

1. Use of English

Read the text below. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer from the options (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-15) in the text. Mark your answers with an X in the table on Answer Sheet 1. An example (0) has been given for you.

Make Your Own Luck!

Mary Wildbank, a yoga teacher, (0) **B** her husband Charles, a painter, had been searching for a new home on Long Island for more than a year, but every place they'd seen was either (1) _____ or unaffordable. After one long Sunday of unsuccessful house-hunting with their estate agent, the couple was anxious to get back home, but they (2) _____ at a traffic light right next to an old barn that was (3) _____ renovation. A construction worker working on the barn looked over at them and said, "Are you looking for a house?"

Though the barn didn't look like a house - it didn't (4) _____ have any visible windows, Mary and her husband got out of their car to take a look at the building. And they have never (5) _____ doing so. Inside the building there were beautiful historical details. "A normal family probably wouldn't have wanted it," says Mary. "But it (6) _____ have been better for us as we needed large spaces for my yoga classes and for Charles's studio." Mary and Charles agreed to buy the place from the construction worker, who (7) _____ the barn's owner. They will have lived there

happily for two years next month. "If we (8) _____ to see the barn that afternoon, now we wouldn't have this wonderful home", Mary says smiling.

Mary and Charles could be considered fortunate. After all, (9) _____ are the chances that the owner stops you when you are in need of a home? Mary and Charles were (10) _____ who got lucky because they didn't miss the chance that life offered to them and went to see the barn.

People like Mary and Charles who spot and grab the opportunities are different from people who don't. They see possibilities that others don't. And if things don't (11) _____ the way they'd hoped, they forget disappointment and get on with their lives. (12) _____ they're happier and more likely to achieve their goals.

It is hard to study luck, yet recently scientists (13) _____ the surprisingly large role that luck plays in love and work. Richard Wiseman, a psychologist from the University of Hertfordshire, spent a decade (14) _____ luck. He found that luck was a significant factor that shaped the careers of people he studied. People who take advantage of luck are competent, self-confident, and they are not afraid to (15) _____ risks.

Richard Wiseman also found that those who call themselves lucky are more outgoing, so they are more likely to get lucky because they meet quite a few new people and keep in touch with a large group of friends and acquaintances. Consequently, they are more likely to get better jobs and find the perfect partner in love.

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| 0. | A. moreover | B. and | C. plus | D. besides |
| 1. | A. unsuitable | B. unfit | C. incapable | D. incompetent |
| 2. | A. held up | B. got stuck | C. were keeping | D. had kept |
| 3. | A. through | B. on | C. under | D. in |
| 4. | A. occur | B. seem | C. even | D. appear |
| 5. | A. regretted | B. admitted | C. missed | D. felt sorry |
| 6. | A. might | B. must | C. couldn't | D. shouldn't |
| 7. | A. was the only | B. ended up | C. was found | D. turned out to be |
| 8. | A. couldn't stop | B. hadn't stopped | C. wouldn't have stopped | D. didn't stop |
| 9. | A. what | B. how | C. which | D. they |
| 10. | A. the lucky | B. couple | C. only people | D. the ones |
| 11. | A. get up | B. turn down | C. break out | D. work out |
| 12. | A. The reason why | B. As a result, | C. At last | D. Unexpectedly |
| 13. | A. are discovering | B. have been discovered | C. have discovered | D. discover |
| 14. | A. creating | B. researching | C. inventing | D. designing |
| 15. | A. get | B. undertake | C. make | D. take |