READING COMPREHENSION

Task 1. Choose the correct answers. Write A/B/C or D.

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in **0** _____ colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various **1** _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located **2** _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals **3** _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to **4** _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to **5** _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important **6** _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially **7** _____ as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is **8** _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

0. A. bright	B. fair	C. keen	D. sharp
1. A. illustrations	B. models	C. cases	D. examples
2. A. deep	B. thick	C. long	D. dense
3. A. by means of	B. apart from	C. as well as	D. such as
4. A. rival	B. compare	C. compete	D. oppose
5. A. arrive	B. reach	C. meet	D. know
6. A. instances	B. matters	C. details	D. issues
7. A. believed	B. regarded	C. thought	D. agreed
8. A resulting	B. having	C. making	D. causing

Task 2. Choose the correct answers. Write A/B/C or D.

When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising **0** _____ of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be **1** _____ surprisingly easily. It is **2** _____ that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies **3** _____ to the season.

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In summer, the whales have a **4** _____ to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found **5** _____ out at sea. **6** _____ season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to **7** _____ for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in **8** _____ of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

0. A. number	B. amount	C. quantity	D. crowd
1. A. answered	B. rewarded	C. honoured	D. fulfilled
2. A. estimated	B. counted	C. guessed	D. totalled
3. A. according	B. depending	C. relying	D. agreeing
4. A. custom	B. tendency	C. habit	D. trend
5. A. longer	B. wider	C. broader	D. further
6. A. Whenever	B. Whoever	C. Whichever	D. However
7. A. head	B. set	C. point	D. pick
8. A. hunt	B. follow	C. pursuit	D. seek

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