**Read the text and choose one of the options below.**

Last summer my husband and I wanted to spend our holiday in the English countryside. So we 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cottage for two weeks. Before that, we had always spent our summer holidays 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ either in England or abroad. As some of our friends had rented the same cottage the year before, we knew that the place 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ clean and comfortable, and also near the beach. Moreover, the day before we left home the long-range weather forecast sounded 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. That made both of us 5\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even more certain of a pleasant holiday.

However, our high hopes were soon dashed. In fact, our problems started as soon as we arrived, which was just after midnight. When we unlocked the door to the cottage, we found water everywhere. And we soon discovered that the lights weren’t working, so we spent the ﬁrst night in the car. Fortunately, we managed to ﬁnd an electrician and a 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ early the next day, and by midday all our problems were over, or rather, they seemed to be over. True, the things in the house were now 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but these turned out to be the least of our problems. Much more important was what we called our ‘invasions’. To begin with, there were the ﬂies, which stayed with us for the whole fortnight. Then there were the ants, with their annoying habit of getting into everything, even the fridge. 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ants kept us constant company. Besides these permanent invasions, there were also short-lived ones. One night the house was invaded by a mouse, though not for long. And 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we had a brief visit from a snake. That, in short, was our cottage holiday. In all our experience as campers, we had never had any trouble with insects or animals, 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ once with some cows, and now we are wondering why we ever chose another kind of holiday. Next year we’ll go back to camping!

1a) bought b) rented c) have rented d) have bought

2a) camping b) on camping c) on travelling d) to travel

3a) is b) has been c) would be d) will be

4a) well b) bad c) badly d) good

5a) feeling b) to feel c) felt d) feel

6a) joiner b) plumber c) mechanic d) carpenter

7a) not working b) out of order c) in working order d) at work

8a) Both flies and b) Neither flies nor c) Either flies or d) As far as

9a) at the beginning b) at first c) at last d) at all

10a) including b) included c) except d) beside