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Budding Writers

What do Charles Dickens and Ernest Hemingway (0).....HAVE..... In common? The answer is that, along (1)..... many other famous novelists, their writing careers began on a local newspaper. Today, (2)..... its somewhat tarnished reputation, journalism still remains one of the few career paths open to the budding writer (3)..... his or her best to earn a living. (4)..... is more, many aspiring novelists are to be found biding their time on the staff of regional newspapers.

It is (5)..... exaggerating, however, to say that good writers are of (6)..... or no value to a newspaper (7)..... they do not know how to set about finding stories. Junior reporters have to devote hours to the cultivation of contacts who will (8)..... them supplied with the type of stories their readers have become (9)..... to seeing in print.

Newspapers also require a particular style. The graduate entrant to journalism, all of (10)..... experience and training is based on essay writing, may find the discipline required in writing a news report rather (11)..... daunting prospect. The philosophy of the newspaper is quite simple, (12)..... the fact that there are thousands of words competing (13)..... a limited number of columns. In addition, the average reader only spends at (14)..... twenty-five minutes reading a paper, so brevity is of (15)..... utmost importance.

Sir Walter Scott

Sir Walter Scott was the key figure in creating a (0).....COLOURFUL..... image of Scotland's past, initially with his bestselling (16)..... poems, then with his even more celebrated novels, the first of which was *Waverley*. It was published anonymously in 1814 and, in subsequent years, its (17)..... were described as being 'by the author of *Waverley*', which accounts for the term 'Waverley novels'. Although Scott made no public (18)..... of his (19)..... until 1827, the writer's identity was an open secret long before then. He wrote (20)..... quickly, and the first collected edition of the Waverley novels was published as early as 1819. A set of illustrations by Alexander Nasmyth was produced for the second collected edition and these drawings were used on the title pages.

- COLOUR
- NARRATE
- SUCCEED
- KNOWLEDGE
- AUTHOR
- ORDINARY

Nasmyth has been called the father of landscape painting and, like Walter Scott, he helped to (21)..... his country's romantic and (22)..... scenery. The drawings were recently presented to the National Library of Scotland, which now boasts a superb and (23)..... collection of manuscripts and papers relating to Scott and his circle.

- POPULAR
- PICTURE
- RIVAL

What is less well known about Sir Walter Scott is that after his (24)..... in 1826, his last years were spent in frantic literary activity to pay off all the (25)..... to whom he owed money.

- BANKRUPT
- CREDIT

32 My two brothers don't trust each other at all.

complete

There's my two brothers.

33 In his autobiography, the famous singer did not mention how his first teacher had influenced him.

reference

In his autobiography, the famous singer of his first teacher.

34 If it rains, they will hold the concert indoors.

event

The concert rain.

35 It was a great surprise to us when Anna arrived punctually yesterday.

arrival

Anna took yesterday.

36 The thing I'd like most would be to see Igor again.

more

There's to see Igor again.

37 The judge said that it was only because of the woman's age he had not sent her to jail.

her

The judge said that had have sent the woman to jail.

38 As far as I'm aware, he's telling the truth.

suppose

I've he's lying.

39 The weather forecast says it will probably rain tonight.

threat

The weather forecast says? tonight.

The Tintin books

What is so special about Georges 'Hergé' Rémi's tales of the adventures of a boy called Tintin, created for a newspaper in Belgium in the 1920s, that they should have (1) being translated into more than 50 languages and selling more than 120 million copies? How is it that they have managed to endure for so long? One reason may be Hergé's extraordinary attention to detail. He constantly revised and improved Tintin's original black-and-white adventures to make them more (2) to new audiences. And he based all his illustrations on an extensive personal library of photographs which he (3) over the years.

In a career of more than 50 years, Hergé produced only 24 Tintin books. Had he been less meticulous, he might well have been a lot more (4), but I doubt he would have been so widely loved and admired. Picking up a Tintin book the other day for the first time in many years, I found myself (5) between the urge to race through the story and an (6) to linger on the visual detail.

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|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A turned out | B finished off | C come to | D ended up |
| 2 A relevant | B apt | C applicable | D fitting |
| 3 A amassed | B mustered | C convened | D swelled |
| 4 A abundant | B prolific | C fruitful | D profuse |
| 5 A pulled | B drawn | C lured | D torn |
| 6 A impetus | B incentive | C impulse | D intuition |

Cave fauna

For the past 35 years a professor of zoology named Valerio Sbordoni has explored the caves and underground chambers of Mexico in search of new forms of life. He has found these in abundance, to say the least. To (7) Sbordoni has discovered more than 150 species of (8) unknown cave-dwelling creatures. In one chamber (9), he found over forty (10) species of butterfly, an incredible variety for such an inhospitable environment.

Many of these species, Sbordoni believes, (11) underground millions of years ago to avoid extinction and adapted to life beneath the earth's surface. Obviously, conditions for life underground are far from ideal, and Sbordoni believes that only severe climatic changes, probably caused by shifting glaciers, could (12) such a migration.

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 7 A now | B present | C today | D date |
| 8 A hitherto | B hereby | C henceforth | D herewith |
| 9 A exclusively | B only | C alone | D solely |
| 10 A dissimilar | B distinct | C disparate | D disconnected |
| 11 A retired | B shrank | C retreated | D departed |
| 12 A conjure up | B account for | C bear out | D carry off |

Sadie and her son

A combination of boredom and, increasingly, absenteeism, ensured that the standard of Eric's work declined alarmingly. Sadie, who had hoped that her son would do well at school, was too (13) a mother to have remained unaware of the problem for very long, but when the school reports started to (14) just how poorly he was faring, she felt shocked and angry.

One report (15) curtly that Eric was 45th out of 49 pupils. Sadie, typically, was determined that her son should arrest his dizzying decline as speedily as possible and then – she hoped – start to improve. She visited the school and offered to pay for further tuition but was told, 'It would be money down the (16)' This rejection only seemed to (17) Sadie on in her search for a suitable career for Eric. It surprised no one who knew her that she reacted to the undeniably (18) disappointment of this setback in such a remarkably spirited and positive manner.

