Academic IELTS – Writing Task 2 (filling the gaps)

A. Read the task and the model given. Complete the missing information writing the most suitable word in each blank.

> ***Some people feel that certain workers like nurses, doctors and teachers are undervalued and should be paid more, especially when other people like film actors or company bosses are paid huge sums of money that are out of proportion to the importance of the work that they do.***
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> - ***How far do you agree?***
> - ***What criteria should be used to decide how much people are paid?***

Nobody can deny that there are certain professionals like physicians, (1) _____, and nurses who are essential to the fabric of society and should therefore be rewarded accordingly. (2) _____, this is seldom the case. When we look at the salaries and fees commanded by certain film stars and actresses and people who run large companies, this does not seem fair.

First, not all film stars (3) _____ huge sums of money and salaries. In fact, at any one time in the UK, for example, roughly 80 per cent of actors are out of work and on top of that the number (4) _____ are paid so-called 'telephone number fees' is even smaller. One must (5) _____ remember that the career of many actors and actresses might be very short, and therefore, the money they may earn has to be spread over many years. The same applies to company (6) _____.

Stating a set of criteria as to how (7) _____ people should be paid is not easy. The idea of performance-related pay is much in vogue now. Rewarding people (8) _____ to qualifications has long (9) _____ used as a yardstick for paying people, but it is not a consistently good measure. Another is years of relevant experience, but there are many cases (10) _____ a younger person can perform a task better (11) _____ someone with lots of experience.

Whatever criteria are used to assess salaries, an on-going cycle will develop. This (12) _____ create pressure in other areas. This considered, generally I feel that certain key professionals should have their salaries assessed (13) _____ independent review bodies on an on-going basis so that they do not fall behind. (+/- 269 words)

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