**EXAM PRACTICE EXERCISES – NOUN SUFFIXES**

Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS in the space. **Correct spelling is essential**.

**BOOKS**  Nearly all the (0) *DISCOVERIES* that have been made through the ages can be DISCOVER found in books. The (1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the book is one of humankind’s INVENT greatest (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the importance of which cannot be over- ACHIEVE estimated. Books are very adaptable, providing us with both (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ENTERTAIN and information. The (4)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of books began in Ancient Egypt, PRODUCE though not in a form that is (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to us today. The books read RECOGNISE

by the Romans, however, have some (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the ones we read now. SIMILAR Until the middle of the 15th century, in Europe, all books were (7)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WRITE by hand. They were often beautifully illustrated and always rare and (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. EXPENSE With printing came the (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of cheap, large-scale publication and POSSIBLE

distribution of books, making (10)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more widespread and accessible. KNOW

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS BELOW!**

**In your English language exam at the end of the year, you may be asked to complete a text with newly-formed words as above (BOOKS), or in individual sentences, as illustrated here:**

1. My ……………… with my parents has always been very good. (RELATION)

2. On her ……………… at the airport she decided to take a taxi home. (ARRIVE)

3. His ambition was always to become a ………………. of the bank where he worked. (DIRECT)

4. Rosa and Filippo have been great friends since their early ………………. (CHILD)

5. Their ……………. to charity to work takes up most of their free time. (COMMIT)

**NOW CHECK YOUR ANSWERS BELOW!**

**ANSWERS to BOOKS:**

**1. INVENTION 6. SIMILARITY/SIMILARITIES**

**2. ACHIEVEMENTS 7. WRITTEN**

**3. ENTERTAINMENT 8. EXPENSIVE**

**4. PRODUCTION 9. POSSIBILITY**

**5. RECOGNISABLE 10. KNOWLEDGE**

**ANSWERS to sentences:**

**1. RELATIONSHIP**

**2. ARRIVAL**

**3. DIRECTOR**

**4. CHILDHOOD**

**5. COMMITMENT**

**N.B. The exam exercise will contain a variety of different parts of speech, not just noun forms, which are used here specifically to practise NOUN SUFFIXES. Correct spelling is required, including singular and plural forms, where appropriate.**