Tattoos

Tattooing has been around for thousands of years. The **(0)** _B_ of making a permanent design or mark on the body was originally thought to **(1)** ___ magical protection against disease and misfortune. Later, it was used to show a person's **(2)** ___ status. The Romans, for example, **(3)** ___ to tattoo slaves and criminals.

With the **(4)** ___ of Christianity in Europe, tattooing was forbidden. It virtually **(5)** ___ out for hundreds of years, until European explorers came into **(6)** ___ with American Indians and Polynesians in the 17th and 18th centuries. Sailors would return from long **(7)** ___, decorated with large and elaborate designs. Many of these sailors later joined circuses, and **(8)** ___ a living by showing their tattoos to the public.

Nowadays, tattooing is **(9)** ___ as unusual, nor as popular as it once was. Tattoo parlours do **(10)** ___, but most people are unwilling to go **(11)** ___ the rather painful procedure. On the other hand, **(12)** ___ tattoos are becoming increasingly common. The design, which **(13)** ___ for three to six weeks, is painted painlessly onto the skin.

Other people still **(14)** ___ the original, permanent techniques, of course. The world record for the most-tattooed person is **(15)** ___ by Tom Leppard from Scotland. His leopard-skin design covers 99.2% of his body surface!

0	**A** effect	**B** act	**C** do	**D** fact
1	**A** prove	**B** do	**C** make	**D** provide
2	**A** senior	**B** society	**C** communal	**D** social
3	**A** used	**B** were	**C** could	**D** would
4	**A** coming	**B** arrival	**C** departure	**D** leaving
5	**A** died	**B** wore	**C** left	**D** went
6	**A** touch	**B** communication	**C** meeting	**D** contact
7	**A** travels	**B** sails	**C** voyages	**D** explorers
8	**A** paid	**B** worked	**C** did	**D** earned
9	**A** nowhere	**B** nor	**C** neither	**D** no
10	**A** be	**B** live	**C** exist	**D** stay
11	**A** through	**B** along	**C** under	**D** with
12	**A** short	**B** temporary	**C** part-time	**D** momentary
13	**A** lasts	**B** takes	**C** endures	**D** is
14	**A** rather	**B** wish	**C** elect	**D** prefer
15	**A** kept	**B** made	**C** held	**D** reached