

ANSWERS

Task 1

1. Visitors are asked to abstain _____ smoking on the premises.

(a) **from** (b) on

2. She is unavailable at the moment as she is attending _____ an urgent issue.

(a) on (b) **to**

3. I believe _____ him – he is such a talented and hard-working artist.

(a) with (b) **in**

4. She took some time off work to care _____ her sick son.

(a) **for** (b) of

5. I totally agree _____ your opinion – everything you say about this is true!

(a) **with** (b) for

6. The schoolboy was blamed _____ the broken window.

(a) about (b) **for**

7. He annoys me because he is always boasting _____ his achievements!

(a) **about** (b) with

8. I had to choose _____ going to the cinema or out to dinner as I couldn't afford to do both.

(a) **between** (b) for

9. The management team is meeting this afternoon to decide _____ the best solution.

(a) **on** (b) for

10. He forgave me _____ my mistake.

(a) about (b) **for**

Task 2

1. I am so excited _____ the upcoming concert!

(a) **about** (b) with

2. Take no notice of what she says she is just envious _____ you!

(a) with (b) **of**

3. I am doubtful _____ the likely success of this project.

(a) with (b) **about**

4. He is so ashamed _____ what he did and sends his apologies!

(a) **of** (b) in

5. The company is aware _____ the problem and is working hard to fix it soon.

(a) **of** (b) in

6. We were so dissatisfied _____ the service, we won't eat at that restaurant again.

(a) **with** (b) at

7. It is good that the whole team is so enthusiastic _____ the changes.

(a) to (b) **about**

8. He is so good _____ public speaking.

(a) **at** (b) of

9. She was so kind _____ me when I was having problems.

(a) **to** (b) with

10. I am so tired _____ my job, I need a change I think.

(a) **of** (b) about

Task 3

1. It was an unjustified attack _____ an innocent party.

(a) of (b) **on**

2. His attitude _____ the subject is very narrow-minded.

(a) in (b) **towards**

3. The manager thanked the staff on behalf _____ the directors.

(a) **of** (b) on

4. There is no need _____ violence in any circumstances.

(a) of (b) **for**

5. The reason _____ the accident is still to be established.

(a) of (b) **for**

6. Conditions are much better but there is still room _____ further improvement.

(a) **for** (b) in

7. The rise _____ crime levels has been attributed to lower employment opportunities.

(a) **in** (b) of

8. There was a public outcry in reaction _____ the government's proposals.

(a) with (b) **to**

9. He has extensive knowledge _____ the subject.

(a) **of** (b) with

10. The teacher let them finish class early _____ condition that they arrived early the next day.

(a) in (b) **on**

Task 4

1. I am interested **in** learning to fly.
2. John's criticism **of** the plan made him unpopular.
3. He has always been critical **of** me.
4. I resent working on weekends.
5. My resentment **of** working on holidays made me unpopular with my boss.
6. I feel resentful **about** working on Sundays.
7. She ignored our worries **about** her health.
8. I can only sympathize **with** you.
9. I feel great sympathy **for** her.
10. I feel sympathetic **towards** the poor.
11. I had given up hope **of** seeing her again.
12. She arrived **at** the station last night.

Task 5

- 1 I completely agree on/to/**with** Jack about the changes at work.
- 2 Joel is an expert with/**at**/of fixing computer problems.
- 3 You will get a better price if you pay by/**in**/for cash.
- 4 What was his reason over/**with**/**for** being late?
- 5 The boy threw a rock **at**/to/in the window trying to break it.
- 6 Ian blamed Fred on/**for**/with the mistakes in the report.
- 7 She died in/by/**from** a heart attack.
- 8 Sheila felt guilty **about**/of/to taking the money.
- 9 The boy looked familiar with/**to**/for David; he knew he had seen him somewhere before.
- 10 This coupon is valid only **in**/on/to certain supermarkets.
- 11 Alex survived only from/**with**/**on** water for three days.
- 12 Phillip takes pleasure at/**in**/of helping others.
- 13 We are all confused **about**/for/with the time of the meeting.
- 14 The customer complained to the manager of/**for**/**about** the poor service.
- 15 Have you heard of/**from**/about Mina recently?
- 16 There is a huge demand **for**/from/against the software program; everyone is buying it.
- 17 Fortunately, Daniel's part-time job doesn't interfere on/**with**/at his studies.