Questions 1 to 10

Read the text below and choose the **best** *word for each space. For each question, circle the correct letter* **A**, **B**, **C** *or* **D**.

Rice Planting

Have you ever wondered about the amount of hard work involved before we can get rice? For many of us the rice that we get ___on___ **(0)** our plates is just a matter of washing the rice, putting it in a cooker and waiting for about half an hour.

Planting rice is not an easy _____ **(1)**. The farmer has to do many things before we can get the white, clean rice onto our plates. Before planting the rice plants, the farmer has to prepare the field. He _____ **(2)** to make the bunds and plough the land. While he is getting the field ready for planting, he also has to prepare the seedlings _____ **(3)** he is going to plant later. He has to _____ **(4)** the paddy seeds onto the plot of land which is called a nursery. The nursery is usually _____ **(5)** the farmer's home. In the nursery, the seedlings will grow for about a month.

When the seedlings have grown to about 10 centimetres high, they are then _____ **(6)** to the field which the farmer has ploughed. This is the time when the farmer has to take good care to ensure there is the correct _____ **(7)** of water in the field. Too much or too little water may kill the plants.

The farmer _____ **(8)** spray fertilisers on the young paddy plants after a few weeks. This is to make certain that the plants will grow well and produce a lot of paddy. If _____ **(9)** goes well, the paddy will be ready for harvesting in about three months. However, this _____ **(10)**. Some varieties of paddy will take a longer time to ripen.

0	**A** in	**B** on	**C** from	**D** with
1	**A** task	**B** effort	**C** labour	**D** activity
2	**A** has	**B** had	**C** have	**D** having
3	**A** whom	**B** when	**C** where	**D** which
4	**A** spray	**B** spread	**C** scatter	**D** stretch
5	**A** in	**B** near	**C** within	**D** between
6	**A** taken	**B** transferred	**C** transported	**D** transplanted
7	**A** total	**B** amount	**C** number	**D** quantity
8	**A** can	**B** must	**C** will	**D** should
9	**A** nothing	**B** anything	**C** something	**D** everything
10	**A** varies	**B** diverges	**C** differs	**D** contrasts

[10 marks]

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