**ENGLISH PRACTICE 44**

**I. Read, then answer the questions below**

Mozart, who was born on January 27, 1756 in the Austrian city of Salzburg, was neither the first nor the last child prodigy, but he was certainly the greatest. He was born into a moderately prosperous family where his unmatched musical genius made itself known extremely early. Mozart began learning to play the harpsichord at three and his earliest known work was composed in 1761 when he was five, the age at which he also first appeared in public. From the age of six, when his father took him on the first foreign tour, Mozart toured the courts and musical centres of Austria, Germany, France, England, Holland, Switzerland and Italy. It has been calculated that Mozart spent almost a third of his short life - he died at the age of 35 - travelling. As Mozart matured, he continued to tour and give concerts. Mozart also wrote a lot of operas. His first opera, *Mitridate, Re di Ponto*, was performed in Milan when he was 14, and it was the first of many successes in the theatre.

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| 1. How rich was Mozart’s family?  ...................................................................................................................... |
| 2. When did he take the first step into the world of music as a composer?  ...................................................................................................................... |
| 3. What did he do on his first tour to some major European countries?  ...................................................................................................................... |
| 4. Why is it possible to name Mozart “A travelling composer”?  ...................................................................................................................... |
| 5 What expression in the passage means “an exceptionally clever child”?  ...................................................................................................................... |

**II. Give the correct form of the words given:**

6. The duty of the police is the \_\_\_\_\_ of law and order. (MAINTAIN)

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7. Our tomatoes are \_\_\_\_\_ nicely; they'll be ready to eat in about a week. (RIPE)

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8. Look at this picture of Bill and his father - you can see the \_\_\_\_\_ clearly, can't you? (LIKE) **.....** ..............

9. He said 'Good morning' in a most \_\_\_\_\_ way. (FRIEND) ..............

10. Playing for the national team for the first time was an \_\_\_\_\_ experience for Hong Son. (FORGET) ..............

11. 'This is not a good essay,' said the lecturer. 'I find your arguments \_\_\_\_\_ '. (CONVINCE) ..............

12. It's a lovely old house, I agree, but can we afford to ........ it? (MODERN) ...............

13. George and I have been friends since \_\_\_\_\_: he used to live next door. (CHILD) ..............

14. In winter it is important for farmers to provide food and \_\_\_\_\_ for their animals. (WARM) ..............

15. Pele \_\_\_\_\_ Ronaldo to take part in 2002 World Cup. (COURAGE) ..........

**III. Rewrite:**

1. It's common knowledge that he has been in prison several times.

He is known .........................................................................................

2. I regret not paying much attention to the lecture.

I wish ...................................................................................................

KEYS

I.

1. His family was moderately properous/ not very rich

2. At five./ in 1761 when he was five.

3. He toured the courts and musical centres.

4. Because he traveled a lot.

5. A child prodigy.

II.

6. maitenance/ maintaining 7. ripening

8. likeness 9. friendly/ unfriendly

10. unforgetable 11. unconvincing

12. modernise/ modernize 13. childhood

14. warmth 15. encouraged

III.

1. He is known **to have been in prison several times**.

2. I wish **I had paid more attention to the lecture**.