USE OF ENGLISH

Complete the text below. For each of the empty spaces choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Before mobile phones made everything so (1)_____, the public telephone (2)_____ was an important focus for community life. People of all types and classes would (3) _____ an orderly queue outside its red iron door, clutching their pennies and (4) _____ patiently for their (5) _____ to be linked up to the great wide world. For a shy people like the British it was an opportunity to meet and (6) _____ news and gossip with neighbors and to (7) _____ some fresh air. And what's more, once you were inside that box everything you said was (8) _____. Everybody uses mobiles nowadays, but talking loudly in (9) _____ places with unseen faces, about (10) _____ feelings or secret dealings... well it's not something true Brit feels (11) _____ about! Now there's a new (12) _____ of phone boxes which can link you up to the Internet, receive mails, take payment by phone card or credit card. Impressive, perhaps, but where is the romance?

1 A light	**B** quiet	**C** secure	**D** easy
2 A box	**B** case	**C** chest	**D** container
3 A produce	**B** build	**C** form	**D** develop
4 A remaining	**B** waiting	**C** resting	**D** pausing
5 A turn	**B** round	**C** period	**D** act
6 A barter	**B** substitute	**C** shift	**D** exchange
7 A receive	**B** get	**C** fetch	**D** catch
8 A hidden	**B** exclusive	**C** private	**D** secret
9 A popular	**B** national	**C** public	**D** open
10 A personal	**B** individual	**C** special	**D** own
11 A comfortable	**B** cosy	**C** relaxed	**D** cheerful
12 A origination	**B** production	**C** creation	**D** generation

TELEPHONE

In a period when several inventors (1) _____ toward more effective communication by wire, Alexander Bell, a teacher of the deaf, came in first with his invention of the telephone. It was his fascination with the human ear, especially the way sound waves cause the soft membrane of the eardrum (2)_____, that led him to believe that voices could be sent mechanically. The patent was granted (3) _____ March 7, 1876. Three days later, Bell's assistant became the first person to receive a phone call. Bell, who (4) _____ acid on his clothes, called over the phone, "My Watson, come here. I want you."

Just over a year (5) _____, the first telephone line was installed.

1	A	have worked	B	had worked	C	work	D	were working
2	A	vibrate	B	to vibrate	C	vibrated	D	vibrates
3	A	on	B	at	C	in	D	since
4	A	spilled	B	was spilling	C	has spilled	D	had spilled
5	A	lately	B	late	C	latest	D	later

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