

**I. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense forms (13 points).**

Good evening! This is the six o'clock news and Elton Kash .....  
(1 – *to speak*) to you.

Last night there was an earthquake in Mananga. The central bank .....  
(2 – *to destroy*) in the result of the earthquake and many other buildings in the area  
..... (3 – *to fall*) down as well. The Manangan army is in the capital  
today and they ..... (4 – *to help*) the survivors. Planes with food  
and medicine ..... (5 – *to send*) to the area this morning.

The Virginia police ..... (6 – *to look*) for two climbers for ten  
hours already. The climbers ..... (7 – *to leave*) yesterday afternoon. When  
they ..... (8 – *to climb*) Mount Blue it ..... (9 – *to snow*)  
very heavily. A search party ..... (10 – *to send*) to the mountains today  
later in the day as well. They said they ..... (11 – *to stay*) on the  
mountains until they ..... (12 – *to find*) the climbers. No more  
information of the climbers' whereabouts ..... (13 – *to arrive*) by this time.

**II. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate article (14 points).**

1. When they saw each other at ... their mutual friends' wedding it was love at ..... first sight.
2. He is ..... only child so his parents adore him and give him everything he wants.
3. Annette isn't very religious, so she seldom goes to ..... church.
4. I am slightly under ..... weather, therefore I am going to ..... doctor tomorrow in  
..... morning. I hope ..... Doctor Wilson will help me.
5. When Ralph was in ..... Africa he visited lots of places and even ..... Sahara Desert.
6. Do you believe that there is ..... monster in ..... Loch Ness?
7. .... W/winter of 2012 was extremely snowy in our country.
8. At ..... first, Emily didn't recognize him.

**III. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate prepositions (16 points).**

1. Sorry, I didn't do it ..... purpose. Everything happened ..... mistake.
2. You should prepare for the meeting ..... advance but not put ..... everything until the  
last moment as you usually do.
3. While the boss was away ..... business for several days James was ..... charge  
..... the whole department.
4. .... arrival to the city he went to visit his elderly parents ..... once.
5. He looked so miserable and ridiculous that ..... of the blue I felt a kind of sympathy ..... him.
6. It was so kind ... ..... Susan to visit me when I was ill.
7. She is really capable ..... languages, but absolutely hopeless ..... maths.
8. Nora smiled ..... Chris happily when she saw him ..... the street.

**IV. Choose the correct variant (15 points).**

- Freddie Mercury ... on November 24, 1991.  
a) passed out    b) set off    c) passed away    d) put off
- In summer lots of people ... sandy beaches to have some rest.  
a) head for    b) set off    c) take off    d) go on
- They argue very often but they ... with each other again very quickly.  
a) fall out    b) go out    c) look up    d) make up
- The fire ... late at night when everybody was sleeping.  
a) broke out    b) broke into    c) broke down    d) broke up
- The firefighters tried to ... and save the people in the building but everything was in vain.  
a) put the fire out    b) take the fire out    c) put the fire off    d) take the fire down
- ... works were awarded as the best ones.  
a) Robert and Barbara    b) Robert's and Barbara    c) Robert's and Barbara's  
d) Robert and Barbara's
- We all liked ... house. It was rather small but adorable.  
a) Max and Jane    b) Max's and Jane    c) Max's and Jane's    d) Max and Jane's
- When a new model of the phone appears the old one will become ... .  
a) more cheap    b) much cheaper    c) much more cheaper    d) much more cheap
- Frankly ... , I don't care about it much.  
a) saying    b) talking    c) speaking    d) telling
- Take your umbrella ... it starts raining.  
a) in case    b) because of    c) so as to    d) despite
- He continued his trip ... the fact that it was getting dark.  
a) in spite    b) despite    c) although    d) so that
- Mark overslept and took a taxi ... get to work on time.  
a) because    b) so that    c) in spite of    d) so as to
- I remember ... a newspaper, but I don't know where I have put it.  
a) to buy    b) buying    c) buy    d) to buying
- My parents never let me ... films late at night.  
a) watching    b) watched    c) to watch    d) watch
- Natalie is never late for work.  
a) So do I.    b) Neither do I.    c) So am I.    d) Neither am I.

**V. Translate the words in brackets into English (9 points).**

- He bought a present for his ..... (*старшей*) sister.
- This jacket doesn't ..... (*подходит*) me. It is two sizes bigger.
- I am short of money. Can you ..... (*одолжить*) me ..... (*ещё*) two hundred dollars?
- Don't disturb me. I am ..... (*разгадываю*) a crossword.
- For ..... (*дальнейших*) instructions please read the manual carefully.
- Helen seems to be stressed out ..... (*в последнее время*).
- He ... .....(*одолжил*) a few pounds from Peter.
- Is there anybody ..... (*ещё*) in the waiting-room?

**VI. Complete the sentences changing the words in brackets (8 points).**

- Don't leave your ..... (VALUE) possessions in the pockets.
- He is a businessman, but I don't think that his business is very ..... (PROFIT) these days.
- Laura produces a favourable ..... (IMPRESS) because she is always ..... (STYLE).
- There was little ..... (DIFFER) between the two models, therefore he bought the cheaper one.
- Shakespeare made a great contribution to the ... .....(DEVELOP) of the English language.
- I guess, nobody can explain the ..... (POPULAR) of this singer.
- The ..... (CYCLE) were exhausted after the race.

*TOTAL: 75 points*