

## **PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE CLOZE**

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)

Mark your answer on the sheet.

0 A reporting

B quoting

C according

D informing

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### **Fingernails growing faster**

People's fingernails and toenails, (0) .... to a recent study, are nowadays growing more quickly. Research (1) .... out at the University of North Carolina indicates that the speed at which human nails are growing has increased by (2) .... to 25 per cent over the last 70 years.

The results of the study show that the (3) .... human fingernail now grows about 3.5 mm a month, (4) .... with just 3 mm seven decades ago. Toenail growth, (5) .... only about 2 mm per month, was also up on the figure (6) .... in a similar survey done 70 years ago.

Researchers (7) .... the rapid increase down to changes in lifestyle, particularly the greater (8) .... of the importance of regular exercise and a healthy diet. This, they point out, is in (9) .... with similar trends in the height and weight of present-day adults.

Interestingly, it appears that nails (10) .... to grow fastest in warmer conditions, with the quickest growth (11) .... among young people, and men. The fastest-growing nail is on the middle finger, while that on the little finger is (12) .... far the slowest, at only a fraction over 3 mm each month.

1 A taken	B carried	C studied	D worked
2 A near	B just	C close	D next
3 A average	B medium	C common	D standard
4 A opposed	B measured	C related	D compared
5 A although	B despite	C however	D nevertheless
6 A achieved	B concluded	C arrived	D obtained
7 A set	B write	C put	D say
8 A belief	B information	C familiarity	D awareness
9 A way	B rule	C line	D case
10 A tend	B lean	C head	D aim
11 A pace	B rate	C speed	D step
12 A by	B so	C as	D too

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## **PART 3: WORD FORMATION**

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).

Write the answers in capital letters on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A M E R I C A N

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### **The city of Miami**

The (0) American city of Miami was founded in 1896 by Julia Tuttle, a (25) ..... Florida businesswoman. From a population then of just 300, it has become a vast urban area of 5.5 million (26) ..... , attracting (27) ..... from all over the world. Its excellent transport links mean it can (28) ..... be reached by road, rail, air or sea.

**AMERICA**

**WEALTH**

**INHABIT**

**VISIT**

**EASY**

The city's continuing (29) ..... as a tourist and financial centre has led to a construction boom. Many of the new buildings are over 120 metres in (30) ..... , giving Miami the most impressive skyline in the country after New York and Chicago.

**GROW**

**HIGH**

Its wide variety of (31) ..... includes sandy beaches, nightclubs, music and dancing, as well as activities such as skateboarding and cycling in the world-famous, (32) ..... South Beach area. The city centre has a number of (33) ..... parks and gardens, and of course there is the wonderful weather (34) ..... any other major city in the USA, it has a genuinely tropical climate.

**ATTRACT**

**FASHION**

**DELIGHT**

**LIKE**

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YOUR ANSWERS:

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## PART 4: TRANSFORMATIONS

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 to five words, including the word given.

0 We have arranged everything for your trip to China.

**MADE**

We have ..... your trip to China.

The gap can be filled by the words 'made all the arrangements for', so you write:

Example: 0 **MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR**

35 I regret not buying that bike when I had the chance.

**WISH**

I ..... that bike when I had the chance.

36 In spite of the heavy snow, we managed to get home quickly.

**EVEN**

We managed to get home quickly, ..... heavily.

37 'Did you see that film on Friday night?' Sean asked me.

**SEEN**

Sean wanted to know ..... that film on Friday night.

38 I'm afraid you're not old enough to travel abroad by yourself.

**OWN**

You're not old enough to travel abroad ..... I'm afraid.

39 Jenny rang because she was worried about us.

**RUNG**

Jenny ..... she hadn't been worried about us.

40 Have they repaired your computer yet?

**HAD**

Have ..... yet?

41 It's been a long time since I last ate fish.

**EATEN**

42 Everyone thinks that the band has split up.

**THOUGHT**

The band ..... up.

YOUR ANSWERS:

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