CLOZE READING EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

GLOBAL WARMING

Few people now question the reality of global warming and its effects on the world's climate. Many scientists (1)_____ the blame for recent natural disasters on the increase (2) _____ the world's temperatures and are convinced that, more than ever before, the Earth is at (3)_____ from the forces of the wind, rain and sun. According to them, global warming is making extreme weather events, (4) as hurricanes and droughts, even more (5) and causing sea levels all around the world to (6)_____. Environmental groups are putting (7) _____on governments to take action to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide which is given (8)_____ by factories and power plants, thus attacking the problem at its source. They are in (9) _____ of more money being spent on research into solar, wind and wave energy devices, which could then replace existing power (10) _____. Some scientists, however, believe that even if we stopped releasing carbon dioxide and other gases into the atmosphere tomorrow, we would have to wait several hundred years to notice the results. Global warming, it seems, is to stay.

Question 1: A. give	B. put	C. takes	D. has
Question 2: A. in	B. at	C. by	D. to
Question 3: A. danger	B. harm	C. risk	D. threat
Question 4: A. just	B. well	C. such	D. even
Question 5: A. strong	B. strict	C. heavy	D. severe
Question 6: A. raise	B. lift	C. rise	D. arise
Question 7: A. pressure	B. force	C. persuasion	D encouragement
Question 8: A. off	B. up	C. over	D. away
Question 9: A. request	B. suggestion	C. belief	D. favor
Question 10: A. houses	B. factories	C. stations	D. generations

EXERCISE 2

Everybody has heard about the Internet, do you know that an "intranet" is? It is this: just as the Internet connects people around the world, intranets connect people within a (1)_____ company. In fact, intranets make use of the same software programs as the Internet to (2)_____ computers and people. This (3)_____ that you do not have to buy a lot of additional programs to set up an intranet service. If your intranet is working properly, it can link together a huge amount of (4) _____ which is stored in different places in the company. In this way, people can get the information they need, regardless (5)_____ where it comes from.

A company intranet can , of course, be used for unimportant information like office memos or canteen menus. But an intranet should (6)_____ important information which people need to make decision about new products, costs and so on. The intranet is (7)_____ to share their information with other people. (8)_____, many departments don't want to share their specialist knowledge with others. Another problem which often occurs is (9)_____ top managers like to use the intranet to " communicate down" rather than to " communicate across". That is, they use the intranet to give orders, not to (10)_____ information between themselves and others working in the same organization.

Question 1. A. large	B. jointed	C. single	D. branch
Question 2. A. contact	B. introduce	C. distinguish	D. compare
Question 3. A. is	B. is said	C. indicates	D. means
Question 4. A. parts	B. information	C. elements	D. properties
Question 5. A. on	B. with	C. of	D. to
Question 6. A. bring	B. provide	C. give	D. take
Question 7. A. likely	B. willing	C. going	D. happened
Question 8. A. Luckily	B. Consequently	C. However	D. Unfortunately
Question 9. A. that	B. what	C. which	D. it
Question 10. A. change	B. exchange	C. transform	D. transit

EXERCISE 3

In Britain, the average young person now spends more money on games each year than on going to the cinema or renting videos. But is this (1)_____ a bad thing? For years, newspaper reports have been (2)_____ that children who spend too much time playing computer games become unsociable, bad- tempered, even violent as a (3)_____. But new research, (4)_____ out in both Europe and the USA, suggests that the opposite may be true. Indeed, playing some of the more complicated games may help people of all ages to improve certain skills. Researchers claim that this is because the games (5)_____ the brain work harder in certain ways, like (6)_____ sounds and movements quickly and identifying what they are. The fact that people play the games repeatedly (7)_____ that they get a lot of practice in these skills which are therefore likely to become highly developed. Social skills may benefit, too. Researchers in Chicago think that fans of first- person shooter games (8)_____ "Counterstrike" are better than non-players when it comes to building trust and co-operation, and that this (9)_____ them to make good friendships and become strong members of their communities. So rather than (10)_____ up computer games, perhaps young people need to spend more time on them?

Question 1.	A. necessarily	B certainly	C fully	D nearly
Question 2.	A. speaking	B informing	C telling	D saying
Question 3.	A. product	B result	C reason	D conclusion
Question 4.	A. worked	B thought	C turned	D carried
Question 5.	A. make	B force	C push	D keep
Question 6.	A. realizing	B noticing	C imagining	D solving
Question 7.	A. means	B asks	C brings	D causes
Question 8.	A. in order to	B such as	C due to	D as well as
Question 9.	A. supports	B helps	C shows	D serves
Question 10.	A. giving	B ending	C taking	D stopping

EXERCISE 4

In the United States and Canada, it is very important to (1) _____ a person directly in the eyes when you are having a conversation (2) _____ him or her. If you look down or to the side when the (3) _____ person is talking, that person will think that you are not interested in (4) _____ he or she is saying. This, (5) _____, is not polite. If you look down or to the side when you are talking, it might 6) _____ that you are not honest. However, people who are speaking will sometimes look away for (7) _____ seconds when they are thinking or (8) _____ to find the right word. But they always turn immediately (9) _____ to look the listener directly in the eyes. These social "rules" are (10) _____ for two   men, two women, a man and a woman, or an adult and a child.

