

## TEST 17

### I. Fill the gaps with the correct prepositions.

A study of ancient coral reefs has revealed that the weather phenomenon known ..... (1) El Nino was most intense during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. El Nino, which has been present ..... (2) the past 130,000 years, is an atmospheric phenomenon occurring in the Pacific Ocean. It is known to contribute ..... (3) climatic disturbances along the western coast of Peru and Ecuador ..... (4) account of exceptionally warm ocean conditions it brings ..... (5). El Nino, which stands ..... (6) 'the child' referring ..... (7) the infant Jesus Christ, appears in the regions every December around Christmas. Every three to seven years, El Nino brings ..... (8) being really severe and intense weather conditions. The disturbances strike when the warm ocean currents result ..... (9) a reversal in the normal weather conditions of the eastern and western Pacific. El Nino is responsible ..... (10) changes in the wind pattern, temperature of the air and the sea surface, which ..... (11) turn culminate ..... (12) heavy rainfalls in South America as well ..... (13) droughts in India and southern Africa. It is now said that El Nino can influence the climate of more than half the earth. It is also blamed ..... (14) recent droughts and floods in Australia. Researchers claim that El Nino's activity was never ..... (15) acute as during the last hundred years. Its intensity has been ..... (16) the increase since ice ages. The popular view is that El Nino's intense impact may be related ..... (17) global warming and emissions of greenhouse gases. Although there is no sufficient evidence to back ..... (18) the assumption, it is common knowledge that a great many global changes have come ..... (19) in climate ever ..... (20) the temperature on the planet started to increase.

### II. Complete the dialogues with the verbs in the correct form.

1. Mark: 'How long ..... (you / work) for the Japanese manufacturer before you ..... (decide) to quit last month?'

Tony: 'I ..... (start) my job there in 1998 as an assistant manager but when my bosses saw I ..... (make) a quick progress I ..... (give) a promotion and then ..... (work) as a senior manager until I ..... (lay) off.'

Mark: 'So it wasn't your own decision ..... (quit) the job?'

Tony: 'As a matter of fact, not. The department I ..... (employ) in  
..... (make) losses for some time and so my bosses  
..... (put) them down to some wrong decisions I  
..... (take).'

Mark: 'That's a pity. .... (they / not want) to give you another  
chance?'

Tony: 'I am afraid, not. But I am not worried at all. I ..... (already /  
find) a new job. I ..... (start) it next Monday.'

2. Susan: 'How ..... (you / like) my new boyfriend, Judith?'

Judith: 'Honestly, at first I thought he ..... (be) a bit snobbish and  
proud but now I ..... (find) him a really charming person.  
And he's handsome, too.'

Susan: 'How about you and Rick? Recently, I ..... (hear) you  
..... (get) married. Is that true?'

Judith: 'Not quite. We ..... (split) up last month.'

Susan: 'Oh, I'm surprised. What ..... (go) wrong?'

Judith: 'Well, you know ever since Rick ..... (begin) studying in  
London, we ..... (only/see) each other once a week. And  
before we ..... (decide) to go our separate ways, he  
..... (tell) me about a new girl he .....  
(meet) at university.'

Susan: 'I'm so sorry, Judith. It must ..... (be) hard for you  
..... (overcome) the pain. But I'm sure you  
..... (find) somebody nice and decent one day.'

3. Reporter: 'Good evening. This is Amazing Stories with Andy Brooks. Today I  
..... (talk) to Mr Grey from Harrows a small village in  
the south of Wales. Mr Grey is known ..... (experience)  
something absolutely amazing and he ..... (agree) to  
tell us about the unusual occurrence. Mr Grey when exactly  
..... (the story/take) place?'

Mr Grey: 'Good evening. It was September 11<sup>th</sup> this year.'

Reporter: 'Could you tell us the story from the very beginning, Mr Grey?'

Mr Grey: 'Of course. I ..... (wake) up at five as usual and  
..... (go) outside. The day was cloudy and it  
..... (look) like rain so I ..... (think) I  
had better ..... (hurry) up before it .....  
(start) pouring down. Just as I ..... (walk) through the

forest to the sawmill where I ..... (work) it indeed  
 ..... (start) to rain. So, I put the hood on my head. At  
 one moment I ..... (feel) the rain .....  
 (turn) into thick hailstones that ..... (hit) me hard all over  
 my body. That's what I ..... (think) then. However, when  
 I ..... (look) down I ..... (not see) any  
 hailstones. Instead, I ..... (see) fish. Imagine that.  
 They were small fish falling from the sky onto my head. What the hell?  
 I ..... (think). Then, I ..... (look) around  
 and what I ..... (see) were dozens of fish on the ground.  
 They ..... (jump) all over the place as they were alive.'

Reporter: 'What ..... (you/think) it was Mr Grey?'

