TEST 53

Example: | 0 | *fascination* |

THE WILD WEST

In the USA, people have a (**0**) *fascination* for everything connected with the 'wild west' of the cowboy era. This has led to (**56**) ..... activities which are of interest to (**57**) ..... who are travelling around the western states. There are (**58**) ..... of wild west painting, concerts of cowboy music and, most (**59**) ..... of all, live rodeo shows to watch.	**FASCINATE** **VARY** **TOUR** **EXHIBIT** **EXCITE**
Rodeos, where cowboys take part in horse-riding (**60**) ..... for big money prizes, are (**61**) ..... popular. There are 739 each year, held in giant (**62**) ..... arenas as well as open-air show grounds across the west. Most of the riders are professional (**63**) ....., but most of the events were (**64**) ..... based on the cowboys' everyday working tasks. Despite some concerns over possible (**65**) ..... to horses, most people are thrilled by the display of skill and daring to be seen at a rodeo.	**COMPETE** **EXTREME** **DOOR** **PERFORM** **ORIGIN** **CRUEL**

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TEST 54

Example: | 0 | *flightless* |

Penguins are (**0**) ..*flightless*.. birds which live south of the Equator. As their legs are short, they (**56**) ..... stand upright and walk when they are on land. When they find it (**57**) ..... to travel at greater speed, they often drop on to their stomachs and slide along. But it is at sea, (**58**) ..... when diving, that penguins really move fast, the (**59**) ..... of their streamlined bodies allowing them to reach a (**60**) ..... of up to 265 metres in some cases.	**FLIGHT** **USUAL** **NEED** **SPECIAL** **WEIGH** **DEEP**
The sixteen species of penguin tend to look rather (**61**) ..... with black or dark blue backs and white fronts. But (**62**) ..... in size and head patterns allow them to be (**63**) ..... The fact that a number of species spend their whole life in Antarctica where there is little (**64**) ..... from the world's least (**65**) ..... weather conditions, makes their continued survival one of the wonders of the nature.	**LIKE** **VARY** **IDENTIFY** **PROTECT** **WELCOME**

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TEST 55

Example: | 0 | exciting |

Write your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

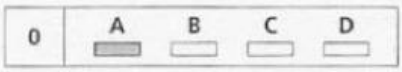
ABORIGINAL STORIES

Australian Aborigines are famous for their (**0**) ....exciting.... stories, which are read not from a text but from their (**56**) ..... . These (**57**) ..... stories form the body of Aboriginal culture and (**58**) ..... , which make up their unique world view.	**EXCITE** **SURROUND** **TRADITION** **KNOW**
The stories, which are often very (**59**) ....., are told by pointing out and walking along large tracks of land; it can be said, therefore, that the (**60**) ..... of Aborigines are lived out as if in a giant natural storybook. It is also (**61**) ..... that Aboriginal land has a strange way of creating its own (**62**)	**THEATRE** **LIFE** **BELIEF** **PERSONAL**
When they talk about a place of (**63**) ..... Aborigines say that the land has a *gi* that either likes you or makes you feel disturbed and (**64**) ..... . In fact, if you sit under a tree there is a (**65**) ..... that it is watching you, listening to you and that it may even talk to you.	**IMPORTANT** **COMFORT** **POSSIBLE**

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TEST 53

0	A	origin	B	age	C	spring	D	growth



MUSIC

Nobody knows for certain what the (**0**) ..... of music was. Music is certainly older than poetry and painting but as early man had no way of (**1**) ..... it, we can only (**2**) ..... what it sounded like. Watching a child (**3**) ..... on a drum with its hands or a (**4**) ..... of wood, it is easy to see that this is the simplest of instruments. It does not (**5**) ..... much effort to produce a rhythm on it.

Wall paintings show what some of the first instruments (**6**) ..... like. Early civilisations had already discovered the three basic (**7**) ..... of producing music: blowing into a tube, striking an object, and scraping a string. We know that western music comes from the (**8**) ..... Greeks. The musical scales we use now are (**9**) ..... on certain sequences of notes which the Greeks used to create a particular (**10**) ..... .

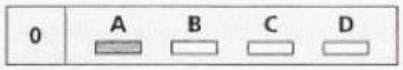
Until the sixteenth century, most players of instruments were (**11**) ..... performers, but as music became more (**12**) ....., orchestras and musical groups began to (**13**) ..... This (**14**) ..... about the writing of music to be played by several musicians at one time. This can certainly be (**15**) ..... the birth of modern music.

