Collocations exercise

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**I**

1 He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_laughing when he realised his mistake. 

2 He assured me he was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sure where the house was. 

3 We didn't arrange to meet. It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ coincidence that I saw him. 

4 Please! I'm trying to work here. Don't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my time with stupid questions! 

5 He had to go to the hospital because it was a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cut. 

6 Our neighbour is a very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoker - 2 packets a day. 

7 I'm an honest and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ citizen. 

**II**

1 I wasn't dressed for the occasion. I felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of place.

 

2 The chances of England winning the next World Cup are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

unlikely, I'm afraid. 

3 We are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of problems at the moment. 

4 I'm overweight and completely out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I really should start getting some exercise again. 

5 He speaks with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Liverpool accent. Some of my American colleagues have trouble understanding what he's talking about. 

**III**

1 It goes without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we'll all support your new strategy. 

2 It's your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to prepare this week's report - I did it last week. 

3 You shouldn't be so quick to criticise her for the poor results. You have to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

into account the fact that she was ill for over a month. 

4 There are 3 important points I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . 

5 It takes a very determined person to achieve results as good as this; you really have to put

your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to it. 

6 Don't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to conclusions - I haven't had a chance to explain it to you yet.  