Question 1: A. talk	B. notice	C. get	D. look
Question 2: A. with	B. to	C. for	D. about
Question 3: A. others	B. another	C. one	D. other
Question 4: A. which	B. what	C. that	D. where
Question 5: A. yet	B. in addition	C. of course	D. although
Question 6: A. become	B. come	C. seem	D. turn
Question 7: A. a little	B. a few	C. little	D. few
Question 8: A. trying	B. looking	C. achieving	D. managing
Question 9: A. up	B. back	C. down	D. over
Question 10: A. like	B. the same	C. likely	D. such as

EXERCISE 5

Face-to-face conversation is two-way process: You speak to me, I reply to you and so on.

Two-way (1) _____ depends on having a coding system that is understood by both (2) _____ and receiver, and an agreed convention about (3) _____ the beginning and end of the (4) _____. In speech, the coding system is the language like English or Spanish; the convention that one person speaks at a time may seem too obvious to (5) _____. In fact, the (6) _____ that people use in conversations and meetings are often non-verbal. For example, lowering the pitch of the voice may mean the end of a sentence; a sharp intake of breath may signal the desire to (7) _____, catching the chairman's (8) _____ may indicate the desire to speak in a formal setting like a (9) _____, a clenched fist may indicate anger. When these (10) _____ signals are not possible, more formal signals may be needed.

Question 1: A. interchange   B. exchange   C. correspondence D. communication

Question 2: A. announcer   B. transmitter   C. messenger   D. sender

Question 3: A. signing   B. Symbolizing   C. signalling   D. showing

Question 4: A. message   B. topic   C. idea   D. theme

Question 5: A. judge   B. mention   C. recognize   D. notice

Question 6: A. signals   B. symptoms   C. symbols   D. signs

Question 7: A. interchange B. interfere   C. interrupt   D. intercept

Question 8: A. elbow   B. eye   C. shoulder   D. hand

Question 9: A. chat   B. debate   C. broadcast   D. lecture

Question 10: A. visual   B. auditory   C. verbal   D. sensory

EXERCISE 6

If you're an environmentalist, plastic is a word you tend to say with a sneer or a snarl. It has become a symbol of our wasteful, throw- away society. But there seems little doubt it is here to stay, and the truth is, of course, that plastic has brought enormous (1) _____ even environmental   evil-   it's the way society chooses to uses and (2) _____   them. Almost all the 50 or so different kinds of modern plastic are made from oil, gas or coal- non-renewable natural (3) _____ . We   (4) _____ well over three million tones of the stuff in Britain each year and, sooner or later, most of it is thrown away. A high (5) _____ of our annual consumption is in the form of packaging, and this (6) _____ about seven per cent by weight of our domestic refuse. Almost all of it could be recycled, but very little of it is, though the plastic recycling (7) _____ is growing fast.
The plastics themselves are extremely energy-rich- they have a higher calorific (8) _____ than coal and one (9)_____ of "recovery" strongly favoured by the plastic manufacturers is the (10) _____ of waste plastic into a fuel.

Question 1. A. savings   B. pleasures   C. benefits   D. profits

Question 2. A. abuse   B. endanger   C. store   D. dispose

Question 3. A. processes   B. resources   C. products   D. fuels

Question 4. A. import   B. consign   C. remove   D. consume

Question 5. A. amount   B. proportion   C. portion   D. rate

Question 6. A. makes   B. carries   C. takes   D. constitutes

Question 7. A. industry   B. manufacture   C. plant   D. factory

Question 8. A. demand   B. effect   C. value   D. degree

Question 9. A. medium   B. method   C. measure   D. mechanism

Question 10. A. melting   B. Conversion   C. change   D.replacement

EXERCISE 7

POLAR BEARS

Polar bears are in danger of dying out. (1) _____ some other   endangered
animals, it's not hunters that are the problem, it's climate change. Since 1979, the ice cap at
the Arctic Circle where the polar bears live has (2) _____ in size   by   about   30
percent. The temperature in the Arctic has slowly been (3)_____ and this is (4) _____ the sea
ice to melt, endangering the polar bears' home.

The polar bears' main (5) _____ of food are the different types of seal found in the Arctic.
They catch them by waiting next to the air holes the seals have (6) _____ in   the ice. (7) _____
the bears are very strong swimmers, they could never catch seals in the water. This means that
the bears (8) _____ do rely on the ice to hunt.

Polar bears also need sea ice to travel. They can (9) _____ a huge territory and often swim
from one part of the ice to another. They have been known to swim up to 100km, but when
there is less ice, they may have to swim further and this can (10) _____ fatal to the bears. A
number of bears have drowned in the last few years and scientists believe that it is because
they were not able to reach more sea ice before they became too tired and couldn't swim any
further.

