UNIT 11

C1.1

Exercise 1

For questions 1–5, choose the correct option (A, B or C) to complete each sentence.

1. The committee rejected the proposal on the grounds that its financial projections were largely _____, as they were based on unrealistic assumptions about future market conditions.

a) far-fetched
b) far-reaching
c) far-sighted

2. Despite being subjected to intense questioning and considerable provocation, the ambassador remained remarkably _____, never losing his composure or reacting impulsively.

a) broad-minded
b) even-tempered
c) narrow-minded

3. The government has introduced a series of _____ reforms that are expected to have a profound impact on the country's economic and social structures over the coming decades[1].

a) long-standing
b) well-rounded
c) far-reaching

4. The journalist was criticized for publishing a series of _____ allegations, as none of the claims could be supported by reliable evidence.

a) ground-breaking
b) ill-founded
c) well-informed

5. Given the increasingly competitive nature of the industry, employers are placing greater emphasis on candidates who demonstrate a _____ approach to problem-solving and anticipate challenges before they arise.

A) short-sighted
B) narrow-minded
C) forward-thinking

Exercise 2

Rewrite each pair of sentences as a single sentence using the grammatical structure indicated.

Example: She worked on the report for several hours. She eventually submitted it.

Rewrite using a perfect participle construction.

Answer: Having worked on the report for several hours, she eventually submitted it.

1. He had been attempting to persuade the board to reconsider its decision. He had not succeeded.

Rewrite using despite and a perfect participle/gerund construction.

_____.

2. The company had been monitoring the employee's activities for months. The employee was completely unaware of this.

Rewrite using a passive gerund construction.

_____.

3. They had been discussing the possibility of relocating the headquarters for several weeks. They eventually rejected the idea.

Rewrite using a perfect continuous participle beginning with having been.

_____.

4. She was continuously being interrupted during the briefing. She found this extremely frustrating.

Rewrite using a gerund construction beginning with being.

_____.

5. The researchers had been collecting data for several months. They discovered a significant discrepancy in the findings.

Rewrite using a perfect continuous participle beginning with having been.

_____.

6. The committee did not receive the updated budget on time. As a result, it postponed the vote.

Rewrite using a negative perfect participle.

_____.

7. The proposal was rejected twice by senior management. It was finally approved after a thorough revision.

Rewrite using a passive perfect participle.

_____.

8. When the auditors reviewed the quarterly accounts, they noticed several irregular transactions.

Rewrite using on + gerund.

_____.

Exercise 3

Complete each sentence with the most appropriate idiom from the list below. Each idiom must be used **exactly twice** throughout the exercise. Make any necessary grammatical adjustments (such as adding articles or prepositions like *a* or *like*) so that each sentence is grammatically accurate. Do not assume that the sentences are grouped according to the idioms.

Idiom Bank

- **(a) wild goose chase**
- **(a) fish out of water**
- **(a) busy bee**
- **(a) bull in a china shop**
- **dog-tired**
- **take the bull by the horns**
- **(a) fly on the wall**

1. Having spent the entire day dealing with an unexpectedly heavy workload, she was absolutely _____ by the time she finally arrived home.

2. The investigation into the missing documents became _____ after the authorities discovered that the original source of information had deliberately misled them.

3. The new administrative assistant has proved to be a real _____, taking on additional responsibilities whenever the department finds itself under pressure.

4. His attempt to mediate between the two colleagues was so tactless that he ended up aggravating the disagreement, behaving like _____ rather than a skilled negotiator.

5. Rather than allowing the financial situation to deteriorate further, the newly appointed director decided to _____ and implement the necessary reforms, despite the considerable opposition he was likely to encounter.

6. Despite his extensive professional experience, he felt like _____ when he was suddenly expected to participate in informal networking events where everyone seemed to know one another.

7. Although the conference had been intellectually stimulating, the combination of travelling, networking and attending lengthy presentations left most of the participants _____.

8. The documentary offers an unusually revealing account of the negotiations, allowing each viewer to feel like _____ rather than merely watching a carefully edited summary.

9. While the rest of the team were preparing for their annual leave, she remained _____, ensuring that the outstanding reports were completed before the deadline.

10. Having spent most of her career in a highly structured academic environment, she found herself _____ in the unpredictable atmosphere of a start-up company.

11. Had I been _____ during the private meeting between the two directors, I might have gained a clearer understanding of why their relationship had deteriorated so dramatically.

12. Faced with the prospect of losing several major clients, the managing director realized that postponing difficult decisions was no longer an option and decided to _____.

13. The consultant's blunt remarks, delivered at precisely the wrong moment, demonstrated that even the most technically competent professional can be _____ when dealing with emotionally charged situations.

14. Having followed several misleading leads and examined countless irrelevant records, the investigators finally acknowledged that they had been engaged in _____.