Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

THE MYSTERIOUS ISLE



In the early morning or 23 January, 2009, the most powerful storm for a decade hit western France. With wind speeds in **(1)** _____ of 120 miles per hour, it flattened forests, **(2)** _____ down power lines and caused massive destruction to buildings and roads. But it also left behind an extraordinary creation. Seven miles out to sea at the **(3)** _____ where the Atlantic Ocean meets the estuary of the River Gironde, a small island had **(4)** _____ out of the water. Locals soon gave it the name *The Mysterious Isle*. What was so remarkable, **(5)** _____ its sudden apparition, was the fact that the island **(6)** _____ intact in what is often quite a hostile sea environment. It could well become a permanent **7)** _____.

Scientists **(8)** _____ realised that the island's appearance **(9)** _____ a unique opportunity to study the creation and development of a new ecosystem. Within months, it had been colonised by seabirds, insects and vegetation. Unfortunately, however, they were not alone in **(10)** _____ the island attractive. It became increasingly difficult to **(11)** _____ the site from human visitors. In its first year, day trippers came in powered dinghies, a parachute club used it as a landing strip, and a rave party was even **(12)** _____ there one night.

1.	A) surplus	B) advance	C) excess	D) put
2.	A) fetched	B) brought	C) carried	D) sent
3.	A) scene	B) mark	C) stage	D) point
4.	A) risen	B) grown	C) lifted	D) surfaced
5.	A) in spite of	B) instead of	C) apart from	D) on account of
6.	A) prolonged	B) remained	C) resided	D) persevered
7.	A) item	B) issue	C) matter	D) feature
8.	A) quickly	B) briskly	C) hastily	D) speedily
9.	A) delivered	B) awarded	C) proposed	D) offered
10.	A) regarding	B) finding	C) seeking	D) deciding
11.	A) prevent	B) preserve	C) protect	D) prohibit
12.	A) held	B) made	C) done	D) given

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