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12 P.

Read the text about young people protesting the climate crisis in 2019. Some parts are missing. Choose the correct part (A-O) for each gap (1-12). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

## Global school climate strikes

Hundreds of thousands of children and young people are walking out of lessons around the world on Friday as the school strike movement continues to snowball.

Climate strikes (0) \_\_\_ in more than 1,400 cities in more than 110 countries. Organisers say the number of young people (1) \_\_\_ is set to top the 1.4 million people who (2) \_\_\_ in the global day of strikes in March.

The global campaign – (3) \_\_\_ by Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg – comes amid increasing (4) \_\_\_ about the unfolding climate crisis, especially among young people.

Last year, the UN's (5) \_\_\_ scientists warned that there were just 12 years to limit climate catastrophe. Earlier this month, another UN report warned that the widespread collapse of ecosystems was (6) \_\_\_ humanity itself at risk. And just last week it emerged that the Antarctic ice is melting much faster than (7) \_\_\_ feared and global atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reached a record level of 415ppm.

The school strike movement started in August when Thunberg, then 15, held a solo protest outside the Swedish parliament. Since then hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren have taken part in strikes each week around the world from Australia to Canada, Ghana to Germany.

In the UK, more than 100 school climate demonstrations have been planned and organisers say they will focus on the (8) \_\_\_ for radical reform of the education system to address the ecological crisis. Noga Levy-Rapoport, of the UK Student Climate Network, which helped organise the events, said climate breakdown posed “a grave (9) \_\_\_ to life on Earth”.

“In order to (10) \_\_\_ address the crisis, we need our educational institutions to be hubs of sustainability that (11) \_\_\_ a space for learning and teaching to prepare today's students to not (12) \_\_\_ be those that lead a just transition, but to prepare for a changing world,” she said.

Last month UK youth strikers and Thunberg met Westminster party leaders to highlight the scale and scope of the unfolding crisis.

A concern

B inspired

C leading

D need

E only

F participated

G particularly

H previously

I properly

J provide

K putting

L taking

M taking part

N threat

were planned

Read the text about a famous British author. Some words are missing. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-10). Put a cross (☒) in the correct box on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



## Agatha Christie's private life

Some years ago, in a little market town on the cusp of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, a lady used to go shopping. Her house was (0) \_\_\_ from a road just outside the town, and she used to take that road into the town centre. She might stop at the Nag's Head for a cup of tea, before visiting the department store and (1) \_\_\_ the chemist. In the evenings, she might go to the Masonic Hall for a play or a pantomime; she had been (2) \_\_\_ to become the President of the local amateur dramatic society, as long as she didn't have to (3) \_\_\_ any speeches.

If this doesn't sound like the best-selling novelist of all time, you (4) \_\_\_. The lady in question was known in Wallingford as Mrs Mallowan; to the rest of the world, she was Agatha Christie. In a pre-internet, pre-email, pre-Twitter world, Agatha found her perfect space a few miles from Oxford and some way west of London, with (5) \_\_\_ poor transport connections, meaning she was (6) \_\_\_ many visitors. Here, where she bought Winterbrook House in 1934, she could work on her (7) \_\_\_ murder mystery or romantic novel, and relax with her second husband Max Mallowan. Max was already a well-known archaeologist and Agatha loved (8) \_\_\_ him to digs in the Near East for several months each year. But Wallingford was something else and, as Max acknowledged many years later, (9) \_\_\_ residents helped Agatha to enjoy her new home by (10) \_\_\_ her as Mrs Mallowan, respecting her privacy and enabling her to get on with writing. It's hard to imagine, in our era when JK Rowling tweets her thoughts most days to millions of followers, that a famous writer could crave privacy, but Agatha did, and it's to the great credit of Wallingford that she found it here. Agatha and Max lived at Winterbrook for 42 years and now share a gravestone in the church in nearby Cholsey.

0	A aside	<del>B set back</del>	C in front	D set apart
1	A consequently	B actually	C constantly	D possibly
2	A persuaded	B announced	C talked over	D talked about
3	A bring up	B make	C answer	D set up
4	A may be overwhelmed	B might be annoyed	C might be surprised	D may be irritated
5	A a means of	B effectively	C relatively	D a lack of
6	A not accepting	B unlikely to receive	C rarely obtaining	D failing to welcome
7	A latest	B last	C actual	D recent
8	A moving with	B working with	C assisting	D accompanying
9	A official	B fellow	C peer	D related
10	A treating	B referring	C calling	D naming

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9 P.

