

English: Choose the Best Word: Medium Practice Paper 3

The Tree House

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 long wet spring had not had the slightest _____ on our plans for the summer: Sam and I were going to build a tree house.

- A. affect
- B. effect
- C. affects
- D. effected
- E. affection

Q2. Dad said we would have to _____ tying proper knots before he would let us carry a single plank up a tree.

- A. practice
- B. practicing
- C. practise
- D. practised
- E. practises

Q3. The _____ of planks we needed came to more than fifty, and we had twelve.

- A. number
- B. amount
- C. much
- D. deal
- E. many

Q4. We chose the old oak at the bottom of the garden,
_____ nobody from the kitchen window could see what we were
doing.

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

Q5. That oak _____ there since my grandmother was a girl,
and its lowest branch is thicker than my waist.

- A. stood
- B. is standing
- C. stands
- D. had stood
- E. has stood

Q6. The whole plan was to be a secret between Sam and
_____, and we swore not to tell his sister a word of it.

- A. I
- B. me
- C. myself
- D. mine
- E. my

Q7. 'You _____ told me the old ladder was rotten,' said
Sam, rubbing his elbow and glaring at me.

- A. should of
- B. should had
- C. should has
- D. should have
- E. should having

Q8. After that we avoided _____ it altogether and borrowed a stepladder from the shed instead.

- A. using
- B. to use
- C. use
- D. to using
- E. used

Q9. Even standing on the very top step, Sam was not _____ to reach the branch we had chosen.

- A. enough tall
- B. too tall
- C. so tall
- D. as tall
- E. tall enough

Q10. When the platform was finished at last, he hammered the final board down _____ than he had ever done anything in his life.

- A. careful
- B. carefully
- C. more carefully
- D. more careful
- E. most carefully