Business Phrasal Verbs Exercise

A Match the phrasal verbs with their meanings (1 – 5 with A – E; 6 – 10 with F – J) and then translate them.

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<th>Phrasal Verb</th>
<th>Meaning</th>
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<td>1- carry out</td>
<td>.... a – execute; follow; do ⇐</td>
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<td>2- go downhill</td>
<td>.... b – be up to date ⇐</td>
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<td>3- keep up with</td>
<td>.... c – establish; assemble ⇐</td>
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<td>4- put off</td>
<td>.... d – get worse ⇐</td>
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<td>5- set up</td>
<td>.... e – delay ⇐</td>
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<td>6- sort out</td>
<td>.... f – attend; appear ⇐</td>
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<td>7- take over</td>
<td>.... g – buy a company ⇐</td>
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<td>8- turn out</td>
<td>.... h – result ⇐</td>
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<td>9- turn up</td>
<td>.... i – resolve ⇐</td>
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<td>10- write down</td>
<td>.... j – lose value with time ⇐</td>
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B Fill the gaps using phrasal verbs in the correct form.

1. Why didn’t Tracy ............................................ at the meeting?
2. US investment banks ............................................ billions of dollars in the last quarter of 2007.
3. That business really ............................................ after the boss’s son took over.
4. Our suppliers have ............................................ new offices outside the capital in a very ugly industrial estate.
5. When my boss gives an order, it is advisable to ............................................ it ASAP.
6. That restaurant really ............................................ after it changed owners. It’s always empty now.
7. A German company tried to ............................................ a Spanish electric utility company.
8. If you don’t ............................................ to your English classes, human resources might cut your bonus.
9. Last month’s sales results ............................................ much better than we expected.
10. We get to the trade fair Wednesday morning, so we have the rest of the day to ............................................ our stand.
11. Have you ............................................ that problem with the supplier yet?
12. It’s infuriating how he keeps ............................................ the meeting.
13. Don’t ............................................ till tomorrow what you can do today.

C Now make up some examples of your own.

1. ...........................................................................................................................
2. ...........................................................................................................................
3. ...........................................................................................................................
Answers
A
1-A  2-D  3-B  4-E  5-C  6-I  7-G  8-H  9-F  10-J

B
1 Why didn’t Tracy turn up at the meeting?
2 US investment banks wrote down billions of dollars in the last quarter of 2007.
3 That business really went downhill after the boss’s son took over.
4 Our suppliers have set up new offices outside the capital in a very ugly industrial estate.
5 When my boss gives an order, it is advisable to carry it out ASAP.
6 That restaurant really went downhill after it changed owners. It’s always empty now.
7 A German company tried to take over a Spanish electric utility company.
8 If you don’t turn up to your English classes, human resources might cut your bonus.
9 Last month’s sales results turned out much better than we expected.
10 We get to the trade fair Wednesday morning, so we have the rest of the day to set up our stand.
11 Have you sorted out that problem with the supplier yet?
12 It’s infuriating how he keeps putting off the meeting.
13 Don’t put off till tomorrow what you can do today.