Elizabeth Blackwell was born in England in 1821 and emigrated to New York City when she was ten years old. One day she decided that she wanted to become a doctor. That was nearly impossible for a woman in the middle of the nineteenth century. After writing many letters seeking admission to medical schools, she was finally accepted by a doctor in Philadelphia. So determined was she that she taught school and gave music lessons to earn money for her tuition.

In 1849, after graduation from medical school, she decided to further her education in Paris. She wanted to be a surgeon, but a serious eye infection forced her to abandon the idea.

Upon returning to the United States, she found it difficult to start her own practice because she was a woman. By 1857, Elizabeth and her sister, also a doctor, along with another female doctor, managed to open a new hospital, the first for women and children.

Besides being the first female physician in the United States and founding her own hospital, she also established the first medical school for women.

1. Why couldn’t Elizabeth Blackwell realize her dream of becoming a surgeon?
   a) She couldn’t get admitted to medical school.
   b) She decided to further her education in Paris.
   c) A serious eye infection halted her quest.
   d) It was difficult for her to start a practice in the United States.

2. What main obstacle almost destroyed Elizabeth’s chances for becoming a doctor?
   a) She was a woman.
   b) She wrote too many letters.
   c) She couldn’t graduate from medical school.
   d) She couldn’t establish her hospital.
3. How many years elapsed between her graduation from medical school and the opening of her hospital?
   a) 8    b) 10    c) 19    d) 36

4. All of the following are “firsts” in the life of Elizabeth Blackwell EXCEPT
   a) she became the first female physician in the United States
   b) she was the first woman surgeon in the United States
   c) she and several other women founded the first hospital for women and children
   d) she established the first medical school for women

5. How old was Elizabeth Blackwell when she graduated from medical school?
   a) 10    b) 21    c) 28    d) 36

6. The word “abandon” in line 11 is closest in meaning to
   a) undertake
   b) give up
   c) continue
   d) look into

7. What is the main idea of this passage?
   a) Elizabeth Blackwell overcame serious obstacles to become the first woman doctor in the United States.
   b) Elizabeth Blackwell had to abandon her plans to become a doctor because of an eye infection.
   c) Elizabeth Blackwell even taught music to pay for her medical studies.
   d) Elizabeth Blackwell founded the first medical school for women.

8. The word “founding” in line 19 means most nearly the same as
   a) locating
   b) looking for
   c) establishing
   d) buying

9. Why was it nearly impossible for Elizabeth Blackwell to get into medical school?
   a) She had a serious eye infection.
   b) She had little or no money to pay tuition.
   c) She wanted to be part of a profession that no woman had ever entered before.
   d) Her family didn’t want her to be a doctor.

10. The reason Elizabeth Blackwell could not become a surgeon is explained in lines
    a) 4-5    b) 8-9    c) 11-12    d) 14-15
POLICE SEEK MISSING SHED

A 32-year-old man (1) ... (get) home from work on Friday to find that someone (2) ... (steal) the shed from his back garden. Martin Graham, who lives in Francis Road, (3) ... (tell) us he couldn't believe his eyes. “There was simply nothing there. I thought I (4) ... (go) into the wrong garden.” A neighbour who (5) ... (notice) the men while they (6) ... (disassemble) the shed, (7) ... (assume) that Mr. Graham (8) ... (ask) them to do it. The two men (9) ... (drive off) in a white van. The police (10) ... still (investigate) the case.

TASK 3. PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS INTO THE CORRECT PASSIVE FORM

Last week a new leisure centre (1) ... (open) in the town of Halden. The centre (2) ... (believe) to be the largest in Europe and it is hoped that it will be visited by over 40,000 people a month. The centre (3) ... (plan) for over ten years, but it (4) ... (only/make) possible by a large government grant. Unfortunately, it (5) ... (not/finish) yet, but it (6) ... (think) that it (7) ... (complete) by next month. The centre includes an Olympic-size swimming pool and fifty tennis courts which can be booked by phone. The gym (8) ... (claim) to be the most modern in the country. The equipment (9) ... (buy) in Germany and training (10) ... (provide) by five top instructors. Entrance fees are cheap because half the cost will be paid by the local council, so many local people will be able to afford them.??
Were you (1) ______ enough to be invited to the opening of the Winchester Art Gallery last Thursday evening? I was, and therefore had the pleasure of seeing the new (2) ______ of Daniella Warner’s paintings. Daniella Warner is not (3) ______ yet, but she’s clearly an (4) ______ who has a very bright future.

All Daniella Warner’s paintings – without (5) ______ - are (6) ______ . She very often paints areas of outstanding (7) ______ beauty, such as lakes and forests, but she makes them (8) ______, lively places. Her paintings often focus on the subjects of (9) ______ and peace. It’s certainly not easy to be a (10) ______ artist these days, but if anyone deserves it, Daniella Warner does. Daniella Warner’s paintings will be on show at the Winchester Art Gallery until Saturday 25th March.

