

**Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (1 - 6). There are two choices you do not need to use.**

**THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS**

The results of a worldwide vote to choose the New Seven Wonders of the World have been announced (1) \_\_\_\_\_. In contrast to the wonders of the ancient world, the new list emerged from an exercise in which tens of millions of votes were cast by people around the world. This is a report from Alison Roberts:

«The seven wonders chosen in a global poll in which a hundred-million votes were said to have been cast online, by phone and by text message were announced one by one (2) \_\_\_\_\_ order towards the end of a glitzy ceremony in Lisbon.

First came the Great Wall of China, said to be the only monument visible from space. Its certificate was handed over to Chinese officials by Neil Armstrong, the first man (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Next up was Petra, the stone-carved ancient city in Jordan, whose royal family led a campaign for it. Rio de Janeiro’s Statue of Christ the Redeemer also made the cut after an appeal by Brazil’s president for his compatriots to vote. There were two other winners from America — Machu Picchu in Peru and Chichen Itza in Mexico — representatives of ancient civilisations unknown to Antipater of Sidon, the Greek writer who drew up the original list of wonders two thousand two hundred years ago. The last two wonders were Rome’s Colosseum, described in its introduction (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and the Taj Mahal. That was announced by Bollywood star Bipasha Basu who, along with Oscar-winning actors Ben Kingsley and Hilary Swank (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

The Pyramids at Giza, the only wonder on the original list still standing, had been made an honorary candidate, guaranteed a mention. But Egyptian officials shunned the whole initiative anyway as too commercial. At the ceremony’s close, its Swiss organizer, Bernard Weber, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ — a global poll on the seven natural wonders of the world».

- A** on the Moon
- B** at a ceremony in Lisbon
- C** announced his next initiative
- D** in random
- E** just attract the best
- F** as a symbol of joy and suffering
- G** completely honoured
- H** presented the ceremony