

Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERFUME



Archaeologists working at an (1) _____ [EXCAVATE] on the island of Cyprus have discovered what are thought to be the world's oldest known perfumes. Remnants of fourteen (2) _____ [DIFFER] fragrances were found in a (3) _____ [SELECT] of mixing jugs, bottles and stills which were (4) _____ [EARTH] on the site of an ancient (5) _____ [PERFUME]. The (6) _____ [BUILD] was destroyed by an (7) _____ [QUAKE] nearly four thousand years ago, at a time when Cyprus already enjoyed a (8) _____ [REPUTED] as a centre of perfume-making.

After undergoing scientific (9) _____ [ANALYSE], the perfumes were found to contain a range of (10) _____ [LOCAL] available ingredients, such as extracts of anise, pine, coriander, lemon, orange, bergamot, almond, parsley, amongst others.

Having (11) _____ [IDENTITY] what each perfume contained, the (12) _____ [SCIENCE] then set about remaking them using (13) _____ [TRADITION] techniques to find out what they would (14) _____ [ACTUAL] have smelt like. They first ground up the extracts, then mixed them with olive oil in clay jugs before distilling them. This method is the one (15) _____ [RECORD] by (16) _____ [WRITE] in Ancient Roman times. Although (17) _____ [ADMIT] simple by today's standards, the (18) _____ [RESULT] aromas provide us with an olfactory window onto the ancient world, and are evidence of the loving (19) _____ [CRAFTSMAN] that must have been applied by their (20) _____ [CREATE].

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