**Lexical Test “Accommodation”**

**1. Complete using the appropriate words from the box.**

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| Rent pipe hedge tiled bunk beds attic block cramped tiny ceiling |

1. A: Where’s the nearest bank?

B: Go straight on. It’s only a …. from here.

1. While clearing up the … you may come across a lot of unexpected things.
2. Aunt Cecily is extremely proud of her garden, however … it may be.
3. There are … for the twins to sleep on.
4. Ours is that red-brick cottage with the … roof.
5. A … is much nicer than a fence and it gives the same privacy.
6. The flat is located in a fashionable area so the … is quite high.
7. After the fire the walls and the … were blackened by the smoke.
8. A: Look! There’s some water on the floor!

B: It must be the leaky … . Let’s call for a plumber.

1. The room has got … . You’d better throw away half of the furniture.

**2. Match the words with their definitions.**

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| 1. skyscraper  2. detached house  3. estate agent  4. bungalow  5. mansion  6. studio flat  7. semi-detached house  8. cottage  9. flatmate  10. landlord | a) someone whose business is to buy and sell houses for people;  b) a large impressive-looking house;  c) a small house in the country;  d) a small apartment with one main room (and with no separate kitchen);  e) a very tall modern city building;  f) someone who shares an apartment with one or more other people;  h) the man that you rent a room, house, etc. from;  i) a house not joined to another building on any side;  j) a house joined to another house by one shared wall. |

**3. Match the beginnings with the endings to make sentences.**

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| 1. Enormous old castles are very expensive…  2. Having moved the house they found it hard to adjust…  3. It’s common to work in the centre but live in…  4. Are there any houses for…  5. His salary is hardly enough to …  6. In a village the shops, schools are within…  7. Will you please see the guests…  8. The telephone bills aren’t included in the monthly…  9. She simply can’t settle down. She moves…  10. I’ll show you… | a) sale in the neighbourhood?  b) pay the bills.  c) out as you might get lost in this labyrinth.  d) to new environment.  e) house every couple of years!  f) rent you pay.  g) to maintain.  h) to suburbs.  i) out while I’m clearing the table?  j) walking distance. |

**4. Choose the correct item.**

1. Jane opened the front gate. A narrow path lead her across a 1) **field/ flower-bed/ meadow/ lawn** to the front door. Apart from this patch of green, there also was a 2) **rear/ back/ hidden/ outdoor** garden. Even the 3) **ladders/ stairs/ steps/ staircases** of the porch were decorated with flowerpots. The kitchen was nice, too. There was a new 4) **sink/ washbasin, washing machine/ dishwasher** with a shiny tap and an electric 5) **stove/ oven/ cooker/ cook.** “Ok, thought Jane, but nevertheless I’ll buy a microwave 6) **stove/ oven/ cooker/ cook**.” She also found it very 7) **comfortable/ comforting/ suitable/ convenient** that from the kitchen you could get into a small wine 8) **shed/ attic/ cellar/ basement**.

2. Come in, take off your jacket and 9) **do/ make/ feel/ be** yourself at home. This is my 10) **lodger/ tenant/ estate agent/ architect** Rita. Her room is on the first floor, just above mine.

**5. Replace the underlined words with their synonyms/ phrasal verbs.**

1. St Katherine docks in London have been **converted into** an expensive fascinating complex of shops, restaurants, and hotels.

2. The hotel **has a view of** the sea.

3. The Bergs haven’t got much money to spare as their house is being **redecorated** at the moment.

4. In rainy weather the house feels **humid.**

5. Any time you happen to be in Aberdeen you can **visit** us and we will gladly **let you stay** for a couple of days.

**6. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line**

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| When got tired of the 1)… we lived in, a noisy and crowded place with a constant 2)… of parking places. Therefore we bought a house in the 3)… area far enough from the city centre. Well, it isn’t a luxurious mansion, but a modest semi-detached house equipped with all modern 4)… . Frankly speaking, the bedrooms are rather small but the living-room seems to be 5)… enough for our family. On the other hand, the 6)… costs won’t be too high. Moreover, the surroundings are 7)…, with a lawn in front of the house and a cosy rear garden to enjoy the 8)… of the suburbs. Compared with our previous flat, what a blessing is this 9)… with no neighbours throwing wild parties next door! Of course, the house needs some 10)… but after the work is complete it will be a marvelous place. | **NEIGHBOUR**  **SHORT**  **RESIDE**  **CONVENIENT**  **SPACE**  **HOT**  **PICTURE**  **TRANQUIL**  **PRIVATE**  **DECORETE** |

**7. Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with an appropriate word.**

A: I’ve heard your son Tom and Barbara are finally getting married. Are they planning to live with you?

B: No thanks. I’ve had enough of him. His room is always in a 1)… and I’m fed up with tidying it 2)… . Even if they’d prefer 3)… stay, I’ll insist 4) their living on 5)… own.

A: Can they afford to buy a house?

B: No, it’s far 6) … expensive. They’ll have 7) … rent a flat for a while. I’ve looked 8) … lots of ads in the local paper but haven’t found anything good so 9)… .

A: You can’t wait to 10)… rid of Tom, can you? Then why don’t you consult an 11)… agent? They usually have dozens of variants to choose 12)… .