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|----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| 13 A engrossed | B mindful | C riveted | D attentive |
| 14 A proclaim | B advocate | C denote | D underline |
| 15 A professed | B announced | C aired | D uttered |
| 16 A pipe | B drain | C sink | D gutter |
| 17 A spur | B press | C incite | D boost |
| 18 A vivid | B stark | C bitter | D hard |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 with 2 despite/notwithstanding 3 doing/trying 4 What
 5 not/hardly/scarcely 6 little 7 if 8 keep 9 accustomed/used
 10 whose 11 a* 12 given/considering/despite 13 for/with
 14 most/best (NOT least) 15 the

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 narrative 17 successors 18 acknowledgement 19 authorship
 20 extraordinarily 21 popularise/popularize 22 picturesque
 23 unrivalled/unrivalled 24 bankruptcy 25 creditors

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 (a) complete lack/absence of trust (1) OR complete mistrust/distrust (NOT a complete mistrust/distrust) + between (1)
 33 made no/did not make (any/a) reference (1) OR did not/didn't include a/any reference OR made not the slightest reference + to the influence (1)
 34 will take place/be held indoors (1) + in the event of (1) OR will be an indoor event (1) + if there is/should it/if it should/in case of/if it should (1)
 35 us (all)/everyone by surprise (1) + with/by her punctual arrival (1) (NOT a back / NOT arrival on time)
 36 nothing (else) (that/which) (1) (NOT nothing more) + I'd like more than (1) (NOT I'd want) OR would please me more than OR would give me more pleasure than
 37 it not been for her age (ALLOW her age been different) (NOT her age been less) (1) + he would (1)
 38 (got) no reason/grounds (1) + to suppose (that) (1)
 39 (that) there is a/the threat (1) + of rain (for) (1) OR of it/its raining (NOT for) (NOT that it will/may/might rain)

NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 D 2 A 3 A 4 B 5 D 6 C 7 D 8 A 9 C
 10 B 11 C 12 B 13 D 14 D 15 B 16 B 17 A
 18 C

Nothing's New In Medicine

Throughout the ages, disease has stalked (0).....OUR..... species. Prehistoric humans must quickly have learnt (1)..... could be eaten without danger, and how to avoid plants that could (2)..... about illness. They found leaves, berries and the bark of different trees that could actually heal wounds and cure the sick, and (3)..... soon became a special skill to understand natural medicine.

Ever (4)..... the dawn of history, medicine men and wise women have always been expert in treating diseases and have dispensed medicine with ritual and magic. (5)..... trial and error they discovered treatments for almost (6)..... affliction prevalent at the time. The precious recipes for preparations which could relieve pain, stop fits, sedate or stimulate were (7)..... down from generation to generation, (8)..... there was (9)..... exact understanding of the way in (10)..... the medicines worked. Nevertheless, (11)..... the power of these primitive medicines, generations were still ravaged by disease.

(12)..... the last 150 years, scientists and doctors, (13)..... work has focused on these early medicines, have learnt that their power derived (14)..... certain chemicals which were found in herbal remedies or could be synthesised in the laboratory. In just (15)..... a way, advances in modern medicine continue, aided by the discoveries made centuries ago by our ancestors.

Power Naps

Power napping is an (0).....EFFECTIVE... and under-used tool. It is a quick, intense sleep which (16)..... improves alertness. These naps are especially useful for those whose sleep is constrained by a (17)..... schedule: for example, mothers of small children or travelling business (18)..... . However, the conditions must be right and practice is required for maximum effect.

- EFFECT
- DRAMA
- DEMAND
- EXECUTE

Power naps should be short, between ten and twenty-five minutes, to prevent (19)..... on awakening. Some people believe it is impossible to fall asleep in such a short time, but (20)..... of the habit is simply a question of practice. At the (21)..... , it is more important to relax for a while than actually fall asleep.

- ORIENTATE
- ACQUIRE
- OUT

Power napping is not a good idea if you find it difficult to wake up at the (22)..... time or have problems sleeping at night after a power nap in the day. The kind of dozing that can (23)..... a sensation of overwhelming (24)..... is not a true power nap, but a desperate attempt to compensate for a poor sleep routine.

- DESIGN
- COMPANY
- SLEEP

However, with practice, you will find that power naps can lead to a welcome (25)..... of your performance when you need it most.

- ENHANCE

32 My sister needed more than three hours to finish her homework last night.

over

It her homework last night.

33 I couldn't find a parking space this morning.

anywhere

I was to park this morning.

34 I don't intend to wait here all morning.

intention

I here all morning.

35 The two children began to argue fiercely about who had damaged the bicycle.

broke

A the two children about who had damaged the bicycle.

36 I admire her business ability but not the way she manages her staff.

dislike

Much the way she manages her staff.

37 Janet seems to me to be very happy in her new job.

aware

As Janet is very happy in her new job.

38 A computer breakdown was blamed for the delayed dispatch of the brochures.

reason

A computer breakdown was given in dispatching the brochures.

39 The sequel to the best seller was a great disappointment to the public.

live

The sequel to the best seller of the public.

Professional sport

When I talk about practice, I mean something individual. If you look at professional golfers or tennis players, you will observe that practice (1) the basis of their preparation for tournaments. Of course it does, (2) these are individual sports. Training is simply doing the physical work necessary to be sufficiently fit, but practice entails making an analysis of one's game, locating its weak points, and working to (3) them. If your opponent keeps winning points by serving high to your backhand, there's no place to hide; you either have to (4) the weakness, or you'll keep losing to him. He'll exploit your weaknesses mercilessly.

Part of what is fascinating, and slightly repellent, about sport lies in that curious inversion of values (5) much that we admire in ordinary life – humility, compassion, unwillingness to take advantage of the weakness of others – is reversed on the field of play. Professional sport is all about winning. And, within (6) the more you practise (and the more you train), the better your chances of doing so.

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|---------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 A lays | B composes | C enacts | D forms |
| 2 A albeit | B for | C as with | D let alone |
| 3 A eradicate | B rid | C wipe | D extinguish |
| 4 A alter | B square | C reform | D rectify |
| 5 A insofar | B whereby | C thereof | D hence |
| 6 A due | B sense | C reason | D merit |

Introduction to a magazine feature

Are your cupboards bursting at the seams, your bag full of unwanted receipts, sweet wrappers and chewed up pens? Do you often spend ages searching for keys, or telephone numbers (7) down on the backs of envelopes? If the answer is 'yes', then worry no more. The order and calm you long for is nearer than you think. Just follow our guide to decluttering your life.

