Nominalization

A. Compare the sentences:

| Most people would agree that regular exercise is important. (general English) | There is widespread agreement about the importance of regular exercise. (academic English) |

B. Rewrite the sentences by changing the verbs in bold into nouns.

1. Political candidates need to perform well during a TV debate.
   __________________________________________________________

2. Our city needs to assess its recycling system.
   __________________________________________________________

3. I hope my English students will use this book.
   __________________________________________________________

4. The police investigated the robbery.
   __________________________________________________________

5. The Japanese invaded Korea in 1592.
   __________________________________________________________

6. This sentence illustrates the problems with nominalization.
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7. We can’t understand what the professors means.
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C. Rewrite the sentences replacing the underlined words with a suitable noun phrase.

1. The journal reported that prehistoric remains had recently been discovered in Colombia.
   The journal reported the recent discovery of prehistoric remains in Colombia.

2. The report had not recognised how severe global warming would be in this century.
   The report had underestimated ______________________________
3. The only way to diagnose the disease accurately is to obtain a blood sample.
A(n) _____________________________ depends on obtaining a blood sample.

4. Many countries are dangerously dependent on oil as a source of energy.
Many countries have _____________________________ as a source of energy.

5. You can insure yourself against losing your income if you become unemployed.
There is _____________________________ caused by _____________________________

6. Piaget is known for his studies of the way children developed intellectually.
Piaget is known for his studies of _____________________________

D. Adjectives into nouns: write the appropriate noun in the second sentence, so that it has a similar meaning to the first.
1. The scene was so beautiful that it took her breath away.
   The _____________________________ of the scene took her breath away.

2. They measured how wide the road was.
   They measured the _____________________________ of the road.

3. The fact that he was thin put off directors.
   His _____________________________ put off the directors.

E. Combine the sentences replacing the adjective with a noun:

1. My sister was cheerful. This made me forget all my troubles.
   ______________________________________________________________

2. The Mosque's foundations are strong. This stopped it from collapsing in the earthquake.
   ______________________________________________________________

3. The crate is heavy. It slowed Ram's progress.
   ______________________________________________________________

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