Reading and Use of English • Part 2

For questions **9 – 16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet**.

Example: **0** B A C K

A History of surfing

The history of surfing undoubtedly goes **(0)** ..... a long way. It seems to **(9)** ..... formed a central part of the culture of the Polynesian people, who were inhabitants of islands in the Pacific Ocean **(10)** ..... as Samoa, Tonga and Hawaii. These people did not regard surfing **(11)** ..... a mere recreational activity. For them, it was much **(12)** ..... of an art.

Although surfing disappeared from many parts of Polynesia in **(13)** ..... early twentieth century, a small number of people in Hawaii kept the tradition alive. In 1912, it spread to the east coast of the United States, and in particular to Virginia Beach, **(14)** ..... became an important surfing centre. Surfing developed quite rapidly from then on, and the design of surfboards became more sophisticated. However, **(15)** ..... was not until the 1960s that surfing came to be a truly global phenomenon, boosted not only by the success of surfing films **(16)** ..... also by pop songs about surfing culture.

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For questions **17 – 24**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet**.

Example: **0** R E F E R E N C E

A book of world records

One of the most fascinating **(0)** ..... books you can read is *Guinness World Records*. It contains a **(17)** ..... of facts and figures about incredible human achievement. It is also full of statistics concerning **(18)** ..... natural features such as the world's highest mountains. But it is more than just a **(19)** ..... source of amazing facts. The organisation that produces the book is also now responsible for checking the **(20)** ..... and accuracy of every new world record.

REFER
COLLECT
IMPRESS
RELY
TRUE

It all started in 1951 when Hugh Beaver, the Managing Director of a large British company, got into an **(21)** ..... about which bird was the fastest in the world, and found that none of the books in his library were **(22)** ..... in giving him the answer. He hired researchers to produce a book that could answer such questions. It sold quickly and became a huge **(23)** ..... success.

ARGUE
HELP
COMMERCE

In recent years, the book has increasingly focused on records set during **(24)** ..... competitions, such as sword swallowing.

CONVENTIONAL

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Reading and Use of English • Part 4

For questions **25 – 30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

Example:

0 Prizes are given out when the school year finishes.

PLACE

Prize giving ..... end of each school year.

The gap can be filled by the words 'takes place at the', so you write:

Example: **0** TAKES PLACE AT THE

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

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25 I spent ages doing my homework last night.

LONG

It ..... to do my homework last night.

26 It's possible that Maria forgot it was your birthday.

MAY

Maria ..... it was your birthday.

27 Danny is very disappointed that he lost the important tennis match on Saturday.

LOSING

Danny hasn't got over the ..... the important tennis match on Saturday.

28 Carole said that it wasn't a problem if her guitar lesson started an hour later than usual.

MIND

Carole said she ..... her guitar lesson an hour later than usual.

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29 Even though Luca took the early bus, he was still late for school!

SPITE

Luca was late for school ..... the early bus!

30 Joanna decided that using an out-of-date website for her school project was pointless.

POINT

Joanna decided that there ..... an out-of-date website for her school project.

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