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A. Put in *a, an* or *the* where necessary, or don't put in anything (then make the sign "--" in the gap):

John Smith is ¹ _____ bank manager. He works in ² _____ bank in ³ _____ centre of ⁴ _____ London. Every morning he gets up at seven o'clock, has ⁵ _____ breakfast and ⁶ _____ cup of tea and reads ⁷ _____ *Times*. Then he goes to ⁸ _____ work by ⁹ _____ bus. In ¹⁰ _____ morning he usually makes telephone calls and sees the customers.

B. Complete sentences 1 – 5 with the correct preposition provided in the box (you may use one of them twice and one of them will not be used):

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- John is absolutely adamant _____ not going to the party tonight
- If you stick _____ this type of exercise, you will be fit.
- Children are very prone _____ catching colds.
- I am sorry, but you can't turn your bedroom _____ a gym.
- The hospital conducts _____ about 35 operations a day.

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C. Rewrite these sentences keeping the same meaning. Start with the words provided:

- John started to study for his exams in September.

John has _____

- The emergency services will rescue the survivors of the plane crash.

The survivors of _____

- The handle should have been turned clockwise.

They should _____

- He was too scruffy to get to the restaurant.

He wasn't smart _____

- It is essential that we do not exploit the third world.

We _____

Total Points:/15pts

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B. Choose the best option (a, b, c or d) to complete the sentences or answer the questions:

1. When you are hungry you feel

- a) vacant b) empty c) blank d) void

2. Which of these ways of pulling is a sudden movement?

- a) hauling b) dragging c) towing d) jerking

3. A bottleneck is a part of bottle: it can also mean

- a) a man who drinks too much b) a sore throat
c) a narrow place where traffic is likely to be congested d) a stiff neck

4. Which word should you use for the speed of a rocket?

- a) celerity b) rapidity c) velocity d) quickness

5. Which of these words would you not use to describe birds singing?

- a) whistling b) chanting c) chirping d) trilling

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B. The following are dictionary definitions. Complete the words using as many letters as there are spaces (some letters of the words, printed in bold, have been provided for you):

1. d i s _ _ _ _ _ - (adj.) causing problems, noise , etc. so that sth. cannot continue normally.

2. h _ _ **d** _ _ - (skier) a person performing clever or dangerous tricks while skiing

3. l _ _ _ - (v.) to move your tongue over the surface of sth. in order to eat it, make it wet, or clean it.

4. re _ _ _ _ - (v.) to make sth. less or smaller in size, quantity or prize

5. s _ _ _ _ _ - a light with a single, very bright beam that can be directed at a particular place or person.

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Total/10 pts

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Read the excerpt below. Then read the instructions and do two exercises.

Until that October I had never seen Laerg. This may seem strange, considering my father was born there and that I had been half in love with it since I was a child. But Laerg isn't the sort of place you can visit easily. The small island group is eighty miles west of the Outer Hebrides. Eighty sea miles may be no great distance, but the sea is the North Atlantic and the seven islands are a lonely group standing in the way of the great storms that sweep up towards Iceland and the Barents Sea.

Oddly enough, it wasn't my father who'd made me want to go to Laerg. He seldom talked of the island. He'd become a sailor as a young man and then married a girl from Glasgow and settled down after surviving a shipwreck in mid-Atlantic but losing his confidence in the sea. It was grandfather Ross who filled our heads with his talk of island history.

This old man with a fierce face and huge hands had been a powerful influence on both my brother Iain and myself. He'd come to live with us when everyone left the island. He had been the only man to vote against leaving when Laerg Parliament made this decision, and to the day he died he disliked living on the mainland. It wasn't only that he talked endlessly of Laerg, in the years he stayed with us he taught my brother and myself everything he knew about the way of life on that island of rock, sheep and birds.

I'd tried to get there a long time ago, hiding away on a fishing boat. But on that trip the boat hadn't gone within a hundred miles of Laerg, and then I joined Iain, working in a Glasgow factory. A year in the Navy followed, and then ten years at the sea, and after that I had started the thing I had always wanted to do – I began to study as a painter. It was during a winter spent in the Aegean Islands that I suddenly realized Laerg was the subject that most attracted me. It had never been painted, at least not the way my grandfather had described it. I'd packed up at once and returned to England, but then Laerg became a tracking station for the new missile developments. It was a closed island, forbidden to unauthorized visitors, and the Army would not give me the permission to visit it.

That was the position until October in the following year when a man called Lane came to my house. It was just after ten in the morning that the phone rang, and a man's voice, rather soft, said, "Mr. Ross? My name is Ed Lane. Are you by any chance related to Iain Ross, reported lost when the Duart Castle sank twenty years ago?" "He was my brother", I said.

"Was he? Well, that's fine. I didn't expect to find you that fast. You are only the fifth Ross I've telephoned. I'll be with you in an hour, O.K.?" And he'd rung off, leaving me wondering what in the world it was all about.

I was working on another book cover for Alec Robinson, but after that phone call I'd found it impossible to go back to it. I went into the kitchenette and made myself some coffee. And after that I stood drinking it at the window, looking out across the rooftops, an endless view of chimneys and TV aerials. I was thinking of my brother. Of how I'd loved him and hated him, of how there had been nobody else in my life, who had made up for the loss I'd felt at his going.

A: From a, b, c, d choose the correct answer according to the excerpt (circle the correct letter and underline the sentence):

1. At the time of Ed Lane's telephone call, Mr. Ross

- a) had never been to the Island of Laerg.
- b) had been to the Island of Laerg once.
- c) had some family living on the Island of Laerg.
- d) had not wanted to visit the Island of Laerg.

2. At the time of Ed Lane's telephone call, who was on the Island of Laerg?

- a) Nobody.
- b) A few visitors.
- c) Some islanders.
- d) Army employees.

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3. What makes the Island of Laerg difficult to get to?

- a) The distance from the mainland.
- b) The Atlantic weather.
- c) It is so rocky.
- d) Boats do not call there.

4. Mr. Ross's father settled down on the mainland because

- a) he had been told to move from the island.
- b) his grandfather had voted to leave the island.
- c) he had become afraid of the sea.
- d) his wife came from Glasgow..

5. When Ed Lane telephoned Mr. Ross he had recently

- a) obtained the address of Iain Ross's family.
- b) telephoned four other people called Ross.
- c) lost a friend called Ross in a shipwreck.
- d) visited Mr. Ross's house whilst he was working.

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B. Complete the sentences using the appropriate words (1 or 2) from the text and write them in the spaces provided.

1. The author's _____ (1 word) was born in Laerg.
2. Laerg is a part of group of islands not far from the _____ (2 words)
3. The official decision to leave the Island was made by _____ (2 words)
4. The only person who voted against moving from Laerg was the author's _____ (1 word)
5. Laerg became a _____ (2 words) for the development of missiles.

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Total Points:/10pts

