

each gap. There is an example at the beginning.
 Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A seriously

B extremely

C absolutely

D intensely

0	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
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Multitasking children

The trend for children to multitask by juggling all sorts of electronic gadgets at the same time is 0 _____, damaging their levels of concentration, scientists have warned. 1 _____ use of the Internet, iPods, mobile phones and DVDs 2 _____ behind that finding. Scientists have 3 _____ the belief of many parents that it is impossible to concentrate on more than one thing at the same time. They found that children 4 _____ homework while sending messages via the Internet can 5 _____ up spending 50% longer than if they had done each task 6 _____.

David E Meyer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Michigan, said that true multitasking is 7 _____ possible for simple activities such as ironing and listening to the radio. He 8 _____ experiments demonstrating that young adults who had to 9 _____ from one maths problem to another wasted significant amounts of time. Meyer said: 'For situations 10 _____ more complex tasks, especially those requiring language, the total time taken to get all the tasks done will increase 11 _____. Over long periods, this kind of multitasking can stress you out and 12 _____ to mental and physical exhaustion.'

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| 1 A Rocketing | B Heightening | C Ascending | D Leaping |
| 2 A stands | B rests | C lies | D sits |
| 3 A assured | B guaranteed | C authorized | D confirmed |
| 4 A engaging | B tackling | C attending | D undergoing |
| 5 A turn | B come | C use | D end |
| 6 A separately | B distinctly | C apart | D aside |
| 7 A merely | B purely | C only | D simply |
| 8 A set | B put | C took | D ran |
| 9 A alter | B switch | C interrupt | D exchange |
| 10 A consisting | B containing | C involving | D meaning |
| 11 A largely | B greatly | C widely | D highly |
| 12 A result | B proceed | C lead | D bring |

The London Marathon

The London Marathon race is a long-running story. **0** _____ was first held in 1981, **13** _____ when more than half a million marathon runners of various shapes, sizes and abilities have completed the challenge of running the full 42 km of the course.

The London Marathon was the brainchild of Chris Brasher. The former Olympic champion brought the idea home to London **14** _____ completing the New York Marathon in 1979. 'Could London stage **15** _____ an event?' wondered Brasher, answering his **16** _____ question by organizing the first London Marathon on March 29 1981, **17** _____ 6,255 runners completed the course.

The event has captured the public imagination and there are always **18** _____ many people wanting to take part. Last year **19** _____ amazing 98,500 people applied to run in it, although only 46,500 **20** _____ be accepted.

For most of **21** _____ thousands who do take part, the day is about fun, achievement and raising money for charity – with varying degrees of pain! It is the immense community spirit that **22** _____ the race so special. Clubs, community groups and schools assist and entertain along the route as the runners – many of **23** _____ in fancy dress – run through the streets raising money for charitable causes. The streets of London are turned **24** _____ the longest street party in the world as crowds line the course to cheer the runners and enjoy the spectacle.

example.

0 N A T I O N A L

MOBILE LIBRARY'S A WINNER

The city's new mobile library has won an award at a 0 _____ meeting of mobile library providers. The award is for the 25 _____ design of this new vehicle.

NATION
STAND

The stunning external design, which features photographs of people using libraries, uses the catchphrase 'The Book Stops Here', and co-ordinates with the attractive 26 _____ leaflets, postcards and posters which give details about the library routes and stops.

PUBLIC

The new library went into 27 _____ in April and has been very well received by the public. Both visits and loans of books have increased 28 _____ since the new vehicle began operating. Comments have included 'It's such a friendly-looking library', 'I couldn't wait to look inside!' and 'Thanks for all the 29 _____ new books.'

SERVE

The mobile library is an air-conditioned, state-of-the-art vehicle, which is fully networked for using information technology if 30 _____. The air suspension allows the vehicle to be 31 _____ for easy access and ensures 32 _____ when parked. The internal layout was designed with major input from the library staff, who insisted that the décor was bright and 33 _____. The library carries up to 3,000 books, CDs and DVDs for all ages and 34 _____, and much of the stock is brand new.

CONSIDER

WONDER

REQUIRE

LOW

STABLE

COLOUR

INTERESTED

Example:

0 Making new friends was easy for her.

DIFFICULT

She didn't _____ new friends.

The gap can be filled with the words 'find it difficult to make' so you write:

0 F I N D I T D I F F I C U L T T O M A K E

Write the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

35 Despite winning the race, he wasn't very pleased.

EVEN

He wasn't very pleased, _____ the race.

36 It's a fairly long time since I last watched this programme.

QUITE

I haven't watched this programme _____ time.

37 Were you able to complete all your work yesterday?

GET

Did you manage _____ all your work yesterday?

38 His first novel was better than this one.

GOOD

This novel is not _____ one he wrote.

39 I'm sorry, could you wait for a moment, please?

MIND

I'm sorry, _____ for a moment, please?

40 We're so late now that we definitely won't get to the party on time.

CHANCE

We're so late that we have _____ to the party on time.

41 The food she eats affects her health badly.

EFFECT

The food she eats _____ her health.

42 The only thing I did at the weekend was housework.

APART

I did _____ housework at the weekend.