Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (1—6). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Is Sweden the Best Country to Lose Your Job?

Being laid off from a job is never a pleasant experience, but Sweden's 'transition system' promises to do far more than just get you back on your feet.

It is one of the most stressful things that can happen: getting fired. If you've experienced it, you know the panic it can cause – worries about income, career, and, in some countries, healthcare. But what if being laid off turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to you? And not thanks to good luck, but because there was a system in place designed specifically to unlock your potential and get you into a better job than before?

This is the promise of Sweden's unique 'transition system', a nationwide private welfare service for workers who have become recently unemployed **(1)**_____. Companies pay into 'job security councils', which provide skilled coaches who pick you up, dust you down and match your skills and ambitions with the market. There are 16 of these organizations, **(2)**_____and tasked with finding new jobs for workers who have lost their jobs for economic reasons.

Eva, 24, recently discovered this for herself. She left college as a graphic designer in 2016. Her job in Stockholm was going well, and her career seemed to be off to a flying start. But in early 2019, the company announced that it would have to make cuts. The atmosphere at work turned sour, and her colleagues became anxious. She began to lose sleep and worry constantly that she was next to go, **(3)**_____.

In conversations with colleagues, Eva for the first time heard about the job security council. The company was covered by the scheme, which meant she was automatically assigned a personal job coach before she was laid off in June. The system kicks in as soon as layoffs are announced **(4)**_____.

The coach spotted a gap in Eva's CV: technology had moved ahead, and Eva needed more training. The council paid for her **(5)**_____ at Berghs School of Communication. In addition, Eva's job coach trained her in interview techniques through role-play situations **(6)**_____. Offers soon started coming in. After 15 rejections, she came top out of 150 applicants and nailed a new job, starting January 2020, with a significantly better salary than before. "I am so happy. I think I would have got a job eventually without the council, but thanks to them it has been a great experience."

A **that boosted her confidence**

B **each covering a different sector of the economy**

C **to speed up the process of getting people into new jobs**

D **has had problems with health because of that**

E **due to redundancy**

F **to do an eight-week course in motion graphics**

G **or go bankrupt**

H **even her boyfriend noticed a marked change in her behavior**



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