10 Jobs and Professions

Read the text below. For questions (1—12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

MAXWELL'S JOB INTERVIEW

Maxwell had not had a steady job for almost two years. Today was a big day, because he was going to a job (1) _____ that he felt good about. The secretary he had talked to on the phone sounded friendly and encouraging.

Maxwell was a typist. His fingers danced on the (2) _____ . However, his social skills were not nearly as good as his typing skills. Sometimes his mouth got in the way of his employment. At his last steady (3) _____ , his boss had told him to start making coffee every morning. Maxwell laughed. «I'm not making coffee", he said. "It's not part of my job description".

"Read the employee manual again", his boss said. "Your job description is anything I say it is".

"That's a woman's job", said Maxwell. "Do it yourself ".

His boss was still yelling as Maxwell walked (4) _____ of the building. He felt great about telling off the boss. A few days later, the reality of not having a job hit home. He had to (5) _____ the rent and utility bills, and he had to eat. What was he going to do?

He thought about (6) _____ and asking for his job back. But how would that look? Then again, who cares how it looks when you're almost broke? After thinking about it for another week, he finally called his boss and apologised. His boss accepted his apology, but said that he had already hired a replacement.

Maxwell (7) _____a temporary job agency, which provided him enough occasional work to pay his bills. But none of the companies that he was sent to were hiring. So Maxwell was excited about finally getting an interview for a steady job.

Maxwell's drive to the interview was (8) _____ . The traffic was congested and the neighbourhood looked rough. It took him 45 minutes to get there. The building was covered with graffiti.

The interview started 30 minutes (9) _____ . Without bothering to apologise, the manager lit a cigarette and took a (10) _____ from his coffee cup. He leaned back in his chair and put his feet up on his desk. He asked Maxwell a lot of questions. Maxwell thought that each question was more ridiculous than the (11) _____ one. The final question was, "Where would you like to be 10 years from now?"

"What does that have to do with typing?" Maxwell (12) _____ . "Silly questions from a rude man in a lousy neighbourhood! Where would he like to be 10 years from now? "

"Anywhere but this dump!" Maxwell said angrily, as he stood up and walked out.

	A	B	C	D
1	dialogue	conference	smartboard	examination
2	keyboard	blackboard	smartboard	processor
3	trade	profession	career	job
4	out	in	on	away
5	expend	pay	take	buy
6	sorry	forgiveness	apologising	express regret
7	get in touch with	contacted	reached	spoke to
8	reasonable	suitable	appointing	disappointing
9	lost	last	late	later

10	sip	drop	taste	mouthful
11	next	former	preceding	following
12	rambled	meandered	wandered	wondered