

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 origin of coins

According **(0)** the Greek historian Herodotus (484–425 BC), the Lydian people were the first to use metallic coins. In fact, these earliest coins were made out **(9)** electrum, a naturally-occurring mixture of gold and silver. The coins were first produced in the seventh century BC with a design on **(10)** side only; the other was marked with simple punches. Each coin was assigned a value in units. Some coins were inscribed with names in Lydian script, but it is unclear **(11)** these are names of kings or just of rich men who produced the coins. **(12)** of the irregular size and shape of the coins, it must **(13)** been difficult to tell one **(14)** another, especially some of the smaller ones. Thus, many costs were expressed **(15)** terms of the total weight of the coins required and transactions were completed by weighing the coins used together, **(16)** than counting individual ones.