USE OF ENGLISH PART 2

2 Read the text again. Choose the correct word in each pair to fill the gaps. What clues in the text helped you to choose your answer?

but / however for / because have / has many / lots must / need
order / fact the / an they / there to / from what / how

Everyone **(1)** _____ a different learning style and knowing what style may help you to learn most effectively can, according to some experts, optimize your learning experience. Although there are many different views on the subject, there is general agreement that **(2)** _____ are three basic styles: auditory, visual and kinaesthetic. Apparently, if you are **(3)** _____ auditory learner you learn best by hearing and listening, so you will do well in formal lectures. Visual learners learn by seeing and looking. **(4)** _____ of this, they will react best **(5)** _____ images and written information. Kinaesthetic learners learn by touching and doing things. They **(6)** _____ to do hands-on activities in **(7)** _____ to learn most successfully. Most people, **(8)** _____, tend to fall into more than one category though one style tends to be more prevalent than the others. If you are unsure **(9)** _____ kind of learner you are, there are **(10)** _____ online questionnaires you can do to find out.

Exam practice

3 For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Strategies for improving how you learn

As soon **(0)** ___as___ you have found out what your learning style is, there are **(1)** _____ number of strategies you can put into practice to improve how you learn. If you are a visual learner, you should take notes in class or in lectures **(2)** _____ you are not provided with handouts. You will find it helpful to use a highlighter pen **(3)** _____ emphasize the most important information. Also, try to find sources of information **(4)** _____ are illustrated. Visual stimuli, whether in a book or a video, will help you understand and remember things. If you are an auditory learner, you might benefit from recording a lecture **(5)** _____ than taking notes. You will learn from discussing your ideas with others, too. Kinaesthetic learners find it hard to sit still for long so if you are studying **(6)** _____ an exam, you will benefit from frequent breaks. Moving around **(7)** _____ trying to memorize something or doing another activity at the same time will also **(8)** _____ beneficial.

A car called 'Splinter'

The hi-tech car in the picture looks like something from the future, but it's actually just made **(0)** ..... of wood. Joe Harmon, the man **(13)** ..... developed the 'Splinter' car, claims it could travel at over 385km per hour. Harmon carried out lots of experiments **(14)** ..... order to build as **(15)** ..... different parts of the car as possible using wood. This includes the bodywork and the frame, as **(16)** ..... as some components of the wheels.

Harmon designed and built the car for a project at university. It was **(17)** ..... his intention to persuade people that wood is the best material for making cars. Instead, he says his aims **(18)** ..... to develop new ways of working and to find **(19)** ..... innovative way to use wood. Several companies have paid to sponsor the car **(20)** ..... as to have the right to use Joe's ideas in their products.

Harmon is confident his car could last **(21)** ..... very long time in spite **(22)** ..... the fact that it's made from wood. However, you probably wouldn't want to leave the car parked in the street **(23)** ..... day long in winter. Also, if the car caught fire, considerably **(24)** ..... of it would be damaged than if the same thing happened to a normal vehicle.

Pink dolphin found

Most people know something about dolphins. For example, almost all **(0)** ..... us can say that dolphins are known for being intelligent and friendly. But if we were ever asked what colour dolphins are, how many people **(13)** ..... say 'pink'? Hardly anybody!

It might sound **(14)** ..... a joke, but a pink dolphin has recently **(15)** ..... spotted in Lake Calcasieu in Louisiana, USA. The animal, **(16)** ..... eyes are red, is a bottlenose dolphin. His body is pink all over and this is how he must **(17)** ..... looked from birth: he is an albino, **(18)** ..... means he has a medical condition that causes pale skin.

The dolphin **(19)** ..... first spotted several years ago, although **(20)** ..... is only very recently that he has started to appear almost every day. Walt Furneaux, a local sailor, says he has watched the animal **(21)** ..... numerous occasions. 'I remember the first time I spotted him. Before that day I **(22)** ..... never seen anything so extraordinary in my life. He looked unreal,' explains Walt. The dolphin appears to be healthy, but at the moment the media and tourists are **(23)** ..... asked to stay away from him. Conservationists fear that the animal could be chased away **(24)** ..... TV camera crews and crowds of photographers in boats.