It's difficult to think clearly or creatively, to relax or (8), if you live amongst piles of junk. Clutter has a way of controlling us. When our environment is in a (9), our minds can also feel disordered. When rubbish is allowed to (10) up, and stagnate, a combination of frustration, confusion and lethargy (11); we can feel stuck and unsure of our direction. Clearing out unused and unwanted (12) allows us to focus more clearly. Try for yourself and see.

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|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 7 A jotted | B penned | C doodled | D etched |
| 8 A unfold | B unleash | C unload | D unwind |
| 9 A dump | B chaos | C mess | D tip |
| 10 A clog | B build | C stock | D grow |
| 11 A holds on | B stands out | C joins up | D sets in |
| 12 A features | B items | C matters | D entities |

Problem staff

The issue of problem staff in restaurants covers a multitude of sins. Usually poor service comes (13) to the behaviour of an individual employee, but it's also the restaurant's responsibility. Why should restaurant managers tolerate bad attitudes? When you do get a less than helpful waiter, it's tempting to suggest to the manager or owner that the individual concerned might be better employed elsewhere – not in the service industry, perhaps. (14) are they're already better employed elsewhere – not in the service industry, perhaps. (14) are they're already aware of such 'attitude issues' and tolerate bad behaviour for reasons best (15) to themselves. This is when it's worth remembering that a service charge isn't mandatory. (16) them where it hurts – in the (17) packet, and eventually they might (18) the message.

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|--------------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 13 A over | B along | C up | D down |
| 14 A Possibilities | B Chances | C Eventualities | D Prospects |
| 15 A renowned | B familiar | C known | D acknowledged |
| 16 A Tap | B Knock | C Hit | D Strike |
| 17 A pay | B salary | C wages | D earnings |
| 18 A catch | B get | C take | D grasp |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 whar 2 bring 3 it 4 Since 5 by /through 6 any/every
 7 handed/passed 8 although/though/while/whilst 9 no 10 which
 11 despite/notwithstanding 12 During/Within/In/Over 13 whose
 14 from 15 such

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 dramatically 17 demanding 18 executives 19 disorientation
 20 acquisition 21 outset 22 designated 23 accompany
 24 sleepiness 25 enhancement

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 took my sister (1) + over three hours to finish/do (1) (NOT I took over three hours)
 33 unable / not able (1) + to find anywhere (1) (ALLOW to find a space / space anywhere)
 34 have no intention / don't have / haven't got any intention (1) + of waiting (1)
 35 fierce argument (1) (NOT fight, disagreement) + broke out between (1)
 36 as/though I admire her (NOT like) business ability (1) + I dislike (1) (NOT so/than I dislike)
 37 far as (1) + I am / I'm aware (1)
 38 as the reason for (1) (NOT a reason) + the delay (1)
 39 failed to / did not / didn't live up to (1) + the expectation(s) (1)
 NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 D 2 B 3 A 4 D 5 B 6 C 7 A 8 D 9 C
 10 B 11 D 12 B 13 D 14 B 15 C 16 C 17 A
 18 B

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The Psychology of Selling

The psychology of retailing has come to rely (0).....ON..... highly sophisticated techniques. Over and (1)..... the design of the shops and the packaging of the merchandise, clever positioning of goods also ensures that the natural flow of people takes them to (2)..... and every section in a shop. Customers are led gently, but at the (3)..... time with deadly accuracy, towards the merchandise in such a way (4)..... to maximise sales.

Manufacturers compete for the right to (5)..... their products displayed at the (6)..... effective level. In supermarkets, there is a crucial section in the tiers of vertical shelving somewhere (7)..... waist height and eye level, where we are most likely to (8)..... note of a brand. In the old days, when we went into a shop, we made our (9)..... up to the counter, behind (10)..... would be the shopkeeper and virtually all of the merchandise, and were served with what we wanted. Those days are (11)..... and truly over.

Today, we are used to serving (12)..... in supermarkets; products are laid before us as enticingly as (13)....., and impulse purchases are encouraged as a major part of the exercise. As a (14)..... of this, we, as shoppers, have to keep our wits (15)..... us to resist the retailers' ploys.

In Good Voice

There is little to (0).....DISAGREE..... about in the notion that a good voice, whether in opera or rock music, is one which moves its audience and brings a sense of release and fulfilment to the singer. But contemporary pop and rock music have come about due to (16)..... advances in technology. Here, the impact of the microphone should not be (17)....., as it has (18)..... the magnification of quiet, intimate sounds. This, in turn, allows the singer to experiment with the (19)..... on mood rather than on strict (20)..... to proper breathing and voice control.

Donna Soto-Moretin, a rock and jazz vocal trainer, feels that (21)..... reasons may account for the raspy sound produced by certain rock singers. Her (22)..... is that swollen vocal chords, which do not close properly, may allow singers to produce deeper notes. She does not, however, regard this as detracting (23)..... from the value of the sound produced. Singing, she maintains, has an almost (24)..... quality and so our response to it has more (25)..... than its technical qualities.

AGREE

SUBSTANCE

ESTIMATE

ABLE

EMPHATIC

ADHERE

ANATOMY

SUSPECT

NOTICE

SEDUCE

SIGNIFY

32 Everyone was surprised when the government changed its policy.

took

The government's surprise.

33 Celia finally managed to buy her own house after years of saving.

did

Only to buy her own house.

34 Nobody could have predicted how quickly the rumour would spread.

speed

The could not have been predicted.

35 The sales director told his staff nothing about the new marketing post.

dark

The sales director about the new marketing post.

36 Mrs Thomas seems to find the way her daughter behaves more a source of amusement than embarrassment.

being

Far behaviour, Mrs Thomas seems to be amused by it.

37 The head teacher is well known for his reliability and dedication.

reputed

The head teacher person.

38 Without access to the statistics, I won't be able to complete the report.

hold

Unless I the statistics, I won't be able to complete the report.

39 The athletes trained hard because they wanted to make the Olympic team.

hope

The athletes trained hard the Olympic team.

Listing

In Britain the badge of distinction awarded to historic buildings is unheroically called 'listing'. When a building is listed it is (1) for preservation and it is expected to stand more or less indefinitely – nobody expects it to be demolished, ever. But what is the (2) expectancy of, (3), a nineteenth-century terraced house? A few years ago most people assumed that such houses would eventually wear out and be replaced – and millions were demolished in slum (4) But about 2.5 million of these terraces survive, and in some towns they are being given 'conservation area' (5), so don't expect the bulldozers there. The very low rates of demolition and construction in the UK (6) that the building stock as a whole is ageing, and this has enormous implications for the long-term sustainability of housing.

