

Part 1

For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

In the exam, mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A found B arrived C fetched D reached

0	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D
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Vera Neumann: fabric designer

Vera Neumann was a designer and businesswoman whose products (0) their way into the homes of people across the USA.

Vera was born in Connecticut in 1907 and showed artistic (1) from an early age. After attending art college in New York, she got a job as a textile designer, but didn't like being (2) what to do. Determined to develop her own styles, Vera started to produce tablecloths each item printed by hand in her kitchen.

But it was her scarves that (3) Vera's name. Good fabric was in short (4) during the Second World War, but Vera was lucky enough to (5) across some silk left over from the manufacture of parachutes. Vera used it to design scarves with floral, abstract and geometric designs. These were an (6) success when they appeared in department stores and during the 1950s they were the (7) of fashion, being worn by celebrities such as the film star Marilyn Monroe. By 1960, the company which Vera had (8) was employing 200 staff and producing 130 patterns per season.

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| 1 | A training | B talent | C expert | D gift |
| 2 | A led | B directed | C told | D forced |
| 3 | A got | B did | C gained | D made |
| 4 | A supply | B availability | C quantity | D delivery |
| 5 | A fall | B come | C happen | D run |
| 6 | A acute | B urgent | C instant | D extreme |
| 7 | A height | B peak | C top | D crown |
| 8 | A worked out | B put on | C carried off | D set up |

Part 2

For questions 9–16, 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).

In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 A S

Tree-climbing

Many people will look back on tree-climbing (0) a simple childhood pleasure and a natural test of human strength, stamina and agility. But these days, it has turned (9) a more serious activity and is (10) of the fastest-growing adventure sports in the country.

(11) the invention of expensive gyms with indoor climbing walls, tree-climbing was a cheap and simple way to get a similar type of exercise. These days, if you want to (12) part in an organised tree-climbing activity, you (13) to wear a helmet and attach yourself to ropes in (14) you should lose your footing. But otherwise, tree-climbing is a very eco-friendly sport, involving minimum damage to trees or the environment.

Getting off the ground is perhaps the most challenging part of a climb. (15) that, it's about using your legs, (16) are much stronger than your arms, to drive yourself up the tree. Reaching the top and then abseiling down again is a source of great satisfaction.

Part 3

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 in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 B O R E D O M

Games in space

For astronauts on long missions into space, (0) can be a real problem. In order to help the astronauts, (17) and doctors need to find out what this feels like. As part of the (18) programme, six volunteers will be locked away for 520 days to see what effect this has on their mind and body. During their time in (19) , the volunteers will be able to communicate with their controllers, but only in a way that replicates the astronauts' experience. For example, the further away from 'Earth' they get, the longer the delay in the signal, so they will be (20) to have a conversation in real time.

BORE

SCIENCE

SEARCH

ISOLATE

ABLE

As part of the experiment, the volunteers will be allowed to play computer games. There will be a (21) of solo games and competitive games available. Afterwards, they will be asked to give (22) on how hard they found the games to play and what their (23) state was at the time. As a result of the (24) gathered, it may be possible to create special software for crews on future missions.

MIX

FEED

EMOTION

INFORM

Part 4

For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

- 0 What type of music do you like best?

FAVOURITE

What type of music?

The gap can be filled with the words 'is your favourite', so you write:

Example: 0 IS YOUR FAVOURITE

In the exam, write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

- 25 Learning to sew seemed a waste of time to Lisa.

POINT

Lisa couldn't learning to sew.

- 26 I reckon Barry was relieved to find his missing cellphone again.

BEEN

Barry must he found his missing cellphone.

- 27 According to the gossip, the actress will be getting married soon.

RUMOURED

The actress getting married soon.

- 28 Pamela said that she regretted sending that angry text message to Harry.

ONLY

'If that angry text message to Harry', said Pamela.

- 29 Ashley always eats a big breakfast before going out in the morning.

WITHOUT

Ashley never goes out in the morning
..... a big breakfast.

- 30 Liam has decided not to go to football practice any more.

GIVE

Liam has decided to football practice.