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).

Messages from the Stone Age

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in 0 bright colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various 1 _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located 2 _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals 3 _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to 4 _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to 5 _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important 6 _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially 7 _____ as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is 8 _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

0	A bright	B fair	C keen	D sharp
1	A illustrations	B models	C cases	D dense
2	A deep	B thick	C long	D such as
3	A by means of	B apart from	C as well as	D such as
4	A rival	B compare	C compete	D oppose
5	A arrive	B reach	C meet	D know
6	A instances	B matters	C details	D issues
7	A believed	B regarded	C thought	D agreed
8	A resulting	B having	C making	D causing

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). Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.

Example: (0) ARE

Swimming with seals

The UK is home to half the world's population of grey seals and there 0 _____ many local boat trips offering sightseeing tours out to the islands and sandbanks 9 _____ the animals are most regularly found.

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But if you really want to get close 10 _____ the seals and understand something about their way of life, then you need to go on an underwater seal-watching trip. On these trips, you have the chance to go over the side of the boat and, equipped 11 _____ a wetsuit, mask and snorkel, spend time in the water alongside the animals.

Seals are extremely inquisitive creatures and, once you're in the water, they will swim past you trying to work 12_____ who you are and 13 _____ you're doing there. 14 _____ they can appear shy at first, seals soon 15 _____ used to you being in the water, and will come and play around you. Young pups especially like to 16 _____ contact with divers, and often use their teeth, gently biting masks, fins and cameras out of curiosity. It can be a thrilling experience

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). Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. Example: (0) HEALTHY

Brain games

According to experts, doing puzzles keeps our brains fit and 0 _____ As well as	HEALTH
gaining 17 _____ from finding the correct answer to a difficult problem, we give	SATISFY
our brains a good workout in the process. To help us do this, all sorts of	
handheld 'brain games' are now available in the shops, and the most 18_____	SUCCESS
games have sold in their millions. What's more, people 19 _____ that the more	COVER
they play the games, the easier it is to find a 20 _____ to the problems posed.	SOLVE
They see this as proof that there has been an 21 _____ in the power of their	IMPROVE
brains. Unfortunately, however, this may be a false impression. Some 22 _____	SCIENCE
argue that the brain gets better at any task the more often it is repeated. In	
other words, the improvement in the 23 _____ of the brain is something that	PERFORM
happens naturally. So although these brain games are obviously fun to play, it	
remains 24 _____ whether they are actually helping to boost brainpower or not.	CERTAIN

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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 three and six words, including the word given.

Example: I don't have any free time, so I can't come to the theatre with you. WOULD

If I _____ come to the theatre with you.

ANSWER: had some free time, I would

25. Brad speaks English better than his parents do. AS

Brad's parents don't _____ he does

26. Cycling is not allowed in the park. SUPPOSED

You _____ in the park.

27. 'I'm sorry I didn't let you know I was going to be late, Ann,' said Jamie. APOLOGISED

Jamie _____ Ann know that he was going to be late.

28. A heavy fall of snow prevented them from getting home that night. ABLE

They _____ home that night because of a heavy fall of snow.

29. Ursula was disappointed not to win the competition. CAME

Not winning the competition _____ to Ursula.

30. I paid far more money for my new computer than I expected to. SO

I didn't expect _____ money for my new computer.

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