## Science

### Exam task

**1** **For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).**

**Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS.**

**Example: (0)** *IT*

**What do you call a . . . ?**

Let's face **(0)** ..... , there are some pretty weird and wonderful entries on the list of names for living creatures. Some might give you a very clear picture of **(1)** ..... to expect when you look at it! A blobfish has to be round, right? You won't find leafy sea dragons on land, **(2)** ..... you? In the 18th century, science took the important step of giving species two-part Latin names, such as *Homo Sapiens*, **(3)** ..... a view to allowing people around the world to communicate unambiguously. To **(4)** ..... certain extent, the system, known **(5)** ..... 'binomial nomenclature', has done its job. Names often give a clear indication of origin (*japonica*), colour (*azurea* ) or size (*nana*). On the other hand, it has produced some fun terms, to **(6)** ..... the least, like *Wunderpus photgenicus* or more recently, *Heteropoda davidbowie*, apparently **(7)** ..... of the singer's contribution to the arachnid world. The more you swot up **(8)** ..... this fascinating subject, the more you'll learn (and chuckle), believe me! I've just discovered that there's a creature called, believe it or not, a 'fried egg jellyfish'!

**2** **Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.**

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1. A signal from what might, by all ..... , be a moon outside our solar system has been spotted. Astronomers will use the Hubble Space Telescope to confirm whether this is the case.
2. Archaeologists have recently made major fossil finds and, as a ..... , anthropologists have been able to uncover further details regarding the decline of the Neanderthals.
3. As a ..... of fact, our laboratory is on the brink of announcing a key breakthrough which is set to change everything in this field.
4. Scientists are renowned for their curiosity or, in other ..... , for the drive which propels their quest for answers.
5. Whatever ..... next, it is crucial that the researchers receive the necessary funding to keep the project up and running.
6. ..... and foremost, safety should be considered before proceeding with the tests.
7. Driverless cars. What's next? Pilotless planes apparently. For the ..... being, though, humans are still needed in the cockpit.
8. Every ..... and then, while studying a particular health disorder, scientists stumble upon a cure for another condition.

**3** **Complete the sentences with an article (*a, an, the*) or (–) if no article is necessary.**

1. Has your personal experience of studying ..... science subjects at ..... school been ..... positive one?
2. How far would you say that ..... science fulfils ..... useful role in ..... modern society?
3. Which discovery or invention do you think has had ..... most positive effect on ..... society?
4. How do you think ..... medicine will develop in ..... future?
5. How strict do you think ..... controls on ..... scientific experiments should be?
6. To what extent are ..... human beings to blame for ..... climate change?
7. Do you think that ..... advances in ..... technology will be sufficient to overcome ..... problem of ..... world's dwindling resources?
8. Some people say that ..... more we invent, ..... lazier we become.