1. a) luck  b) lucky  c) unlucky  d) luckily
2. a) exhibition  b) exhibit  c) exhibiting  d) exhibited
3. a) fame  b) famous  c) famously  d) famed
4. a) art  b) artist  c) artistic  d) artistically
5. a) except  b) exceptional  c) exceptionally  d) exception
6. a) imagine  b) imagination  c) image  d) imaginative
7. a) naturally  b) nature  c) natural  d) unnaturally
8. a) exciting  b) excite  c) excited  d) excitement
9. a) freedom  b) freely  c) free  d) freed
10. a) success  b) successful  c) successfully  d) unsuccessful
TASK 5. CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION

1. There aren’t … for everybody.
   a) chairs enough  
   b) enough chairs 
   c) enough of chairs
2. I forgot to pack any food, so we’ll get something to eat … the way back.
   a) in  
   b) all 
   c) on
3. You can find some useful information in … Lesson 5.
   a) the  
   b) a 
   c) -
4. If you have anything important to say, … your hand.
   a) rise  
   b) lift 
   c) raise
5. He doesn’t know any foreign languages … English.
   a) except  
   b) besides 
   c) expect
6. They didn’t want to leave, because they were having ….
   a) so a nice time at the party  
   b) such a nice time at the party 
   c) such nice time at the party
7. Alice doesn’t like horror films. I don’t like them ….
   a) too  
   b) also 
   c) either
8. I saw Mary … tennis with my cousin in the court.
   a) to play  
   b) plays 
   c) playing
9. He pretended that he agreed with me to avoid ….
   a) hurting my feelings  
   b) to hurt my feelings 
   c) hurt my feelings
10. When my TV set broke down, I took it to the shop to ….
    a) have repaired it  
    b) having repaired it 
    c) have it repaired

TASK 6. MATCH THE WORDS WITH THEIR DEFINITIONS

1. To rehearse  
   a) A place and all the things in it
2. To practice  
   b) To recognize that something is true, fair or right
3. To admit  
   c) To say that you will not do or accept something, or will not let someone do something
4. To accept  
   d) The natural world including the land, water, air, plants and animals
5. Kitchen  
   e) A particular style of cooking
6. Cuisine  
   f) To say that something is not true
7. Environment  
   g) To repeat an activity regularly, so that you become better at it
8. Surroundings  
   h) To practice for the performance of a play, concert, etc
9. To deny  
   i) A room where you prepare and cook food, and wash dishes
10. To refuse  
    j) To say that you have done something wrong
Starting A Business

Running your own business can provide really high job satisfaction – the satisfaction of being in (1) ... of your own life and making your own decisions about how things should be done.

If you are ambitious, you may want to achieve (2) ... on a large scale and eventually to become rich. Or it may be (3) ... for you simply to enjoy work more and to achieve a modest increase in living standards at the same time.

It’s important to take into (4) ... the less desirable aspects of the job as well. For instance, if problems (5) ... , it will be up to you to sort them out. You’ll probably have to work harder and longer hours, especially in the (6) ... stages. You’ll probably see less of your family and friends too. And, of course, you won’t enjoy the security of a regular pay packet.

If you see all this as a challenge (7) ... than a disadvantage, you have at (8) ... one of the qualities needed for success. Other qualities (9) ... the ability to work on one’s own, a refusal to (10) ... up, and a willingness to take on responsibility.

1. A duty  B charge  C head  D position
2. A courage  B power  C success  D security
3. A marry  B enough  C too  D lot
4. A account  B mind  C thought  D contemplation
5. A lift  B raise  C arise  D happen
6. A initiation  B early  C start  D beginning
7. A rather  B instead  C otherwise  D other
8. A last  B least  C once  D most
9. A compose  B contain  C consist  D include
10. A give  B work  C turn  D draw

Task 8. Find the Odd Word

1. I had my passport on me but Rachel thought for a moment that she had lost hers passport.
   a) me  b) for  c) had  d) passport
2. When you fly from the Europe to the Middle East, America or Asia, your flight will be longer than three hours.
   a) when  b) the  c) will be longer  d) three hours
3. Early packs of cards were usually consisted of 86 cards, with one of the cards having no number.
   a) were  b) of  c) with  d) having
4. Have you ever asked yourself what people were used to do before television was invented?
   a) ever  b) yourself  c) were  d) was
5. I expected him to help me with the preparations but he left from the country all of a sudden.
   a) him  b) to  c) from  d) all
6. The snow was quite deep, and there seemed to be a little hope of completing our journey soon.
   a) quite  b) there  c) a  d) of
7. The refrigerator will go **on** making that noise till we **will** have it **repaired**.
   a) on  b) will  c) it  d) repaired

8. **On** the whole women drivers **don’t have** **got** so many accidents **as** men drivers.
   a) on  b) don’t  c) got  d) as

9. **Even** though men are physically stronger **than** women, they are **not more** healthier and die younger.
   a) even  b) than  c) not  d) more

10. When the father lost **his** job, they could **not** hardly afford to pay the rent and send the children to school.
    a) his  b) not  c) to  d) the