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A. Complete the blanks with the words in the box.

PREDICTING THE END OF THE WORLD

formation identify absence definitely huge
advocates handful engraved

There have been numerous times in history when people have tried to (1) _____ the exact time the world would end. The fear that the world would end was first (2) _____ on a stone of Assyrian origin that dates back to 2800 BC. The person who carved the stone believed that the rise in the number of bad people and disobedient children were signs that the world would come to an abrupt end. Since that time there have been many other (3) _____ of end-of-the-world theories.

After making calculations, a man named William Miller convinced people that March 21, 1843, was the date the world would end. When nothing happened, the date was moved to March 21, 1844. The (4) _____ of followers who continued to believe Miller's predictions were prepared again for the world's end on April 18, 1844,

many of them selling all their belongings. His last prediction for 22nd October, 1844 was a (5) _____ letdown and the day became known as 'The Great Disappointment'.

Astrophysicists John Gribbin and Stephen Plagemann wrote a best-selling book in 1974 pointing to the end of the world on March 20, 1982, as major planets found themselves in (6) _____ on the same side of the sun. This was known as 'The Jupiter Effect'. Nothing happened then, either. A few years later, people believed that the world would (7) _____ end on 1st January, 2000, the beginning of a new millennium. There have been several other similar predictions since then. Meanwhile, the world continues to turn and, in the (8) _____ of any evidence concerning its end, most people are not worried by new predictions.

B. Read the sentences and match the words in bold with their synonyms (S) in column A and their antonyms (A) in column B.

- A**
- wide
 - rough
 - standing straight
 - broken
 - manmade

- B**
- horizontal
 - natural
 - narrow
 - smooth
 - whole

1. Architects are trying to find ways of straightening the Tower of Pisa to keep it **upright**.
S _____ A _____
2. After the earthquake, the statue in the main square lay **fractured** on the ground.
S _____ A _____
3. I tripped because of the **uneven** surface of the pavement.
S _____ A _____
4. Her feet were **broad** and she found it hard to find shoes that fit her.
S _____ A _____
5. Scientists have created an **artificial** eye that allows blind people to see.
S _____ A _____

C. Complete the crossword.

Across

2. a particular system of writing
7. cut a design or words into the surface of something
8. a large structure, usually made of stone, built to remember an event or person

Down

1. solve or end an argument
3. machines in general
4. a particular area or part of the world
5. a person with a high level of knowledge in a particular field
6. a formal act performed on special occasions

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A. Circle the correct option.

- Both monuments are **same** / **similar**, but the one in Kyiv is a bit larger in scale.
- The fire **spread** / **stretched** very quickly as the strong winds made it impossible for the firefighters to stop it.
- There seems to be a(n) **absence** / **shortage** of trained mechanics so, in the **absence** / **shortage** of more suitable candidates, Mr Jayde was offered the position.
- There is growing **argument** / **controversy** surrounding the issue of whether or not to proceed with the new motorway construction plans.
- Some shops have recently **expanded** / **extended** their opening hours to accommodate people working on Saturdays.
- It started as a simple **argument** / **fight** that turned into a fist **argument** / **fight**, and soon the police were called.
- Our views on economics are very much **alike** / **identical**.
- Many parents feel a sense of **lack** / **loss** when their children leave home, which is even worse when there is a **lack** / **loss** of communication with friends and relatives.

B. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

born class aid degree night hand

- She went in search of the perfect dress to wear on her first- _____ performance.
- The seats were reserved for first- _____ passengers.
- She didn't realise that the iron was on, so when she touched it with her hand she got a first- _____ burn.
- Since he witnessed the crime, he was able to give a first- _____ account of the incident.
- When picking members for rescue teams, those with first- _____ training are preferred.
- First- _____ children tend to do well in school!



C. Match the professions a-j with the statements 1-10 that relate to them.

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| a. politician | <input type="radio"/> | 1. It will take me about a day or two to connect all the lights in the shop. |
| b. farmer | <input type="radio"/> | 2. In yesterday's meeting, we discussed how, as a government, we are going to handle the oil crisis. |
| c. geologist | <input type="radio"/> | 3. I'm currently working on some rock samples we found on Mars. |
| d. inspector | <input type="radio"/> | 4. I have an appointment today to look at the Smiths' mansion and suggest some ideas for the living room. |
| e. plumber | <input type="radio"/> | 5. Please follow me to Mr Hayward's office. |
| f. electrician | <input type="radio"/> | 6. Several of the restaurants we visited received heavy fines for not having fire escapes. |
| g. chemist | <input type="radio"/> | 7. I plan to cultivate corn and wheat this year, and perhaps a few carrots. |
| h. receptionist | <input type="radio"/> | 8. The pipes are blocked, sir. That's why your sink fills up with water. |
| i. accountant | <input type="radio"/> | 9. I've been working on ways to increase the sweetness of children's medicines without adding sugar. |
| j. decorator | <input type="radio"/> | 10. Making sure the company's finances are in order keeps me continuously stressed. |