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Why do planes crash?

Navigational errors are among the most common causes of plane crashes. Planes are flown into a mountain or the sea out of a variety of reasons. Sometimes weather conditions are bad, in other cases pilots have made bad judgments.

In 1996, a Peruvian airliner crashed into the sea after the computer stopped working. The crew had almost no data left to work with and didn't know at which height they were flying when they hit the water.

In 1997 almost 600 people got killed when two planes were heading at full speed towards each other and collided in heavy fog on the runway in Tenerife. The crash happened after planes had been guided to Tenerife because Gran Canary airport was closed.

In June 2009 an Air France airbus disappeared off the coast of Brazil. Although the **wreckage** was found after a few days, it took investigators almost three years to find out what had really happened to the plane.

Pilots are criticizing the way planes are _____. In the past decades the structure of planes has changed. More computers and automated systems are taking over, the pilot often has no alternatives left.

1. The gap must be completed by:

- a) Building b) Builds c) Build d) Built

2. Wreckage in bold means:

- a) The parts of a plane that are left after it has been destroyed in an accident.
 b) A piece of equipment on plane that records what happens on a flight.
 c) The main part of a plane, in which people sit or goods are carried.
 d) The large flat part that sticks out from the side of a plane and helps to keep the plane in the air.

3. Write T for the true statements and F for the false ones.

- () In 1977 two planes collided in Tenerife.
 () In 1977 almost 600 people were killed due to heavy fog on the runway.
 () In 1977 two planes collided when they were heading for Gran Canary airport.
 () In 1977 two planes were guided to Gran Canary airport because Tenerife was closed.

4. "The wreckage was found after a few days" is the same as

- a) The wreckage was found after some days.
 b) The wreckage was found after many days.
 c) The wreckage was found after lots of days.
 d) The wreckage was found after no days.

5. The crew had almost no data left to work with.

- a) had almost any data left
 b) had almost some data left
 c) hadn't almost any data left
 d) hadn't almost some data left

6. The correct question for the sentence "a Peruvian airliner crashed into the sea after the computer stopped working." Is:

- a) What did the Peruvian airliner crash?
 b) How did the Peruvian airliner crash?
 c) Why did the Peruvian airliner crash?
 d) Who was flying the Peruvian airliner?

7. How many verbs are in the Simple Past in the underlined part?

- a) 6 b) 7 c) 8 d) 9

8. The correct one is:

- a) Why the pilots are criticizing the planes?
 b) When did the Air France airbus disappeared?
 c) How much years did the investigators take to find out the reason of the crash?
 d) Why does the pilot have no alternatives left?

9. I stayed __ London __ a few days during my vacation. I came back to Brazil __ May 1st.

- a) In – in – at b) On – for – in
 c) On – in – on d) In – for – on

A pilot from Northwest Airlines flight was less than pleased with the food which was to be served on the flight. He decided to find some better food, so he left his aeroplane, and then left the airport to find food even though he had a plane to fly. The passengers were left to wait 90 minutes until the pilot came back and when the pilot came back he was fired on the spot for "abandoning his plane".

10. All the alternatives are correct, except:

- a) The pilot wasn't satisfied with the food on board.
 b) The pilot searched for a better food out of the airport.
 c) When the pilot returned to the plane, he was immediately fired.
 d) The alleged reason for losing his job was dissatisfaction with the airline food.

11. The ordinal form for the number ninety in the text is

- a) Ninth b) Nineth c) Ninetieth d) Nineteenth

12. "Some better food". Choose the alternative that brings an adjective in the same degree.

- a) Luana wasn't the wisest in that situation.
 b) Jonas is as clever as Tim.
 c) Nivea has more friends than I.
 d) You are the most annoying person I know.

In a quick and decisive military sweep, Brazilian security forces seized control of this city's most notorious slum on Sunday, claiming victory in a weeklong battle against drug gangs that has claimed dozens of lives.

Drug gangs have stained the reputation of Rio and contributed heavily to giving it one of the highest murder rates in the world. For the past 2 years, __ government has carried out __ ambitious campaign to pacify __ most violent slums and regain control of the city in advance of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympic Games. The police have since wrested more than three dozen communities from criminal gangs, installing special community police forces there.

13. Complete the text with the correct articles.

- a) The – an – the b) The – the – a
 c) The – a – the d) A – the – a

14. According to the text

- a) Military forces swept all the slums in Rio.
 b) Rio had its reputation regained after many murders.
 c) The government wants to pacify violent slums in Rio before 2016 Olympic Games.
 d) The police has protected more than three dozen criminal gangs by installing police forces in the slums.

15. Drug gangs have stained the reputation of Rio, _____?

- a) Have they b) Haven't they
 c) Did they d) Didn't they