

English: Choose the Best Word: Medium Practice Paper 1

The Night the Lights Went Out

In this passage you have to choose the best word, or group of words, to complete each numbered line so that it makes sense and is written in correct English. The ten numbered lines follow on from one another and make one short passage, so read them in order. Choose the **best** answer and mark its letter.

Q1. The storm had been forecast for days, but _____ the warnings, nobody in our street had thought to buy candles.

- A. although
- B. despite
- C. however
- D. moreover
- E. nevertheless

Q2. By the time the power finally went off, my father _____ the kettle on for tea.

- A. put
- B. has put
- C. had put
- D. will put
- E. would put

Q3. There were _____ candles in the kitchen drawer than we had hoped: three stubs and a birthday sparkler.

- A. fewer
- B. less
- C. fewest
- D. least
- E. little

Q4. My sister, _____ torch had been in her coat pocket all along, led us down the hall in single file.

- A. who
- B. which
- C. that
- D. whose
- E. whom

Q5. _____ the bottom of the stairs, she swung the beam of light slowly across the kitchen floor.

- A. Reach
- B. Reached
- C. To reach
- D. Having reach
- E. Reaching

Q6. Mum told us that the electricity _____ back on within the hour, though she did not sound at all certain.

- A. will be
- B. is
- C. would be
- D. has been
- E. were

Q7. If the storm _____ any worse, she said, we would have to sleep downstairs in the front room.

- A. gets
- B. got
- C. will get
- D. would get
- E. had got

Q8. Neither the radio _____ the telephone was working, so there was no way of finding out what had happened.

- A. or
- B. and
- C. but
- D. nor
- E. either

Q9. The fallen cable at the end of the lane _____ by an engineer just after midnight.

- A. was repaired
- B. repaired
- C. has repaired
- D. were repaired
- E. had repairing

Q10. It was one of those nights _____ nobody really wanted to go to bed at all.

- A. when
- B. which
- C. what
- D. that
- E. whom