

**ENGLISH PRACTICE 80**  
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7. Don't be late for the interview, \_\_\_\_\_ people will think you are a disorganized person.  
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9. You are being thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ in refusing to allow this ceremony to take place.  
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1. How much does \_\_\_\_\_ of this club cost? (MEMBER)
2. She is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ about the history of art. (KNOW)
3. Traveling in big cities is becoming more and more \_\_\_\_\_ every day. (TROUBLE)
4. He is completely \_\_\_\_\_ ! Not only is he lazy but he is dishonest too. (EMPLOY)
5. His boss told him off because he had behaved \_\_\_\_\_. (RESPONSIBLE)
6. He won the discus event at the Olympic Games but was later \_\_\_\_\_ when a medical check proved that he had been taking drugs. (QUALIFY)
7. Women who are slimming can never enjoy a meal without being afraid of \_\_\_\_\_ their diet. (ORGANISE)
8. The trouble with Mr. Brown is that he's so \_\_\_\_\_. One minute he goes mad when you come late; the next he says nothing. You never know where you are! (CONSIST)
9. It is forbidden to hunt for that kind of bird. It has been listed as one of the \_\_\_\_\_ species (DANGER)
10. I didn't know who it was - with a mask on she was completely \_\_\_\_\_ (RECOGNISE)

**Part 3: Complete each sentence with one of the idiomatic phrases given. Use each phrase once only. (8 points)**

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made her blood boil	jumped out of her skin
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1. Pauline completely ignored me this morning. She \_\_\_\_\_
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3. Saying goodbye to her son was a very emotional occasion for her and she \_\_\_\_\_ as she watched him get on the train.
4. The view from the top of the mountain was absolutely fantastic. It really \_\_\_\_\_
5. Susan panicked when the fire broke out. She \_\_\_\_\_
6. When I dropped that tray behind her, she got a shock. She almost \_\_\_\_\_
7. My sister remained very calm. She \_\_\_\_\_
8. Sally didn't believe us, did she? We only joked! We only \_\_\_\_\_!

**Part 4: Put each verb given in brackets into an appropriate tense or form. (17 points)**

1. Mr. Pike, who is supposed \_\_\_\_\_ (witness) the accident, \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the town.
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2. He said that he watered the plants every day. He \_\_\_\_\_ (water) them. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (have), they wouldn't have died.
3. No sooner— \_\_\_\_\_ -- the announcement \_\_\_\_\_ (make) than everyone started complaining.
4. They said they never \_\_\_\_\_ (make) to do anything they didn't want to before.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the play for nearly thirty minutes when he came.
6. The pop star who \_\_\_\_\_ (take) part in over 25 films always avoids being recognized (recognise) by \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) dark glasses.
7. There's no point \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to get Tim \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) you his car.
8. Not until John \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) the offer of promotion in writing .. \_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate)
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ (have) trouble with the second-hand car since he bought it. He wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ (not / buy) it.

## II. READING

**Part 1: Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, circle letter A, B, C or D next to the answer you choose. (10 points)**

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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ it is here to stay, and the truth is, of course, that plastic has brought enormous (2)\_\_\_\_\_ even environmental ones. It's not really the plastics themselves that are the environmental (3)\_\_\_\_\_ - it's the way society choose to use and (4)\_\_\_\_\_ them.

Almost all the 50 or so different kinds of modern plastic are made from oil, gas or coal - non-renewable natural (5)\_\_\_\_\_. We (6)\_\_\_\_\_ well over three million tones of the stuff in Britain each year and, sooner or later, most of it is thrown away. A high (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of our annual consumption is in the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of packaging, and this (9)\_\_\_\_\_ about seven per cent by weight of our domestic (10)\_\_\_\_\_. Almost all of it could be recycled, but very little of it is, though the plastic recycling (11)\_\_\_\_\_ is growing fast.

The plastics themselves are extremely energy-rich - they have a higher calorific (12)\_\_\_\_\_ than coal and one (13)\_\_\_\_\_ of 'recovery' strongly (14)\_\_\_\_\_ by the plastic manufacturers is the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ of waste plastic into a fuel.

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4. A. On the ghost of Chaffin's second visit to his son, he told him that he would find a will in the overcoat pocket. The coat was actually in the possession of the third brother.

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There has .... *been a considerable fall in the value of sterling in the past week*

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Had it not .... *been for the attendance of a famous film star the party would not have been a success*

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It was .... *because she saw Peter with another woman that Harriet was upset / that upset Harriet*

6. We regret to inform you that your application has not been successful.

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7. People no longer smoke so many cigarettes as they used to.

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