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 California to the mines of the Dakota Territory. The first and biggest rush began in 1848 when East Coast 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

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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	naturaly	D	naturally
58	A	numbers	B	number	C	quantity	D	quantities

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