

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