Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty spaces (1—12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on answer sheet A.

Jack thought it would be quite easy to find a job when he left school, but it was really difficult. He looked through the job (**1**) _____ in the local paper every week, but everybody seemed to want people with lots of (**2**) _____ and Jack didn't do very well at school. He sent his (**3**) _____ to dozens of companies in the local area but nobody got back to him. He must have filled in at least thirty (**4**) _____ forms and he only had one reply. He went for (a) an (**5**) _____last week but it didn't go very well — they said they wanted someone more (**6**) _____.

His father, Martin, also lost his job. He was (7) _____ when he was discovered using the Internet to (**8**) _____his holiday during work time. Martin was amazed by his employer's (**9**) _____. He said, "Everybody uses the internet at work – the company can't sack us all!"

Around 250 workers (**10**) _____ unemployment after the company announced that it plans to close the factory next year. 65 men will be made (**11**) _____ at the end of November and a further 130 in June. The closure will have a devastating effect in an area where 10% of the adult population is already (**12**) _____.

1	**A** piece	**B** division	**C** section	**D** magazine
2	**A** qualifications	**B** habits	**C** power	**D** ability
3	**A** forms	**B** resume	**C** letters	**D** records
4	**A** application	**B** request	**C** appeal	**D** work
5	**A** consultation	**B** meeting	**C** discussion	**D** interview
6	**A** experienced	**B** polite	**C** mature	**D** sensitive
7	**A** thrown	**B** sent	**C** dismissed	**D** released
8	**A** gain	**B** book	**C** obtain	**D** acquire
9	**A** opinion	**B** decision	**C** conclusion	**D** point
10	**A** see	**B** watch	**C** face	**D** observe
11	**A** redundant	**B** fired	**C** expelled	**D** poor
12	**A** free	**B** available	**C** liberated	**D** unemployed

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