

PART 1

For questions **1–15**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each space. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**. Write your answers in **CAPITAL LETTERS** on the **separate answer sheet**.

Example:

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CHARLES SCHULZ

The cartoonist Charles Schulz created the daily lives of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy and the **(0)** *other* inhabitants of the *Peanuts* strip. Schulz, **(1)** to his friends as 'Sparky', drew the daily strip for almost 50 years. **(2)** distinctly American culture **(3)** nothing to hamper its universal success. It was said to have 355 million readers in 75 countries, and it **(4)** Schulz very rich, **(5)** an income eventually of perhaps 20 million a year. There are *Peanuts* enthusiasts **(6)** over the world, and no American politician **(7)** dream of saying he did not much like the strip.

Schulz insisted he had **(8)** systemised psychological or philosophical insights, but he displayed unflaggingly sharp observation and a fairly gentle, if sometimes downbeat, humour. He was given **(9)** anxiety and low spirits, and **(10)** was an underlying sadness in his stories, **(11)** bitter-sweet quality that clearly fascinated many of his fans. In the 1950s, the strip had a vogue following **(12)** intellectuals, but Schulz was happy to point **(13)** that he himself had flunked algebra, Latin, English and physics at school. When someone **(14)** him an existentialist, he had to ask **(15)** the word meant.