The texting pigeons

Not everybody **(0)** ..... the benefits of new developments in communications technology. Indeed, some people fear that text messaging may actually be having a negative **(1)** ..... on young people's communication and language skills, especially when we hear that primary school children may be at **(2)** ..... of becoming addicted to the habit. So widespread has texting become, however, that even pigeons have started doing it. **(3)** ..... , in this case, it's difficult to view the results as anything but positive.

Twenty of the birds are about to **(4)** ..... to the skies with the task of measuring air pollution, each **(5)** ..... with sensor equipment and a mobile phone. The **(6)** ..... made by the sensors will be automatically **(7)** ..... into text messages and beamed to the Internet – where they will **(8)** ..... on a dedicated 'pigeon blog'.

The birds will also each have a GPS receiver and a camera to capture aerial photos, and researchers are building a tiny 'pigeon kit' containing all these **(9)** ..... . Each bird will carry these in a miniature backpack, **(10)** ..... , that is, from the camera, which will hang around its neck.

The data the pigeons text will be displayed in the **(11)** ..... of an interactive map, which will **(12)** ..... local residents with up-to-the-minute information on their local air quality.

0	**A**	recognises	**B**	believes	**C**	agrees	**D**	approves
1	**A**	result	**B**	outcome	**C**	effect	**D**	conclusion
2	**A**	danger	**B**	threat	**C**	risk	**D**	peril
3	**A**	Therefore	**B**	What's more	**C**	Whereas	**D**	That is
4	**A**	make	**B**	launch	**C**	reach	**D**	take
5	**A**	armed	**B**	loaded	**C**	granted	**D**	stocked
6	**A**	studies	**B**	readings	**C**	reviews	**D**	inquiries
7	**A**	adapted	**B**	converted	**C**	revised	**D**	applied
8	**A**	attend	**B**	present	**C**	issue	**D**	appear
9	**A**	gadgets	**B**	utensils	**C**	appliances	**D**	implements
10	**A**	instead	**B**	except	**C**	apart	**D**	besides
11	**A**	shape	**B**	way	**C**	form	**D**	size
12	**A**	offer	**B**	produce	**C**	donate	**D**	provide



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