

For questions 1- 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

DIAMONDS (C2 Proficiency)

Diamonds have inspired dreams of wealth and power throughout history. Until modern times, most diamonds were insignias of royalty and were beyond the reach of the common person, who could only (1)___ visions of the astounding beauty and wealth brought (2)___ by diamonds. It's no wonder that other gems and precious metals have historically taken a back seat (3)___ diamonds. Some diamonds are so valuable that a person can literally carry a king's (4)___ in a pocket. A similar value in gold would mean one would have to have access to a forklift, as some of the most valuable diamonds in the world have been (5)___ for many thousands of times that of a similar weigh in gold! Diamond deposits are not easily found. Diamonds occur in some of the rarest rock types on the surface of the earth, and when found , they are disseminated in trace (6)___ even in the richest deposits. The (7)___ host rock, kimberlite, forms very small deposits. Being a relatively soft rock, kimberlite commonly erodes faster than the surrounding country rock and often is covered by thin layers of soil and regolith derived from adjacent rock (8)___ .

1	extort	elicit	illicit	elide
2	out	off	forth	forward
3	by	of	for	to
4	bribe	price	ransom	share
5	apprised	reprieved	reprised	appraised
6	proportion	amounts	numbers	portion
7	principal	predestined	premiere	principle
8	outposts	outlets	outcrops	outfalls