


Part 2
Multiple-Choice Cloze

SPM Paper 1: Part 2 (Q9-Q18)

Questions 9 to 18

Read the text below and choose the best word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Massive Antarctic Iceberg Breaks Off from Antarctica

Larger than the size of New York City and most European cities, a (0)**giant** iceberg has broken away from Antarctica. (9)_____ at 1270 square kilometres, the iceberg broke off the 150-metre-thick Brunt Ice Shelf which is located near a British research station, the British Antarctic Survey's Halley Research Station. The iceberg came off in a (10)_____ called "calving".

Scientists had been expecting a massive chunk of ice to break for at least a decade after the first "vast cracks" had (11)_____ on the shelf. The first (12)_____ to indicate that the glacier would break off was in November 2020, when a new chasm called the North Rift occurred which was the third (13)_____ crack to become active in the ice shelf in the last 10 years. On February 26, 2021, the crack widened, releasing it from the ice shelf and formed the iceberg.

Director of the British Antarctic Survey, Dame Jane Francis stated the team has been (14)_____ for the calving of the iceberg for years. They have been monitoring the ice shelf (15)_____ by using an automated network of high-precision GPS instruments. The research station was also moved further inland in 2016 to avoid the paths of all active chasms. The decision to move the station (16)_____ to be a wise decision. When the iceberg split off the ice shelf, the staff at the research station had left earlier that month to avoid the Antarctic winter. This is (17)_____ the difficulty of evacuation during the dark winter months in the Antarctic. However, they still monitor the ice shelf using the data from the GPS instruments that are sent back to Cambridge, England.

Scientists said it is unlikely that climate change (18)_____ the form of the iceberg. This is because it is natural for icebergs to break off from Antarctica into the ocean. But it is possible that the process has been accelerated by climate change.

(Adapted from: -<https://abcnews.go.com/International/antarctic-iceberg-larger-york-city-breaks-off-ice/story?id=76166893>)

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| 0 A great | B whopping | C giant | D tall |
| 9 A Size | B Measuring | C Rating | D Weighing |
| 10 A process | B method | C system | D technique |
| 11 A formed | B made | C shaped | D produced |
| 12 A suggestion | B suspicion | C note | D hint |
| 13 A great | B major | C main | D critical |
| 14 A readied | B set up | C planned | D prepared |
| 15 A daily | B per day | C routinely | D day-to-day |
| 16 A tested | B resulted | C proved | D indicated |
| 17 A in view of | B based on | C due to | D for reason |
| 18 A activated | B started | C unleashed | D triggered |