Task 5. Read the texts below. For questions (23-27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

As a writer, Monica's large office desk is central to her life. It has been her constant companion wherever she has lived, and one of the (**23**)_____ when buying her current house was having enough space to fit it in; even so, it takes (**24**) _____half of her office. At the moment, it is surrounded by old books either written or set in the 1920s. She is writing a historical novel, and this is how she finds her (**25**)_____ for the period. The walls are covered in art and the rest of the room is full of plants. A big bowl of fruit (**26**) _____ she doesn't have to break off to eat something. The house is so old that the wind and rain sometimes come in, forcing her into hiding in the basement. This hasn't been painted for nearly a century, so she feels quite at home there – at (**27**) _____ until her present book is finished.

23	**A** factors	**B** influences	**C** features	**D** causes
24	**A** out	**B** for	**C** by	**D** up
25	**A** creativity	**B** motivation	**C** inspiration	**D** influence
26	**A** indicates	**B** means	**C** explains	**D** tells
27	**A** least	**B** best	**C** worst	**D** most

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