

For questions 9–16, 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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 A L L

## Independent television

People going to the UK for the first time are often surprised that there are no advertisements at (0) ..... on the BBC television channels. Their absence is (9) ..... to the fact that the constitution of the BBC forbids it to accept advertising. So, (10) ..... does the BBC get the money it needs to keep it going? The answer is that, (11) ..... selling BBC programmes to other broadcasters around the world, the BBC is financed from revenue raised by the sale of television licences. The fee for the licences is set by the government, but (12) ..... this, the BBC is not state run, and it retains an independence of (13) ..... it is very proud. It can be said that the viewers themselves pay for the BBC, since (14) ..... single household that owns a television in Britain has to purchase a licence. Some viewers prefer other channels, but a valid licence is obligatory, (15) ..... or not you watch the BBC. Failure to buy one is (16) ..... the law.