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

EARLY STONE TOOLS

A recent discovery **(1)** _____ led scientists to revise their ideas about **(2)** _____ ancestors of early humans. **(3)** _____ seems they started to **(4)** _____ use of stone tools nearly one million years earlier **(5)** _____ had previously **(6)** _____ thought. Archaeologists revised the date **(7)** _____ spotting distinctive marks made **(8)** _____ stone tools on animal bones dating **(9)** _____ nearly three and **(10)** _____ half million years. The remains, including a rib from a cow-like creature **(11)** _____ a thigh bone from an animal similar in size **(12)** _____ a goat, were recovered **(13)** _____ an old river bed which was **(14)** _____ excavated in Ethiopia.

The use of simple stone tools **(15)** _____ remove meat from bones represents a crucial moment **(16)** _____ human history. **(17)** _____ a result of turning to meat **(18)** _____ sustenance, the early humans developed larger brains, which **(19)** _____ turn enabled them to make **(20)** _____ sophisticated tools. The bones unearthed in Ethiopia could well represent **(21)** _____ very beginning of that process.

(22) _____ scientists are still hoping **(23)** _____ discover is whether the stone tools were manufactured specifically to meet a need **(24)** _____ whether they were natural stones that **(25)** _____ chance had the right shape **(26)** _____ the necessary sharp edges. Either **(27)** _____, it seems likely **(28)** _____ the early humans carried the tools around with them rather than relying **(29)** _____ being able to find suitable **(30)** _____ when the need arose.

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