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For questions 1–10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

For most of her life, Clare Hall was known as one of Britain's most successful racehorse trainers. Horses had always been an important part (1) _____ her life. Growing up on a farm, she spent much of her childhood helping her father with daily tasks and learning how to care (2) _____ animals. After leaving school, she decided to work with horses full-time and gradually built a highly respected career.



However, everything changed when Clare developed an allergy to horses. Although giving up her job was an extremely difficult decision, she realized (3) _____ continuing her work would damage her health. Fortunately, she no longer depended (4) _____ the income from horse training and was able to focus on another passion she had developed over the years.



During her spare time, Clare had always enjoyed writing stories. After leaving the racing industry, she dedicated herself completely (5) _____ writing and eventually became a successful novelist. While she still misses certain aspects of her former career, she appreciates the opportunity to explore a completely different profession and lifestyle.

Her success did not happen overnight. She worked hard and never gave (6) _____, even when writing became challenging. The books (7) _____ she produced attracted many readers, and her reputation continued to grow. As a result, she became one of the writers (8) _____ work was widely admired.

Although she sometimes looks back (9) _____ her years in horse racing, she believes that the change was beneficial. It allowed her to discover talents that she might never have developed (10) _____ the opportunity to start again.

