COMMONLY CONFUSED AND MISUSED WORDS

Directions: Choose the right answer for each item below.

1. Even though we warned Jake not to eat a **hole** pie at one sitting, he **sat** at the kitchen table and **proceeded** to consume slice after slice.
   A. whole
   B. set
   C. preceded
   D. No change is necessary.

2. Give Jerrod a **compliment** because his shoe laces **complement** the colors in his plaid shirt. His fashion **since** is gradually improving.
   A. complement
   B. compliment
   C. sense
   D. No change is necessary.

3. If you go **by** the supermarket, **buy** a package of hotdog buns. **Than** we can grill the sausage for dinner.
   A. buy
   B. by
   C. Then
   D. No change is necessary.

4. Heed my **advice**, and don’t **loose** your receipt. The college bookstore will not **accept** any **except** excuse if you need to return those books.
   A. advise
   B. lose
   C. except
   D. No change is necessary.
5. The heard of gazelle leaped through the air as the animals tried to elude the cheetah.
   A                      B                  C
   A. herd                B. threw           C. allude
   D. No change is necessary.

6. Maybe Gerald is caught in traffic, or he maybe flirting with the cute cafeteria cashier.
   A                       B
   Either way, don’t accept any excuse for his tardiness.
   C
   A. May be             B. may be          C. except
   D. No change is necessary.

7. When there are fewer students in a class, the professor has less worries that everyone
   A                      B                  C
   is getting individual attention.
   A. their              B. less            C. fewer
   D. No change is necessary.

8. We were successful baking 300 cupcakes for the charity event, but today we’re
   A                      B                  C
   exhausted after spending all night preparing the desserts.
   A. we’re              B. were            C. deserts
   D. No change is necessary.

9. Gregory passed his chemistry final, so now he won’t lose his scholarship. As he walked
   A                      B                  C
   past the diner, he rewarded himself with a milkshake.
   A. past                B. lose           C. passed
   D. No change is necessary.
10. Mr. Ramos hopes to except the bid on the house. He has agreed to many of the buyer’s conditions, except retiling the master bathroom since it would be too much work.

A. accept
B. accept
C. sense
D. No change is necessary.