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❑ USE OF ENGLISH - 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:

0	A knowledgeable	B aware	C familiar	D awake

England National Girl's football week
by Ami King,16

As most people are probably **(0)**..... , there is little doubt that football is England's most popular sport. However, most people don't realise that the number of boys and men playing the game is currently in **(1)**..... . But I'm proud to say that the same is not **(2)**..... of the girls' and women's game – in fact, far from it. In April 2015, Girls' Football Week **(3)** .....no less than 22,000 girl players. Over 200 schools across England took part in the
(4)..... .
At the following Girls' Football Week in October 2016, the focus was more about (5)..... participation in women's football across the country's colleges and universities. Again, the event seems to have been a **(6)**..... success. At the last **(7)**..... , nearly three million girls and women were registered as football players, which is fantastic to hear. But what is the best news of all? My school has just **(8)**..... plans to set up a girls' football team next term. I will definitely be signing up!

1	**A** fall	**B** decline	**C** decrease	**D** reduction
2	**A** real	**B** right	**C** actual	**D** true
3	**A** attracted	**B** pulled	**C** engaged	**D** brought
4	**A** experience	**B** act	**C** event	**D** development
5	**A** stretching	**B** adding	**C** increasing	**D** enhancing
6	**A** great	**B** good	**C** high	**D** strong
7	**A** statistic	**B** number	**C** quantity	**D** count
8	**A** said	**B** announced	**C** told	**D** advised

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❑ USE OF ENGLISH - PART 2

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).

Example:

0		H	A	D									

Manatees

I have to admit that until I went to Florida in the USA, I don't think I **(0)**..... ever heard of manatees. They are large mammals which live in sea water and are also known **(9)**..... 'sea cows'. This is partly due **(10)**..... their cow-like appearance, and also because of their diet. They are vegetarians who live **(11)**..... weeds and grass that they find under water. In fact, they can eat as **(12)**..... as 50 kg of this in a day. The adult manatees weigh up to 590 kg.

Manatee populations have been suffering recently; in fact conservationists were **(13)**..... concerned that they have declared the manatee an endangered species. When I went to see these animals in the wild, **(14)**..... amazed me was their appearance. Their lips have left and right sides, which can move independently of **(15)** .....another. Manatees are slow and graceful in the water, which, **(16)**..... me, was an incredible sight to see.

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❑ USE OF ENGLISH - 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:

0		I	N	I	T	I	A	L	L	Y

My 16th birthday

I turned 16 last week. And I have to say that **(0)** ..... , I didn't	**INITIAL**
enjoy my birthday much. I usually get some birthday **(17)**	**GREET**
from my friends on social media. But nobody wished me a happy birthday,	
which was a bit **(18)**	**DEPRESS**
After school, I noticed that the friends I usually walk home with had all	
(19) ..... , so I walked back alone. But then when I got back	**APPEAR**
to my house, there were lots of **(20)** ..... and balloons on the	**DECORATE**
outside. 'OK,' I thought, 'this looks more **(21)** ..... .' So I went	**PROMISE**
inside, and there, waiting in the sitting room, were all of my school friends!	
Seeing them there was so **(22)** ..... ! Together with my parents,	**EXPECT**
they'd arranged this surprise party. And they'd done it all without my	
(23) ..... ! In fact, it was probably the most special and	**KNOW**
(24) ..... party ever!	**MEMORY**

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❑ USE OF ENGLISH - PART 4

For questions 25–30, 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:

0 *I haven't see you for ages*
TIME
It has …… I saw you!

The gap can be filled by the words 'been a long time since', so you write:

0	*BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE*

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25 Jane thought of a name for her new band.
CAME
Jane ..... a name for her new band.

26 It took me ages to get to sleep.
ASLEEP
I didn't ..... ages.

27 Perhaps Alessio missed his bus.
HAVE
Alessio ..... caught his bus.

28 I have to charge my phone each day.
CHARGING
My phone ..... a day.

29 I went to bed late because it took me ages to do my homework.
TIME
I spent so ..... my homework that I went to bed late.

30 Dan and his brother are both wearing identical shirts.
ON
Dan has the ..... his brother.

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