For questions **1–8**, 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.

Love and relationships

In the past, the first stages **(0)** OF love were often described as 'lovesickness', and many people used **(1)** ..... believe that love was a kind of madness! However, there could be a rational, scientific explanation for the intense feelings we experience when we fall **(2)** ..... love. Studies suggest that, when we are beginning a relationship, our brains produce a hormone called dopamine, which causes us to feel great joy and excitement. But watch out: this doesn't last! **(3)** ..... about a year, levels of the hormone recede, and we return to our usual emotional levels.

So **(4)** ..... don't all relationships fall apart at that point? Luckily, it seems that a year is just enough time for couples to find out how well they get **(5)** ..... with their partners, and how much they enjoy **(6)** ..... other's company. As a result, new bonds of love, affection and friendship are created which can last a lifetime. According to May Wilks, who has been happily married to Jack **(7)** ..... seventy-eight years, 'true love takes work. When we were first dating, Jack bought me flowers every week, and he **(8)** ..... walk me home every evening after work. He's just as kind and loving today. Now I'm 106, Jack still tells me every day how beautiful I am! I couldn't be any happier.'

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