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Read the text about Lisa's morning. Some words are missing. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-11). Put a cross (☒) in the correct box on the answer sheet. The fi rst one (0) has been done for you.

Breakfast in bed

Lisa's day actually started quite well. On Fridays she (0) ___ be at university until 10am, so she (1)___ not to get up immediately but to have breakfast in bed. First, she made coffee and toast, spreading the toast (2) ___ with jam. Then she picked up the newspaper from the doormat and, balancing (3) ___ carefully, went back to bed to enjoy her little treat.

If Lisa hadn't accidentally knocked over the coffee, which was standing on her bedside table, everything would have been fi ne. Horrifi ed to (4) ___ the coffee trickling towards her phone, she quickly laid her plate down on the bed, threw back the duvet, and reached across to save her phone. Luckily, she managed to grab it just (5) ___ time.

That was when she noticed she had thrown the duvet over the plate of toast. There was now a bright red blob of jam on the duvet cover she had put on clean only the day (6) ___. The problem was which mess to deal with fi rst. Lisa went for the coffee, which was by (7) ___ dripping off the side of the bedside table onto the carpet. By the time she had fi nished wiping it up, she realized she (8) ___ out of time. Nevertheless, she got a wet cloth and began rubbing at the sticky spot. She thought she would have diffi culty removing it later if she let the jam dry into the fabric. But although she had spent ten minutes on it, the mark just seemed to get worse.

Eventually, Lisa gave up, feeling (9) ___ frustrated. Looking at the clock, she realized she now had to leave right away. She could not believe how stupid she had been. Instead of breakfast in bed, there would be no breakfast at all, and she would have to rush as (10) ___. Isn't it always when you're in a hurry that things really start to go (11) ___? Not only did Lisa forget to take the folder she needed for class with her, she also left her phone at home. But she did make it to her lecture on time – just.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0	A must not	B couldn't	C didn't have to	D should not
1	A has wanted	B decided	C chooses	D would like
2	A thickly	B much	C a lot	D high
3	A anywhere	B everywhere	C anything	D everything
4	A catch	B see	C look	D view
5	A about	B before	C in	D with
6	A ago	B before	C after	D past
7	A far	B long	C chance	D now
8	A ran	B was going	C was running	D went
9	A complete	B hardly	C total	D extremely
10	A often	B fast	C well	D much
11	A through	B wrong	C by	D away

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2

Read the text about a famous musical event. Some parts are missing. Choose the correct part (A-Q) for each gap (1-14). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The fi rst one (0) has been done for you.

ESC

What do the letters ESC mean to you? Is it the button in the corner of your keyboard, (0) ___ that allows you to "escape"? Or do you immediately think of the Eurovision Song Contest, the yearly pop competition (1) ___ by television viewers all over the world?

Only seven countries (2) ___ in the fi rst ESC in 1956, but since then more and more have joined in. And even the Australians, (3) ___ they are not Europeans, have been participating (4) ___ a few years now. Today the ESC is a major event, and winning has become extremely important for both the singers and their countries.

People either love or hate the ESC. Critics complain about the songs, saying that what usually happens is that they (5) ___ the same. It is certainly true that there are always entries that seem to have (6) ___ to do with special effects than music. Some claim that the most entertaining aspect of the whole competition is the costumes, which get crazier every year. ESC (7) ___, however, believe it is a way of bringing nations together. Another point to consider is that it is good publicity for the hosting nations, being a chance for them to reach a worldwide TV audience and show (8) ___ their country has to offer tourists. On the other hand, an event (9) ___ huge as the ESC costs hundreds of millions to stage, much more than some countries can actually afford.

In recent competitions, some songs (10) ___ a way of expressing an opinion on a controversial topic. This was (11) ___ with Austria's entry a few years ago and again in 2016 with Ukraine, both of which came fi rst. Of course, the critics would say that this is exactly why these songs (12) ___. Another point of criticism is that neighbouring countries like Denmark and Sweden often give each other a lot of points, (13) ___ the performance was good or not.

If you're one of those (14) ___ can't stand the ESC, then you'll probably feel like trying to ESCape when it comes round! But, whatever your opinion, it's here to stay.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

A	all sound	G	have been	M	took part
B	although	H	more	N	what
C	as	I	since	O	whether
D	enjoyed	J	supporters	P	who
E	experienced that	K	the case	Q	won
F	for	L	the one		

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