I.Read the following passage and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap.

The world of theater has attracted passionate individuals **(1)** _____, dating back to ancient civilizations. For many modern actors, the journey begins not as a serious career choice, but simply **(2)** _____ during their school years. However, transitioning from an amateur hobbyist to a professional who performs **(3)** _____ in front of thousands of critics requires immense dedication and mental fortitude.

Behind the scenes, a production is often chaotic. If an actor forgets their cue, the entire crew must work seamlessly to fix the mistake **(4)** _____ the next scene, ensuring the audience notices no disruption. During live performances, actors must remain completely focused, even when standing **(5)** _____ of a crowded set with bright lights blinding their vision. In today's digital era, while many classic plays are safely preserved **(6)** _____ for archival purposes, nothing can truly replicate the raw energy and magic of a live theatrical experience.

1. A. for a long time B. in time C. on stage D. for fun
2. A. in the middle B. for fun C. for a long time D. on video
3. A. on CD B. in time C. on stage D. for fun
4. A. in time for B. for a long time C. in the middle of D. on stage
5. A. on video B. in the middle C. in time D. for fun
6. A. on stage B. in time for C. for a long time D. on CD/DVD/video

II. Read the sentences below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap.

1. Due to a severe knee injury, the professional footballer remained completely _____ for over six months. **(ACT)**
2. To compete at an international level, you need to possess exceptional _____ ability and discipline. **(ATHLETE)**
3. Spending summers at his grandparents' quiet farmhouse was one of the fondest memories of his _____. **(CHILD)**
4. As an enthusiastic stamp _____, he traveled across the country to find rare vintage editions. **(COLLECT)**
5. The local council decided to build a new theme park to provide top-quality _____ for families. **(ENTERTAIN)**
6. The brave lifeguards were widely praised for their _____ efforts in rescuing the drowning swimmers. **(HERO)**
7. Growing up in a family of artists, she showed remarkable _____ talent at a very young age. **(MUSIC)**
8. The golden retriever puppy showed its _____ nature by chasing the ball around the yard. **(PLAY)**

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9. The experienced _____ managed to navigate the wooden ship safely through the violent storm. **(SAIL)**
10. Her spectacular performance at the national opera house proved that she is a highly gifted _____. **(SING)**

III. 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).

Example: (0) *of*

Many people are big fans **(0)** *of* sports, but my passion has always been tabletop gaming. When I was younger, I used to get bored **(1)** _____ traditional card games very quickly because they lacked excitement. However, everything changed when my cousin introduced me to modern strategy board games. I instantly became crazy **(2)** _____ them.

At first, I wasn't very good **(3)** _____ understanding the complex rules, but I was highly interested **(4)** _____ learning the strategies. My cousin was extremely keen **(5)** _____ teaching me, and we spent hours playing together. Soon, these games became very popular **(6)** _____ my entire group of friends.

Whenever we feel **(7)** _____ having a fun night together, we gather at my house. We usually listen **(8)** _____ background music to set the mood before we start. Last weekend, we decided to take part **(9)** _____ a local tournament. I had recently read a fascinating book **(10)** _____ a famous designer about game mechanics, which helped me prepare. It was a thrilling experience, especially during our final game **(11)** _____ the reigning champions. Even though we didn't win, being a dedicated fan **(12)** _____ this hobby made the whole journey worthwhile.

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