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 A branded | B earmarked | C minted | D tagged |
| 2 A time | B age | C strength | D life |
| 3 A say | B imagine | C think | D look |
| 4 A removal | B riddance | C clearance | D dispatch |
| 5 A quality | B class | C rank | D status |
| 6 A mean | B convey | C explain | D determine |

Shopping in Europe

The first self-service stores opened in America in the 1920s but they didn't catch on in Europe until later, when the French forged ahead with their massive hypermarkets. Britain (7) behind. Although the first self-service shop and the first supermarket were opened in the early 1940s, it was thought that British housewives did not particularly want efficiency and speed. Surveys showed that while American shoppers complained most about delays in check-out queues, British ones objected to being pushed and (8) by other customers.

The (9) of supermarket shopping is impersonality, with no mediating salesman between shopper and goods, only the 'silent persuaders' of packaging and display. However, there is a current (10) towards 'boutiques', with personal service, within supermarkets – the butcher, the baker, the fishmonger – and small specialist shops and farmers' markets are making a (11) in Britain. In France, where every (12) provincial town, ringed by supermarkets, retains its specialist food shops and weekly street market, the traditional co-exists with the new.

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|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 7 A dwelled | B clung | C deferred | D lagged |
| 8 A thrust | B shoved | C heaved | D jerked |
| 9 A crux | B key | C gist | D essence |
| 10 A momentum | B trend | C craze | D vogue |
| 11 A comeback | B rebound | C rally | D pick-up |
| 12 A self-regarding | B self-appointed | C self-respecting | D self-conscious |

Teeth

Smile at yourself in the mirror. Do you like what you see? If not, cosmetic dentistry could be the answer. 'Dentistry has (13) a long way since the days of simple fillings and extractions,' says London dental surgeon Dr Phil Stemmer, whose client list at his Teeth For Life clinic (14) pop stars, actresses and even royalty, although his lips are tightly (15) on names. 'More and more people are turning to dentistry as a way of improving appearance,' he says. 'Shape, form, colour and alignment all make noticeable differences to a smile, and by creating an improved smile I can dramatically alter a person's whole (16) of themselves.' Top actress Julia Roberts seems to be universally (17) as the 'gold standard' in smiles, and, following her lead, one of the first things top models invest in is a perfect set of teeth to improve their chances of becoming cover-girl (18)

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 13 A gone | B been | C come | D done |
| 14 A proclaims | B brags | C trumpets | D boasts |
| 15 A closed | B glued | C sealed | D shut |
| 16 A perception | B observation | C discernment | D consciousness |
| 17 A cheered | B hailed | C saluted | D exalted |
| 18 A stuff | B substance | C material | D matter |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 above 2 each 3 same 4 as 5 have (ALLOW get/keep/see)
6 most 7 between 8 take 9 way 10 which 11 well
12 ourselves 13 possible (NOT ever, before) 14 result/consequence
15 about

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 substantial (ALLOW substantive) 17 underestimated (ALLOW under-estimated)
18 enabled 19 emphasis 20 adherence
21 anatomical 22 suspicion 23 noticeably 24 seductive
25 significance

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 change(s) of/in policy / policy change / policy changes (1) + took everyone/ everybody by (1)
33 after (many) years of saving / saving for years / having saved for years (NOT with many or finally) / many years' saving did (1) + Celia (finally) manage (NOT she) (1)
34 speed at/with which (1) + the rumour spread (NOT was spread) (1) OR speed of (1) + the rumour's spreading (1) (ALLOW speed which/that the rumour spread with) OR speed ... with (1) + which the rumour spread (1)
35 kept/left his/the staff (1) + (completely/totally) in the dark (1)
36 from being embarrassed (1) + by her daughter's (NOT his) (1)
37 is reputed to be (1) + a reliable and dedicated (1)
38 (can) get (1) + hold of (1)
39 in (ALLOW with) the hope (1) (NOT because they had a hope) + of making (it into) / getting into / being selected for (1) OR (that) they would/might make/get into

NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

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| 1 B | 2 D | 3 A | 4 C | 5 D | 6 A | 7 D | 8 B | 9 D |
| 10 B | 11 A | 12 C | 13 C | 14 D | 15 C | 16 A | 17 B | |
| 18 C | | | | | | | | |

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Urban Sparrows

During the last 25 years, Britain's urban sparrow population has declined by as (0) **MUCH** as two-thirds, and the bird has almost disappeared from many of (1)..... former haunts. The decline has been blamed on (2)..... from cats to garden pesticides. Moreover, modern buildings have far (3)..... few nooks and crannies (4)..... the birds can nest. Factors (5)..... these may well be involved, but alone they (6)..... to explain the severity of the decline, or the fact that other urban birds have been less affected.

Denis Summers-Smith is the world's leading expert on sparrows, so when he (7)..... up with a theory to explain their decline, it has to be (8)..... listening to. He suggests that the culprit is a chemical added to unleaded petrol. It would be deeply ironic if a policy that was intended to improve the nation's health (9)..... to prove responsible for the decline of (10)..... of its favourite species.

(11)..... to Summers-Smith, social species such as the sparrow require a minimum population in a specific area to breed successfully. If, (12)..... whatever reason, numbers drop (13)..... this threshold, the stimulus to breed disappears. The most dramatic example is the passenger pigeon, (14)..... in the late nineteenth century went from (15)..... the world's most common bird to total extinction within 50 years.

The Meaning of Dreams

Until the early (0) **TWENTIETH** century, most scientists argued that dreams were nothing but a random jumble of completely (16)..... images remaining from the sensory accumulation of our daily lives. Since the idea that dreams have meaning in their own way became popular, (17)..... have proposed (18)..... theories to explain the logic of dreams.

TWENTY
COMPREHEND
PSYCHOLOGY
COUNT

The bewildering nature of this logic reflects the primary source of the dreams outside the tidy confines of the conscious mind. A dream can be a response to events in the outside world, or it can (19)..... within, expressing aspects of the dreamer's deep-seated feelings; it can fulfil desires or highlight unresolved emotions in the dreamer's life. Not (20)....., the contradictions implicit in these complex processes are reflected in the syntax of dreams. Often (21)....., halting and fragmentary, the language of dreams can warp time, bringing together historical and contemporary figures. It can mix the familiar with the (22)....., and work fantastic transformations by its own brand of magic. Scenes in dreams merge (23)..... into one another, as in certain movies. People or animals may fly or inanimate things may move (24)..... and talk. It is out of such complex and contrary (25)..... that the meanings of dreams have to be teased.

