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PART 1 - MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

For questions 1–8, choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D.

The speed at which information travels today has created new problems for the media. One of these is known as circular reporting. This can happen when one publication reports something that is not true and another publication repeats it. The first publication may then use the second one as a source, making the information (1) _____ to be true.

This problem is particularly serious when people are looking for quick answers. Information found online may not always have been (2) _____ by reliable sources. As a result, an incorrect fact can easily be repeated until people believe it.

Technology has made it much easier for people to access information. However, this does not necessarily mean that they are better (3) _____ to judge whether that information is accurate.

One way of dealing with misinformation is to (4) _____ the original source of a story. It is also useful to look (5) _____ different opinions before deciding whether a piece of information can be trusted.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
A. supposed	**A. checked**	**A. possible**	**A. trace**	**A. at**
B. believed	**B. controlled**	**B. capable**	**B. chase**	**B. for**
C. appeared	**C. watched**	**C. able**	**C. follow**	**C. after**
D. imagined	**D. observed**	**D. enabled**	**D. search**	**D. into**

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PART 2 - WORD FORMATION

For questions 17–24, use the word given in CAPITALS to form a word that fits the gap.
Can We Trust What We Read?

1. The internet has changed the way people receive information. News can now be shared with incredible _____. **QUICK**
2. Unfortunately, this can also make the spread of false information much easier. Some websites publish stories without checking their _____. **ACCURATE**
3. One important skill for modern readers is the ability to recognise _____ information. **RELY**
4. It is particularly important to be aware of articles that use exaggerated headlines to attract attention. These headlines are often designed to create an emotional _____ in the reader.

REACT

5. Another problem is that people sometimes share information without checking its _____ first. **VALID**
6. As a result, an incorrect piece of information can become increasingly difficult to _____.

DEBATE

7. Experts believe that people need greater media _____ so that they can evaluate information more carefully. **AWARE**
8. Being able to question what we read is an essential skill in today's _____ society.

INFORMATION

PART 3 - OPEN CLOZE

For questions 9–16, write ONE word in each gap.

Today, information can travel around the world in a matter of seconds. This has many advantages, but it can also make it difficult to know whether something is true **1** _____ not.

Circular reporting is one example of how misinformation can spread. A publication may report information **2.** _____ an unreliable source. Another publication may then repeat the same information without checking it. The first publication can later refer **3.** _____ the second one as evidence.

The problem becomes even more complicated when several websites publish the same false information. Readers may assume that the story must be true because it has appeared **4.** _____ several different places.

People should therefore be careful **5.** _____ accepting information immediately. Before sharing a story, they should try to find **6.** _____ where it originally came from. They should also look **7.** _____ other sources that may disagree with it.

Modern technology has made us able to access information almost instantly. However, being able to find information does not necessarily mean being able **8.** _____ judge its accuracy.

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