1	A	recording	B	playing	C	producing	D	performing
2	A	think	B	reckon	C	guess	D	realise
3	A	hitting	B	knocking	C	crashing	D	banging
4	A	slice	B	point	C	piece	D	shape
5	A	make	B	call	C	take	D	do
6	A	looked	B	appeared	C	felt	D	sounded
7	A	forms	B	manners	C	systems	D	ways
8	A	ancient	B	old	C	aged	D	antique
9	A	raised	B	based	C	established	D	supported
10	A	spirit	B	temper	C	mood	D	humour
11	A	separate	B	lonely	C	unique	D	single
12	A	widespread	B	enlarged	C	expanded	D	extended
13	A	turn	B	appear	C	spring	D	be
14	A	produced	B	affected	C	caused	D	brought
15	A	appointed	B	called	C	decided	D	named

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TEST 54

0 A further B older C greater D more



TEDDY BEARS

The history of the teddy bear goes back no (**0**) ..... than 1903. In that year, a cartoon (**1**) ..... in an American newspaper showing President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt (**2**) ..... to shoot a bear cub on a hunting expedition. Soon after this, an enterprising toy shop owner in New York made some toy bears and (**3**) ..... them in his shop window with a sign that (**4**) ..... 'Teddy's bear'. These bears proved to be so popular that they soon sold (**5**) ....., and it wasn't long before a factory was established to (**6**) ..... advantage of the great (**7**) ..... for these new toys.

At about the same time, the Steiff toy factory in Germany had introduced a (**8**) ..... of soft toys, made (**9**) ..... mohair and wood shavings, with movable heads and limbs. (**10**) ..... the popularity of teddy bears in the USA, Steiff decided to (**11**) ..... making these as well and they were modelled (**12**) ..... the real bears in Stuttgart zoo. It is these early Steiff bears that are now most eagerly sought (**13**) ..... by collectors.

These days, teddy bears are a good investment for people who want to sell them years later at a much (**14**) ..... price. However, it's obvious that most teddy bear lovers collect them for (**15**) ..... rather than profit.

1	A	remarked	B	approached	C	appeared	D	reported
2	A	defending	B	reversing	C	denying	D	refusing
3	A	displayed	B	published	C	introduced	D	demonstrated
4	A	said	B	wrote	C	spoke	D	named
5	A	out	B	up	C	off	D	away
6	A	take	B	find	C	make	D	get
7	A	claim	B	order	C	demand	D	request
8	A	grade	B	chain	C	kind	D	range
9	A	along with	B	down from	C	up for	D	out of
10	A	Given	B	As	C	Although	D	Since
11	A	enter	B	put	C	set	D	begin
12	A	on	B	at	C	with	D	in
13	A	through	B	to	C	after	D	for
14	A	hotter	B	harder	C	heavier	D	higher
15	A	charm	B	purpose	C	choice	D	pleasure

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TEST 55

0 A took B made C went D left

0	A	B	C	D

THE FLYING AUNTIES

Few passengers on the British Airways flight to Hong Kong which (**0**) ..... off from London Airport on Saturday 7th August, were (**1**) ..... that their flight was setting a record for the company. In fact their plane was carrying 112 'unaccompanied minors' – the largest (**2**) ..... of children travelling without parents or guardians ever to have flown on a (**3**) ..... flight. Most of these children, aged from six (**4**) ....., were returning to Hong Kong after taking three-week English (**5**) ..... at various language schools as (**6**) ..... an exchange scheme.

The children were not left to their own devices, (**7**) ..... Airline rules say that children under twelve can only fly if accompanied (**8**) ..... an adult. So, a group of three 'aunties' and one 'uncle' flew with them to (**9**) ..... them entertained and (**10**) ..... with any problems that might arise. They are part of a British Airways team known as the 'flying aunties'. These are BA employees who volunteer, in their own time, to (**11**) ..... an escorted service for unaccompanied minors to both European and long-haul (**12**) ..... Once in the air, there is a range of activities available to the youngsters (**13**) ..... computer games, colouring books and soft drinks on tap. In (**14**) ....., the children have the 'aunties' all to themselves – for such members of (**15**) ..... do not take on other duties.

1	A	realised	B	thought	C	aware	D	known
2	A	count	B	amount	C	number	D	quantity
3	A	unique	B	solo	C	single	D	lone
4	A	upwards	B	forwards	C	afterwards	D	backwards
5	A	classes	B	courses	C	studies	D	lessons
6	A	linked to	B	long as	C	part of	D	along with
7	A	however	B	although	C	altogether	D	moreover
8	A	from	B	by	C	with	D	at
9	A	hold	B	get	C	help	D	keep
10	A	manage	B	deal	C	solve	D	bother
11	A	provide	B	produce	C	pretend	D	present
12	A	departures	B	routes	C	destinations	D	arrivals
13	A	regarding	B	composing	C	containing	D	including
14	A	further	B	addition	C	extra	D	plus
15	A	staff	B	crew	C	team	D	group

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