

Read the text below. For questions (1–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

There are many places in the world which attract our attention. Stonehenge, the most famous prehistoric monument in Europe, is (1) _____ on a windswept plain 13 km north (2) _____ Salisbury in the south of England. It was built over a period of about 1700 years, during the transition from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age (2800 BC–1100 BC). (3) _____ it has been studied by amateurs and professionals alike for centuries, we still know very (4) _____ about this mysterious place.

Stonehenge is the most elaborate of many stone circles in Britain. It (5) _____ of three circles surrounded (6) _____ a ridge and ditch. Some of the stones are (7) _____ big that for many years people found it hard to believe that the monument (8) _____ by man at all. The so-called “Sarsen stones” of the outer circle are the biggest and have the characteristic lintels. Within the circle of Sarsen stones are two rings of smaller “Bluestones”. These came from the Preseli Mountains in South Wales, 385 km away. Exactly how these stones were transported is unknown. One (9) _____ is that they were brought naturally by glaciers during the Ice Age, but until recently geologists considered this impossible. (10) _____, it is thought that the four-ton stones were transported by man using rafts to take them across the sea and up rivers.

1	A sits	B located	C stands	D situates
2	A from	B away	C out	D of
3	A Though	B However	C Whereas	D Regardless
4	A few	B many	C little	D much
5	A embraces	B consists	C includes	D comprises
6	A with	B by	C in	D of
7	A really	B very	C such	D so
8	A has been built	B was being built	C had been built	D built
9	A conviction	B theory	C belief	D argument
10	A Instead	B In spite of	C Despite	D Because

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There are some stories of superheroes. Who are they? A superhero is a fictional character with special powers. (1) _____ the first Superman story was written in the USA in 1938, superheroes have (2) _____ in various comic books around the world. But more recently they have (3) _____ better known as film characters.

(4) _____ superhero powers vary widely, superhuman strength and the ability to fly are common. (5) _____ superheroes do not have special powers but have (6) _____ other important abilities. In order to protect friends and family, a superhero's identity is normally (7) _____ secret, which often means superheroes have a complicated double life.

(8) _____ have been successful superheroes in countries other than the USA. Examples (9) _____ Cybersix from Argentina and the heroes of AK Comics from Egypt. Japan is the only country that has created as many superhero characters as the USA. However, most Japanese superheroes are short-lived. While American entertainment companies reinvent superheroes, (10) _____ they will stay popular, Japanese companies frequently introduce new characters.

1	A Until	B Since	C From	D Before
2	A shown	B entered	C come	D appeared
3	A become	B returned	C changed	D grown
4	A Because	B If	C Although	D So
5	A Each	B Some	C Another	D Both
6	A made	B increased	C prepared	D developed
7	A held	B put	C kept	D got
8	A These	B That	C There	D Those
9	A consist	B involve	C contain	D include
10	A hoping	B requiring	C needing	D asking