ORIGIN
EXPECT
ENIGMA
KNOW
MYSTERY
DEPEND
HAPPEN

32 Marta is of the opinion that her boss has accepted a job abroad.

rumoured

According to Marta, her boss a job abroad.

33 James never really expected the plan to be a success.

of

James had little a success.

34 Louise is an expert in all aspects of the business except marketing.

exception

With , Louise is an expert in all aspects of the business.

35 Niko really enjoys going for a swim every morning.

on

What Niko going for a swim every morning.

36 This new radio is not at all similar to the previous model.

bears

This new radio the previous model.

37 Lydia went to London so that she could brush up her English.

reason

Lydia's that she wanted to brush up her English.

38 Managers intend to consult their staff about job descriptions.

are

Staff job descriptions by their managers.

39 It is quite obvious that we shall have to work faster in order to finish the project on time.

escaping

There is we shall have to work faster in order to finish the project on time.

Flight to Phoenix

I was booked on an early flight so I (1) no time in getting showered and dressed, and (2) for the airport. It was only when I felt the aircraft leave the runway, and saw Manhattan (3) into the distance beneath and behind me, that I finally began to relax.

Even at nine o'clock in the morning Phoenix was hot. It was a physical shock to walk out of the cool, dark terminal into the bright reflection of the sunlight. Locals ambled slowly past in short-sleeved shirts and sunglasses. In less than a minute I was sweating in my suit as I carried my bags over to the large sign which read 'Bloomfield Weiss High Yield Bond Conference'.

They had (4) on white stretch limousines to take the conference participants to the hotel. Within seconds, I was back in air-conditioned quiet again. I supposed that it was (5) possible to spend all of your life in Phoenix at 18° centigrade, with only brief (6) of extra heat as you transferred from air-conditioned house to air-conditioned car to air-conditioned office.

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|---|-----------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | A used | B lost | C left | D made |
| 2 | A headed | B pressed | C proceeded | D set |
| 3 | A abating | B withdrawing | C receding | D reversing |
| 4 | A laid | B catered | C sorted | D furnished |
| 5 | A purely | B perfectly | C starkly | D solidly |
| 6 | A gales | B torrents | C fits | D bursts |

Keas – not just pretty parrots

Few birds are as (7) curious as keas. New research shows how these New Zealand parrots channel that curiosity for maximum benefit: they (8) up tips by watching each other. Keas are notorious for investigating and, in the (9), often destroying everything from rubbish bins to windscreen wipers. Ludwig Huber and colleagues from the University of Vienna have found that in keas, which live in family flocks, social learning affects patterns of curiosity. In their experiments, the keas' task was to open a steel box with a complex locking mechanism. Two birds were gradually trained as 'models' and then they (10) the task again under the watchful gaze of keas who were new to the job. (11) enough, birds who had watched a demonstration had a much higher success (12) than keas who had never watched one.

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|----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 7 | A insatiably | B hungrily | C thirstily | D unmanageably |
| 8 | A take | B lift | C pick | D pull |
| 9 | A procedure | B process | C measure | D technique |
| 10 | A enacted | B staged | C performed | D presented |
| 11 | A Certain | B Sure | C True | D Fair |
| 12 | A proportion | B percentage | C occurrence | D rate |

Bureaucracy

Given that bureaucracy is held in such ill (13) today, it is hard to remember that it was once considered a great organisational innovation. By organising the (14) of labour, by making management and decision-making a profession, and by providing an order and a set of rules that allowed many different kinds of specialists to work in coordination toward a common (15), bureaucracy greatly extended the breadth and depth of intelligence that organisations could achieve. Begun as a system of organising government activities, it has (16) to big business and large organisations of all kinds.

Max Weber, who (17) the systematic study of bureaucracy as its role in western society began to explode in the late nineteenth century, saw bureaucracy as both the most efficient possible system, and a threat to the basic liberties he (18) dear, thus foreshadowing the sentiments which bureaucracy frequently evokes today.

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 13 A notoriety | B knowledge | C repute | D name |
| 14 A division | B distinction | C detachment | D divergence |
| 15 A end | B finish | C culmination | D termination |
| 16 A carried | B spread | C transmitted | D caught |
| 17 A opened | B sprang | C launched | D fired |
| 18 A loved | B felt | C knew | D held |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 its 2 everything/anything 3 too 4 where/wherein 5 like
6 fail 7 comes 8 worth 9 were/was 10 one 11 According
12 for 13 below/beneath 14 which 15 being

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 incomprehensible 17 psychologists 18 countless 19 originate
20 unexpectedly 21 enigmatic/enigmatical 22 unknown
23 mysteriously 24 independently 25 happenings

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 is rumoured (NOT was / has been) (1) + to have accepted/taken/got (NOT found) (1)
33 (real) expectation/hope (NOT expectations) (1) + of the plan / plan's being/ becoming (1)
34 the exception (1) + of marketing (NOT the marketing) (1)
35 is (really) keen on (doing) (1) (NOT thrives on) (ALLOW enjoys spending time on) + is (1)
36 bears no / not the least/slightest (1) + resemblance/similarity to (NOT likeness/relation) (1) (ALLOW inclusion of appropriate intensifiers, e.g. whatsoever / at all)
37 (main) reason for going to / having gone to / visiting / having visited London (1) + was (1)
38 are (going) to be (NOT supposed/expected) (1) + consulted about/over/on/ regarding/concerning (their) (1)
39 no (way of) escaping (ALLOW from) (1) + the fact that (1)
NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 B 2 A 3 C 4 A 5 B 6 D 7 A 8 C 9 B
10 C 11 B 12 D 13 C 14 A 15 A 16 B 17 C
18 D

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Getting Away From The Land

By the start of the twenty-first century, Britain had (0) ~~BECOME~~ a highly urbanised country, with only a small proportion of the population in touch (1)..... the working life of the countryside. But this has by (2)..... means always been the case. At the end of the nineteenth century, in excess (3)..... a million people were employed in agriculture, five (4)..... today's figure.

Even (5)....., however, the total was significantly below that in most European countries, high factory wages having already tempted people to leave the countryside in favour of the industrial cities. In (6)..... to this, the English custom of primogeniture, by (7)..... land is inherited only by the eldest son, served (8)..... further accelerate the rural exodus.

