

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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

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The amazing Atacama Desert

When you think of a desert, (0) first comes to mind? Is it a hot, dry and empty landscape? For the Atacama Desert in Chile, that image is only partly true. It is actually pretty cold, with daily temperatures ranging (9) 0 to 25 degrees centigrade. But (10) is certainly no doubt that the Atacama Desert is dry. Despite (11) located right next to the Pacific Ocean, it's actually the world's driest desert, some parts of which have not had any rainfall for over 400 years. So it may come (12) a surprise to learn that it does actually rain in this desert. Every five to seven years (13) average, heavy rainfall soaks the landscape and then, all (14) a sudden, something magical happens: the desert is transformed into a carpet of colourful flowers. This incredible sight lasts for just a (15) short weeks and attracts thousands of visitors, eager (16) enjoy such a rare occurrence.

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).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 S C I E N T I F I C

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Important helium gas discovery

Helium is a gas which is very important for the running of major (0) facilities. It is also used in medical equipment like brain scanners. People use it for their (17) too, filling party balloons with it so they float in the air.

SCIENCE

AMUSE

It is found (18) inside rocks, and until recently, helium was only ever discovered (19) and in small quantities. There was such (20) among doctors over the steady decline in reserves that they called for a ban on its use in party balloons in order to help prevent a global (21) of the precious gas.

GROUND

ACCIDENT

ANXIOUS

SHORT

The discovery of a vast reserve of helium in east Africa in 2016, therefore, came as a great (22) The store of helium found contains approximately 1.5 billion litres of the gas, (23) have said. A team from the UK and Norway made this significant find after applying techniques normally used in the (24) of oil and gas.

RELIEVE

RESEARCH

EXPLORE