Phrasal Verb Quiz

Fill in the blanks using the prepositions before each group of questions to form phrasal verbs.

Phrasal Verb Quiz Part 1: apart for in of off on out over through to up with

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2. I really look ____ ____ Ana. She’s quiet, and she doesn’t stand ____ in a crowd, but she’s dependable. You know if she promises something she’ll follow ______ with it.

3. Bill finally got _____ touch ______ his mother. He realized he can’t take his parents ______ granted; they won’t be around forever. He said he needed to take advantage ______ his opportunity to call her while she can still hear the telephone!

4. Can you cover _____ me while I’m in the meeting? I’ll take some of your patients the next time you need a break.

5. Jim often misses work, but he always shows ______ when there’s an office party.

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17. Maria was so scared of the test she passed _____ before the teacher even finished passing ______ all the exams.

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