

# Overview 14

## vocabulary

Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

- 1 I'm not all that interested in politics and ..... affairs.  
A actual                      B recent                      C modern                      D current
- 2 After the revolution, the ex-president eventually found a safe ..... in the Far East.  
A refuge                      B sanctuary                      C haven                      D asylum
- 3 Because of the dominance of retail chain-stores, most shopping centres show the same bland ..... and no imagination.  
A similarity                      B likeness                      C equality                      D uniformity
- 4 Kylie's new song ought to do well in the charts – it's got good lyrics and a nice ..... tune.  
A catchy                      B harmonious                      C melodious                      D strident
- 5 Some intriguing new facts ..... to light during the course of the investigation.  
A came                      B brought                      C turned                      D made
- 6 Conservationists are worried that many potentially valuable ..... of plants and animals are threatened with extinction.  
A examples                      B variations                      C species                      D brands
- 7 My dog's being very difficult at the moment; I don't know what the trouble is but he just ..... not eat.  
A shall                      B will                      C may                      D has
- 8 The evidence that carbon dioxide levels are rising is .....  
A inevitable                      B unavoidable                      C indelible                      D undeniable
- 9 The pollution problems in the town have been ..... by mass tourism in the summer months.  
A exacerbated                      B developed                      C augmented                      D contributed
- 10 During the height of the season, tourists arrive in ..... to see Shakespeare's birthplace.  
A loads                      B flocks                      C shoals                      D droves
- 11 You really shouldn't buy that car. I know the engine is fine, but most of the bodywork has been ..... away by rust.  
A eaten                      B dissolved                      C erased                      D crumbled
- 12 The Pyramids are perhaps the most famous of the seven ..... of the ancient world.  
A structures                      B spectacles                      C wonders                      D constructions
- 13 I've given up trying to make my sister see sense, and now I'm ..... to the fact that she is going to marry Jason.  
A adapted                      B resigned                      C adjusted                      D accepted
- 14 They split up on very bad terms and went through a bitter and ..... divorce.  
A acrid                      B aggravated                      C aggrieved                      D acrimonious
- 15 I am rather suspicious of your brother's sudden concern for your welfare and fear that he may have ..... motives.  
A underlying                      B concealed                      C secondary                      D ulterior

## blank-filling

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

- 1 Do you realize that by this time tomorrow we ..... living here for exactly a year?
- 2 I expect ..... be from Mary – she said she had written to us.

- 3 The blackmailer's voice became colder. 'Get me the money by noon tomorrow ..... send those photographs to the newspapers.'
- 4 I'll let you have the book back as soon ..... it.
- 5 Now listen carefully – you ..... to open fire unless the order is given by your officer.
- 6 As you've been divorced twice, you're in ..... to lecture me about marriage.
- 7 It's a ..... talking to him – he won't listen.
- 8 I'm going past the station – I ..... lift if you like.
- 9 She didn't want any payment, she helped them out of the .....
- 10 As the most senior boy in the school, you are expected to set ..... the others.

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For each of the sentences below, write two new sentences as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentence, but using the words given in capital letters. These words must not be altered in any way.

- 1 Mass tourism has been one of the causes of the problem.  
CONTRIBUTED .....  
BLAME .....
- 2 He was not given details of the company's new plans.  
DARK .....  
WITHHELD .....
- 3 Changes in the water table have adversely affected the monuments.  
GOOD .....  
DAMAGE .....
- 4 A rise in temperature in the next century seems likely.  
PROBABILITY .....  
CHANCE .....
- 5 The 'environmentally friendly' label on this product is misleading.  
CONTRARY .....  
DESPITE .....
- 6 You must accept the fact that she has left you.  
RESIGN .....  
TERMS .....
- 7 The report says that the pyramids will deteriorate.  
ACCORDING .....  
DETERIORATION .....