During the war years of the 1940s, at a time (9)..... food was short, people seized whatever opportunities (10)..... were to improve their diet (11)..... growing their own vegetables. However, this practice soon lost (12)..... appeal once the war was over, as (13)..... other temporary expediences, such as keeping chickens in town gardens. (14)..... is more, mixed arable and livestock farming, once the norm, became rare, so that even (15)..... people than ever were involved in agriculture.

Fast Brain Waves

Over half a century ago, scientists found they could record the (0) ~~ELECTRICAL~~ signals of the brain at work. What at first appeared a random hotch potch of activity became a pattern of elegant waves (16)..... determined. Ever since, scientists have wondered whether the secrets of our thoughts, (17)..... and even (18)..... itself might be hidden in the patterns of our brain waves.

ELECTRIC
RHYTHM

PERCEIVE
CONSCIOUS

The question of why we have brain waves is, (19)....., as hotly debated today as it was when the patterns were discovered. But the meaning, and even the existence, of fast rhythms in the alert brain is highly (20).....

ARGUE

CONTROVERSY

What is problematic is that you can't perceive these rhythms directly, they are so well hidden in the noise created by other brain activity, but many (21)..... now hold the (22)..... that the significance of these brain waves should not be (23).....

SEARCH
CONVINCE
ESTIMATE

The latest suggestion is that the rhythms could be (24)..... in detecting processes going on in different regions of the brain. Some believe that these rhythms might even interact, and in doing so help the brain to package information into (25)..... thoughts. How we bring together these related signals in the brain is a puzzle as yet unresolved.

DECIDE

COHERE

32 Anne's dedication to her work has always been exemplary.

herself

Anne the most exemplary way.

33 The delay is a nuisance, but I'm sure Sam can solve our problems.

come

The delay is a nuisance, but I'm sure Sam can
to our problems.

34 Henrik was very pleased to be selected for the team.

delight

Much for the team.

35 Yoshi wanted to make sure that everything was as it should be on the big day.

leave

Yoshi didn't on the big day.

36 The treasurer called a meeting to discuss the club's finances.

purpose

The treasurer's to discuss the club's
finances.

37 It may seem strange, but the composer has no formal training in music.

lacks

Strange kind of formal training in
music.

38 I've never thought of asking the hotel staff for advice about restaurants.

occurred

It has the hotel staff for advice about
restaurants.

39 In spite of all my efforts, I couldn't persuade Soraya to come to the concert.

hard

No matter , I couldn't persuade Soraya
to come to the concert.

Fashion

Fashion is often seen as a modern phenomenon, entirely (1) upon nineteenth- and twentieth-century capitalism for its development. Most historians of fashion are at (2) to point out, though, that fashion, at least in the (3) of style and design, has a very long history. They often (4) the rise of the market and mercantile trade in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as their starting point.

As societies have developed in complexity, populations have expanded, and multiple technologies for producing an increasing variety of clothing and physical adornment have been discovered, so the meanings attached to dress have also increased in their complexity and significance. Consequently, it is difficult to say with any (5) of certainty today what any item of clothing or adornment actually means. For example, a man's suit, (6) an indicator of the most extreme uniformity, actually conveys very differing meanings in different contexts and to different people.

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 A responsible | B subject | C conditional | D dependent |
| 2 A effort | B pains | C agony | D trouble |
| 3 A scale | B frame | C sense | D aspect |
| 4 A take | B get | C put | D make |
| 5 A ratio | B element | C degree | D shadow |
| 6 A definitely | B supposedly | C evidently | D obviously |

Writer

Newspaper reports of publishers in (7) wars over whizz-kid manuscripts have resulted in a skewed idea of what life is like for your average novelist. Down at my end of the business – i.e. not exactly topping the best-seller lists – there are two ways of making ends (8) The wisest among us write in the evenings and have other full-time jobs that will still be there even if the book doesn't immediately get (9) up and turned into a film. Those such as myself, however, are literary odd-jobbers, (10) on a bit of teaching, the occasional workshop and articles like this. I have (11) tell of an in-house writing opportunity offered by a chocolate factory, but I've never managed to get anything like that. Somehow, though, by (12) of juggling part-time jobs and credit cards and also, more often than not, thanks to the generosity of those names you find in Acknowledgements, the novel gets written.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| 7 A petitioning | B bidding | C tendering | D proffering |
| 8 A join | B meet | C connect | D tie |
| 9 A swallowed | B gobbled | C sucked | D snapped |
| 10 A subsisting | B enduring | C abiding | D prevailing |
| 11 A noted | B heard | C received | D experienced |
| 12 A way | B attempt | C dint | D reason |

Sudden Fame

The small (13) we were performing at around the country were all beginning to sell (14) and extra bouncers were having to be called in to hold back the growing legion of screaming girls. We found ourselves having to use secret entrances to the village halls and ballrooms we were playing to prevent ourselves being mobbed by fans. On the few nights a week when we were not working, we found it difficult to leave the house without being pursued through the streets by adoring followers. In a (15) of days, we had been transformed into celebrities. Our moves were monitored by our admirers and all of our needs (16) for by our management and other interested parties. Even though the shyness that had always accompanied me never quite went away, it was replaced by a strange naive over-confidence that only naturally shy people who have been thrust into similar situations can (17) to. In short, I was emotionally totally out of my (18)

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|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 13 A sites | B venues | C scenes | D abodes |
| 14 A out | B up | C off | D on |
| 15 A course | B question | C spell | D matter. |
| 16 A answered | B catered | C afforded | D granted |
| 17 A identify | B relate | C ally | D connect |
| 18 A depth | B extent | C level | D reach |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 with 2 no 3 of 4 times 5 then / so 6 addition
 7 which 8 to 9 when 10 there 11 by 12 its 13 did
 14 what 15 fewer (NOT less)

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 rhythmically 17 perception(s) 18 consciousness 19 (un)arguably
 20 controversial 21 researchers 22 conviction 23 underestimated
 (NOT overestimated) 24 decisive 25 coherent

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 has (always) dedicated herself (1) + to her work/job in (1)
 33 come up with (1) + a/the solution / an/the answer / (the/some) answers/solutions (1)
 34 to Henrik's delight / to the delight of Henrik (1) + he was selected (1) (correct use of apostrophe essential)
 35 want to leave (1) + anything to chance (1)
 36 purpose in (1) + calling a/the meeting was (1)
 37 as/though it seems/appears (1) + the composer lacks any (1)
 38 never occurred to me (1) + to ask (1)
 39 how hard (1) + I tried (1)

NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 D 2 B 3 C 4 A 5 C 6 B 7 B 8 B 9 D
 10 A 11 B 12 C 13 B 14 A 15 D 16 B 17 B
 18 A

Advertising

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Each and (0) ~~EVERY~~ day we see hundreds of advertising images. (1)..... other kind of image confronts us (2)..... anything like the same frequency. Never in history (3)..... there been such a concentration of visual messages. The brain cannot help (4)..... take these messages in, and for a moment they stimulate the imagination (5)..... virtue of their appeal to memory or expectation.

