

## 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?

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| 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