Word formation and collocations

Use of English practice — the same task type as in your exam. Work alone first, then compare with a partner.

Part A — Word formation

Write the correct form of the word in CAPITALS in each gap.

#	Sentence	Word
1	The referee gave a goal that never happened; the whole stadium said the decision was _____.	**FAIR**
2	After the accident he was _____ of walking for three months.	**CAPABLE**
3	Drivers here are _____ — they use the horn after half a second.	**PATIENT**
4	The examiner said the last paragraph was _____ and crossed it out.	**RELEVANT**
5	He kept the money he found; his friends called him _____.	**HONEST**
6	Answering the phone in the middle of her speech was _____.	**POLITE**
7	The new sports hall is grey and square; most people find it _____.	**ATTRACTIVE**
8	Nobody said hello and nobody smiled — the welcome was _____.	**KIND**
9	He told the other team our tactics; that was _____ to his own club.	**LOYAL**
10	Driving a motorbike with no licence is not only _____, it is dangerous.	**LEGAL**

Part B — Collocations

Complete each phrase with ONE word from the box — each word is used exactly once. Then write two of the phrases in your own sentences.

Word box: bring, cheer, come, give, grow, look, make, put, think, turn

#	Phrase	#	Phrase
1	to _____ up a child (= to raise a child)	6	to _____ up in a small village and then move to the city
2	to _____ up your mind about the university (= to decide)	7	to _____ up to somebody you admire
3	to _____ up unexpectedly at a party	8	to _____ up with a noisy neighbour (= to tolerate)
4	subjects that _____ up in conversation again and again	9	to _____ up smoking after twenty years
5	to _____ up a completely new game	10	to _____ up a team that has just lost the final

Part C — Speaking

In groups of three, answer with at least three sentences. Use the words from today's list — underline them in your notes.

1. Which three adjectives from today's list describe you best? Give an example for each.
2. Is it better to be spontaneous or to plan everything? Say why.
3. Which quality do you look for first in a friend, and which one can you not accept?
4. Do you agree that people cannot change their character after the age of twenty?
5. Describe a person you admire without saying who it is — can your group guess?

Answer key (teacher's copy)

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Part A: 1. unfair; 2. incapable; 3. impatient; 4. irrelevant; 5. dishonest; 6. impolite; 7. unattractive; 8. unkind; 9. disloyal; 10. illegal

Part B: 1. bring; 2. make; 3. turn; 4. come; 5. think; 6. grow; 7. look; 8. put; 9. give; 10. cheer