

A. Figure out expressions the following definitions refer to:

- a SELF-EMPLOYED person who does work for various companies
- an arrangement where two or more people do one job, dividing the hours between them:
- money that employers or employees must pay to the government for social benefits such as pensions and money for people who are unemployed or ill/sick
- an organization of workers, usually in a particular industry, that exists to protect their interests, improve conditions of work, etc

B. Complete the sentences with correct forms of the following verbs; some verbs are not used: BARGAIN, SURMOUNT, SPAWN, OUTSTRIP, UNDERMINE, POACH, HAND, OUTSOURCE, PASS, OVERLAP

1. She has _____ in her notice.
2. Several of our employees have _____ by a rival firm.
3. Silicon Valley is still _____ new companies.
4. Demand for organic food was _____ supply.
5. The tax reform _____ by 360 votes to 280.

C. Complete each sentence with a word made from the word given in brackets.

1. When we asked him to leave he became _____. (ABUSE)
2. What we're seeing, in fact, is job _____ rather than new jobs being created. (ENLARGE)
3. It's _____ trying to persuade him to change his mind. (FUTILITY)
4. She gained little _____ for her work. (RECOGNIZE)
5. Agreements should be drafted clearly so as to avoid _____. (AMBIGUOUS)

D. Fill in the gaps with a suitable preposition or adverbial, if necessary:

1. You have to answer _____ any errors in the calculations.
2. What are the long-term risks and dangers inherent _____ this kind of work?
3. These figures give the lie _____ the notion that people are spending less.
4. Computers offer a much greater degree of flexibility _____ the way work is organized.
5. You may be able to explain your point _____ view _____ them.