

Part 1

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 bright B fair C keen D Sharp

Messages from the Stone Age

The incredible pre-historic Chauvet cave art in France is painted in 0 _____ colours and dates back to a period around thirty thousand years ago when early humans first started to create rock art. Although various 1 _____ of this art have been found in caves in Western Europe, very few people have seen the art at Chauvet because it is located 2 _____ inside an inaccessible underground cave system. Those who have seen it say that it is very impressive, showing animals 3 _____ horses, rhinos and cows, and that the artwork is good enough to 4 _____ modern compositions.

The first scientists to 5 _____ the Chauvet paintings missed some other important 6 _____ however. The walls of the cave are also marked with a series of lines and symbols, that were initially 7 _____ as insignificant. But recent research has suggested that these marks may represent humankind's first steps towards the development of writing, which is 8 _____ people to rethink their ideas about when written communication first started.

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| 1 A illustrations | B models | C cases | D examples |
| 2 A deep | B thick | C long | D dense |
| 3 A by means of | B apart from | C as well as | D such as |
| 4 A rival | B compare | C compete | D oppose |
| 5 A arrive | B reach | C meet | D know |
| 6 A instances | B matters | C details | D issues |
| 7 A believed | B regarded | C thought | D agreed |
| 8 A resulting | B having | C making | D causing |

For questions **9-16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap.
Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**). In the exam,
write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: ARE

Swimming with seals

The UK is home to half the world's population of grey seals and there **0** _____ many local boat trips offering sightseeing tours out to the islands and sandbanks **9** _____ the animals are most regularly found.

But if you really want to get close **10** _____ the seals and understand something about their way of life, then you need to go on an underwater seal-watching trip. On these trips, you have the chance to go over the side of the boat and, equipped **11** _____ a wetsuit, mask and snorkel, spend time in the water alongside the animals.

Seals are extremely inquisitive creatures and, once you're in the water, they will swim past you trying to work **12** _____ who you are and **13** _____ you're doing there. **14** _____ they can appear shy at first, seals soon **15** _____ used to you being in the water, and will come and play around you. Young pups especially like to **16** _____ contact with divers, and often use their teeth, gently biting masks, fins and cameras out of curiosity. It can be a thrilling experience.

Part 3

For questions 17-24, 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).

Example: HEALTHY

Brain games

According to experts, doing puzzles keeps our brains fit and 0 _____. As well as gaining 17 _____ from finding the correct answer to a difficult problem, we give our brains a good workout in the process.

To help us do this, all sorts of handheld 'brain games' are now available in the shops, and the most 18 _____ games have sold in their millions.

What's more, people 19 _____ that the more they play the games, the easier it is to find a 20 _____ to the problems posed. They see this as proof that there has been an 21 _____ in the power of their brains.

Unfortunately, however, this may be a false impression.

Some 22 _____ argue that the brain gets better at any task the more often it is repeated. In other words, the improvement in the 23 _____ of the brain is something that happens naturally. So although these brain games are obviously fun to play, it remains 24 _____ whether they are actually helping to boost brainpower or not.

0. HEALTH

17. SATISFY

18. SUCCESS

19. COVER

20. SOLVE

21. IMPROVE

22. SCIENCE

23. PERFORM

24. CERTAIN

Part 4

For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.**

You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 They only had a little money to spend at the supermarket

MUCH

They _____ didn't have much _____ money to spend at the supermarket.

1. I was really excited during the race because I knew I was going to come first.

FOUND

I _____ because I knew I was going to come first.

2. This chocolate cake recipe is better than the one my mother uses.

AS

The chocolate cake recipe my mother uses _____ this one.

3. Lee told us he was sorry that he hadn't come to our party.

FOR

Lee apologised _____ to our party.

4. We were warned by the policeman about the traffic jam ahead.

THERE

The policeman warned a traffic _____ jam ahead.

5. I think golf is more boring than any other sport.

LEAST

I think golf _____ sport.

6. 'I suggest you have the fish,' the waiter said to me.

ADVISED

The waiter _____ the fish