Collocations are particular word combinations that exist in English. Test your understanding of collocations with this vocabulary exercise. Each sentence given below contains an incomplete collocation. Complete the collocation by supplying a suitable word. Choose your answers from the options given below each question.

1. My grandfather was a .................... smoker, so few people were surprised when he died of oral cancer.
   a) serial
   b) heavy
   c) big

2. She was a / an .................... wife who loved her husband more than anything else in the whole universe.
   a) devoted
   b) sincere
   c) intelligent

3. I always avoid his company because he is a crashing ....................
   a) bore
   b) nuisance
   c) guy

4. It is a golden ....................... If you miss it, you will regret it.
   a) chance
   b) opportunity
   c) offer

5. She seemed quite interested in buying that house, but at the last moment, she changed her ....................
   a) mind
b) thoughts
c) offer

6. Although I was .................. annoyed by her attitude, I said nothing.
a) moderately
b) lightly
c) slightly

7. Could you .................... the oil?
a) inspect
b) check
c) test

Answers

1. My grandfather was a heavy smoker, so few people were surprised when he died of oral cancer.

2. She was a devoted wife who loved her husband more than anything else in the whole universe.

3. I always avoid his company because he is a crashing bore.

4. It is a golden opportunity. If you miss it, you will regret it.

5. She seemed quite interested in buying that house, but at the last moment, she changed her mind.

6. Although I was slightly annoyed by her attitude, I said nothing.

7. Could you check the oil?