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Grammar Exercise – Open Cloze Set 4

Exercise 1

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

People do crazy things in order to raise (1) for charity. (2) my father was 30 years old, (3) decided to run the London Marathon in aid of Oxfam. "You've gone completely mad!" my mother (4) to him. After all, my father was (5) a healthy man at that time. "Don't (6) about me," dad replied, "I'll be fine. How hard can it (7)?" Very hard, it turned out. The training nearly killed him, and he (8) thinking about giving up at one point. Nevertheless, he carried (9) with his training and took part in the marathon, which was 26 miles (10), receiving a total of £460 in donations for Oxfam. What a hero!	1. money 2. When 3. he 4. said 5. not 6. worry 7. be 8. was 9. on 10. long

Exercise 2

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Ken: It's mum's surprise birthday (1) in two weeks!

Ella: Yes, we need (2) send the invitations to her friends and family.

Ken: We (3) sorted out the food yet either.

Ella: Good point. OK, (4) send out the invitations tonight, can you sort the food?

Ken: (5) I can, but what food should I order?

Ella: Whatever you like, the (6) important thing to remember is that mum is allergic to peanuts, so (7) buy anything with peanuts in it.

Ken: Should I buy a cake too? I have (8) had a birthday without a cake.

Ella: That's a good idea, although she will be 50 (9) old so there might not be enough room for candles.

Ken: I think you're right... Anyway, I'll go and order the food now. See (10) later.

1. party	2. to	3. haven't	4. I"ll	5. Yes
6. most	7. don't	8. never	9. years	10. you

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Exercise 3

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Over the last 20 (1), reality TV shows have become (2) popular than ever, and none more so than singing competitions. The trend began in (3) UK with a TV show called *Pop Idol*, which ran (4) 2001 to 2003. Other versions of the show were produced in America, Australia, India and (5) other countries. Similar shows such as *The X Factor* and *The Voice* have also been produced all over the (6) from Beirut to Buenos Aires. However, not all of (7) winners of these competitions have continued to enjoy successful singing careers. For example, even though Michelle McManus (8) the second series of *Pop Idol*, (9) first album received bad reviews and she is no longer a professional singer. Whatever you think (10) TV singing competitions, they will continue to grace our screens.	1. years 2. more 3. the 4. from 5. many 6. world/planet/globe 7. the 8. won 9. her 10. about/of

Exercise 4

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

(1) you ever get bored over the long summer holiday? Are you interested (2) space and space travel? If so, then (3) love Space Camp! Space Camp 2017 will take place in the first two (4) of August and each of the 14 days will be jam-packed with amazing activities. For example, you will be able to (5) the amazing National Space Centre in Leicester, (6) to talks by NASA scientists, and spend time (7) like-minded young people. If you feel excited (8) the possibility of going to Space Camp, then please visit our (9) (www.spacecamp.co.uk) in order to apply. All applications to the camp must be received (10) 1st May.	1. Do 2. in 3. you'll 4. weeks 5. visit 6. listen/go 7. with 8. about/by 9. website 10. by/before

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Exercise 5

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Anna:	(1) morning, sir. How can I help you?
Ted:	I'm looking for (2) new suit.
Anna:	Well, you've come to the right place – we (3) the best tailors in the country! What kind of suit do you want?
Ted:	I want something (4) looks modern. The suit I have at the moment looks so old-fashioned and I know you have a (5) range of fashionable styles.
Anna:	What (6) would you like it to be?
Ted:	Blue, because I think it is the (7) fashionable colour of all.
Anna:	OK, so a blue suit in a modern style. What (8) this?
Ted:	Oh, wow! That's wonderful, although it looks too (9) for me – do you have a bigger size?
Anna:	(10) go and have a look in the storeroom now.

1. Good	2. a	3. are	4. which/that	5. wide
6. colour	7. most	8. about	9. small	10. I'll

Exercise 6

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Many families around the world own pets (1) they love and treasure. However, some people take looking (2) their pets to (3) extreme level. (4) example, Crufts is a British event at which dogs compete with each other in categories such as obedience, agility and even moving to music. The (5) important category of all, however, it "Best In Show". This award (6) always given to the best-looking dog, and so all (7) the owners go to great lengths to make sure that their dogs look and feel their best. In fact, it is not an exaggeration to say that the dogs (8) treated like royalty. Nevertheless, Crufts has been criticised (9) people who think that dog breeding is cruel and leads dogs to be unhealthy or deformed. For example, animal rights organisation PeTA wants to (10) dog shows altogether	1. that/which 2. after 3. an 4. For 5. most 6. is 7. of 8. are 9. by 10. end/stop/ban

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Exercise 7

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

ALBUM REVIEW: *Love Songs* by Harry Smith

Love Songs is (1) latest album by Harry Smith, and overall (2) is very successful. It is a lot (3) exciting than Smith's previous album, *Wild Side*, and has a (4) range of songs which go from rock to reggae. I think that the best song on the album is "Love and Fire". Johnny Arnold (5) the guitar on the track, and I could (6) to it over and over again. "Silent Scream" is also (7) amazing song. I would love (8) ask Smith about how he wrote it. Some of the tracks are (9) effective, such as "Up and Down" and "Poisoned Love", which I don't want to hear again. Nevertheless, in general the album is very good. Smith is a good songwriter and (10) singing voice is pleasant too.

1. the	2. it	3. more	4. wide	5. plays
6. listen	7. an	8. to	9. less	10. his

Exercise 8

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Can you imagine travelling to the centre (1) the earth? Nowadays (2) all know that this (3) impossible, but in the past many writers were attracted to this topic. For example, some of them imagined (4) the earth was hollow and that dinosaurs lived (5) the surface. The most (6) of all these stories, however, is Jules Verne's *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, which (7) published in 1864 and has sold millions of copies. (8) the book, Professor Lidenbrock and two companions try to reach the centre by travelling down through a volcano in Iceland. However, they (9) successful and emerge in Italy. Verne's story has been translated into many different (10) .

1. of
2. we
3. is
4. that
5. under/underneath /beneath/below
6. famous/popular /successful
7. was
8. In
9. aren't
10. languages

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Exercise 9

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Dear Rebecca,

(1) are you? I hope that you and Patrick are doing well. I am (2) this email because I have some very exciting news... (3) getting married! After five and a half years, Robert finally (4) me the question last night after we had (5) romantic dinner. I am so excited, even though there (6) a lot of things to organise before the big day. It will take place in the local church (7) Saturday 12th August. Perhaps we (8) meet soon to talk about the arrangements – I would love to hear your opinions. After all, this (9) be the most important day of my life. Please write (10) to me soon.

Love,
Natasha

1. How	2. writing	3. I'm	4. asked	5. a
6. are	7. on	8. can/should	9. will	10. back

Exercise 10

*Fill in the blanks with **one** suitable word.*

Yesterday, I threw away my mobile phone. My friends (1) that I am crazy, but I was sick of looking (2) my phone all the (3). I was using it far too (4), and as a result my schoolwork was starting to get (5) than ever. It has only been a (6) since I got rid of my phone, but it has been great already. I have started to (7) a book called "Living Without Technology" and I even went for a walk in the woods earlier today. I also want to spend more time (8) my family. My friends are sad (9) my decision, but I know that (10) will get used to it after a few weeks.

1.	think/say
2.	at
3.	time
4.	much
5.	worse
6.	day
7.	read
8.	with
9.	about
10.	they

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