0 **A** great **B** high **C** wide **D** strong

0	A	B	C	D
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Pigeons monitor air pollution levels in London

A team of racing pigeons flew over London recently in order to collect information on the UK capital's **(0)** ..... pollution levels. The birds were each carrying a small lightweight backpack containing an air quality monitor which **(1)** ..... measured levels of polluting gases as the birds flew around the city. The project wasn't **(2)** ..... to be a permanent solution to air monitoring in London. It only lasted for three days, and was more concerned with raising awareness about the scale of the city's pollution problem.

People interested in finding out about the air quality in their area could send a message to the organisers **(3)** ..... the internet. They then got an automated **(4)** ..... , rating it on a scale of 'Fresh' to 'Extreme'.

Any attempt to improve air quality should be **(5)** ..... by Londoners. And **(6)** ..... residents aren't generally great fans of pigeons, this **(7)** ..... flock of helpful racing pigeons may have changed some people's **(8)** ..... to the birds.

Reading and Use of English

1	**A**	entirely	**B**	intensively	**C**	endlessly	**D** constantly
2	**A**	intended	**B**	imagined	**C**	arranged	**D** advised
3	**A**	down	**B**	with	**C**	over	**D** along
4	**A**	response	**B**	return	**C**	reaction	**D** repeat
5	**A**	greeted	**B**	received	**C**	welcomed	**D** awarded
6	**A**	despite	**B**	although	**C**	however	**D** even
7	**A**	certain	**B**	particular	**C**	exact	**D** precise
8	**A**	idea	**B**	opinion	**C**	view	**D** attitude

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 | T | H | E | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Ice car racing

From January to March **(0)** ..... temperature in the US state of Minnesota often drops to -40°C. That's when, in **(9)** ..... to show off their driving skills, some people go to the area's frozen lakes that double up as racetracks. The cars used are standard family-type cars fitted with special tyres, designed **(10)** ..... ensure they don't skid on the slippery ice.

The races are organised once the ice layer **(11)** ..... reached a thickness of 46 cm. A maximum of ten cars take **(12)** ..... in each race. With multiple cars racing around the track at speeds of 160 kmph, you might expect collisions to **(13)** ..... a regular occurrence. In fact, that is not the case. **(14)** ..... there have been minor accidents, the main hazard is flying snow dust rather than other cars.

Minnesota is not the **(15)** ..... state to host such events. The sport is also popular in New York and Alaska, as **(16)** ..... as in the Canadian provinces and parts of Europe.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Example: 0 | E | X | C | I | T | E | D | | | | | | | | | | | |

Wild camping

I really enjoy camping with my dad, so I was very **(0)** ..... when he suggested going wild camping – that's camping in the middle of nowhere rather than at a campsite. This is not ideal for **(17)** ..... campers, who might lack the necessary **(18)** ..... skills. And you can't just camp anywhere – it may be necessary to ask for **(19)** ..... But my dad and I have been on many camping trips, and love the feeling of **(20)** ..... it gives us. We were just being a bit more **(21)** ..... this time.

EXCITE
EXPERIENCE
SURVIVE
PERMIT
INDEPENDENT
ADVENTURE

One downside on a trip like this can be the unpredictable British weather, but we'd taken that into **(22)** ..... and had plenty of warm clothes. Food's important too, of course. **(23)** ..... , Dad and I aren't good cooks and I didn't really enjoy our meals.

CONSIDER
FORTUNATE

However, nothing else I've done has given me the same sense of freedom as wild camping. Without a doubt it was the most **(24)** ..... trip I've ever been on.

MEMORY

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Prize-giving ..... end of the school year.

The gap can be filled by the words 'takes place at the', so you write:

Example:	0	*TAKES PLACE AT THE*

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

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25 'You should watch the new documentary on penguins,' Nola told me.

ADVISED

Nola ..... the new documentary on penguins.

26 The result was so surprising that it was impossible for anyone to predict.

SUCH

No one could ever ..... surprising result.

27 My grandmother thinks that using mobile phones in restaurants is rude.

USE

My grandmother thinks that it ..... mobile phones in restaurants.

28 'You can't cycle on the road without a helmet,' said Laura.

UNLESS

'You can't cycle on the road .....on a helmet,' said Laura.

29 'I don't think there's any milk left,' said Mum.

RUN

'We seem ..... milk,' said Mum.

30 'I didn't see Dan at volleyball practice yesterday,' said Chris.

SIGN

'There ..... Dan at volleyball practice yesterday,' said Chris.

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