



Choose the correct item.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The first traffic signal was invented by a railway signalling engineer. It was installed (1) _____ the Houses of Parliament in 1868. It (2) _____ like any railway signal of the time, and was operated by gas.

(3) _____, it exploded and killed a policeman, and the accident (4) _____ further development until cars became common. (5) _____ traffic lights are an American invention. Red-green (6) _____ were installed in Cleveland in 1914. Three-color signals, operated (7) _____ hand from a tower in the (8) _____ of the street, were installed in New York in 1918.

The (9) _____ lights of this type to (10) _____ in Britain were in London, on the junction between St. James's Street and Piccadilly, in 1925. Automatic signals were installed (11) _____ year later. In the past, traffic lights were (12) _____. In New York, some lights had a statue on top. In Los Angeles, the lights did not just (13) _____ silently, but would ring bells to (14) _____ the sleeping motorists of the 1930s. These are gone and have been (15) _____ by standard models which are universally adopted.



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| 1. | 1. out | 2. out of | 3. outside | 4. outdoors |
| 2. | 1. seemed | 2. showed | 3. resembled | 4. looked |
| 3. | 1. Therefore | 2. However | 3. Despite | 4. Although |
| 4. | 1. discouraged | 2. forbade | 3. avoided | 4. disappointed |
| 5. | 1. New | 2. Recent | 3. Late | 4. Modern |
| 6. | 1. systems | 2. methods | 3. means | 4. ways |
| 7. | 1. with | 2. through | 3. by | 4. in |
| 8. | 1. heart | 2. middle | 3. focus | 4. halfway |
| 9. | 1. original | 2. primary | 3. early | 4. first |
| 10. | 1. appear | 2. show | 3. happened | 4. become |
| 11. | 1. in the | 2. in a | 3. a | 4. the |
| 12. | 1. various | 2. particular | 3. special | 4. rare |
| 13. | 1. move | 2. change | 3. vary | 4. alter |
| 14. | 1. wake | 2. rise | 3. raise | 4. get up |
| 15. | 1. removed | 2. remained | 3. replaced | 4. Reproduced |