

Examination Practice

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

A CAREER AT HOME

Jodie Sutter is thirty-eight. She has two daughters and has recently changed her lifestyle. She is part of a growing number of women (1) _____ are abandoning their careers to become full-time homecarers. Jodie worked for ten years as a successful lawyer in a large legal firm in the city. She loved her job and was moving up the career ladder. She explained (2) _____ she had fascinating cases (3) _____ court and gave it everything she had. Twelve-hour days were not uncommon and her weekends were always busy.



When she had her first child, though, things changed. "In the (4) _____ place, my colleagues couldn't count (5) _____ me when they had a heavy workload because I'd have to rush home to Lucy," she said. Her husband also had a demanding job and they soon realised that there was more to family life than they had imagined. "We were always (6) _____ schedule!" she exclaimed. Jodie admits (7) _____ frustrated at times when the situation got (8) _____ of hand. That's when she was sure (9) _____ her decision to leave her job. Her husband suggested that they (10) _____ get a nanny. However, Jodie insisted (11) _____ giving up her career, and did so when Lucy was three. "It's very difficult to combine work (12) _____ family life and I believe the latter is more important."

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given unchanged. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 "He stole my money!" shouted the old lady.

accused The old lady _____ money.

2 "I think you should stop eating so many sweets," Mary's sister said to her.

advised Mary's sister _____ so many sweets.

3 "Don't cancel your trip because of us," we said to John.

off We told John _____ his trip because of us.

4 "I'm sorry I didn't tell you the truth," Peter said to us.

apologised Peter _____ the truth.

5 Is the gallery open in the afternoon?

know Do you _____ open in the afternoon?

6 "Why don't you try on a pair of jeans?" Peter asked Mary.

suggested Peter _____ a pair of jeans.

7 "You really must let me cook dinner," said Anne.

insisted Anne _____ dinner.

8 "What does he want to tell me?" Julie asked herself.

wondered Julie _____ to tell her.

- 11 He _____ managed to find _____ that he was innocent.
- 12 The _____ of leaving my home town and going to live in the city filled me with _____ feelings, but I had made my _____.
- 13 His _____ was _____ and I'm never going to speak to him again.
- 14 It is commonly accepted that _____ is the best medicine for stress.
- 15 His _____ doesn't allow him to admit his faults.
- 16 The _____ crossed the _____ border.
- 17 It was such a _____ for her when she found her dog.
- 18 I believe that it's impossible to find a _____ to every problem.
- 19 They think very highly of _____ and prefer not to associate with _____ they consider inferior.
- 20 The _____ of your book will depend on how well you promote it.

SOME, PROVE
 THINK
 MIX, CHOOSE
 BEHAVE, ACCEPT

 LAUGH
 PROUD
 IMMIGRATE, MEXICO
 RELIEVE
 SOLVE
 THEM
 ANY
 SUCCEED

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

A BIG DECISION



When Lucy (1) _____ that she was going to move abroad because she was bored (2) _____ her life, we weren't surprised. After all, she had been talking about moving to a warmer country for ages, one which would (3) _____ sun, sea and opportunities for outdoor activities. A country like Spain or Portugal would (4) _____ her just fine.

We took her even more seriously when she called (5) _____ an interview for a job she was sure of getting.

Of course, her parents were annoyed with her decision, but I had to admit that I sympathised with her. I had done something (6) _____ when I was her age, so I supported her all the way. I even helped her decide on a suitable destination.

It was near an ancient site which, given Lucy's academic background in archaeology, was (7) _____ for her. I (8) _____ her that in the beginning she would feel (9) _____ an (10) _____, but people from small towns are friendly and she wouldn't feel lonely for too long.

The time came for Lucy to depart. She wasn't sad, (11) _____ her parents who were crying and couldn't bear to see their daughter leaving. Seeing her

parents cry made me feel responsible for what had happened. In the end, I (12) _____ for having encouraged Lucy to leave. To tell the truth, however, I'm glad to have influenced her decision to move abroad.

1	A announced	B told	C agreed	D claimed
2	A with	B for	C about	D at
3	A supply	B offer	C reveal	D cater
4	A fit	B suit	C combine	D match
5	A out	B up	C for	D off
6	A similar	B common	C same	D likely
7	A ideal	B special	C particular	D fine
8	A insisted	B explained	C said	D warned
9	A as	B alike	C like	D unlike
10	A outdoor	B outsider	C outcome	D outfit
11	A not alike	B unlikely	C not as	D unlike
12	A admitted	B denied	C apologised	D accused

B Complete the text below with the correct form of the words in capitals.

A TENNIS STAR IS BORN

(1) _____ the tennis star Richard Krajicek stepped onto the court, his opponent needed to prepare for one of the (2) _____ serves in the game. Krajicek was (3) _____ of his 220 km/h serve, since his (4) _____ on the court could be partly attributed to it.

Without doubt, Krajicek can be described as (5) _____ who was in pursuit of (6) _____. At Wimbledon in 1997, bad weather conditions didn't dampen his spirits. The only (7) _____ that went through his mind was that of holding the trophy. Krajicek had a lot of (8) _____ and beat his (9) _____ opponent three sets to love. Many considered Krajicek to be the next great (10) _____ tennis champion following in the footsteps of Boris Becker.

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