Edinburgh Festivals

1. The text includes many words that refer specifically to arts festivals/events. Some of these are verbs (e.g. to host, to stage). Use a suitable verb from the box correctly to rewrite the sentences below.

   to arrange    to book    to flock    to host    to stage

1. The theatre will put on a production of Shakespeare’s Hamlet at the festival.
   *The drama ensemble will _____________ Shakespeare’s ‘Hamlet’ at the festival.*

2. Visitors are expected to attend the event in very large numbers.
   *Visitors are expected to _____________ to the event.*

3. Many volunteers have been involved in planning and organising this concert.
   *Hundreds of volunteers have been involved in _____________ this concert.*

4. Contact the box office if you wish to make a reservation for any of the events.
   *Contact the box office if you wish to _____________ tickets for any of the events.*

5. Many types of performing arts events take place at my local arts centre.
   *My local arts centre _____________ many different types of performing arts events.*

2. Match each word from the text in list A with a synonym from list B.

   A          B
   array      origin
   inception  fringe
   periphery  range
   roots      location
   venue      beginning

3. The nouns and adjectives in the box all appear in the text. Use a suitable word to rewrite each of the sentences below.

   attendance    backdrop    cutting-edge    flourishing    highlight
   leading       pioneering    screening       showcase       staple

1. The film will be shown tomorrow evening.
   *There will be a _____________ of the film tomorrow evening.*

2. As a director, he was innovative and his new ideas influenced later generations.
   *He was an influential, _____________ director.*

3. Huge numbers of people enjoyed Music Hall for decades during the Victorian Age.
   *Music Hall was a _____________ during the Victorian Age.*

4. About 50,000 people went to the festival.
   *The festival recorded an _____________ of 50,000.*

5. This event allows artists to display their work to a wide audience.
   *This event provides a _____________ for artists.*
6. The guitar solo was the most memorable moment of the concert.
   *The guitar solo was the _____________ of the concert.*

7. This company is developing very well and prospering.
   *This is a _______________ company.*

8. This photo looks very nice with those trees behind everyone.
   *This photo was taken against a very nice _______________ of trees.*

9. This music is very modern, reflecting the very latest trends.
   *This is _______________ music.*

10. These professors are at the top of their profession, with a high status in Academia.
    *These professors are _______________ academics.*
HISTORY OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM

1. The words in the box are all jobs relating to museums and/or art galleries. Use a suitable job-title to complete each sentence.

| appraiser | art handler | conservator | curator | registrar |

1. The ____________ oversees the collection, and is ultimately in charge of administering, interpreting and contextualising all the material in a gallery or museum.

2. The _______________ (also known as a preparator) is an essential member of a museum’s care and conservation staff, responsible for the packaging transportation of objects, and for making sure they are safely and carefully looked after during installation and deinstallation.

3. If you need to assess the monetary value of this painting, you need to employ a professional _______________.

4. In any context, a _______________ is always responsible for the documentation and recording of information. In a gallery or museum he/she is in charge of the institution’s archives.

5. The preservation and (when necessary) the cleaning or repair of gallery or museum exhibits is the responsibility of the _______________.

2. The verbs in the box all appear in the text. Use a suitable verb correctly to rewrite the underlined parts of the sentences below.

| to appoint | to bequeath | to donate | to house | to reinstate |

1. A wealthy gentleman, who died recently, has left a great deal of money to us in his will.

2. I think this orchestra is important but it needs financial support, so I have decided to give it £5,000 as a gift.

3. My friend has just been given the job of Artistic Director at a major London theatre.

4. The artwork was taken away to be repaired some time ago, but soon it will be put back in its original place as part of our collection.

5. Some of Botticelli’s most famous works can be seen in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.
3. The words in the box are all related to buildings and architecture. Match each one with a definition below.

| annex | facade | dome | spire | vault |

1. The principal front of a building, visible from a street or an open space.
2. A tall, pointed structure on top of a building, especially a church or bell tower.
3. A large hemispherical roof on a building, particularly a church or cathedral.
4. An additional building, or an extension to an existing building.
5. A ceiling in the form of an arch or series of arches, common in churches and cathedrals.

4. Match an art- and exhibitions-related word in list A with a definition from list B.

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<td>exhibit</td>
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<td>mounting</td>
<td>the most important or attractive item in an exhibition</td>
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<td>frame</td>
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