**Self-check 3.**

**Task 1. Fill in the gaps with words from the ones in capitals**

HOME PHONES STILL GOING STRONG

Both scientific and sociological research 1) ... indicate CLEAR

that, although the Internet has 2) .... the way people work, FORM

at a more personal level the more old-fashioned ways of communication are

not being 3) .... by the new technologies. THREAT

4) .... to statistics, a person who uses the Net at home to send and ACCORD

receive e-mails talks on the phone for 19 minutes on a Sunday - a mere one and a half minutes less than someone who does not use the Internet 5) .... Domestic

Keele University's Psychology Professor Tim Baxter says it's all to do with how

6) ..... the Internet is, as opposed to the much greater Person

7) .... of the human voice to convey a persons emotions. able

"Only the greatest writers can actually put their feelings on paper"' he says, "and when people talk to friends or 8) ....... they want them to know how they feel? RELATE

Things are very different at the workplace. It is estimated that corporate telephone usage in the UK has fallen 9) .... DRAMA (by more than 40%) since 1995, indicating that the Internet is seen as a more 10) ...... way RELY

to communicate with colleagues.

Task 2. Fill in the gaps in the following passage. **Use only one word in each gap**

How Mobile Phones Turn us into fugitives

I remember it well. 0) There was a time in the past when I 1) .... go to lunch without having to answer calls 2) .... my boss, my wife, my children and my bank manager. There 3) .... to be a time when notions 4) ....as 'peace', and 'privacy' actually had a literal meaning. And when there was someone that you didn't want to speak to. never mind the reasons, you had the freedom not to 5) .... . Excuses were easy: I was out. I was sleeping, the phone was off the hook, and so on. It's all changed now. 6) .... of those old defences work. The callers simply come back at you with something like "but didn't you see my unanswered call on your mobile?" 7) .... about the very phrase for a moment: to see one's unanswered call. No running 8) .... from it. folks: you'd have to be deaf and blind to be able to sit on that old park bench. And even then, if you've got one of those mobile phones 9) .... have vibration alert, you could still be in for some trouble. I'm not a technophobe. I'm really not. It's just that I've 10) .... shown to be tragically wrong about this one. I once 11) .... "It's just a fad - it'll go away." That was eight years 12) .... , and the people that walked around the streets talking away on those clumsy-looking devices were few and far 13) .... and they looked ridiculous to everyone else. Now it's the other way around. 14) .... you don't have a mobile phone. you're the 15) .... one out. and others look at you as though you're walking around without any trousers.

Task 3. Words with Multiple Meanings

**a. Select the best answer - А, В, С or D - which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sets of sentences**

1. This medication could affect your .... so you must only take it before you go to bed.

Success in motivating your staff requires striking a delicate ... between asserting your authority and giving praise.

She could not explain the deficit in her bank ....

A decision В balance С statement D ability

2. Karen and Brad got married last week, in a .... ceremony in London.

She never really got along with her cousin, but they had always managed to be .... to each other.

He objected to the company's no-smoking rule, claiming that it was an encroachment on his .... berties.

A personal В dignified С civil D formal

3. Developments took a new .... on Tuesday, with the stock market tumbling by 5.4%.

Mark admitted that he had spoken out of ....

The .... of the century found Europe in a state of turmoil.

A place В end С shape D turn

4. There is a(n) .... invitation for the trade unions to take part in the negotiations, but they have chosen to ignore it.

Most universities have .... days in May so that prospective students and their families can visit and find out more about the institution.

Never leave children under 14 alone in a room  
with a(n) .... fire.

A exposed В extended С common D open

5. Under pressure from the opposition, the government decided to call a election.

Not only will keeping fit help you control your weight, but it will also give you a .... sense of well-being.

Latest figures confirm a .... increase in unemployment despite recent government measures.

A general В major С round D full

**b. Select one word which is appropriate for all three gaps in each of the following sentences**

1. Under normal .... your cellular phone will recharge in less than thirty minutes.

There were several .... in her father's will, one of which stated that she would only get the money after she married.

The school was an old, run-down building, where teachers and children had to work in the most appalling ..... .

2. The easiest way to get from Glasgow to Ayr is by train, but there's also a bus ....

Most of his .... in the Ministry of Technology has been as an administrative officer.

Restaurant prices include VAT and .... but most people leave tips for the waiters anyway.

3. A serious injury during practice .... a severe blow to his chances of retaining the championship for the third year in succession.

Rhonda often .... with Japanese businessmen when she worked for Microsoft, so I think she would be useful in the meeting.

Frank .... the cards, and another round began.

4. The young mother .... the baby in her arms until he was fast asleep.

A huge explosion ....Waverley station this morning, and several people are reported to have been injured.

The shocking revelations about the actress ..... the British showbusiness world.

5. Scientists from every .... of the world attended Dr McBean's seminar.

The driver attempted to turn into Brick Lane, but he was going too fast to negotiate the .... safely and smashed into a lamp

post.

The young politician was inexperienced, but he had several senior party members in his .... .

**Task 4.**

**a) Fill in** to **or** with, **then make sentences**

1. accustomed .... sth
2. acquainted .... sb/sth
3. bear .... sb
4. coincide .... sth
5. differ .... sb (= disagree)
6. engaged .... sb
7. friendly .... a cause
8. patient .... sb
9. plead .... sb
10. resort .... sth
11. succumb .... sth
12. unequal .... sth

**b)Fill in** at **or** by, **then make sentences**

1. .... means of
2. .... one's request
3. .... popular request
4. .... luck
5. .... all costs
6. .... virtue of