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**Choose the best option (a, b, c or d) to complete the sentences. Underline your choice and write the letter (a, b, c or d) in the gap.**

1. I just had to take the dog out \_\_\_\_\_ of the terrible weather.  
a) although      b) despite      c) even though      d) in spite
2. If only people \_\_\_\_\_ keep sending me the bills.  
a) don't      b) shouldn't      c) wouldn't      d) weren't
3. If the train hadn't been so late, we \_\_\_\_\_ the plane.  
a) had caught      b) would catch      c) would have caught      d) wouldn't catch
4. If \_\_\_\_\_ my passport, I'll be in trouble.  
a) I'll lose      b) I lose      c) I lost      d) I would lose
5. Mary put the electric kettle on \_\_\_\_\_ warm.  
a) for getting      b) in order get      c) so she gets      d) to get
6. I prefer cats \_\_\_\_\_ dogs. I hate dogs.  
a) before      b) over      c) to      d) for
7. We gave \_\_\_\_\_ a meal.  
a) for the visitors      b) to the visitors      c) the visitors      d) at the visitors
8. Where's John? \_\_\_\_\_ a shower?  
a) Does he have      b) Has he got      c) Is he having      d) Has he
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ like that sweater. It's really nice.  
a) very      b) am      c) do      d) don't
10. The village is \_\_\_\_\_ Leeds. It's only five miles away.  
a) along      b) by      c) near      d) next
11. You can see the details \_\_\_\_\_ your computer screens.  
a) at      b) along      c) in      d) on
12. They lived in this apartment \_\_\_\_\_ five years.  
a) ago      b) already      c) for      d) since
13. I haven't got a ticket. If I \_\_\_\_\_ one, I could get in.  
a) 'd have      b) have      c) had      d) 've got one
14. Last week John said, "I'll do it tomorrow." So, you see, John said he would do it \_\_\_\_\_ .  
a) tomorrow      b) next day      c) the following day      d) the day later
15. I am looking for \_\_\_\_\_ to cut that string.  
a) the scissor      b) a pair scissors      c) a scissors      d) some scissors

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**V O C A B U L A R Y**

Use a form of the word in **BOLD** at the end of each sentence to complete that sentence.

**Example:** My teacher *encouraged* me to take this examination. **COURAGE**

1. The book does not say very much about prices, but it is very ..... about everything else. **INFORM**
2. The government is expected to take ..... against the level of unemployment. **ACT**
3. I am looking for a/an ..... gift for an elderly lady. **SUIT**
4. They have added three new songs to the show, which..... it by about fifteen minutes. **LONG**
5. We always have a bed ready in the spare room in case visitors arrive ..... **EXPECT**

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Answer each question with the best answer (a, b, c or d). Circle your answers.

6. When a small child says "Look, a bunny!," he/she is pointing at what?  
a) a rabbit      b) a dog      c) a mouse      d) a girl
7. All these mean a *place*, but which of them can you have on your nose?  
a) a situation      b) a spot      c) a location      d) a knob
8. *Ears* are to *deaf* as *eyes* are to what?  
a) eyeless      b) invisible      c) blind      d) short-sighted
9. A person with fair hair is can be described as what?  
a) pale      b) blanched      c) blonde      d) white
10. Which of the following is not a type of dog?  
a) a tabby      b) a mongrel      c) a mutt      d) a pooch

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**Total:...../10 points**

**READING COMPREHENSION**

**Read the article carefully. There are two tasks to do on the next page.**

**PARENTS BEHAVING BADLY**

They are every young person's nightmare and they are on the increase. They wear expensive trainers and tiny shorts, knee-length black boots with pink mini-skirts, or tight jeans with T-shirts that are a couple of sizes too small. They never stop talking about MTV, youth TV and all the latest films for the under-20s. They own huge pop music collections, listen to boy bands on their MP3 players and have tattoos of their favourite groups. Nothing very strange, except when you consider that nearly all of these people are over 40. They are part of that growing social phenomenon – parents who behave like teenagers.

Many teenagers find their parents embarrassing enough when they are just acting normally, without having to put up with them wearing hair extensions, nose rings and tongue studs, squeezed into clothes designed for 16-year-olds and collecting them from school with last month's hits blasting from the car stereo.

