

Read the text below. For questions (49–58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

## Gold Rush

From 1849 to 1899 thousands of prospectors chased dreams of riches from the gold fields of Cal-

ifornia. Newspapers published reports from the American River in California that gold was being "collected at random and without any trouble." By 1852 the stampede for the precious ore (49) \_\_\_\_ the state's population nearly twentyfold. When California's surface gold gave out, prospectors (50) \_\_\_\_ by the gold bug rushed to the Comstock Lode in the Sierra Nevada. But these fabulous stores of gold and silver were rich (51) \_\_\_\_ diggings – too (52) \_\_\_\_ embedded to mine

without plenty of capital. Over the next 20 years, rumors of gold and silver strikes lured fortune hunters to the Black Hills of the Dakota Territory and to Pikes Peak and Leadville, Colorado. In 1897 a ship docked in San Francisco (53) \_\_\_\_ two tons of gold from the Klondike River in the Canadian Yukon. This led to head for "the golden Mecca of the North", in Alaska, the last and one of the greatest gold rushes.

49	A	was increased	B	was increasing	C	had increased	D	increased
50	A	biting	B	bite	C	bited	D	bitten
51	A	man	B	man's	C	men	D	men's
52	A	deeply	B	deep	C	deeper	D	deepest
53	A	carried	B	carrying	C	being carried	D	had carried

## Why do Men not Women Go Bald?

Men go bald (54) \_\_\_\_\_ the chemical in their bodies called testosterone, which causes them (55) \_\_\_\_\_ facial hair and have deep voices. If a large amount of this chemical occurs in the body, signals are sometimes sent to the head that there is no need

to grow any more hair. So the head forgets (56) \_\_\_\_\_ the hair which falls out (57) \_\_\_\_\_. Women do not usually go bald, because testosterone is present only in a small (58) \_\_\_\_\_ in their bodies.

54	A	because	B	because of	C	owe to	D	for
55	A	to grow	B	grow	C	growing	D	growth
56	A	replace	B	replacing	C	to replace	D	replaced
57	A	natural	B	nature	C	naturally	D	naturally
58	A	numbers	B	number	C	quantity	D	quantities