GORILLAS

Gorillas have long been the subject of (1) ..... interest among zoologists for their uncanny similarity to human beings in so many aspects of their individual and social behaviour. By far the largest of the anthropoid apes, they live in the (2) ..... forests of West Africa and the mountainous regions of Central Africa, in family groups (3) ..... of a senior male gorilla, several females, younger males and a number of infants. Within each family group the relationships between the members are always very (4) ..... defined. Almost entirely vegetarian, parties of animals roam from place to place in (5) ..... of food and build their nests high up in trees for overnight use. Although gorillas are affectionate, peace-loving creatures and will even accept human beings into their midst, ruthless hunting has (6) ..... to a huge decline in the numbers surviving today.

1	**A** firm	**B** utter	**C** keen	**D** sharp
2	**A** dense	**B** thick	**C** impermeable	**D** heavy
3	**A** comprising	**B** including	**C** constituting	**D** consisting
4	**A** distinctly	**B** clearly	**C** intensely	**D** heavily
5	**A** hunt	**B** search	**C** quest	**D** probe
6	**A** resulted	**B** caused	**C** attributed	**D** led

The new assistant

The first thing Inspector Highgate noticed on entering his office was the (7) ..... of the cigarette. It seemed to stare menacingly at him, like the motionless red eye of a fierce animal (8) ..... in the shadows in the corner of the room. He could just (9) ..... the bulky contours of his new assistant's body as he leaned backwards in his chair. It was unnerving. Did he enjoy making people uneasy? 'Hello, Howard,' he said brightly, expecting no answer and (10) ..... himself for the hundredth time that he would be retiring in just under a month. In that time he was expected to (11) ..... this man the ropes, so that he could take over when Highgate left. He knew that Howard's appointment would be (12) ..... the detriment of the department, but it had not been his decision. Someone higher up the ladder had unexpectedly taken the matter out of his hands.

7	**A** glow	**B** sparkle	**C** glimmer	**D** flicker
8	**A** creeping	**B** stalking	**C** lurking	**C** prowling
9	**A** draw out	**B** make out	**C** work out	**D** put out
10	**A** recalling	**B** remembering	**C** reminiscing	**D** reminding
11	**A** give	**B** tell	**C** show	**D** hand
12	**A** at	**B** for	**C** in	**D** to