Worse still, whenever there is talk of an earlier decade coming back into fashion, out come the high-heeled shoes, the patterned tights and narrow skirts; or the faded denim, the slim-fit shirts and striped jackets. It doesn't matter that the clothes no longer fit, the perfume too young and make-up too heavy. It's time to head down to the disco and remind the world what style really is.

The most important thing, of course, is to ensure that newly-teenage parents are kept well away from the young person's friends and – even more importantly – enemies. There are few sources of gossip as rich as badly-behaving mothers or fathers, so all risk of contact between the generations must be avoided. Especially at parties. Don't ever let parents set foot in a house where a teenage party is being held. They are quite likely to say enough embarrassing things to keep the whole place laughing for hours, and the slightest possibility of them staying to have 'just one dance' is too awful even to imagine.

The best thing to do with parents like these is to take them to one side for a quiet word, explaining that if they behave exactly like teenagers, it is impossible for their children to rebel against grown-ups. Reasonable mothers and fathers should understand that this just isn't fair. Unreasonable ones may need more convincing, and might need to be advised a little more forcefully that they would look and feel a whole lot better in a nice woollen suit or cotton blouse rather than the leather and fur, the nylon and the plastic. And that nothing sounds worse than out-of-date slang.

If all else fails, and if they really do insist on being born-again teens of whatever generation, the only solution may be to tell them you accept the situation, and hope that they too will accept your decision if you decide to change your name and disown your family. And move to another country a very long way away,

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**R E A D I N G C O M P R E H E N S I O N (continued)**

**Based on what you have read, choose the best answer for questions 1-5. Write the letter of your answer in the space provided.**

1. What does the writer mean by the phrase “nothing very strange?”
  - a. Young people who do these things are very unusual.
  - b. Lots of young people do these things.
  - c. Young people never do these things.
  - d. Many young people dream about doing these things.
2. It is becoming more common to see...
  - a. young people wearing both modern and older styles.
  - b. young people wearing older styles.
  - c. parents wearing only modern styles.
  - d. parents wearing both modern and older styles.
3. Who minds if parents have outgrown their clothes?
  - a. Their children.
  - b. The parents themselves.
  - c. The parents' friends.
  - d. Nobody.
4. According to the writer, the main aim should be to prevent parents from...
  - a. making enemies.
  - b. meeting a teenager's friends.
  - c. meeting other parents.
  - d. going to dance clubs.
5. What does “take them for a quiet word” mean?
  - a. teach them some up-to-date slang
  - b. tell them not to speak to teenagers
  - c. argue with them in public
  - d. give them some advice

**Decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F). Circle your answers.**

- T / F 1. Teenagers usually hate their parents dressed in nylon and plastic.
- T / F 2. Parents should become more like teenagers to get closer to their teenage children.
- T / F 3. It is inappropriate for parents to use the same perfumes as young people.
- T / F 4. Teenagers find it easier to rebel when their parents behave like them.
- T / F 5. Young adults will grow to accept their parents' “teenage behaviour” over time.

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**L I S T E N I N G   C O M P R E H E N S I O N**

**You will hear someone reading a letter. Listen carefully and answer questions 1 to 5 below by choosing the best answer (a, b, c or d). Write the letter of your answer in the space provided.**

**You will hear the text twice.**

- .....1. Mary is writing a letter to someone who ...
- a. is coming home soon.
  - b. is working away from home.
  - c. does not think much about the children.
  - d. hasn't written home recently.
- .....2. How many children does Mary have?
- a. two, Jane and Robert.
  - b. two, Robert and Mary.
  - c. more than two.
  - d. two sons, Robert and John.
- .....3. What seems to be happening to the author of the letter?
- a. He is involved in criminal activity.
  - b. He is earning a lot of money.
  - c. Someone is trying to kill him.
  - d. He is in constant danger.
- .....4. Why does Mary describe Mr. Zipp's visit as a curious one?
- a. She was interested in getting to know Mr. Zipp better.
  - b. She has never met Mr. Zipp before.
  - c. She found Mr. Zipp's behaviour unusual and strange.
  - d. She thought Mr Zipp's mood was tense and unhappy.
- .....5. Why did children go red in the face?
- a. They had been fighting.
  - b. They were having difficulty not laughing.
  - c. They were making faces at each other.
  - d. They were hot.

**Total Points:...../5pts**

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