**WORD FORMATION**

**1. Give examples of nouns with the following suffixes.**

-tion, -dom, - ness, - ism, -ship. -er, - or, -ist, -ess. -th, -age. -hood, -ing.

**2. Give examples of adjectives or adverbs with the following suffixes.**

-y, -ly, -ward, -able, -ible, -ish, -less, -wise, -ate, -some, -en.

**3. Give examples of verbs with the following suffixes.**

-ize, -en, -ify, -ate.

**4. What parts of speech do these affixes form?**

-ness, -ous, -ly, -dom, -ish, -tion, -en, -ess, -or, -er, -hood, -less, -ate, - ing, -al, - ful, un-, re-, in-(im-), ir-, il-, dis-, over-, under-, pre-, post-, -able.

**5. In the following examples the italicized words are formed from the same root by means of different affixes. Translate the derivatives into Russian and explain the difference in meaning.**

1. a) Sally is the most *amusing* person in the world. b) Ann was *amused*.

2. a) He had a charming smile, almost *womanish* in sweetness. b) I have kept up with you through Miss Pittypat but she gave me no intimation that you had developed *womanly* sweetness.

3. a) It is *delightful* to find oneself in a foreign country without a penny in one's pocket. b) I was *delighted* to hear the news of your success.

4. a) It isn't a *pleasant* experience. I can tell you. b) How *pleased* your father will be if you marry well.

5. a) If our nephew has really succeeded in his experiments you should be awfully *careful*. B) A *careless* driver is a danger to the public.

6. a) The trouble with college is that you are expected to know such a lot of things you've never learned. It's very *confusing* at times. b) That platform was a *confused* mass of travellers, porters, baggage, boys with magazines, friends, relatives.

7. a) At last I decided that even this rather *mannish* efficient woman could do with a little help. b) He was only a boy not a man yet: but he spoke in a *manly* way.

8. a) The boy's *respectful* manner changed noticeably. b) It may be a *respectable* occupation, but it sounds rather criminal to me.

9. a) I've been so *excited* about all these new adventures that I must talk to somebody. b) This new performance of the theatrical company is really *exciting*.

10. a) I hope you are getting *bored* listening to me. b) I should never have thought that professor N's lectures could be so *boring*.

**6. Find the examples of conversion in the following sentences.**

1. The adjective "town" in "town market" is formed from the noun "town" by conversion.

2. The clerk was eyeing him expectantly.

3. An aggressive man battled his way to Stout's side.

4. Just a few yards from the front door of the bar there was an elderly woman watering the pavement.

5. - What are you doing here?

- I am tidying your room.

6. My seat was in the middle of a row. I could not leave without inconveniencing the girl.

7. How on earth do you remember to milk the cows and give pigs their dinner?

8. Ten minutes later I was speeding along in the direction of Cape Town.

9. There are advantages, you see, about rooming with Julia.

10. Corky, I took it, was telephoning.

11. Use small nails and nail the picture on the wall.

12. Restaurants in all large cities have their ups and downs.

**7. Explain the semantic correlations within the following pair of words.**

a)ape n. - ape v., dog n. - dog v., fish n. - fish v., hammer n. - hammer v., eye n. - eye v., elbow n. - elbow v., nurse n. - nurse v., face n., - face v., colour n. - colour v., lunch n. - lunch v., parrot n. - parrot v., hand n. - hand v., finger n.- finger v., wolf n. - wolf v.,

b) make v. - make n., touch v. - touch n., walk v. - walk n., drive v. - drive n., go v. - go n., run v. - run n., cut v. - cut n., find v. – find n., show v. - show n.

c) pale adj. - pale v., yellow adj. - yellow v., grey adj. - grey v., brief adj. - brief v., cool adj. - cool v.

**8. Identify the compounds in the word-groups below. Analyse their structure and semantics.**

Emily, our late maid-of-all-work; a heavy snowfall; an automobile salesman; corn-coloured chiffon; vehicle search-lights; Afro-American population; an old schoolmate; a slightly stoop-shouldered man; a somewhat matter-of-fact manner; a fur-lined boot; to pick forget-me-nots and lilies-of-the-valley, a T-shirt, a sports car agency, an icy-cold smile.

**9. Match the following onomatopoeic words with the subjects producing the sounds.**

To chirp, to splash, to neigh, to hoot, to bellow, to bleat, to cackle, to croak, to yap, to bark, to grunt, to mew, to twitter, to quack, to warble, to roar, to coo, to squeak.

A horse, a bull, a tiger, a mouse, a bird, a sheep, a pigeon, a hen, water, a frog, a nightingale, a dog, a cat, a duck, an owl, a pig.

**10. How were these words formed?**

A bike, to baby-sit, to hiss, identical, unreasonable, to buzz, old-fashioned, to book, to dilly-dally, a greenhorn, a dress coat, an exam, a merry-go-round, RBC, to quack, an earthquake, a make, a freshman, Anglo-Saxon, hurry-scurry, to tape-record, a break-through, a find, M.P., to babble, a passer-by, to doctor, eatable, to overcome, smog, brunch, super duper.

