

3. **The** Commission meets each month (judge) complaints (make) against newspapers by the public and issues a decision (support) or (reject) the complaint.
4. There are laws in Britain that everyone, (include) newspapers, is expected (obey): laws (cover) contempt of court, official secrets, defamation.
5. In 1949 a Royal Press Complaints Commission was set up (ensure) that all (publish) editions follow a Code of Practice (work) out by newspaper and magazine editors and (adopt) by the industry.
6. (use) to (live) alone he had difficulty (communicate) with his roommate.
7. - Why not (subscribe) to a newspaper?  
- I'd rather not (subscribe) to any newspaper. I consider (buy) a sky-net antenna, then I'll be able (watch) world news in English.
8. The editor admitted (censor) the leading article this time though he denied (do) it regularly.
9. One can't (make) (lie) if it is against one's principles.
10. I tried (explain) why I had been delayed but he dismissed my excuse as pathetic. Though (confuse) I kept (deny) (be) late on purpose.

#### D. Absolute Participle Construction

*The Absolute Participle Construction* (APC) consists of a noun or a pronoun and any of the five forms of the Participle. In Pattern 1 the construction comes **before** the main clause and the dependence is that of a logical adverbial modifier of time, cause, condition or concession.

<b>Pattern 1</b>	doing smth
	being done
(with) sb	having done      sth, sb did sth
	having been done
	done

e.g. *The night being very dark, we could not tell where we were.* - Так как ночь была очень темная, мы не могли определить где мы находимся.

*(With) the decision having been taken, nothing can make me give it up.* - После того как решение принято, ничто не заставит меня отказаться от него.

*The letter (having been) written, he went out to post it.* - Когда (Поскольку) письмо было написано, он пошел его отправить.

*(With) parliament approving the measures, it does not mean they will be implemented soon.* - Даже если парламент одобрит эти меры, это не значит, что они будут скоро введены в действие.

#### Exercise 80

Translate **the sentences containing the APC preceding the main clause.**

1. The last letter being signed, she put them on the 'outgoing' tray.
2. With ceasefire having been agreed upon at last, the parties involved began to negotiate for peace.
3. The decision taken, nothing could make her change it.
4. With the agreement having been reached, the participants left the conference hall.
5. With new technologies developing very quickly, the Internet becomes a very important means of communication.
6. Sixteen being a difficult age in general, the boy proved more of a problem than we had expected.
7. The children having gone to bed, the house seemed unusually peaceful.
8. With the press gagged, there cannot be democracy in a state.
9. With more British colonies gaining independence, Britain lost its influence in the world.
10. The terms of the agreement not having been accepted, there will be another round of talks.
11. It being now pretty late, we picked up our things and left.
12. Our efforts to start the car having failed, we gave up the effort.