

For questions 1-12, read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A currently

B recently

C lately

D newly

0	A	B	C	D
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Pay close attention to the words before and after each gap.

### Exploring the Pantanal

Photojournalist David Rafferty was (0) ..... offered the chance to explore the world's largest wetlands. The Pantanal is (1) ..... in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul, but also spreads into parts of Bolivia and Paraguay. In fact, Rafferty was amazed to learn that it is bigger than many small countries! His adventure began in the state capital of Campo Grande, where he took a short plane (2) ..... to Corumba. Once there, he (3) ..... for the wetlands by boat. Then, taking (4) ..... only food, water and a camera, David and his guide began their journey into the (5) .....

For David, the Pantanal was a photographer's paradise. He says that the area boasts a wide (6) ..... of open landscapes ranging from wondrous lakes and lagoons to fantastic forests and mountains. It was enough to (7) ..... tears to his eyes, he tells us. David's (8) ..... of career means that he has been fortunate enough to see some of the world's most amazing places, but he claims that the Pantanal's breathtaking beauty was (9) ..... comparison. During his expedition, he also (10) ..... an abundance of wildlife, including some of the world's rarest (11) ..... of reptiles and mammals.

David's photographic exhibition, 'Undiscovered Paradise', can be seen at the Northridge Arts Centre in Central London until the (12) ..... of June.

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 A situated     | B set        | C settled   | D placed      |
| 2 A tour         | B ride       | C trek      | D excursion   |
| 3 A went off     | B took away  | C set off   | D made away   |
| 4 A over         | B on         | C with      | D along       |
| 5 A unbelievable | B impossible | C unknown   | D unclear     |
| 6 A choice       | B variety    | C mixture   | D collection  |
| 7 A bring        | B take       | C fetch     | D carry       |
| 8 A decision     | B option     | C choice    | D pick        |
| 9 A beyond       | B above      | C past      | D over        |
| 10 A found out   | B took away  | C picked up | D came across |
| 11 A samples     | B species    | C classes   | D members     |
| 12 A completion  | B latest     | C end       | D finish      |

## PART 2

For questions 13-24, 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** in the **answer boxes** provided.

Example:

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Bear in mind the general sense of the passage in order to decide what the missing words are.

## The truth is in there?

For many years now, a top secret military air base, known only (0) ..... 'Area 51', has been the subject of intense curiosity for people (13) ..... believe in UFOs. They think the United States Air Force is hiding (14) ..... from the public.

It has been suggested that the base is (15) ..... used as a place for humans and aliens to meet. While this (16) ..... be far-fetched enough for most people, others put forward even (17) ..... extraordinary theories. Some, for example, think the base is used as a 'garage' for fixing crashed alien spacecraft; a rumour which started after a flying saucer was said to (18) ..... crashed in New Mexico in 1947.

'Area 51' doesn't appear on any maps and its location has been erased from (19) ..... satellite photographs. It has been reported that photographers who get (20) ..... close to the site have been questioned and even fined. (21) ..... to this secrecy, conspiracy theories have continued to increase. One of the craziest ideas (22) ..... far is that the base is used by a secret group whose aim is to develop time-travel technology!

It is (23) ..... that the 'alien hunters' will ever find out what really goes on behind the closed doors of 'Area 51'. So, (24) ..... the doors open, the stories are just likely to get bigger, better and maybe even crazier!



## PART 3

For questions 25-34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** in the answer boxes provided.

Example:

0	W	O	R	L	D	W	I	D	E										
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Remember that the prompt word may need to be changed into a noun, adjective, adverb, participle or occasionally verb. Read the sentence and try to decide what part of speech the missing word is.

## Very Big Brother

*Big Brother* has seen great success throughout the past decade. Shown in over 70 countries (0) ....., the show has turned into 'must-watch' television. The (25) ..... night of *Big Brother* UK attracted a record 8.1 million (26) ..... this year. With audience figures higher than ever before, there is little chance that the show's incredible (27) ..... will decline any time soon.

The show has received (28) ..... from some TV commentators who say that the (29) ..... embarrass the contestants on the show. Of course, this is often the reason the audience finds the show so (30) .....! They say that if the cameras recorded normal, (31) ..... life it would not make for exciting viewing. The producers' (32) ..... hand, therefore, simply aims to (33) ..... that the show remains a hit.

Whatever your opinion, the (34) ..... 'goings-on' in the *Big Brother* house keep people tuning in time and time again!

WORLD

OPEN

VIEW

POPULAR

CRITICISE

PRODUCE

APPEAL

EVERY

HELP

SURE

DAY

## PART 4

For questions 35-42, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

- 0 Bill said he'd never been to such a good restaurant.  
**WAS**  
 Bill said .....  
 he'd ever been to.

**Tip**

Remember to make all necessary changes to the sentence – e.g. changing verbs to nouns or infinitive to -ing form.

Example: 0 I T W A S T H E B E S T R E S T A U R A N T

Write the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** in the **answer boxes** provided.

- 35 The train reached Edinburgh in three hours.  
**TOOK**  
 The train ..... Edinburgh.
- 36 Ann has always had a good relationship with her father.  
**ON**  
 Ann has always ..... with her father.
- 37 The heavy rainfall caused floods in the area.  
**RESULT**  
 There were floods in the area ..... the heavy rainfall.
- 38 I'm against banning cars from city centres.  
**AGREE**  
 I ..... banning cars from city centres.
- 39 They postponed the match because of the bad weather.  
**PUT**  
 The match ..... because of the bad weather.
- 40 I wish I had listened to your advice.  
**PITY**  
 It's ..... listen to your advice.
- 41 I can't really tell you what he is like as I haven't seen him.  
**HAVING**  
 I can't really tell you what he is like ..... him.
- 42 At the end of the race he had very little strength left.  
**HARDLY**  
 At the end of the race ..... left.