

1. For questions 1-15, read the text below and decide which answer A,B, C or D best fits each space . There is an example at the beginning (0).

Jailed birds as jailbirds

Although the therapeutic (0) C ... of pets has been appreciated for some time , they have not been allowed in British prisons until relatively (1)

Not long ago it (2) to the prison authorities that prisoners serving long sentences mus feel (3) by society and that was (4) the reason why they became less cooperative . It was then suggested that they were (5) to respond positively if they were allowed to keep a budgie . Realising that long-term prisoners (6) through a great deal of suffering, the appropriate government department went (7) with the idea.

After a trial period, the authorities (8) the conclusion that looking after a small, helpless bird brought out a (9) side in most prisoners. This, in turn, (10) some prisoners and their jailers closer together. The authorities were (11) relieved because there had been some opponents to the scheme who had passionately warned (12) it.

Since the scheme was (13), inmates have been able to (14) from the boredom of prison life and see their situation from a completely different (15)

- | | | | | |
|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 0 | a) price | b) cost | c) value | d) worth |
| 1 | a) lately | b) recently | c) shortly | d) soon |
| 2 | a) happened | b) considered | c) resulted | d) occurred |
| 3 | a) abandoned | b) vanished | c) mislaid | d) left |
| 4 | a) accurately | b) truly | c) precisely | d) likely |
| 5 | a) likely | b) surely | c) possibly | d) certainly |
| 6 | a) feel | b) take | c) face | d) go |
| 7 | a) through | b) along | c) down | d) up |
| 8 | a) came | b) got | c) arrived | d) reached |
| 9 | a) sensitive | b) sensible | c) logical | d) truthful |
| 10 | a) fetched | b) took | c) brought | d) carried |
| 11 | a) completely | b) greatly | c) highly | d) absolutely |
| 12 | a) from | b) about | c) for | d) against |
| 13 | a) discovered | b) set up | c) found out | d) happened |
| 14 | a) prevent | b) avoid | c) escape | d) block |
| 15 | a) corner | b) edge | c) angle | d) opinion |

2. For questions 16-30, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Gambling

In these days of high unemployment it might (0) ... **BE** expected that people would try to save as (16) money as possible. However, the surprising fact is that people (17) gambling to putting money aside during an economic depression.

Gambling takes (18) forms and most people do it at one time or another. The majority usually bet small amounts on football matches, horse races, lotteries and scratch cards. They regard it (19) a kind of hobby which may improve the quality of their lives. Although they know very few (20) managed to do this, they are (21) hopeful that they will win a large sum of money that they (22) on betting. This group usually know when they are (23) to stop gambling so they can (24) least control the amount they spend .

There are, on the other hand, those who have (25) a strong desire to gamble that they take no notice (26) anyone who tries to stop them. As a result, they feel they (27) to bet to satisfy their addiction. These people will risk losing all their money without a second thought. In other words, they (28) rather lose their jobs or cause their marriage to break down (29) give (30) gambling.