Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap.

CENTRAL PARK



If you have the chance **(1)** _____ take a walk through Central Park in New York, you will get a quick tour of the wide range **(2)** _____ cultures and people who live in the city. One man speeds along **(3)** _____ a racing bike singing **(4)** _____ the top of his voice, **(5)** _____ dances to the beat of techno music coming **(6)** _____ a tape recorder.

Central Park, the first public park built **(7)** _____ America, allows **(8)** _____ just about any conceivable leisure activity in a rectangle of just over one **(9)** _____ a half square kilometres. But it may **(10)** _____ that its best use is for the **(11)** _____ entertaining sport in New York – people watching. Visitors can **(12)** _____ no better introduction **(13)** _____ the diversity of New York **(14)** _____ a stroll in this park.

Central Park did **(15)** _____ always embrace **(16)** _____ a variety of human life. Having won a competition **(17)** _____ the park's design in 1858, Frederick Olmsted and Calvert Vaux saw the places **(18)** _____ an oasis of calm in a disorderly city. The idea **(19)** _____ to create a place **(20)** _____ the upper-class citizens of the city could take gentle exercise **(21)** _____ being disturbed. However, the park authorities never managed **(22)** _____ enforce a regime of order. Olmsted had **(23)** _____ determined to create the illusion of the countryside **(24)** _____ the heart of New York. The fact **(25)** _____ skyscrapers **(26)** _____ now visible over the tops of the park's tallest trees would certainly **(27)** _____ horrified him. But this contrast **(28)** _____ country and city landscape is **(29)** _____ gives the park **(30)** _____ very own special charm.

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