

C Multiple choice cloze

For questions 1- 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

PIRACY

Piracy was not (1) ... ? by men like Blackbeard and 'Black Bart' Roberts. It has been around since man first took to the sea, a maritime (2) ... ? that appeared in historical records since before the building of the Egyptian pyramids. The Mediterranean, (3) ... ? known as the '(4) ... ? of civilization', was also a pirate hot-spot, which we know because the Ancient Egyptians (5) ... ? the time to describe the attacks and their perpetrators.

As in any period , piracy in the ancient world flourished when there was a lack of central control, and in areas beyond the (6) ... ? of major powers such as the Egyptians, the Assyrians or the Mycenaean Greeks. The first known pirate group was the Lukkans, a group of sea raiders based on the south-eastern coast of Asia Minor. They first appeared in the 14th century BC, when Egyptian (7) ... ? recorded that they raided Cyprus, (8) ... ? there are suggestions that their piratical activities started earlier.

1. A) disclosed B) invented C) discovered D) devised
2. A) scouter B) scout C) scooper D) scourge
3. A) besides B) likewise C) moreover D) otherwise
4. A) cradle B) cot C) crib D) hamper
5. A) passed B) made C) took D) set
6. A) limits B) reach C) horizon D) frontier
7. A) scribes B) scripters C) reporters D) playwrights
8. A) or B) because C) although D) despite