

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 <u>around</u>	B close	C near	D over
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Violence in videogames

Videogames have been 0 _____ for well over thirty years now. They have pretty much become an integral 1 _____ of our lives. Such games 2 _____ us entertained when we have nothing to do, and for some they even 3 _____ into a hobby. So what could possibly go 4 _____?

The problem is that videogames and violence go 5 _____. Many involve shooting, blood and other cruel aspects of gameplay. Some people are 6 _____ this might 7 _____ similar behaviour in real life. Worried parents 8 _____ concern for the well-being of their children who might get the wrong message from their favourite gaming titles. Some countries even went so far as to ban certain videogames.

1	A component	B part	C piece	D detail
2	A make	B have	C allow	D keep
3	A become	B switch	C turn	D move
4	A incorrect	B wrong	C mistaken	D bad
5	A arm and leg	B now and again	C hand in hand	D here and there
6	A convinced	B assured	C persuaded	D believed
7	A enforce	B encourage	C introduce	D include
8	A say	B tell	C pronounce	D express

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: UP

Morning Commute

Richard has never been a morning person. The prospect of getting 0 _____ at 6 AM sounded as bad to him as going to art classes – something he has always despised.

However, nowadays mornings are something he almost looks 9 _____ to. The thing is, he has recently moved 10 _____ Germany, which brought much-needed variety into his life, like the sight of people standing in line at the bus stop. He is now used to seeing the same people there every morning though, and now he even knows some of them 11 _____ name. It did not take bus 12 _____ to arrive. Like most things in this country, they seem to value punctuality above all else.

13 _____ the rush hour, there were plenty of empty seats 14 _____ the bus. Sitting in the window seat was usually the place 15 _____ Richard felt most comfortable. This way, he could spend the journey looking out of the window 16 _____ getting disturbed by people who had to get off. As the bus rolled down the narrow street, Richard breathed in the refreshing morning air through the open window.

Text

Pearls are formed when an (1), such as a bit of food or a grain of sand, becomes trapped in the mollusk. To protect itself, the mollusk secretes substances that it also uses to build its shell. These substances are secreted in layers and a pearl is formed.

The ideal pearl is perfectly round and smooth, but many other shapes, known as baroque pearls, can occur. The (2) quality wild pearls have been (3), valued as gemstones and objects of beauty for many centuries.

Because of this, the pearl has become a metaphor for something rare, fine, and (4), The most (5) pearls occur spontaneously in the wild, but are (6) rare. These wild pearls are sometimes referred to as (7), pearls, and often have (8),

Words

(1) IRRITATE

(2) FINE

(3) HEIGHT

(4) ADMIRE

(5) VALUE

(6) EXTREME

(7) NATURE

(8) PERFECT

For questions 1-10, 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.

Example:

I hate having potatoes for breakfast

FAVOURITE

Potatoes are _____ food to have for breakfast.

ANSWER: MY LEAST FAVOURITE

1 I wish I went to your party.

REGRET

I _____ your party.

2 "How much money do they pay you" Michael asked me.

WANTED

Michael _____ they paid me.

3 She doesn't usually come so early.

UNCOMMON

It _____ come so early.

4 Teachers see Johan as the brightest student in the class.

CONSIDERED

Among teachers, Johan _____ the brightest student in the class.

5 The current policy is very likely to change.

CHANCES

There are _____ the current policy will change.

6 I can't wait for the summer break.

FORWARD

I _____ the summer break.

7 When I was younger, I used to spend more time outdoors.

WOULD

I _____ when I was younger.

8 She has no plans to join the competition this year.

PARTICIPATING

She _____ competition this year.

9 I support the idea that we join forces in this situation.

FAVOUR

I _____ forces in this situation.

10 You don't have to do your homework today.

NEED

There _____ your homework today.