

Read the text and choose the correct word for each space. For each question circle A, B, C or D.

## IN JUST 30 DAYS, YOU TOO CAN WRITE A MASTERPIECE



Or maybe not. National Novel Writing Month is set to start very soon. Hundreds of thousands of (1) \_\_\_\_\_ novelists around the world will put pen to paper – or fingers to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ – hoping to turn out a 50,000-word book in only 30 days. The first such competition (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 11 years ago when 21 friends in America decided they had to take drastic action if they were ever to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ their literacy ambitions. Now up to 200,000 books are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to be uploaded on the writing month website this year. And (6) \_\_\_\_\_ there are plenty of tales of great novelists spending years crafting their masterpieces, many of the literary world's most popular works were actually (7) \_\_\_\_\_ out in a few weeks.

Lindsay Grant, who helps (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the writing month website, said that 55 novels written under the scheme have reached publication. "The idea is to get the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ drafts of the novels down," Ms Grant said. "But many people then (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on to rewrite." Some time ago, author Sebastian Faulks wrote a James Bond thriller, *Devil May Care*, in only six weeks – using the same work pattern as Bond's creator, Ian Fleming. "I enjoyed the rush," he said. "There was a way in which my own (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to the finish line mirrored the chase of the plot. Novels that have been written quickly can retain a slightly torn-off, uneven (12) \_\_\_\_\_, like life."

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|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.  | A) hoping   | B) wishing  | C) intending  | D) aspiring |
| 2.  | A) software | B) program  | C) keyboard   | D) monitor  |
| 3.  | A) kept     | B) held     | C) spent      | D) passed   |
| 4.  | A) gain     | B) achieve  | C) fill       | D) complete |
| 5.  | A) expected | B) supposed | C) considered | D) thought  |
| 6.  | A) provided | B) however  | C) although   | D) because  |
| 7.  | A) knocked  | B) kicked   | C) splashed   | D) pulled   |
| 8.  | A) handle   | B) control  | C) run        | D) work     |
| 9.  | A) crude    | B) plain    | C) odd        | D) rough    |
| 10. | A) go       | B) bring    | C) lead       | D) catch    |
| 11. | A) search   | B) pursuit  | C) race       | D) hunt     |
| 12. | A) factor   | B) quality  | C) feature    | D) value    |

Source: Cambridge English Advanced Trainer