

# General English Exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate word or phrase. Each question is followed by four suggested answers. Choose the most appropriate one.

1. He ..... .. the charge of trespassing into the compound.

- denied
- refused
- declined

2. The scheme ..... .. for want of sufficient support from the members.

- fell off
- fell out
- fell through

3. We feared that it would rain any time since the sky was .....

- overclouded
- overcast
- overlaid

4. His speech was so interesting that I was all

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eyes  
ears  
up

5. There are forty teachers ..... the staff roll.

on  
in  
at

6. I was glad to hear of his recovery ..... a critical illness.

of  
in  
after  
from

7. Modern science grew ..... the influence of scientists such as Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and Newton.

from

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under  
with

8. He was ..... the influence of alcohol.

under  
on  
in

9. A servant is expected to ..... the orders of his master.

carry on  
carry over  
carry out

10. There ..... .. a war over it, but in the end reason prevailed.

can be  
could be  
could have been

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## Answers

1. He denied the charge of trespassing into the compound.
2. The scheme fell through (= failed) for want of sufficient support from the members.
3. We feared that it would rain anytime because the sky was overcast.
4. His speech was so interesting that I was all ears.
5. There are forty teachers on the staff roll.
6. I was glad to hear of his recovery from a critical illness.
7. Modern science grew under the influence of scientists such as Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and Newton.
8. He was under the influence of alcohol.
9. A servant is expected to carry out the orders of his master.
10. There could have been a war over it, but in the end reason prevailed.