

Lexical-Grammar Test

1 Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

We spotted the Marie Celeste drifting in mid-Atlantic on December 5, 1872. Since the ship looked damaged, the captain said the three of us (1) board her at once (2) investigate and (3) him back any information we could get hold of. We (4) climb on board without too much difficulty but we couldn't see any sign of life anywhere. The crew of the Marie Celeste (5) have abandoned ship (6) the ship's small lifeboat was missing. Some navigation equipment which a ship of that kind (7) had on board was also missing. The crew (8) had much time to abandon ship because they had not (9) with them many personal possessions. Luckily, we (10) to find the ship's log which helped us a great deal in our (11). The last time the captain of the Marie Celeste had (12) an entry in the ship's log was November 21. Something extraordinary must have taken (13) between this date and December 5. The captain of the ship, Benjamin Briggs, had extensive (14) of the high seas so what had made him (15) the decision to abandon ship in the middle of nowhere?

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| 1 A have | B had to | C could | D ought |
| 2 A in order that | B so that | C in order to | D for to |
| 3 A take | B get | C carry | D bring |
| 4 A couldn't | B managed | C unable | D were able to |
| 5 A can't | B must | C hadn't | D could |
| 6 A since | B on account of | C as a result of | D owing to |
| 7 A shouldn't | B should have | C shouldn't have | D should be |
| 8 A ought not have | B must not | C couldn't have | D would have |
| 9 A taken | B fetched | C brought | D had |
| 10 A could | B able | C knew | D managed |
| 11 A information | B solution | C suggestion | D investigation |
| 12 A took | B passed | C wrote | D made |
| 13 A part | B care | C place | D control |
| 14 A qualification | B education | C experience | D travel |
| 15 A bring | B choose | C have | D take |

2 Use the words given to form a word that fits in the gap.

Employ, employ, employ, society, profess, political, equal, qualify, fail, achieve

Although recently there has been a small reduction in the number of people out of work in Europe, ...**(1)** is still the number one **(2)** problem facing the fifteen member states of the European Union. Moreover,**(3)** of opportunity between men and women is still an issue that ...**(4)** in many countries have not come to grips with. In ... **(5)** such as the law and engineering women are still noticeable by their absence. **(6)** still discriminate against female..... **(7)** in a number of ways even if their ... **(8)** are the same as those of men. It would be a pity if the **(9)** of the EU on an economic level were marred by **(10)** in the vital area of social policy.

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