Mr Grey: 'Well, then I thought God ..... (play) tricks on me. But  
 later I ..... (find) out it wasn't only me .....  
 (experience) something as unusual as that. From a newspaper I learned  
 it was a shoal of fish carried with the wind from the sea.'

Reporter: 'That's amazing! Thank you very much Mr Grey.'

### III. Translate the following sentences into English.

- Nie przyzwyczałem się jeszcze do pracy w nowych warunkach. Prawdopodobnie będę potrzebował kilku tygodni, aby się dostosować.*

I ..... accustomed .....  
 Probably, it ..... a few weeks .....
- Tę torebkę właśnie znaleziono na peronie. Jakiś podróżny musiał ją tutaj zostawić.*

The handbag ..... on a platform.  
 It ..... by a traveller.
- Zrozumieliśmy, co tak naprawdę się stało, dopiero gdy Frank wrócił z pracy i opowiedział nam, jak został potraktowany przez swoich przełożonych.*

It wasn't .....  
 ..... by his superiors that we .....  
 .....
- Zorganizujemy zjazd absolwentów. Ciekawe czy potrafiłbym rozpoznać wszystkich moich szkolnych przyjaciół. Zapewne bardzo się zmienili.*

How ..... a graduates' reunion? I wonder  
 ..... schoolmates.  
 They are sure ..... a lot.

5. *Edward Probe, z którym rozmawiałem dotychczas trzy razy, sprawia wrażenie bardzo inteligentnego człowieka.*  
Edward Probe, ..... three times  
so far, makes .....
6. *Nie warto zwiedzać tego skansenu. Jedyną ciekawą rzeczą, jaką można tam zobaczyć są narzędzia rolnicze z dziewiętnastego wieku.*  
The heritage park isn't ..... The only  
..... farmers' tools.
7. *Nie podobają nam się poglądy, które ona wygłasza. Być może dlatego tak trudno jest się z nią dogadać.*  
We disapprove ..... Perhaps,  
this is why she is ..... with.
8. *Czy nie żałujesz, że nie skorzystałeś z zagranicznego stypendium? Mogłeś przecież zwiedzić ten piękny kraj oraz poznać nowych przyjaciół.*  
Don't you wish ..... scholarship abroad?  
You ..... new friends.
9. *Kazano nam zostać w autokarze, dopóki nasze paszporty nie zostaną sprawdzone przez celników.*  
We were ..... in the coach .....  
..... by the customs officers.
10. *Mówi się, że George Baker był genialnym odkrywcą. Jednakże, dopiero po jego śmierci doceniono jego niezwykle osiągnięcia.*  
George Baker ..... an ingenious discoverer.  
However, only after his death .....  
.....

#### IV. Complete the prepositional phrases with the words from the box.

approval	average	behalf of	display	duty
no account	principle	purpose	sale	second thoughts

- Paul says he hit me by accident, but I'm sure he did it **on** .....
- The secretary is employed to type letters **on** ..... her boss.
- There were wonderful leather jackets **on** ..... in the store.
- First, I said no but **on** ..... I agreed to lend Tom some money.
- We will take the vacuum cleaner **on** ..... The shopkeeper says we can return it if it doesn't match our expectations.

6. The Royal guards cannot speak to passers-by while they are **on** .....
7. Is that house of yours still **on** ..... ? I'm considering buying it if you set the price lower.
8. **On** ....., we spend one thousand on monthly bills. Sometimes less, sometimes more.
9. **On** ..... are you allowed to leave the camp at night. Understood?
10. Because I am a vegetarian, I don't eat meat **on** .....

**V. Choose the correct answer.**

1. Hadn't it been for the hint Michael dropped, we wouldn't have known what Mr Speck really ..... to.  
a) implied      b) meant      c) concerned      d) referred
2. Apologize to your sister ..... you'll be made to stay in your room alone for the whole day.  
a) or else      b) nevertheless      c) regardless      d) as with
3. .... to the election, all the candidates clearly defined the goals and objectives that they were going to accomplish.  
a) beforehand      b) advance      c) forward      d) prior
4. Has it ever ..... to any of you that you may be hurting those little innocent creatures with your silly games?  
a) happened      b) thought      c) occurred      d) realized
5. It's really hard to ..... between these two photos. They are so similar.  
a) distinguish      b) separate      c) disconnect      d) differ
6. .... the brakes or we'll crash into the car in front of us!  
a) Set off      b) Put on      c) Let in      d) Bring up
7. For my ....., I'm not interested in the prize. I just want to have a good fun at the regatta.  
a) side      b) point      c) outlook      d) part
8. These new regulations are quite absurd. They ..... many private garages from making regular profit.  
a) restrict      b) prevent      c) abstain      d) withhold
9. The rock band played their greatest hits at their fans' .....  
a) demand      b) request      c) enquiry      d) order
10. Because we live within easy ..... of the city centre, we don't have to travel to school by bus.  
a) range      b) distance      c) access      d) reach