Sentence Completion 3  Level 3

**Directions:** Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. The letter A is the ______ letter of the English alphabet.
   - A. last
   - B. first
   - C. second
   - D. third

2. The ______ woman has gray hair and many wrinkles. She was born many years ago.
   - A. strong
   - B. young
   - C. old
   - D. kind

3. Oranges and apples are ______. They are both ______.
   - A. similar … fruits
   - B. special … red
   - C. identical … different
   - D. bad … healthy

4. Jim ______ brings a hammer to work. He uses it every day.
   - A. never
   - B. always
   - C. rarely
   - D. sometimes

5. While walking together at night, the children hear a loud noise and get ______. They run away in search of a place to hide.
   - A. angry
   - B. excited
   - C. scared
   - D. tired

6. The ______ man is the only one who can lift the heavy rock.
   - A. silly
   - B. tall
   - C. proud
   - D. strong

7. Timothy is ______. He always gets good grades. He studies hard and always does his homework.
   - A. smart
   - B. funny
   - C. tall
   - D. popular

8. The animal looks ______. Tom has never seen one like it before.
   - A. calm
   - B. embarrassed
   - C. strange
   - D. disgusting

9. When the sun goes down, the sky gets ______.
   - A. warm
   - B. dark
   - C. bright
   - D. cloudy

10. We were driving east, but we needed to go the opposite way. So we turned around and drove ______.
    - A. west
    - B. north
    - C. left
    - D. right

**Answers and Explanations**
1) B
The English alphabet starts with the letter A. Therefore, A is the first letter of the alphabet. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the letter Z is the last letter of the alphabet.

(C) is incorrect because the letter B is the second letter of the alphabet.

(D) is incorrect because the letter C is the third letter of the alphabet.

2) C
When some people get old, their hair turns gray and their skin becomes wrinkled. This is a natural part of aging. Also, the prompt tells us that the woman was born many years ago. Given this information, we can understand that she is probably old. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because although the woman might be strong, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

(B) is incorrect because young is the opposite of old. We only know from the question that the woman has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

(D) is incorrect because although the woman might be kind, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

3) A
If two things are similar, they have something in common. Apples and oranges are similar because they are both fruits. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because there is nothing in particular that make oranges and apples special. Also, oranges are not red.

(C) is incorrect because identical means that two things are exactly alike, but apples and oranges are different from each other.

(D) is incorrect because fruit is not bad. If they were bad, they would not be considered healthy, but would instead be unhealthy for you. The opposite is true. Fruit is good and healthy for you.

4) B
If Jim needs to use something every day, it makes sense for him to always bring it to work. This means that he brings it every day or all the time. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because never means that something doesn’t happen at all. This is the opposite of “every day” or “always.”

(C) is incorrect because rarely means that something happens very seldom or not often.

(D) is incorrect because sometimes means that something doesn’t happen all the time, only some of the time.

5) C
The children are walking alone at night and hear a loud noise. When you are alone at night, loud noises can be scary. Using this information, we can understand that the children are scared of the noise, as they away in search of a place to hide. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are angry.

(B) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are excited.

(D) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are tired.

6) D
Someone who is strong can lift a lot of weight. If something is very heavy, only a strong person can lift it. Choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a silly person, or someone who is funny, may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he or she is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight.

(B) is incorrect because a tall person may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he or she is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight, which may be independent of their height.
(C) is incorrect because a _proud_ person, or someone who is very pleased with himself or herself, may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he or she is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight.

7) A
_Smart_ students usually perform well in school. If Timothy gets good grades, studies hard, and always does his homework, then it makes sense to say that he is smart. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because although Timothy might be _funny_, or have a sense of humor, we cannot make this inference from the information in the sentence.

(C) is incorrect because although Timothy might be _tall_, we cannot make this inference from the information in the sentence.

(D) is incorrect because although Timothy might be _popular_, or liked by many people, we cannot make this inference from the information in the sentence.

8) C
Something that is _strange_ has a different, unexpected, or out-of-the-ordinary characteristic that sets it apart from other things. If the animal looks different from any creature Tom has seen before, then it probably looks _strange_. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the sentence does not provide information to make us think that the animal looks _calm_ (not violent or without strong emotion).

(B) is incorrect because we do not generally assume that animals other than humans can feel embarrassment. To look _embarrassed_ means to appear self-conscious or ashamed. Even if Tom thought that the animal looked embarrassed, there is not information in the sentence to make this inference.

(D) is incorrect because the sentence does not provide information to make us think that the animal looks _disgusting_ (gross, sickening, or unacceptable).

9) B
The sun makes the sky light up. When the sun goes down, part of the sky no longer receives light. Therefore, when the sun goes down the sky gets _dark_. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get _warm_ when the sun sets.

(C) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get _bright_ when the sun sets.

(D) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get _cloudy_ when the sun sets.

10) A
The word _but_ means that two things are related in a negative or opposite way. East is the opposite of _west_. If you are traveling east and you turn around, you will be traveling west. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because _north_ is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of “east.”

(C) is incorrect because _left_ is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of “east.”

(D) is incorrect because _right_ is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of “east.”