Read the text about new Barbie dolls added to Mattel's collection in 2019. Some words are missing. Complete the text by writing an appropriate word for each gap (1-9). Write only one word in each space provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

## The Rosa Parks Barbie

Civil rights activist Rosa Parks is being honored with her own Barbie doll. The toy company Mattel unveiled the new doll for Women's Equality Day on August 26 as part of a range dedicated (0) \_\_\_ celebrating inspiring women.

Parks became known as "the mother of the civil rights movement" after she refused to (1) \_\_\_ up her bus seat to a white man in Alabama. Her arrest in 1955 started the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which (2) \_\_\_ to the desegregation of the transport system.

The Rosa Parks doll is part of the "Inspiring Women Series", dolls based on historical figures that come (3) \_\_\_ educational information about the contributions each woman (4) \_\_\_ to society, as well as authentic clothing, (5) \_\_\_ to CNN. The series also includes a doll honoring Sally Ride, the first American woman in space.

Mattel unveiled the "Inspiring Women Series" to mark International Women's Day last year, with 17 new dolls representing real women to serve as role models, including Olympic snowboarding champion Chloe Kim, artist and activist Frida Kahlo and Wonder Woman filmmaker Patty Jenkins. "Girls have always been able to play out different roles and careers with Barbie and we are thrilled to shine a (6) \_\_\_ on real life role models to remind them that they can be anything," Lisa McKnight, Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Barbie brand, said in a statement.

The company's decision was based on a global survey of mothers, in (7) \_\_\_ 86% said they were worried about the kind of role models their daughters were exposed to. Some have criticized the new dolls for maintaining the unrealistic proportions and features of the original Barbie.

In 2016, Mattel released three new types of Barbie: curvy, petite and tall. The company was praised (8) \_\_\_ opening up to diverse body types, following the introduction of new skin tones and hair textures (9) \_\_\_ previous year. The first Barbie to wear a hijab was introduced in 2017. Earlier this year, Mattel introduced a wheelchair Barbie and one with a prosthetic leg.

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13 P.

Read the text about a special museum. Some words are missing. Use each word in brackets to form an appropriate word for each gap (1-13). Write only one word in each space provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

## A must visit

In the words of the old song, breaking up is hard to do. Nobody, I am sure, would deny it. During a recent stay in Zagreb, I went to The Museum of Broken Relationships, (0) \_\_\_ (**recommend**) to me by friends. At first I was sceptical, to say the least. I imagined a place of shallow (1) \_\_\_ (**observe**) and unbearably sentimental tales of past lovers. How wrong can you be! It turned out to be a truly (2) \_\_\_ (**forget**) experience and I can say in all (3) \_\_\_ (**sincere**) that I have never experienced anything like it.

The museum is a collection of items (4) \_\_\_ (**range**) from a parachute to a pizza box. These have been donated by individuals all over the world along with the story of their (5) \_\_\_ (**significant**) in the context of a broken relationship. But, contrary to what I'd assumed, the relationships in question were not all romantic ones. There are stories of family members losing track of or falling out with each other. (6) \_\_\_ (**Lose**) of friendship is another common theme. There are even stories about people (7) \_\_\_ (**decision**) it was in their best interests to put pizza and chocolate behind them for ever, thus ending a comforting but ultimately (8) \_\_\_ (**harm**) relationship. Some of the stories are (9) \_\_\_ (**desperate**) tragic while others bring a smile to your lips. A few are virtually (10) \_\_\_ (**believe**). Many, on the other hand, are the sorts of things that could happen to anybody, and most certainly do, on a daily basis.

To give you a taste of what the museum has to offer, here's the story of the little goddess statue. It was contributed by a young woman who had had a brief but (11) \_\_\_ (**passion**) encounter with a backpacker passing through her city. He told her he had brought along this (12) \_\_\_ (**except**) gift on his travels in case he met a special woman. She was that woman and she was to keep the statue and always treasure the memory of him. Unfortunately, the girl happened to notice that Mr Romantic had quite a number of (13) \_\_\_ (**identity**) little statues in his rucksack. No wonder she decided to part with that special gift!