Question 1: A. Opposite   B. Compared   C. Unlike   D. Different

Question 2: A. cut   B. reduced   C. shortened   D. lost

Question 3: A. lifting   B. gaining   C. advancing   D. rising

Question 4: A. resulting   B. turning   C. causing   D. creating

Question 5: A. sources   B. means   C. origins   D. materials

Question 6: A. placed   B. set   C. brought   D. made

Question 7: A. Even   B. Although   C. As   D. Despite

Question 8: A. really   B. properly   C. surely   D. fully

Question 9: A. pass   B. extend   C. cover   D. spread

Question 10: A. prove   B. happen   C. come   D. end

EXERCISE 8

The Industrial Revolution in Britain was built on the use of machines in factories. Since the 1950s, Britain's (1) _____ industries have replaced machine operators with computers, and this (2) _____ has led to a decline in the number of (3) _____ in many factories. Goods are bought and used much more than ever before but a lot of these goods are imported. By the beginning of the 20th century, other industrial countries like the USA were (4) _____ with Britain's exports, and countries in the Far East have been able to provide cheaper (5) _____ since the 1970s. Areas located with heavy industries are suffering high unemployment. During the last 30 years, there has been a constant rise in smaller industries (6) _____ as "light industries". These ones use electricity and are not (7) _____ on raw materials such as coal so they are "footloose", i.e. they can be located anywhere. They produce such things as washing machines or spare (8) _____ Some of these industries produce nothing at all, but provide services like distribution. The consumer boom of the 1980s and the increased leisure time of most Britons have led to rapid (9) _____ in service industries like banking, tourism, retailing and information processing, and in industries which distribute, maintain, and repair (10) _____ consumer goods.

1.	A. manufacturing	B. big	C. large	D. running
2.	A. replacement	B. change	C. exchange	D. automation
3.	A. employers	B. employees	C. labors	D. servers
4.	A. working	B. familiar	C. competing	D. fed up
5.	A. things	B. products	C. produce	D. imports
6.	A. considered	B. regarded	C. known	D. worked
7.	A. dependent	B. reliable	C. dependable	D. command
8.	A. details	B. parts	C. sections	D. gadgets
9.	A. growth	B. increase	C. expansion	D. extension
10.	A. everyday	B. home	C. household	D. expensive

EXERCISE 9

Not everybody recognizes the benefits of new developments in communications technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative (1) _____ on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at (2) _____ of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. (3) _____, in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about to (4) _____ to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each (5) _____ with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The (6) _____ made by the sensors will be automatically (7) _____ into text messages and beamed to the Internet - where they will appear on a dedicated 'pigeon blog'.

   The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to capture aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny 'pigeon kit' containing all these (8) ____ . Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, (9) _____, that is, from the camera, which will hang around its neck. The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the (10) _____ of an interactive map, which will provide local residents with up-to-the-minute information on their local air quality.

Question 1.   A. result   B. outcome   C effect   D conclusion

Question 2.   A danger   B threat   C risk   D peril

Question 3.   A Therefore   B What's more   C Whereas   D That is

Question 4.   A make   B launch   C reach   D take

Question 5.   A armed   B loaded   C granted   D stocked

Question 6.   A studies   B readings   C reviews   D inquiries

Question 7.   A adapted   B converted   C revised   D applied

Question 8.   A gadgets   B utensils   C appliances   D implements

Question 9.   A instead   B except   C apart   D besides

Question 10.   A. shape   B. way   C. form   D. size

EXERCISE 10

Education is more important today than ever before. It helps people acquire the skills they need for such everyday (1) _____ as reading a newspaper or managing their money. It also gives them the specialized training they may need to (2) _____ for a job or career. For example, a person must meet certain educational requirements and obtain a (3) _____ or certificate before he can practice law or medicine. Many fields, like computer operation or police work, (4) _____ satisfactory completion of special training courses.

Education is also important (5) _____ it helps people get more out of life. It increases their knowledge and understanding of the world. It helps them acquire the skills that make life more interesting and enjoyable, (6) _____the skills needed to participate in a sport, paint a picture, or play a musical (7) _____. Such education becomes (8) _____ important   as people gain more and more leisure time.

Education also helps people adjust to change. This habit has become necessary because social changes today take place with increasing speed and (9) _____ the lives of more and more people. Education can help a person understand these changes and provide him (10) _____ the skills for adjusting to them.

Question 1: A. works   B. jobs   C. actions   D. activities

Question 2: A. do   B. prepare   C. make   D. work

Question 3: A. license   B. card   C. diploma   D. paper

Question 4: A. requires B. requiring   C. require   D. to require

Question 5: A. therefore B. despite   C. although   D. because

Question 6: A. such as   B. for instance C. such that   D. for example

Question 7: A. appliance B. equipment   C. instrument   D. device

Question 8: A. increased B. increasing   C. increase   D. increasingly

Question 9: A. effect   B. affect   C. affective   D. effective ^

Question 10: A. with   B. for   C. in   D. to