Reading and Use of English Part 1 Practice 1

A **Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.**

THE ART OF BEING A PARENT

In order to (1) _____ children, many qualities are required. As well as the (2) _____ requirements such as love, patience and understanding, a sense of humour is an important feature of any parent's personality. (3) _____, it's quite an art to transform a child's bad mood into (4) _____ everyone in the family can live with.

Another aspect of child rearing is teaching children limits and rules. This means the child needs to be (5) _____ of what his or her rights are and what other people's are, too. Setting limits on children must occur on a daily basis. Temporary measures don't achieve anything but just waste time. A (6) _____ mistake, however, is being (7) _____ stricter than necessary. Parents must be (8) _____ to allow their children the opportunity to explore and learn (9) _____ experience.

What's more, most parents must know the importance of (10) _____ as it gets children used to certain everyday activities. For instance, eating at the same time (11) _____ their parents gets them into the habit of sitting at a table and (12) _____ them how to conduct themselves properly.

Overall, child rearing is no easy task but it is certainly a challenge and a learning experience.

1	A grow	B grow up	C born	D bring up
2	A routine	B popular	C ordinary	D usual
3	A In fact	B But	C All in all	D As well as
4	A temper	B character	C behaviour	D manner
5	A known	B accustomed	C familiar	D aware
6	A willing	B famous	C common	D continuous
7	A very	B far	C quite	D fairly
8	A keen	B eager	C interested	D willing
9	A by	B on	C from	D with
10	A custom	B routine	C fashion	D trend
11	A like	B as	C than	D of
12	A learns	B educates	C teaches	D instructs

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