

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Was Hamlet just one of us?

One of the biggest issues many of us have to deal with in the modern world

is (0) **PROCASTINATION** - the problem

PROCRASTINATE

that Hamlet struggles to overcome throughout Shakespeare's play. We're

all experts at putting off things we're

(17) _____ to do, though we

WILL

probably regard our failure in this area

as (18) _____, and react to them

SIGNIFY

far less (19) _____ than Hamlet

EMOTION

does! However, when we come up with

(20) _____ imaginary reasons for

NUMBER

not meeting a deadline or leaving a job unfinished, we're

not alone. It's been said that nearly a quarter of the world's

population follow the same pattern of

(21) _____ ' Sadly, although we

BEHAVE

might like to think it, we are not all

(22) _____ who work better under

PERFECT

pressure - this is a myth and a well-used excuse.

Putting things off can lead

to some quite startling (23) _____,

COMPLICATE

such as poor health and lack of success at work. It also has the potential to cause

those around us great (24) _____

CONVENIENT

as Hamlet found out to his cost!