CAE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 12

* ***For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).***

Example:

A. ***typical*** B. usual C. classic D. standard

Solar Power for Indian Villages

Gulab' Devi looks like a (0) ***typical*** rural woman from Rajasthan in north-west India. She can neither read nor write, but is (1)_____ a successful pioneer in the Barefoot Solar Engineering Project, a scheme (2)_____ to bring solar power to hundreds of villages across India. The availability of solar power (3)_____ women from the arduous task of searching for wood for fuel and also reduces their (4)_____ to unhealthy wood smoke.

Gulab is her family's sole breadwinner. Her job as a solar engineer (5)_____ making electronic circuits and chargers for solar lighting panels, and she and her family are able to live comfortably on her salary.

Most of the engineers in the scheme are women, and are trained at the Barefoot College (6)_____ by social worker Bunker Roy. His (7)_____ is to address problems by building on skills that people already have, and then place the solutions to their problems in their own hands. Early (8)_____ are that the project is having a powerful impact on the lives of women like Gulab.

1.	A. furthermore	B. besides	C. nevertheless	D. alternatively
2.	A. decided	B. inspired	C. proposed	D. designed
3.	A. eases	B. frees	C. lightens	D. lifts
4.	A. appearance	B. liability	C. exposure	D. situation
5.	A. demands	B. implies	C. concerns	D. involves
6.	A. set down	B. set in	C. set up	D. set aside
7.	A. pursuit	B. aim	C. determination	D. tendency
8.	A. signals	B. hints	C. suggestions	D. indications

LIVEWORKSHEETS

* ***For questions 1 – 8, 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). ABLE***

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet. Example: ABILITY

Camels in the Arctic?

Camels are well-known for their (0) ***ability*** (ABLE) to survive the heat of the desert; however, scientists have unearthed the fossilised remains of a giant camel that (1)_____ (HABIT) the forests of the High Arctic more than three million years ago. The ancient beast was almost three metres in (2)_____ (HIGH), about a third bigger than its modern (3)_____ (DESCEND), the Arabian camel. Remains of the animal were found on Ellesmere Island, the most northerly and (4)_____ (MOUNTAIN) island of the Canadian Arctic archipelago.

(5)_____ (FIND) from previous expeditions have shown that the camel's ancestors (6)_____ (ORIGIN) in North America 45 million years ago, but this is the first evidence of camels so far north. According to Mike Buckley, a researcher who studied the latest remains, this ancestor of modern camels may already have developed some of the (7)_____ (ADAPT) that helped it survive in harsh climates - the hump for fat (8)_____ (STORE) for instance, the large flat feet ideal for either snow or sand, and the big eyes that perhaps helped when long, dark winters made visibility poor.

1. HABIT	2. HIGH	3. DESCEND	4. MOUNTAIN
5. FIND	6. ORIGIN	7. ADAPT	8. STORE

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