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READING COMPREHENSION (THE SECOND TERM)

Variant 2

1 Read the text below. Fill in the gaps (1—12) with the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

David Beckham is an English footballer who has played for Manchester United and Real Madrid, 1) ____A____ representing his country 100 times. He moved to the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007 to increase the profile of football in America. He married Spice Girl Victoria Beckham and has become a worldwide 2) _____, an advertising brand and a fashion icon.

Beckham was 3) _____ in London in 1975. His parents were fanatical Manchester United 4) _____. His talent was obvious from an early 5) _____ and he signed with Manchester United on his fourteenth birthday. He helped the youth 6) _____ win several trophies and made his first team debut in 1995. He helped his team 7) _____ considerable success in his eleven seasons with them.

Beckham has been runner-up twice as world football's best player. He 8) _____ many trophies with Manchester United, including the Champions League, and won a league title with Real Madrid. He also captained his club and country. He was famously sent off in a match against Argentina in the 1998 World Cup. In 2003, Beckham 9) _____ an honour for services to football from Britain's Queen.

Beckham has many interests off the soccer pitch and is rarely 10) _____ of the headlines, especially concerning his marriage and children. He has established football academies in Los Angeles and London. In 2006 he was 11) _____ a judge for the British 12) _____ Awards.

	A	B	C	D
1	as well as	in order to	as soon as	hardly ever
2	fame	celebrated	outstanding	celebrity
3	born	come	birthday	bear
4	devoted	sponsors	supporters	enthusiastic
5	epoch	era	age	period
6	team	class	game	band
7	took	ran	achieve	realize
8	came first	prevailed	lost	won
9	collected	accepted	gave	received
10	on	at	out	in
11	named	labelled	told	identified
12	Friend	Book	Sister	Physics

2 Match choices (A—H) to (1—5). Three choices are extra.

1) Dog-to-Human Language Translation Device

Keita Sato invented Bow-Lingual, a computer-based automatic dog-to-human language translation device. The Bow-Lingual's a two-piece set — a wireless microphone that attaches to your dog's collar, and a walkie-talkie-looking handset with an LCD screen. Barks and yelps are transmitted to the handset, where their voiceprint is analyzed and placed into one of six emotional categories: happy, sad, on guard, frustrated, needy, or assertive. This invention _____

2) Alarm Clock that Runs Away from You

Gauri Nanda (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) invented «Clocky», an alarm clock that runs away and hides if you don't get out of bed on time. When the alarm sounds you can snooze one time. If you still don't wake up, «Clocky» will jump off of the bedside table, and wheel away, mindlessly bumping into objects until he finds a spot to rest. You'll have to get up and out of bed to silence his alarm. This invention _____

3) Washing Machine for Cats and Dogs

The co-inventors of the Lavakan, Eduardo Segura and Andrés Diaz, decided in 1998 that their dogs deserved the same treatment that humans get from a shower massage. The side-loading automatic pet washing machine is safer and less stressful for the animals than washing them by hand. It soaps, rinses and dries dogs and cats in less than half an hour. This invention _____

4) Self-Perfuming Business Suit

Hyuk-ho Kwon of Kolon Company of Seoul, Korea, invented this suit. The suit is made with fabric soaked in a chemical that contains scented micro-capsules, which pop and release the odour when the wearer moves — or gets bumped on a crowded subway train. This invention _____

5) Automobile Burglar Alarm Consisting of a Detection Circuit and a Flamethrower

Charl Fourie and Michelle Wong from South Africa invented an automobile burglar alarm consisting of a detection track and a flamethrower, to provide a deterrent to carjackings. The Blaster car modification functions as a liquified petroleum gas flamethrower; when a carjacking occurs, the driver steps on an additional pedal next to the accelerator and flames erupt from the outer sides of both front doors, «neutralizing» the attacker. This invention _____

A) was created in order to defend drivers from hijackers.
B) can be used to soap, rinse and dry dogs and cats.
C) helps protect your computer from cats.
D) should be implanted years afterwards in most cases.
E) can escape from you.
F) is a two-piece set.
G) smells nice.
H) can help to understand dogs barking and yelping.