

## Reading and Use of English Part 2

### Open cloze

For questions 1-9, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

### Remembering the day-to-day

At the age of 93, my grandfather still has the (1)

\_\_\_\_\_ amazing memory of anyone I know. When asked how he remembers everything so well, he puts his success down (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a number of factors. Firstly, his career (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a laboratory researcher required him to be meticulously organised and logical in his work and this spilled over into his general life too.

Whenever I visit him, I'm struck by (4) \_\_\_\_\_ neat and tidy his home is and how everything has a specific place, (5) \_\_\_\_\_ means he can always find it easily. Secondly, my grandfather is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ extremely visual person and he definitely finds things he has seen more memorable than

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ he hasn't. If he reads a poem to himself, for example, he will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ learnt it by heart after only the second or third reading. On the other hand, you could recite the poem to him several times and although he would recall quite a lot of it, he would not manage to memorise it as effectively.

Finally, my grandfather is a list writer. Throughout his life, he must have written thousands of lists to remind himself of things he had to do. He still writes a daily list now, even (9) \_\_\_\_\_ he doesn't have so much to remember these days!

## Appearance and achievement

People have always (1) \_\_\_\_\_ interested in making the most of their looks. It's clear that not only is that interest growing, but that the appearance "ideals" which many (2) \_\_\_\_\_ us work towards are becoming more extreme.

Researchers are noting that (3) \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to maintain high appearance standards has recently increased dramatically. The growth of digital media allows the same appearance standards to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ shared more widely. And this is making the world less culturally diverse than it used (5) \_\_\_\_\_ be.

We are now living in a world (6) \_\_\_\_\_ which being dissatisfied with the way you look is considered "normal".

According to some studies, the ideal shape of face for men and women is one (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is symmetrical, with large eyes, perfect skin, full lips and high cheekbones. The anxiety of not having the ideal appearance can have a negative impact (8)

\_\_\_\_\_ physical and psychological health as well as social relationships. Worse is still the idea that what is beautiful is good. Consequently, many experts warn that it is time we stopped worrying so (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about appearance, and invested more in our interests and relationships.