TASK 1

Read the following texts and match them to the most suitable heading from the list supplied. Each heading can only be used ONCE. There are three headings you will not need. Text 0 has been matched to its heading as an example.

STUNTS

In order to attract the public's attention to their causes, or simply to make their living in films, some people perform difficult or unusual feats and plan curious events.These are stunts

TEXT 0

In October 1996, "Xena" star Lucy Lawless visitedNew Yorkto appear on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno". Scheduled to make agrand horseback entrance in the NBCparking lot, Lawless was horrified to see herhorse slip on the cement, sending her plummetingearthward. Although over the 6-year run of "Xena" shenever receiveda seriousinjury on the set (despite doing her own stunts), on this seemingly innocuous occasion she broke herpelvis.

TEXT 1

Early in his career, P. T. Barnum created an exhibit, entitled "The Happy Family", consisting of a cage housing a lion, a tiger, a panther – and a baby lamb. The remarkable display earned Barnum unprecedented publicity and attendance figures. Some time after its opening, Barnum was asked about his plans for the happy family. "The display will become a permanent feature," he declared, "if the supply of lambs holds out."

TEXT 2

In 1841, Samuel Colt - the inventor of the six-shooter and founder of the firearms company which bears his name - was dismayed to discover that his brother, John, had committed a murder... with an axe. Indeed, Samuel Colt was so perturbed that he persuaded the court to allow him to stage a shooting display (inside the courtroom) to demonstrate the superiority of the new revolver over the axe as a murder weapon.

TEXT 3

During Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, the British engineer and inventor Charles Algernon Parsons found a novel way to publicize his newly devised steam turbine (developed to drive generators to produce electricity). During a stately review of the Royal forces, Parsons' turbine-powered ship, the Turbinia, doing 35-knots with scarcely any vibration or noise, suddenly skimmed past the Royal Navy!

TEXT 4

Though director John Boorman proposed sending a dummy over a waterfall for a scene in Deliverance, Burt Reynolds insisted on doing the stunt himself. The force of the water ripped his clothes off and slammed him against a rock. After the stunt, which left the actor with a fractured tailbone, Reynolds asked the director how the shot had looked. "Like a dummy," Boorman drily replied, "going over a waterfall."

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TEXT 5
After shooting a harrowing scene on the set of Sleepy Hollow (1999), Johnny Depp was asked what it was like to be dragged through the woods behind a speeding carriage. "I wasn't afraid of getting hurt," he replied. "I was just afraid that the horses might relieve themselves on the journey!"

TEXT 6
In 1886, in order to win a $200 bet, Steve Brodie jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River, 135 feet below. Years later the father of heavyweight boxer Jim Corbett met Brodie and asked him about his remarkable feat: "So you're the fellow who jumped over the Brooklyn Bridge?" "I jumped off it," Brodie corrected. "I thought you jumped over it," Corbett replied with apparent disappointment. "Any damn fool could jump off it!"

TEXT 7
During eBay's rapid rise, the company nurtured a quaint rumor about its origins, claiming that founder Pierre Omidyar had created the site in 1995 so that his fiancée could trade Pez candy dispensers with other collectors. Alas, the Pez myth, it was later revealed, had been fabricated by eBay's public-relations director in 1997 to generate buzz about the site.

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A False coexistence
B Helpful friend
C Promotional story
D Silly accident
E Simple relief
F Underrated achievement
G Unequalled cowardice
H Uninvited invention
I Unusual worry
J Up-to-date violence
K Wasted courage

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