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UNIT 11

Exercise 1

Read the text and think of a word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap. with the word that suits better.

THE HISTORY OF TEXT-BASED ART

Conceptual art, (1) …..... its best, is the simplest visual representation of an idea possible. This isn't good or bad, and it isn't necessarily central to text-based art, but it is the (2) …….. undefined 'goal' of transitional work of the 1950s we've been discussing. (3).....that in mind, specifically the marriage of Conceptual Art and text-based work still (4)..... come, let's look at Jasper Johns.

(5).....its most basic terms, Johns painted a series of random numbers in gray. The big deal here is that Johns chose to ignore both (6)..... hidden interior landscape of Ab-Ex painting and chose as subject matter something as clinically abstract as numbers; (7)..... he also worked with targets, maps and flags, your basic mass-manufactured informational products. Thus, post Ab-Ex, distrust language, distrust image, open your eyes to a new nature and… paint it? (8).....Johns had ditched painting altogether and done this instead on cardboard; then he might not have become (9)..... darn famous. This first cautious step, incautious as it may have seemed at the time, freaked people out (10) …..... he was using the tools of the past to suggest the direction of the future. Again, I wonder (11) ..... he didn't just ditch paint altogether to get to the root of the concept, but Johns' idea of being an artist meant classic tools like canvas, paint and brush, something that was (12) … .....in the process of being dismantled.

Of which, and before we get to the dismantling via Fluxus, Yoko Ono and a (13).....new direction in literature, there are a few innovations from Franz Kline in 1952 (!) that again suggest a new direction though (14) ..... rooted in painting.

Exercise 2

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets. In some cases, more than one form may be possible.

1. The committee recommended that the proposal ___ reconsidered before a final decision was made.

A. is
B. be
C. was
D. has been

2. It is imperative that every applicant ___ the form before Friday.

A. submits
B. submit
C. submitted
D. will submit

3. The manager insisted that the report ___ immediately.

A. was rewritten
B. be rewritten
C. is rewritten
D. rewrites

4. If I ___ in your position, I would reconsider the offer.

A. am
B. was
C. were
D. would be

5. The doctor suggested that he ___ more time resting.

A. spends
B. spend
C. spent
D. will spend

6. She speaks as though she ___ everything about the subject, but she clearly doesn't.

A. knows
B. knew
C. has known
D. will know

7. It is vital that no confidential information ___ to the press.

A. is leaked
B. be leaked
C. was leaked
D. leaks

8. The judge ordered that the witness ____ until further notice.

A. does not leave
B. not leave
C. did not leave
D. not leaves

Exercise 3

Complete each set of three sentences using ONE single phrasal/prepositional verb with 'at' from the list. You must use the exact same verb in all three sentences within a group, adjusting only the verb tense/form if necessary.

get at	**chip away at**
marvel at	**glance at**
hint at	**talk at**

Set 1

- If you keep buying coffee out every single day, you are slowly starting to _____ your monthly savings.
- The defense attorney managed to _____ the prosecution's main witness by pointing out major inconsistencies in her timeline.
- Years of salt spray and strong coastal winds have begun to _____ the foundation of the old lighthouse.

Set 2

- Excuse me, I'm finding it hard to follow your line of reasoning. What exactly are you _____?
- She was dropping subtle clues during the meeting, but nobody seemed to understand what she was really _____.
- Stop beating around the bush and tell me what you're _____—are you accusing me of lying?

Set 3

- Instead of listening to our feedback during the review, the boss spent forty minutes just _____ us.
- Don't just sit there _____ your phone while I'm trying to have a serious conversation with you!
- A poor presenter simply _____ the audience, whereas a great communicator engages them in a dialogue.

Set 4

- The director only had a brief moment to _____ the executive summary before walking into the press briefing.
- If you _____ the raw figures too quickly, you might overlook the underlying pattern in customer retention.
- She gave a quick _____ her watch, realizing with a start that she was running late for her connection.

Set 5

- Historians still _____ the engineering genius required to construct the aqueducts without modern machinery.
- To step outside on a clear winter night and _____ the vastness of the cosmos is a humbling experience.
- Visitors from around the world gather at the gallery to _____ the master painter's exquisite use of light.

Set 6

- Although she didn't explicitly mention the upcoming layoffs, her comments strongly _____ major corporate shifts.
- The subtle changes in the soil composition may _____ a far greater ecological issue beneath the surface.
- When asked about his future plans, the senator merely _____ a potential run for office without committing.