

PART 1

For questions 1–15, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS** on the **separate answer sheet**.

Example: 0 O T H E R

CHARLES SCHULZ

The cartoonist Charles Schulz created the daily lives of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy and the (0) *other* inhabitants of the *Peanuts* strip. Schulz, (1) to his friends as 'Sparky', drew the daily strip for almost 50 years. (2) distinctly American culture (3) nothing to hamper its universal success. It was said to have 355 million readers in 75 countries, and it (4) Schulz very rich, (5) an income eventually of perhaps 20 million a year. There are *Peanuts* enthusiasts (6) over the world, and no American politician (7) dream of saying he did not much like the strip.

Schulz insisted he had (8) systemised psychological or philosophical insights, but he displayed unflaggingly sharp observation and a fairly gentle, if sometimes downbeat, humour. He was given (9) anxiety and low spirits, and (10) was an underlying sadness in his stories, (11) bitter-sweet quality that clearly fascinated many of his fans. In the 1950s, the strip had a vogue following (12) intellectuals, but Schulz was happy to point (13) that he himself had flunked algebra, Latin, English and physics at school. When someone (14) him an existentialist, he had to ask (15) the word meant.