For questions **1–12**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Holidays in South Carolina

Roaring across the bay in a motorised rubber boat, we were told by the captain to **(0)** ..... our eyes open. With the engine turned off, it wasn't long before half a dozen dolphins came swimming around us. Eventually, two came up **(1)** ..... beside the boat and popped their heads out of the water to give us a wide grin.

Dolphin watching is just one of the many unexpected attractions of a holiday in South Carolina, in the USA. The state has long been popular with golfers and, with dozens of **(2)** ..... in the area, it is **(3)** ..... a golfer's paradise. But even the keenest golfer needs other diversions and we soon found the resorts had plenty to **(4)** ..... .

In fact, Charleston, which is midway along the **(5)** ..... , is one of the most interesting cities in the USA. and is where the first shots in the Civil War were **(6)** ..... . Taking a guided horse and carriage tour through the quiet back streets you get a real **(7)** ..... of the city's past. Strict regulations **(8)** ..... to buildings so that original **(9)** ..... are preserved.

South of Charleston lies Hilton Head, an island resort about 18 km long and **(10)** ..... like a foot. It has a fantastic sandy beach **(11)** ..... the length of the island and this is perfect for all manner of water sports. Alternatively, if you feel like doing nothing, **(12)** ..... a chair and umbrella, head for an open space and just sit back and watch the pelicans diving for fish.

1	**A** direct	**B** right	**C** precise	**D** exact
2	**A** courses	**B** pitches	**C** grounds	**D** courts
3	**A** fully	**B** truly	**C** honestly	**D** purely
4	**A** show	**B** provide	**C** offer	**D** supply
5	**A** beach	**B** coast	**C** sea	**D** shore
6	**A** thrown	**B** aimed	**C** pulled	**D** fired
7	**A** significance	**B** meaning	**C** sense	**D** comprehension
8	**A** apply	**B** happen	**C** agree	**D** occur
9	**A** points	**B** characters	**C** factors	**D** features
10	**A** formed	**B** shaped	**C** made	**D** moulded
11	**A** lying	**B** running	**C** going	**D** following
12	**A** charge	**B** lend	**C** hire	**D** loan

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Part 2

For questions **13–27**, 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**).

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: | **0** | M | O | S | T | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The Sahara marathon

One of the **(0)** ..... amazing marathon races in the world is the Marathon of the Sands. It takes place every April in the Sahara Desert in the south of Morocco, a part of the world **(13)** ..... temperatures can reach fifty degrees centigrade. The standard length of a marathon is 42.5 kilometres but **(14)** ..... one is 240 kilometres long and takes seven days to complete. It began in 1986 and now attracts about two hundred runners, the majority of **(15)** ..... ages range from seventeen to forty-seven. About half of **(16)** ..... come from France and the rest from all over the world. From Britain it costs £2,500 to enter, **(17)** ..... includes return air fares. The race is rapidly **(18)** ..... more and more popular **(19)** ..... , or perhaps because of, the harsh conditions that runners must endure. They have to carry food and **(20)** ..... else they need **(21)** ..... seven days in a rucksack weighing no more than twelve kilograms. In **(22)** ..... to this, they are given a litre and a half of water every ten kilometres. Incredibly, nearly **(23)** ..... the runners finish the course. **(24)** ..... man, Ibrahim El Joual, took part in every race from 1986 to 2004. Runners do suffer terrible physical hardships. Sometimes they lose toenails and skin peels **(25)** ..... their feet. However, doctors are always on hand to deal **(26)** ..... minor injuries and to make sure that runners do not push **(27)** ..... too far.

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Part 3

For questions **28–37**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet.**

Example: 0 | A | R | C | H | A | E | O | L | O | G | I | S | T |

Thor Heyerdahl and the *Kon-Tiki* expedition

The Norwegian explorer and **(0)** ..... , Thor Heyerdahl, accomplished many things during his life but his name has become **(28)** ..... linked with the *Kon-Tiki* voyage. In 1937, while doing research in the western Pacific, Heyerdahl became **(29)** ..... interested in how the Polynesian islands had become populated. He made the observation that ocean currents flowed across the Pacific from east to west. Since there were cultural **(30)** ..... to be found on either side of this ocean, he was convinced that South Americans had sailed westwards to populate these islands before the eleventh century.

ARCHAEOLOGY
SEPARABLE
INCREASE
SIMILAR

The **(31)** ..... argument against Heyerdahl's theory was lack of evidence that, at that time, boats existed with the **(32)** ..... to cross such an **(33)** ..... of ocean. So a determined Heyerdahl built a primitive raft of balsa wood, named it *Kon-Tiki*, and on April 28th, 1947, left Peru with a crew of five. Moved along by the ocean currents, the fragile raft *Kon-Tiki* sailed a steady 70 kilometres a day.

CENTRE
CAPABLE
EXPAND

Despite heavy storms, failure never crossed the crew's minds. After 97 days, they caught **(34)** ..... of one of the islands. However, due to unusually high winds they could not land and, realising that a reef presented an **(35)** ..... obstacle, they prepared for the inevitable **(36)** ..... . Amazingly, they all survived the crash, and Heyerdahl had his **(37)** ..... .

SEE
AVOID
COLLIDE
PROVE

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