For questions **1–8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet.**

Example:

0 **A** idea **B** view **C** thought **D** decision

0	A	B	C	D

Working parents

Reliable studies have shown that children of parents who both go out to work have no more problems than children with one parent staying at home. My personal (**0**) ..... is that both parents should go out to work if they wish.

Some parents invest so much in a career that they cannot (**1**) ..... to give it up. Others have to work because of economic (**2**) ..... .

There are several options when it (**3**) ..... to choosing childcare from child minders to the kind neighbour (**4**) ..... the street.

No (**5**) ..... how good the childcare may be, some children protest if their parents aren't around. Babies become dependent on parents and close family (**6**) ..... , so parents should make sure they allow (**7**) ..... time to help their child settle in with their new carer.

Remember: if parents want to (**8**) ..... the best for their children, it's not the quantity of time they spend with them, it's the quality that matters.

1	**A** bear	**B** decide	**C** hope	**D** expect
2	**A** reason	**B** duty	**C** necessity	**D** task
3	**A** refers	**B** concerns	**C** turns	**D** comes
4	**A** of	**B** opposite	**C** across	**D** next to
5	**A** way	**B** matter	**C** surprise	**D** exception
6	**A** people	**B** adults	**C** members	**D** grown-ups
7	**A** little	**B** no	**C** lots	**D** plenty of
8	**A** make	**B** give	**C** have	**D** do

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For questions **9–16**, 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 on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 B E E N

Daniela: Skateboard champion

I've always (**0**) ..... an outdoors kind of girl, and (**9**) ..... a kid, I'd get up to all sorts of stuff with my friends – climbing trees and messing about in the woods. As we got older, my friends started doing other things (**10**) ..... shopping and listening to music, but I still loved being outside and needed a new challenge.

(**11**) ..... was my brother who first got me (**12**) ..... skateboarding. I'd seen him practising on his board hour after hour, and to (**13**) ..... honest, I used to think it was uncool. But when he showed me some amazing tricks he could do one day, I had to give it a go.

I've got a competitive streak, so I watched loads of skateboarding clips online and got out on my board whenever I could – even (**14**) ..... it was dark – in order to compete (**15**) ..... my brother. It obviously paid (**16**) ..... because I beat him in a competition last month!

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For questions **17–24**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 OBSERVATION

The London Eye

The London Eye, the giant (**0**) ..... wheel, is one of the most popular attractions in London. The wheel is one of the tallest of its kind, at a (**17**) ..... of 135 metres. 1,700 tons of steel were used for its (**18**) ..... . People make special journeys to see the (**19**) ..... wheel. Fifteen thousand visitors can ride on the Eye every day.

OBSERVE
HIGH
CONSTRUCT
EXCITE

The architects, Julia Barfield and her husband David Marks, won the competition to design a Millennium landmark. Their design was the most (**20**) ..... of all the projects and the first (**21**) ..... of the wheel were made on their kitchen table in 1993. Julia found the (**22**) ..... site by drawing a circle round London and finding its centre.

IMAGINE
DRAW
IDEA

Not (**23**) ..... , it took about three years to get the wheel built. In (**24**) ..... of their work, the couple were awarded the MBE, a special honour that is given in the UK to someone who has achieved something special.

SURPRISE
RECOGNISE

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For questions **25–30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

Example:

0 I'll be very happy when I go on holiday.

FORWARD

I'm ..... on holiday.

The gap can be filled by the words 'looking forward to going' so you write:

Example: | 0 | LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING |

Write only the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

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25 Richard asked me how much I had paid for the theatre tickets.

COST

Richard wanted to ..... the theatre tickets.

26 It wasn't a good idea for you to delete that file.

SHOULD

You ..... that file.

27 The ferry couldn't sail because the weather was bad.

DUE

The ferry couldn't sail ..... weather.

28 The teacher told us not to be late on Friday.

BETTER

'You ..... late on Friday,' the teacher said.

29 There are Spanish and French translations of the book.

BEEN

The book ..... into Spanish and French.

30 She will only phone if she gets lost.

UNLESS

She will ..... lost.

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