

## Vocabulary

### 1 Complete the sentences with a word.

- The campaign has received \_\_\_\_\_ support from all over the country.
- It was a \_\_\_\_\_ decision that had an important effect on the project's success.
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of books about dieting – hundreds of them – which nobody buys.
- Dad's staying late at the office to \_\_\_\_\_ up on some unfinished work.
- The accident had a \_\_\_\_\_ effect on how he drove afterwards.
- They hope that fighting will \_\_\_\_\_ and that they can end the conflict.
- His version of events isn't \_\_\_\_\_ out by what was recorded by security cameras.
- The storm caused tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ to flights, and disruption will continue today.
- The plan to allow teenagers to start classes later was given short \_\_\_\_\_ by the authorities.
- A knee injury \_\_\_\_\_ his chances of playing for the national team, but he is still hopeful.

Marks: \_\_\_\_/10

### 2 Complete the text.

Nassim Nicholas Taleb is very suspicious <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ people who say they have special powers that allow them to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ about the future. He wrote a book where he said we would benefit <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ ignoring experts who claim that their own scientific methods enable them to <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ what will happen to the world. While he agrees that it's normal to want to anticipate <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ problems, he says it's impossible to <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the results of financial operations over the long term, because things happen that nobody <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ or believed could happen. Wars, people rebelling <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ governments, natural disasters, etc. are major events that are the key <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ understanding our world but that few people were able to <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ beforehand.

Marks: \_\_\_\_/10

## Reading

### 3 Read the text and choose the correct answers.

#### Getting to sleep

Why is it that we don't always get sleepy when we need to sleep? In 2008, 56 million prescriptions for sleeping pills were written in the USA. Not only are the financial costs of

insomnia quite big, but the costs to society are huge. The US Institute of Medicine estimates around 20 per cent of all serious motor vehicle accidents are attributable to driver sleepiness. A similar study into accidents in hospital, carried out in 2009, showed that one out of five doctors in their first year of practice admitted to making a fatigue-related mistake that resulted in injury to a patient.

Perhaps we've lost touch with our natural biological inclinations. In the past people used to sleep differently, going to bed at sunset and rising with the dawn. This is still the case in many developing nations and, in addition, some people sleep outside, where sunlight and changes in heat or cold can affect their circadian rhythms more directly. In so-called developed countries, we have fixed bedtimes, often unrelated to light or dark, and we sleep inside, where temperature and light are controlled by us. The most extreme example is the night shift worker who has no alternative to suppressing his bodily instinct to wake in response to the rising sun. Insomnia is an unwelcome side effect of our tampering with nature.

- Most road accidents are caused by sleepiness. **T / F**
- Twenty per cent of new doctors say that they made mistakes because of tiredness. **T / F**
- People in developed and developing countries have different sleeping habits. **T / F**
- People in developed countries sleep in artificial conditions. **T / F**
- Night shift workers follow sleep patterns that are conditioned by nature. **T / F**

Marks: \_\_\_\_/5

### 4 Read the text again and answer the questions with a complete sentence.

- What is the financial cost of insomnia that the writer mentions?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why does the writer talk about driving and hospitals?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What are the main differences between how our ancestors slept and how we sleep nowadays?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why does the night shift worker have no choice?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How would you explain the final sentence to someone who has not read the text?  
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Marks: \_\_\_\_/15

## Grammar

### 5 Replace the underlined words with phrasal verbs formed from the verbs in brackets and the particles in the box.

back down off on out over up

- The neighbour asked them to decrease the volume [volume] of the music. (turn) \_\_\_\_\_
- Then she waved and left in a hurry. (rush) \_\_\_\_\_
- Things are improving for the team now that they have new striker. (look) \_\_\_\_\_
- We all wish she wouldn't continue to talk about her cat all the time. (go) \_\_\_\_\_
- I've examined your composition quickly and I've corrected a few errors. (look) \_\_\_\_\_
- When he left the hotel, he was attacked by three men in hooded jackets. (set) \_\_\_\_\_
- I've been writing this email for ages so I'll finish now. (sign) \_\_\_\_\_
- She spoke so quickly I hardly had time to write what she said! (jot) \_\_\_\_\_
- These discussions are to help us find a solution to the technical problems. (iron) \_\_\_\_\_
- We're going to suggest that your teacher comes to our house for lunch. (invite) \_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_ /10

### 6 Choose a suitable reporting verb from below to report the spoken sentences.

accuse agree apologize beg congratulate deny invite offer promise suggest warn

- 'I swear that I will never let you down or leave you.'  
He \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Look, I'll work the nightshift if I absolutely have to.'  
She \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Why don't we go to the new Mexican place?'  
They \_\_\_\_\_
- 'You stole it! I know you did.'  
She \_\_\_\_\_
- 'I didn't mean to break it. I'm so, so sorry!'  
He \_\_\_\_\_
- 'I do hope you can come to the dinner.'  
She \_\_\_\_\_
- 'If you are late again, you will face disciplinary action.'  
He \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Of course I didn't see it happen. I wasn't there!'  
She \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Stay with us! We can put you up as long as you like.'  
They \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Well done. I'm so pleased you got an A. You deserve it.'  
She \_\_\_\_\_

Marks: \_\_ /10

## Language skills

### 7 Complete the dialogue.

- Kim What are your plans for the summer?
- Olivia Well, I'm pinning my <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on getting a job with the local newspaper.
- Kim Of course, you've set your <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on being a journalist, haven't you?
- Olivia That's what I'm <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ towards anyway. I'm starting university in September and there's a <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ chance that I continue with my job. I <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ myself working part-time.
- Kim Won't that be a lot of work?
- Olivia Yes, but I'll be in a better <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to apply for full-time jobs if I've got experience.
- Kim What if your plans <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to nothing?
- Olivia I'll <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it everything to succeed and realize my <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I know it won't be easy but if I work hard, there's a chance that I'll <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my goal.

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### 8 Complete the mini-dialogues.

#### Dialogue 1

- A <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- B My main plan for the foreseeable future is to try to go to university.
- A <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- B I think Nick is the most ambitious in the class. He says he wants to be the head of a multi-national company by the time he's 25!
- A <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?
- B I think everyone has doubts about the future. I mean, we just don't know if we'll all be able to get jobs.

#### Dialogue 2

- A Do you think you'll work abroad?
- B <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- A When do you think you'll rent or buy your own place to live?
- B <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Marks: \_\_ /10

## Writing

### 9 Write a story that begins with the words, 'When I woke up, I didn't know where I was.' Write 200–250 words and organize your writing into four paragraphs:

- Describe the place where you woke up.
- Say who you found where you woke up.
- Say what you remember had happened before you went to sleep.
- Explain why you didn't know where you were.

Marks: \_\_ /20

TOTAL: \_\_ /100