

## Overview 10

### vocabulary

Choose the words which best complete the following sentences.

- 1 It's much more expensive if you use the phone at ..... rate.  
A high                      B busy                      C peak                      D heavy
- 2 The politician gave a press conference to deny the charges that had been ..... at him.  
A targeted                      B levelled                      C accused                      D blamed
- 3 Fearing for his life, he ..... the muggers for mercy.  
A pleaded                      B petitioned                      C urged                      D begged
- 4 I am sorry to have bothered you – I was under the ..... that you wanted me to call you.  
A mistake                      B miscalculation                      C misconception                      D misapprehension
- 5 I am not convinced that financial advisers always act in their clients' best .....  
A advantage                      B interest                      C intention                      D result
- 6 Many children who get into trouble in their early teens go on to become ..... offenders.  
A persistent                      B insistent                      C consistent                      D resistant
- 7 Race relations in this country are unlikely to improve until people overcome their ..... feelings of hostility towards foreigners.  
A interior                      B internal                      C inverted                      D innate
- 8 The real test of your relationship will come when you start to see your new boyfriend ..... and all.  
A faults                      B spots                      C moles                      D warts
- 9 It's a shame they didn't pick you, but it doesn't ..... out the possibility that you might get a job in a different department.  
A rule                      B strike                      C cancel                      D draw
- 10 When facing problems, it is important to keep a sense of .....  
A proportion                      B introspection                      C relativity                      D comparison

### exam tip

The correct answers are usually right because of one or more of the following: a grammatical pattern (see question 2 – only A and B can be followed by 'at'); the precise meaning of the distractor (see question 3); a collocation or 'set phrase' (see question 8). When answering difficult questions, look for clues relating to these three elements to eliminate the most obviously wrong distractors; then select one of the remaining options rather than leave a blank.

### blank-filling

Fill each of the blanks in the following sentences with a suitable word or phrase.

- 1 He's very homesick, because it's the first time he ..... from home.
- 2 The water in the washing machine must have been much too hot – these jeans ..... so much that I can't even get into them.
- 3 That was one ..... I have ever watched.
- 4 If ..... the boss gave you for this morning already, you'd better go and ask her for some more work to do.
- 5 What on .....? You're absolutely covered in oil.
- 6 If it doesn't rain in the next couple of days, we ..... the longest period of drought since records began.

### transformations

Rewrite each of the following sentences so that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

- 1 Basically, a couple's happiness depends on their ability to communicate.

Basically, the more .....

- 2 I'm trying to eat fewer fatty foods.  
I'm trying to cut.....
- 3 That is the most shocking story I have ever heard.  
I have.....
- 4 This is my brother's first solo flight in a glider.  
This is the first time.....
- 5 We will not see each other again before I go.  
This will be the last time.....
- 6 The train left before he got to the station.  
By the time.....
- 7 The school was founded ten years ago.  
It is ten.....
- 8 The house looks better since the repainting was done.  
The house looks better now.....

rewriting

Each pair of sentences below can be rewritten with the same phrasal verb but with a different meaning. Rewrite each of the sentences and replace the underlined words with a phrasal verb using the particle shown.

- 1 a He must learn that behaving like that is quite unacceptable.  
ON.....
- b Do you know whether or not the party has been cancelled?  
ON.....
- 2 a Could you explain that again – I can't quite understand what you're trying to say.  
AT.....
- b I'm not surprised he called you a terrible nag – you're always criticizing him for the slightest thing.  
AT.....
- 3 a Do you think that people are attracted to partners who remind them of their parents?  
FOR.....
- b They had the dog put down because it suddenly attacked a child for no reason.  
FOR.....
- 4 a The mower's not working – could you get a mechanic to come and have a look at it?  
DOWN.....
- b The latest round of peace talks have collapsed amidst bitter recriminations.  
DOWN.....
- 5 a I had to throw the milk away because it was sour.  
OFF.....
- b At first we got on really well, but then we found we were no longer attracted to each other and we broke up.  
OFF.....