

Prepositional phrases

For questions 1–15, choose a suitable dependent preposition to complete the sentences.

1

_____ the height of its power, this was a mighty civilization.

In

With

At

2

The managing directors have come _____ fire because of their recent decisions.

under

in

of

3

_____ this economic backdrop, the government's manifesto seems out of touch.

Against

With

On

4

The singer's popularity has been _____ the wane for some years now.

at

in

on

5

Dickens was a colourful character and a great writer _____ the bargain.

in

into

after

6

Interest rates are _____ an all-time low.

at

in

of

7

Some people don't enjoy being _____ the limelight.

with

under

in

8

_____ the auspices of the conciliation service, talks took place between the two factions yesterday.

Under

With

By
9

Many people are thought to be _____ risk after the breakout of a new flu virus.

of
for
at

10

If you are planning on travelling around the country _____ a shoestring, I'd highly recommend this book.

by
with
on

11

He was _____ great pains to stress that conflict resolves nothing.

at
in
with

12

There is widespread opposition among the public _____ large towards these draconian measures.

by
at
with

13

_____ contrast to her outburst of last week, her manner was entirely composed.

On

By

In

14

_____ light of last week's performance, it's important that you follow my instructions to the letter.

By

In

At

15

The striker was delighted with his form and happy to get another game _____ his belt.

around

on

under