Advertising is usually justified as a competitive medium of benefit (6)..... the public and efficient manufacturers. (7)..... it may be true that, in advertising, one particular brand competes against another, it is also just (8)..... true that such publicity images confirm and enhance others. That there are choices to be made (9)..... without saying but, ultimately, advertising as a system makes a single proposal – namely (10)..... we transform ourselves, or our lives, by buying something more. We are led to believe that, by (11)..... doing, we will in (12)..... way or another become richer – but in fact we will become poorer, (13)..... spent our money.

Advertising shows us people who have apparently been transformed into a new state and are, as a result, enviable. The state of being envied is (14)..... constitutes glamour. And advertising is in the business (15)..... manufacturing glamour.

Science – is it only for the specialist?

There was a time when, as an educated person, you would have been expected to discuss any (0) ~~INTELLECTUAL~~ or cultural topic. You would have read the latest novel, been familiar with the work of poets, and been wholly (16)..... with the current state of art and music. You would have felt equally relaxed discussing philosophical ideas in some (17)....., should the subject of the discussion have changed. This would have meant the (18)..... of issues related to the results of scientific research.

- INTELLECT
- CONVERSE
- DEEP
- INCLUDE

However, as significant discoveries accumulated, it became (19)..... difficult for any one person to keep abreast of developments across the entire field. A point was reached where the pace of progress was so great that a single brain became completely (20)..... to absorb the wealth of information. Scientists could no longer (21)..... switch back and forth between disciplines as before. They became specialists.

- INCREASE
- POWER
- CONFIDENCE

A broadly-educated person today can still have a general (22)..... of most of the specialisms, but not in the (23)..... detail in which research workers are themselves immersed. Trapped inside their own special areas, the pitfall for most research scientists is an (24)..... to communicate with those working on areas bordering their own, let alone totally (25)..... areas.

- AWARE
- INTRICACY
- ABLE
- CONNECT

32 The police had to let the suspect go because new evidence was produced.

light

The police had to let the suspect go
evidence produced.

33 The cost of building materials has gone up a great deal recently.

sharp

There has been building materials
recently.

34 Maria didn't tell John the news until he had finished his meal.

for

Maria telling him the news.

35 Don't let her relaxed manner deceive you; she's an extremely shrewd businesswoman!

taken

Don't let her relaxed manner; she's an
extremely shrewd businesswoman!

36 Unless the weather changes dramatically overnight, we'll be leaving at dawn.

no

Providing the weather overnight, we'll
be leaving at dawn.

37 Werner found it hard to get used to the fact that he'd lost his job.

terms

Werner found it hard the fact that he'd
lost his job.

38 Simon does not intend to visit his aunt again.

has

Simon his aunt again.

39 They gave Despina the impression that she would win first prize.

believe

Despina she would win first prize.

Citizen Kane

When the film *Citizen Kane* finally appeared in 1941, despite the brouhaha that attended its (1) – delayed because of distributors' fears of the harm William Randolph Hearst, its (2) subject, might do to them – and largely ecstatic reviews, it was not a commercial success. It was television that brought it back to the public consciousness. It is perhaps the one film, above all others, that has inspired people to become film-makers. This is all the more astonishing since it was Orson Welles's first film. Welles always (3) that its success arose from his having no idea of what he was or wasn't allowed to do: he just went ahead and did it. But he had an extraordinary team at his (4), cameraman Gregg Toland, screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz, and the special-effects wizard Linwood Dunn. When Welles and Mankiewicz (5) on the idea of portraying a newspaper magnate who both was and wasn't Hearst, Welles realised that he had found a perfect vehicle for himself both as director and actor, and (6) his chance with the energy of a whirlwind.

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|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 A issue | B release | C publication | D broadcast |
| 2 A attested | B admitted | C alleged | D affirmed |
| 3 A maintained | B upheld | C detailed | D specified |
| 4 A disposal | B invitation | C hand | D option |
| 5 A latched | B jumped | C caught | D hit |
| 6 A gripped | B plucked | C seized | D wrenched |

Dermot and Carmel

Dermot thought that Carmel was rather odd that morning. Twice he had said that he might be late and not to worry if he (7) into the golf club on the way home. He had to have a natter with someone and that was the best place to have it. Twice she had (8) her head amiably and distantly as if she hadn't really heard or understood.

'Will you be all right? What are you going to do today?' he had asked.

She had smiled. 'Funny you should ask that. I was just thinking that I hadn't anything to do all day so I was going to (9) down town and look at the shops. I was thinking that it was almost a sinful thing, just (10) away the day.'

Dermot had smiled back. 'You're (11) to enjoy yourself. And as I said, if I'm late I won't want anything to eat. So don't (12) to any trouble.'

'No, that's fine,' she said.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 7 A fell | B bumped | C dropped | D cut |
| 8 A nodded | B gestured | C shrugged | D stirred |
| 9 A pace | B tread | C step | D stroll |
| 10 A drifting | B killing | C easing | D idling |
| 11 A sanctioned | B entitled | C justified | D rightful |
| 12 A take | B get | C go | D put |

Title Race

Tea boy? Do you mind, I'm a mobile lukewarm beverage resource facilitator.

Human nature provides the most divine of comedies. (13) a recent study which has informed the nation that job titles are a prime cause of envy and unrest at work. A survey by a leading firm of recruitment consultants found that 90% of employers and 70% of employees admit that titles create (14) among colleagues.

Most shockingly, the survey found that 70% of office workers would be willing to (15) a pay rise in favour of a more 'motivational' or 'professional' job title. If our vanity is (16) such proportions that even basic greed is being overwhelmed, we are indeed in dire straits.

