LOST OF PREPOSITIONS

Complete the text with the prepositions in the box.

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Charles Babbage was born (1) Walworth, London in 1792. Known (2) some (3) the 'Father (4)
Computing' for his contributions (5) the basic design (6) the computer, he died a largely forgotten
man, disillusioned (7) life. Educated (8) Cambridge, Babbage was seriously disappointed (9) the
mathematical instruction available there and (10) the end failed to graduate. However, he had tremendous ability
and vision, excelling (11) a variety (12) fields including politics and philosophy. (13) Babbage's time,
complex calculations were done (14) humans called 'computers' who used numerical tables. (15) Cambridge
he saw the high error rate (16) the people computing the tables and thus started his life's work in trying to
calculate the tables mechanically. He began in 1822 (17) the 'Difference Engine', and (18) completing it in
1832 he conceived (19) an even better idea; a machine that could perform not just one mathematical task, but any
kind (20) calculation. This was the 'Analytical Engine', which had some (21) the characteristics (22)
today's computers. In spite of receiving much funding (23) the project, he did not complete it and this ultimately
cost him his reputation. Babbage was an eccentric man, who took pleasure (24) counting even the most boring
things. Obsessed too (25) fire, he once baked himself (26) an oven (27) 130°C (28) four minutes
'without any great discomfort' to 'see what would happen'. Despite his many achievements, the failure to construct his
calculating machines, and (29) particular the failure (30) the government to lend support (31) his work
left Babbage (32) his declining years a disappointed man (33) the recognition (34) brilliance that he
deserved. He died (25) his London home in 1871.

