

## PART 5

### Questions 26–35

- Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.
- For each question, mark the letter next to the correct word – A, B, C or D – on your answer sheet.

Example answer:

| Part 5 |          |   |   |   |
|--------|----------|---|---|---|
| 0      | <b>A</b> | B | C | D |

### PONY EXPRESS

Before 1860 there was no quick way of getting mail (0) ..... the east and the west of the United States. There were no railways at that (26) ..... and most mail was sent by coach. It usually (27) ..... at least 25 days for coaches to (28) ..... the coast. So in 1860 it (29) ..... decided to send mail by 'Pony Express', which was much faster. Riders (30) ..... very fast horses were placed along the route. They were at (31) ..... distances from each other and the mail was handed from one rider to the next. Riders were all (32) ..... to travel between twenty and thirty kilometres (33) ..... day on very bad roads. At each stop two minutes were (34) ..... for exchanging the mail bags, but riders were often held up by awful weather (35) ..... closed the roads. With the invention of the telegraph in 1861, the demand for Pony Express disappeared.

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|----|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 0  | A between | B from    | C among    | D by     |
| 26 | A time    | B date    | C age      | D season |
| 27 | A spent   | B lasted  | C took     | D passed |
| 28 | A get     | B arrive  | C come     | D reach  |
| 29 | A had     | B was     | C has      | D is     |
| 30 | A for     | B off     | C with     | D behind |
| 31 | A like    | B equal   | C same     | D level  |
| 32 | A wished  | B wanted  | C expected | D hoped  |
| 33 | A a       | B one     | C some     | D any    |
| 34 | A let     | B allowed | C done     | D made   |
| 35 | A which   | B where   | C what     | D when   |