Questions 1-8

For each question, use the word in CAPITALS on the box to form a word that fits in the gap.

| 1. CONCENTRATE | 2. SUCCEED | 3. EFFECTIVE | 4. SOLVE | 5. PATIENT | 6. CARE |
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| 7. PUNISH | 8. ADVANTAGE | | | | |



**Playing chess**

Have you ever played chess? Some say you need to be very skillful to play it well but it is quite easy to learn. I started learning when I was only six years old and it helped me develop my powers of 1_____ If you want to achieve 2_____as a chess player, the main requirement is an ability to analyse a situation 3_____ Chess even helped me find various 4_____ to the mathematical problems I was given for homework.

At first, one of my big problems was not having enough 5_____. Learning chess at school taught me the importance of waiting to make the right move! My teacher was critical of my tendency not to think 6_____ before making a move. I discovered that every single error in chess gets instant 7_____, enabling your opponent to take control and putting you at a great 8_____ in the game.

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Questions 9-16

For each question, write the correct answer. Write **one** word for each gap.

**Motorbike stunt rider**

I work as a motorbike stunt rider – that is, I do tricks on my motorbike at shows. The Le Mans race track in France was 9_____ I first saw some guys doing motorbike stunts. I'd never seen anyone riding a motorbike using just the back wheel before and I was 10_____ impressed I went straight home and taught 11_____ to do the same. It wasn't very long before I began to earn my living at shows performing my own motorbike stunts.

I have a degree 12_____ mechanical engineering; this helps me to look at the physics 13_____ lies behind each stunt. In addition to being responsible for design changes to the motorbike, I have to work 14_____ every stunt I do. People often think that my work is very dangerous, but, apart 15_____ some minor mechanical problem happening occasionally during a stunt, nothing ever goes wrong. I never feel in 16_____ kind of danger because I'm very experienced.



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