CAMBRIDGE INSTITUTE

UNIT 8

C1.1

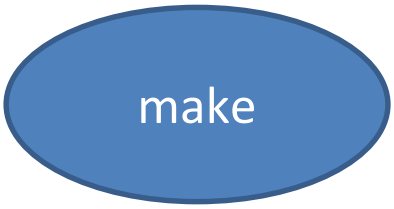
1. Complete sentences 1–8 using the collocations. Make any necessary grammatical or lexical changes.

make a mockery of

make progress

make up someone's mind

make a point of



make an exception for

make a discovery

make a difference to

make amends for

1. Despite the strict confidentiality agreement, the board agreed to _____ external auditors so they could verify the annual accounts.
2. Recent breakthroughs in deep-sea exploration have enabled marine biologists to _____ that challenges existing evolutionary models.
3. Holding a public consultation after the contract has already been signed effectively _____ the entire democratic process.
4. Although the negotiations remain complex, both delegations have _____ over the past forty-eight hours toward reaching a compromise.
5. Even minor adjustments to lighting and acoustics can _____ how employees perceive their working environment.
6. Regardless of how tight her schedule becomes, the director always _____ personally thanking every volunteer at the end of the summit.
7. Having weighed up the financial risks against the potential long-term gains, the investors still haven't _____ whether to back the merger.
8. Following the data breach, the company issued a formal apology and offered complimentary credit monitoring in an attempt to _____ its lapse in security.

2. For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

The Psychological Toll of Hyper-Connectivity

Child psychiatrists are reporting a sharp rise in the number of adolescents experiencing clinical anxiety and, in severe cases, depression **(1)** _____ as a consequence of compulsive social media use. Teenagers who check their feeds dozens of times a day spend a disproportionate amount of time scrolling through peer commentary that is **(2)** _____ trivial gossip or curated social comparison.

Remarks that would pass largely unnoticed in an offline setting—such as on a playing field—can become **(3)** _____ distressing when encountered in isolation, where young users are over-exposed to constant digital scrutiny. What is more, public posts are frequently stripped of vocal tone and body language, meaning they can easily be misread or **(4)** _____ entirely misinterpreted.

Over time, this persistent ambiguity erodes emotional resilience. Many adolescents end up feeling **(5)** _____ genuinely confident **(6)** _____ truly secure within their peer groups. To mitigate these effects, clinicians advise that parents **(7)** _____ establish clear boundaries around screen time or actively encourage participation in structured, face-to-face activities. Taking proactive steps to address digital anxiety will substantially improve adolescent wellbeing—and could **(8)** _____ prevent a crisis before it escalates.

1.	**A)** mostly	**B)** either	**C)** nor	**D)** too
2.	**A)** also	**B)** predominantly	**C)** even	**D)** as well
3.	**A)** particularly	**B)** only	**C)** neither	**D)** as well
4.	**A)** nor	**B)** either	**C)** even	**D)** too
5.	**A)** either	**B)** mostly	**C)** neither	**D)** mainly
6.	**A)** or	**B)** nor	**C)** also	**D)** as well
7.	**A)** neither	**B)** only	**C)** either	**D)** just
8.	**A)** even	**B)** only	**C)** either	**D)** mostly

3. Read this text about space tourism. Three paragraphs have been removed from the text. Choose from the paragraphs A-D the one which fits each gap (1-3), there is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

Space Tourism

How does a vacation on Mars sound? How about a scenic flight past Saturn? Space tourism sounds like a thing of the future but it's already happening today. The first space tourist was Dennis Tito, an American multimillionaire, who in 2001 paid 20 million dollars in for an 8-day stay on the International space station.

1

Only a few companies are currently involved in space tourism. SpaceX is a private U.S. company which has developed its own rockets that may someday shuttle passengers to space stations in orbit. In May of 2012, SpaceX

became the first private company to send a spacecraft to the space station when their Falcon 9 rocket carried a payload in its Dragon capsule.

2

Excalibur Almaz is another company that is planning on offering moon trips in the future. Other companies have even experimented with inflatable space habitats that may develop into space hotels in the future. To get to these space hotels, Rockwell International has developed an experimental passenger cabin that can go in the cargo bay of the space shuttle. It can carry up to 74 passengers.

3

A Space Adventures is an American company that works with the Russian Federal Space Agency to provide seats on Russian space missions for paying passengers. They offer atmospheric and orbital flights with an optional spacewalk. In the future they may even offer trips to the moon for $100,000,000.

B In October 4, 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man- made object to orbit the Earth. It orbited the Earth at 18,000 miles per hour. In all the satellite stayed in space for three months. The space race between the USA and the USSSR had begun.

C The cost for the space tourists is usually between 20 and 35 million dollars so you'd better start saving now. Many of the space tourists bring the cost down by signing up to do research activities while they're in space. Most of the opportunities for space tourism have come from the Russians, but the Americans have allowed non-government representatives from companies to manage their payloads in space. Also, two congressmen have flown on space missions to garner congressional support for the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) space program.

D Space tourism is expected to expand in the future but it'll take a while for the price to come down to a reasonable level. Unless you're a multimillionaire, you'll have to find a vacation destination down here on Earth.