**11. Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

1. The new leisure centre doesn’t quite come up to my …. (EXPECT)

2. There was a bare …. of people at the youth club. (HADN)

3. Helen’s solo crossing of the Pacific was a …. feat. (REMARK)

4. We …. go to the pub before lunch on Sunday. (VARY)

5. All the runners, with the …. of Mark, were exhausted. (EXCEPT)

6. Our club has just purchased new sports …. (EQUIP)

7. Our city has some open spaces but they are not very …. (ACCESS)

8. Is it possible to ….between a hobby and an interest? (DISTINCT)

9. Nowadays …. numbers of people are taking up jogging. (INCREASE)

10. Leisure habits won’t change much in the …. future. (SEE)

**12. Complete each sentence with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

1. Kapo the gorilla was born and bred in …. CAPTIVE

2. In the wild Kapo's chances of … would be slim. SURVIVE

3. The river cleaning project is run by conservation ….VOLUNTARY

4. The white rhino is now an … species. DANGER

5. … claim that the virus among seals was caused by pollution. ENVIRONMENT

6. She may look fierce but the lioness has … instincts like any other female animal. MOTHER

7. The fish in the river provide an … supply of fish for the young bears. ABOUND

8. The whale shark reaches … at the age of 30. MATURE

9. Nowadays only a … of wild crocodiles remain there. HAND

10. Nowhere epitomises the wonderful … of nature better than the jungle. DIVERSE

**13. Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

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| 1. PRODUCT  2. INVEST  3. QUALIFY  4. EXPERT  5. ACT | 6. REPRESENT  7. ECONOMY  8. CONSULT  9. STREAM  10. CLEAR |

This year, (1) … in the factory has suffered because of a lack of expert technical knowledge. As a result we have made very substantial (2) … in sending employees on training courses. The fact remains that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get skilled labourers with the right (3) … , experience, and above all, (4) … The company has also suffered this year from the industrial (5) … in November, which saw 340 union members walk out in a pay dispute. Union (6) … eventually sat down with management and negotiated a 4 per cent pay rise, but not until 5 working days had been lost to the strike. As a result of such problems we recognise the need to (7) … in certain areas, and, on the advice of our external (8) …, Prior and Young, we have identified the need for at least 3 departments to be (9) … It is thought that this will mean the loss of between 6 and 10 jobs, though the exact figures and nature of the redundancies will be (10) … in the next report.

**14. Complete each space in the text with a word formed from the word in capitals.**

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| 1. REHEARSE  2. ENERGY  3. THINK  4. SPEAK  5. LAUGH | 6. BACK  7. NATIONAL  8. NIGHT  9. CREATE  10. APPEAR |

It's 8.30 at the headquarters of the BoogyWoogers dance group, a (1) ... rehearsal studio in Geneva. Dancers of all shapes and sizes begin to tumble (2) ... through the doors. Some begin lumbering up, others splinter off into groups to try out new moves. One woman, lost in her own (3) ... sits with her headphones on, preparing for the punishing routines to follow. A long-haired man with a goatee beard puts a tape in the hi-fi, and rap music blares out of the (4) ... . Soon the room is alive with whirling, spinning bodies and (5) ... fills the air. The BoogyWoogers are the brainchild of Tomas Seeler, who handpicked many of his troupe from local street dancers. Seeler's own (6) ... was in gymnastics, but others come from the worlds of martial arts, bodybuilding and ballet. Many different (7) ... are represented in the group, including Chilean, Fijian and Senegalese dancers. The group has been performing all over Europe, most notably in Paris, where they became (8) ... celebrities. Famous for their (9) ... and novel interpretations, the BoogyWoogers have made several (10) ... on TV, and look set to remain the 'in' thing for many years to come.

**15. Complete the word in each sentence with over- or under-.**

1. The …lying causes of the problem are widely known.

2. What a terrible film. It's really …rated in my views.

3. The first time I tried out my new bike I …balanced and fell off.

4. Don't forget to give the door an …coat as well as a coat of gloss paint.

5. The bath …flowed and the water dripped through into the living room.

6. It is not as easy as all that. I think you are …simplifying the problem.

7. I apologise for the delay in sending your order but we are …staffed at present.

8. You can get to the other side of the road by going through this …pass.

9. The garden has been neglected and was …grown with weeds.

10. You should have turned the meat off before. It's …done now.

**16. Complete each word with either -able or -ible. Make any necessary spelling changes.**

1. Brenda's new book is really remark… .

2. I don't find your new colleague very like… .

3. The pie looked very good, but it wasn't very easily digest… .

4. That was a really contempt… way of getting the boss on your side!

5. I think that anything is prefer… to having to tell so many lies.

6. The advantage of these chairs is that they are collapse… .

7. I do hope that you find your room comfort… .

8. Why don't you go to the police? It's the sense… thing to do.

9. John takes good care of the children and is very response… .

10. I find your aunt a very disagree… person I'm afraid.