

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty spaces (1—12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on answer sheet A.

Jack thought it would be quite easy to find a job when he left school, but it was really difficult. He looked through the job (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in the local paper every week, but everybody seemed to want people with lots of (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and Jack didn't do very well at school. He sent his (3) \_\_\_\_\_ to dozens of companies in the local area but nobody got back to him. He must have filled in at least thirty (4) \_\_\_\_\_ forms and he only had one reply. He went for (a) an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ last week but it didn't go very well — they said they wanted someone more (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

His father, Martin, also lost his job. He was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ when he was discovered using the Internet to (8) \_\_\_\_\_ his holiday during work time. Martin was amazed by his employer's (9) \_\_\_\_\_. He said, "Everybody uses the internet at work – the company can't sack us all!"

Around 250 workers (10) \_\_\_\_\_ unemployment after the company announced that it plans to close the factory next year. 65 men will be made (11) \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of November and a further 130 in June. The closure will have a devastating effect in an area where 10% of the adult population is already (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

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| 1  | A piece          | B division  | C section    | D magazine   |
| 2  | A qualifications | B habits    | C power      | D ability    |
| 3  | A forms          | B resume    | C letters    | D records    |
| 4  | A application    | B request   | C appeal     | D work       |
| 5  | A consultation   | B meeting   | C discussion | D interview  |
| 6  | A experienced    | B polite    | C mature     | D sensitive  |
| 7  | A thrown         | B sent      | C dismissed  | D released   |
| 8  | A gain           | B book      | C obtain     | D acquire    |
| 9  | A opinion        | B decision  | C conclusion | D point      |
| 10 | A see            | B watch     | C face       | D observe    |
| 11 | A redundant      | B fired     | C expelled   | D poor       |
| 12 | A free           | B available | C liberated  | D unemployed |