

## Task 2

- You are going to read an anecdote about the Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (10-17) after the text.
- Use only **one** word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



### POETIC WISDOM

Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet, loved common people and wrote for (0) \_\_\_\_\_. Though he had little formal education, he was well read and talented. He began to be recognized (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a poet when his first poems were published in 1786.

One day when Burns was walking near the docks, he heard a man crying (11) \_\_\_\_\_ help. He ran towards the water and saw a young sailor jump off the dock. The sailor started to swim towards the man, who was already drowning. Although it was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ easy, the sailor saved the man. It turned (13) \_\_\_\_\_ that the man who survived the incident was a very rich merchant. He thanked the brave sailor and gave him a shilling.

A large crowd of people gathered around them. All the people considered the sailor to be a hero, so they (14) \_\_\_\_\_ displeased when the rich man offered only a shilling. Many people were protesting, but the merchant did not (15) \_\_\_\_\_ any attention to them. At that moment Burns approached the crowd and wondered (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the matter was. He was told the whole story. Burns was not surprised (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the behaviour of the rich merchant. He said: "Leave him alone. The gentleman is the best judge of what his life is worth."

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