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Looking for a Job

My new home was a long way from the centre of London but it was becoming essential to find a job, so **1** _____ I spent a whole morning getting to town and applying to London Transport for a job on the tube. It turned out that they were looking for guards, not drivers. This **2** _____ me. I couldn't drive a car but I could probably guard a train and perhaps continue to write poems between stations. "Yes, I would be a tube guard," I thought. I could see myself being cheerful, useful, a good man in a crisis.

The next day I sat down, with almost a hundred other **3** _____, for the intelligence test. I must have done all right because after half an hour's wait, I was sent into another room for a psychological test. The examiner sat at a desk. You were signalled forward to occupy the seat opposite him when the previous occupant had been **4** _____. Sometimes the person was rejected quickly and sometimes after quite a while. Obviously, the longer interviews were the most successful ones. Mine was the only one that lasted a minute and a half. I can remember the questions now: "Why did you leave your last job, "Why did you leave your job before that? "And the one before?" I can't **5** _____ my answers, except they were short at first and grew shorter as we continued. His closing statement **6** _____ a lack of sensitivity, which helped to explain why as a psychologist he had risen no higher than the underground railway. "You have failed this test and we are unable to offer you a position." Failing to get that job was my low point. Or so I thought, believing that the work was easy.

Actually, such a job **7** _____ exactly this sort of elementary responsibility a dreamer like me is unlikely to have. But I was still far short of self-understanding as well as short of cash.

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| 1. | 1. lastly | 2. at the end | 3. in conclusion | 4. finally |
| 2. | 1. comforted | 2. matched | 3. fitted | 4. suited |
| 3. | 1. candidates | 2. members | 3. friends | 4. nominees |
| 4. | 1. dismissed | 2. declined | 3. abandoned | 4. accepted |
| 5. | 1. forget | 2. memorize | 3. remind | 4. recall |
| 6. | 1. discovered | 2. disguised | 3. revealed | 4. opened |
| 7. | 1. expects | 2. demands | 3. offers | 4. asks |

