CORE CONCEPTS

SAY/ STATE: claim, maintain, pronounce, etc.

MAD/ MENTALLY ILL: senile, gaga, disturbed, etc.

THINK ABOUT: dwell on, mull over, weigh up, etc.

SATISFIED: rewarding, content, discontent, etc.

I. Complete the sentences, choosing the word/phrase that fits best.

1. I now í í í í í ... you husband and wife. You may kiss the bride. a. declare b. announce c. pronounce 2. He has í í í í í .. his innocence throughout the 24 years of his imprisonment. a. claimed b. stated c. maintained 3. In 1922, he was í í í í í ... insane and was transferred to the City of London Mental Hospital. a. certified b. pronounced c. asserted 4. She worked at a hostel for victims of domestic violence, and later at a home for emotionally i i i i i . children. a. distressed b. disturbed c. ill 5. Iøm afraid he may í í í í í .. under all this pressure. a. lose his marbles b. crack up c. go gaga 6. The poor old lady is quite i i i i. δ she keeps hiding things and then says we we stolen them. a. mad b. insane c. senile 7. Give her offer í í í í í .. before you accept it. b. some thinking a. some thought c. some contemplation 8. You have to i i i .. the pleasures of living in the country against the conveniences of living in a town. b. think over a. weigh up c. dwell on 9. They were *i i i i i i* the idea of starting their own travel company. b. brooding on c. mulling over a. weighing up 10. I finally realised there was no point i i i i i the past. I had to live for the future. c. thinking over a. dwelling on b. mulling over 11. This is the first opportunity for the UN to í í í í í í the situation in Iraq since US-led forces invaded the country. a. think over b. contemplate c. take stock of 12. The late Douglas Adams once i i i i why it was that no language has yet produced the phrase \tilde{a} as ugly as an airportö. a. pondered b. meditated c. brooded 13. She í í í í í her sorrows in silence, while her sister looked on helplessly. c. pondered a. contemplated b. brooded over 14. Do you remember how, when we were young, we used to lie under all those beautiful stars and i i i i i the vastness of the universe? a. meditate c. contemplate b. ponder 15. This can be a very í í í í job which offers many career opportunities, but it is also very demanding. a. rewarding b. pleasing c. satisfactory

II. Complete the sentences by inserting the single most appropriate word.

1. The police issued a(n) í í í í í which confirmed that they were investigating the possibility of a link between the attacks.

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2. Iom furious about it, and I intend to í í í í í my mind to the company chairman!

3. He said that he regretted his outburst and would like to í í í í back his words.

4. OK, youøve made your point. Now give him a chance to í í í í í his say.

5. They i i i that they have synthesized a new drug that will help cure the disease, but this has not yet been proved.

6. The President refused to either i i i i or deny the rumour.

7. In this film, Nicholas Cage plays a New York ambulance driver who is slowly i i i i i up under the strain of his job.

8. My wish is to die before I í í í í í my marbles or need nursing home care.

9. Her elderly mother had been acting rather strangely. In fact, she had í í í í í completely gaga.

10. If you cangt sleep because yougre í í í í í on problems and worries, you could consider some of these relaxation techniques.

11. Bond i i i i i up the pros and cons of the local eating places and wondered what dishes it would be best to gamble on.

12. In the í í í í of the moment I lost my self-control and said some things I probably shouldnøt have said. 13. It doesnøt help to í í í í í on your mistakes.

14. Before rushing into something irrevocable, let s sit back and take i i i i of the situation.

15. The Minister explained the VAT issue was í í í í í consideration by the Treasury.

16. õLetøs í í í í on it,ö he said finally. õSomething may turn up in the morning. If not, well, weøll see.ö

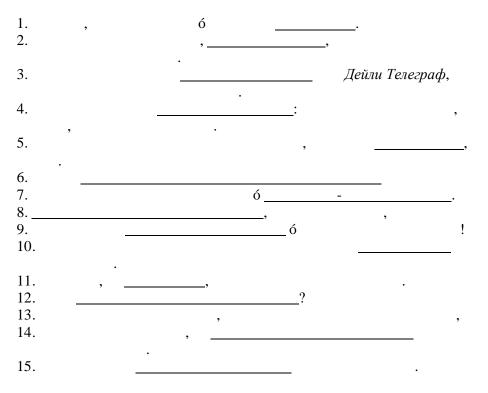
17. I could tell she í í í í í something on her mind, as she was unusually distant and quiet.

18. Being able to help so many people gives him a great í í í í í of fulfilment.

19. He was quite a perfectionist, and was ready to spend months over the album, making sure everything was done i i i i his satisfaction.

20. She didnøt swim in the sea or play with the others, she seemed i i i i merely to sit in the sunlight and read.

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III. Translate into English paying special attention to the underlined parts.

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