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Progress test 3 (levels 11-14)

3 Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the word in bold. (10 points)

- Some people believe that life insurance is ..... if you are going down with a cold. **NECESSARY**
- Our aims are simple: to reduce costs and ..... profits. **MAXIMUM**
- Despite free education, there has been little change in social ..... **MOBILE**
- It is an interesting idea but I do not believe it is ..... **VIABLE**
- They were not prepared for the food and could only watch ..... as the waiter came into the room. **HELP**
- Local residents regard a number of ..... to the proposed building project. **OBJECTION**
- The new brochures can be produced at a ..... low cost. **CONSIDERABLE**
- Although the doctors had been optimistic, the patient's condition actually ..... during the night. **WORSE**
- With ..... it is easy to see that more preparations should have been made for an emergency. **SURE**
- I am ..... to go to the police unless we have any real evidence. **WILL**

4 Find and correct one spelling mistake in each of the following sentences. Two of the sentences have no spelling mistakes, in which case put a tick at the end. (13 points)

- I have still not received a reply to my enquiry.
- I am disappointed by the lack of interest in the topic.
- The river accepts any responsibility for these bad decisions.
- The hotel can accommodate over 90 visitors at one time.
- There has been a definite improvement in the standard of your writing.
- It is useful to keep the receipts in two separate piles.
- Some people do not believe that accurate spelling is necessary.
- They had a furious argument in public, which was embarrassing for everyone else.
- I would recommend the fruit salad for dessert.
- Unfortunately, vandalism is a frequent occurrence in this area.
- I don't normally like detective stories but that one is a masterpiece.
- The book is an impossible read although the plot is rather predictable.
- Whether Harry Potter is truly a children's classic is still debatable.

5 Correct the punctuation in the following sentences. In each sentence you must either add or remove a punctuation mark. (13 points)

- All of the books that he wrote turned out to be best sellers.
- People say that you should never judge a book by its cover.
- It is probably the best of his novels however, it is not so well known as some of the others.
- Elvis White, whose first novel was published in 2002 has just won an award.
- It was a long, boring, book, written in a hurried style.
- Despite popular tradition Sherlock Holmes never says, 'Elementary, my dear Watson'.
- Both of the student essays were outstanding pieces of work.
- It is a carefully written account, but it's general thesis is full of holes.
- What really impressed me about the book, was its attention to detail.
- Shakespeare's plays can be divided into three groups: comedies, tragedies and histories.
- There are different theories about who wrote the sequel to the poem.
- He keeps saying that the gem is his, but I'm sure that it's ours.
- He wrote his first novel, *Mending Mr. Ties*, at the age of 17, which was a remarkable achievement.

6 Choose the most suitable alternative to complete the sentences. (20 points)

- I read the ..... on the back cover of the book, and I decided not to buy it.  
a) glossary b) facts c) index d) footnote
- I've got so much paperwork to ..... through that it will take me all weekend.  
a) learn b) waste c) foot d) paddle
- The book has a complicated plot with a surprising ..... at the end.  
a) turn b) bend c) base d) spin
- I got ..... a glimpse of the centre as the coach turned the corner.  
a) caught b) took c) received d) stole
- He ..... around the bookshop for over an hour before finally choosing a book.  
a) strolled b) perused c) flipped d) browsed
- After the success of his first novel, the second did not really ..... to readers' expectations.  
a) put b) stand c) live d) make
- The collection contains some very interesting articles which really ..... your attention.  
a) catch b) grab c) pluck d) clutch

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