker’s kayak
- b) a waterfall
- c) extreme kayaking
- d) feeling frightened

4) When does Baker feel best about a descent? - .....

- a) Before he starts kayaking.

- b) At the top of the waterfall.
- c) During the descent.
- d) When he emerges at the bottom of the fall. - .....
- 5) Baker still does extreme kayaking because ... - .....
- a) he doesn't take any risks.
- b) he is always able to work out if a descent is too dangerous.
- c) he will do anything no matter how dangerous it is.
- d) he doesn't care if he survives or not.
- 6) Baker enjoys his sport because ... - .....
- a) he is very good at it.
- b) it impresses other people.
- c) it doesn't scare him at all.
- d) he enjoys testing himself.

**B. Match the highlighted words from the text to their synonyms.**

- 1) PURE - ...    2) COME DOWN - ...    3) JUMP - ...    4) HIT - ...
- 5) APPEAR - ...    6) VICTORIOUS - ...    7) THRILL - ...

**KEYS:**

**Task 1.**

1) was thinking	11) have known
2) had been working	12) started
3) had always liked	13) have always got on
4) had never had	14) have been behaving
5) used to be able to	15) What's happened
6) were affecting	16) Have I done
7) has changed	17) sat
8) was being	18) haven't done
9) Did he have	19) have been doing
10) was having	20) wondered

**Task 2.**

1) a	4) a	7) the	10) the	13) the
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2) a	5) a	8) the	11) a	14) the
3) the	6) the	9) a	12) the	15) the

**Task 3.**

1) for	4) between	7) to	10) there	13) about / at
2) At	5) a	8) be	11) was	14) she
3) without	6) It	9) been	12) what	15) and

**Task 4.**

1) A	4) C	7) D	10) C	13) A
2) B	5) B	8) B	11) C	14) B
3) D	6) A	9) A	12) C	15) D

**Task 5.**

1) shall	11) on her own	21) in
2) is about to	12) others	22) by
3) during	13) a little	23) in
4) instead	14) needs	24) with
5) whereas	15) wouldn't be	25) of
6) didn't	16) the most interesting	26) for
7) to send	17) earlier	27) of
8) seeing	18) embarrassed	28) Neither am I.
9) would rather	19) big	29) didn't they
10) mind	20) do	30) used to be

**Task 6.**

1) variety	5) unavailable	9) production
2) journalism	6) enthusiastic	10) Unfortunately
3) optional	7) advertising	11) unemployment
4) entertainment	8) creativity	

**Task 7.**

1) it	5) correct	9) correct	13) that
2) the	6) to	10) myself	14) correct
3) to	7) correct	11) correct	15) correct
4) that	8) that	12) the	16) to

**Task 8.**

**A.**

1) D	2) B	3) C	4) D	5) B	6) D
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**B.**

1) sheer	3) leap	5) emerge	7) kick
2) descend	4) punch	6) triumphant	