

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

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