**“Experiences” Collocations**

**Task 1. Choose the correct answers.**

**My “Dream” Holiday**

After studying hard and passing my exams I decided to (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a holiday. I had been really stressed, so I wanted the kind of holiday where you lie in the sun and do nothing for a week. This, I was sure, would help me relax. So, I opted for a short (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the ship “The Ocean Dream”. This would be perfect, I thought. But (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, my holiday wasn't the “dream” I had hoped for.

To begin with, I (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the train to Southampton. That meant I had to get a lift from my dad at the last minute, which was quite (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for both of us. And, of course, we also got (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in traffic, so I was really stressed the whole way thinking that I wouldn't be able to get on the ship before it left.

Well, I made it just in time. But as soon as we left land, the weather turned bad and it stayed wet and cloudy the whole (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For four whole days the ship was bouncing up and down on the large waves. I got (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and began to worry that the ship might sink and go under water like the Titanic. When the ship finally made it back to Southampton, I was more stressed and (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than when I had left. What a nightmare!

I now wish I had just booked a cheap (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Egypt instead and spent a week lying on the beach doing nothing!

| 1. A. make | B. take | C. do |
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| 2. A. voyage  | B. journey | C. cruise |
| 3. A. unfortunately | B. happily | C. frankly |
| 4. A. lost  | B. missed | C. crossed  |
| 5. A. relaxing | B. stressful | C. ideal |
| 6. A. held  | B. fastened  | C. stuck |
| 7. A. journey  | B. ride | C. tour |
| 8. A. carsick | B. homesick | C. seasick |
| 9. A. nervous | B. dreamy  | C. comfortable |
| 10. A. drive  | B. flight  | C. crossing |

**Task 2. Choose the correct answers.**

1. She must be very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living in that huge house all by herself.

A. busy B. lonely C. lazy D. single

2. Helen finally feels \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: she's got her own company and a lovely family – all she's ever wanted.

A. honest B. vain C. easy-going D. fulfilled

3. Why are you always so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about my plans? Why don't you ever believe in me?

A. sceptical B. down-to-earth C. hopeless D. disobedient

4. My brother's best friend is really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– all he cares about is other people's appearance and not what they have to say.

A. resilient B. shallow C. rude D. sceptical

5. Mrs Branson's grandson is extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– he's only five and always says 'Good evening', 'Thank you very much' and 'Excuse me'.

A. courageous B. honest C. well-mannered D. hard-working

6. I think she's too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – she didn't say anything when she won a prestigious science competition because she didn't want to seem too important. Can you believe it?

A. modest B. honest C. rude D. decisive

7. Blake is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and practical, that's why he's always responsible for the money.

A. hopeful B. cynical C. rebellious D. down-to-earth

**ANSWER KEY**

**Task 1.**

1. B 2. A 3. A 4. B 5. B

6. C 7. A 8. C 9. A 10. B

**Task 2.**

1. B 2. D 3. A

4. B 5. C 6. A 7. D

**WORDLIST**

| **Word** | **Pronunciation** | **Meaning** |
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| Bounce (v) | /baʊns/ | Xóc, nảy |
| Down-to-earth (adj) | /ˌdaʊn tu ˈɜːθ/ | Thực tế, không viển vông |
| Fulfilled (adj) | /fʊlˈfɪld/ | Mãn nguyện |
| Modest (adj) | /ˈmɒdɪst/ | Khiêm tốn |
| Relaxing (adj) | /rɪˈlæksɪŋ/ | Thư giãn |
| Sceptical (adj) | /ˈskeptɪkl/ | Hoài nghi |
| Shallow (adj) | /ˈʃæləʊ/ | Nông cạn, thiển cận |
| Seasick (adj) | /ˈsiːsɪk/ | Say sóng |
| Well-mannered (adj) | /ˌwel ˈmænəd/ | Cư xử lịch sự, lễ phép |
| Take a holiday |  | Đi nghỉ |
| Opt for sth |  | Lựa chọn (cái gì) |
| Miss (the bus/ train/ flight) |  | Lỡ (xe bus/ tàu/ chuyến bay) |