Strategies for Academic Writing Series

1. Rewrite following sentences without contractions.
   a. Informal: The improvements can’t be introduced due to funding restrictions.
   b. Formal: _______________________________________________________
   c. Informal: I don’t believe that the results were accurate.
   d. Formal: _______________________________________________________
   e. Informal: The research project won’t continue next year.
   f. Formal: _______________________________________________________

2. Phrasal verbs (two-part verbs often consisting of a verb and a preposition) are sometimes considered as less formal than other verbs. Rewrite the underlined phrasal verbs with more formal vocabulary words.
   a. Informal: The balloon was blown up for the experiment.
   b. Formal: _______________________________________________________
   c. Informal: The patient got over his illness.
   d. Formal: _______________________________________________________
   e. Informal: The results of the study were mixed up.
   f. Formal: _______________________________________________________

3. The following sentences are mixed formal and informal. Write F (formal) or I (informal) in the brackets after each sentence.
   a. The project will be completed next year.  ____
   b. I showed that his arguments didn’t hold water.  ____
   c. We’ll finish the job next year.  ____
   d. It is possible to consider the results from a different viewpoint.  ____
   e. Five more tests will be necessary before the experiment can be concluded.  ____
   f. I don’t know why the organizers put up with the problem for so long.  ____
   g. The meeting took place at the mayor’s office.  ____
   h. The bridge will be closed for repairs.  ____
   i. The burgers were totally delicious.  ____