FCE Part 2

Open cloze

Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Animal mummies

Over the centuries millions of animal mummies **(0)** *have* been discovered in Egypt, **(1)** _____ lying alongside human mummies, and others in their own separate cemeteries. We know, of course, that the Egyptians mummified pharaohs, queens and priests to ensure **(2)** _____ passage into the afterlife. But why did they bury so **(3)** _____ animals?

Some, **(4)** _____ seems, were pets; in the same way that possessions were buried **(5)** _____ the use of the dead in the afterlife, a favourite cat, dog or monkey would **(6)** _____ sacrificed in order to keep the deceased company there. Other animals, however, were intended **(7)** _____ gifts to the gods; a crocodile to please Sobek or a cow for Hathor. Whole catacombs were dedicated to particular animals, such as cats, dogs or birds, **(8)** _____ were buried in large numbers, possibly to mark a religious festival. **(9)** _____ animal was considered too small or insignificant for mummification: snakes, beetles, fish of all sizes and even the eggs of birds and reptiles.

(10) _____ animal mummies were clearly very important to the ancient Egyptians, few studies have been carried out on the subject, perhaps because **(11)** _____ has always been more interest **(12)** _____ human mummies.

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