

### Task 3

- You are going to read an article about whether men or women are better at multitasking. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (17-25) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.

#### WHO IS BETTER AT MULTITASKING?



Men were slower and (0) \_\_\_\_\_ organised than women when switching quickly between tasks in tests (17) \_\_\_\_\_ by UK psychologists.

First, they compared 120 women and 120 men in a computer test (18) \_\_\_\_\_ involved switching between tasks like counting and recognising shapes. Men and women were equal when they did one task (19) \_\_\_\_\_ time. But when the tasks were mixed up and the switching became faster, (20) \_\_\_\_\_ women and men slowed down and made more mistakes. However, men were significantly slower.

To make the experiment more relevant to everyday life, the researchers (21) \_\_\_\_\_ a second test. The participants were given eight minutes to complete a series of tasks – locating restaurants on a map, answering a phone call, and deciding how (22) \_\_\_\_\_ search for a lost key in a field.

Completing all these tasks in eight minutes was impossible, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ men and women had to prioritise, organise their time, and keep calm. Women spent more time (24) \_\_\_\_\_ thinking at the beginning, whereas men jumped in too quickly. It suggests that – in a stressful and complex situation – women are more (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop and think about what's going on in front of them.

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- 0) A *the less* B *the least* C *less* D *least*
- 17) A taken away B given up C carried out D put down
- 18) A which was B which C what D what was
- 19) A in B at a C on D by the
- 20) A each B all of C every D both
- 21) A tried B could try C will try D were trying
- 22) A have they B would they C they would D they have
- 23) A if B although C when D so
- 24) A for B by C with D –
- 25) A quick B able C suitable D often

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**This is the end of this part of the exam.**