The truth is that in these brave new days of the early twenty-first century, nobody is content to be (17) subordinate. The titles under discussion (18) the emphasis on ability (specialist, coordinator) but are, in fact, little more than euphemisms.

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|-------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 13 A Corroborate | B Testify | C Confirm | D Witness |
| 14 A compartments | B demarcations | C divisions | D partitions |
| 15 A forgo | B revoke | C forbear | D resign |
| 16 A attaining | B reaching | C touching | D finding |
| 17 A defined | B marked | C labelled | D identified |
| 18 A place | B set | C fix | D allocate |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 no 2 with 3 has 4 but 5 by 6 to
7 (al)though/while/whilst/whereas 8 as 9 goes 10 that
11 so 12 one 13 having 14 what 15 of

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 conversant 17 depth 18 inclusion 19 increasingly
20 powerless 21 confidently 22 awareness 23 intricate
24 inability 25 unconnected

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 in the light (1) + of (the) new (1)
33 a sharp rise/increase (1) + in the cost/price of (1)
34 waited for John to finish eating / his meal (1) + before (1)
35 yourself be/get (1) + taken in by (1)
36 (that) there is/are no dramatic (1) + change(s) in/to (1)
37 to come (1) + to terms with (1)
38 has (got) no intention (1) + of (ever) visiting (1)
39 was led/given (1) + to believe (that) (1)

NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 B 2 C 3 A 4 A 5 D 6 C 7 C 8 A 9 D
10 D 11 B 12 C 13 D 14 C 15 A 16 B 17 C
18 A

Food for a Future

Jon Wynne-Tyson was an original thinker (0). WHOSE best-known book 'Food for a Future' was published in 1975. In this classic work, a case was (1)..... forward for (2)..... can only be described as a more responsible and humane attitude towards the world's food resources. It had gradually (3)..... clear to Wynne-Tyson that the economics and ecology of meat production did not (4)..... sense. What justification was (5)..... , he argued, for using seven tonnes of cereal to produce one tonne of meat?

Even today, the book's succinct style makes it compulsively readable. (6)..... his approach is basically an emotional one, Wynne-Tyson goes to great lengths to back (7)..... every statement with considerable supporting evidence and statistical data. Thus, even (8)..... of us who are widely read (9)..... the subject of vegetarianism will gain fresh insights from this book. It is generally agreed that his most skilful achievement is the slow revelation of his main thesis (10)..... the arguments unfold. The book concludes that a move away from an animal-based diet to (11)..... which is based on plant sources is inevitable in the long term, in (12)..... of the fact that there is no sound nutritional, medical or social justification for meat-eating. (13)..... of whether you agree with (14)..... a conclusion or not, the book certainly makes (15)..... fascinating read.

The Desire to Know

Curiosity goes back to the dawn of human (0). EXISTENCE. This irrepressible desire to know is not a (16)..... of inanimate objects. Nor does it seem to be attributable to some forms of living organism which, for that very reason, we can scarcely bring ourselves to consider alive. A tree, for example, does not display (17)..... curiosity, nor does a sponge or even an oyster. If chance events bring them poison, predators or parasites, they die as (18)..... as they lived.

- EXIST
- CHARACTER
- RECOGNISE
- CEREMONIOUS

Early in the scheme of life, (19)..... motion was developed by some organisms. It meant an (20)..... advance in their control of the environment. A moving organism no longer waited in stolid (21)..... for food to come its way, but went out after it. The individual that hesitated in the (22)..... search for food, or that was overly (23)..... in its investigation, starved.

- DEPEND
- ORDINARY
- RIGID
- ZEAL
- CONSERVE

As organisms grew more complex, more messages of greater variety were received from and about the (24)..... environment. At the same time, the nervous system, the living instrument that interprets and stores the data collected by the sense organs, became (25)..... complex.

- ROUND
- INCREASE

32 Selena really has no idea of the difficulty of finding a parking place.

how

Little does find a parking place.

33 The first candidate impressed the interviewers immediately.

made

The first candidate the interviewers.

34 I felt relaxed at Gita's house because her parents greeted me so warmly.

ease

Gita's parents the warmth of their greeting.

35 The area was completely devoid of vegetation.

whatsoever

There the area.

36 No matter what happens, we will never do business with that firm again.

ever

Under with that firm again.

37 John concluded that he should take the job.

came

John he should take the job.

38 Oskar didn't feel like going out last night.

mood

Oskar last night.

39 The news that the Prime Minister had resigned came as a great shock to everyone.

aback

Everyone Prime Minister's resignation.

Amateur Astronomy

Many things have changed in astronomy over the past half-century. Until about 30 years ago, there was a great (1) of charts and catalogues. Telescopic equipment was limited and there were few books on practical astronomy. Today, the range of off-the-shelf telescopes and equipment covers almost everything one could need. Electronic calculators and computers have revolutionised almanacs and chart production, and (2) the analysis of observations and the publication of results.

All this must surely make this the golden (3) of amateur astronomy. Well, perhaps, but a great deal has been lost as well. Now one may have to travel 80 km to find a sky comparable to that found in urban areas 50 years ago. The daytime skies are now (4) by aircraft condensation trails which can (5) for hours and often spread out to form amorphous clouds, making solar observations impossible and (6) night-time observation too.

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|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A deficiency | B shortfall | C inadequacy | D shortage |
| 2 A facilitated | B maximised | C cultivated | D upheld |
| 3 A period | B age | C time | D term |
| 4 A bothered | B plagued | C troubled | D badgered |
| 5 A proceed | B pursue | C prolong | D persist |
| 6 A hampering | B smothering | C overcoming | D combating |

Too Much Choice

Society is becoming 'overchoiced'. There are too many things to do, too many options, too many opportunities. In the new economy, the desire for the new product, service or next big thing is an addiction, and technology simply accelerates the (7) of change: the noise, the (8) of new goods and services, offering more and more choice. No sooner has the new product emerged off this virtual production line than the next one is about to be (9) The head spins, the brain races, the fatigue (10) ; the disconnection from life begins.

Choice is the mantra of the new economy, but more choice means more stress, less time and more complexity. Hence a new trend is (11) The search is on for 'simplicity' – the simple things that give meaning in an increasingly complex world. But simplifying your life is not easy in an age of economic excess. There are more basic brands of detergent and breakfast cereals than we can ever need or want, more software upgrades, features and calling plans than we can keep (12) of.

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|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 7 A motion | B step | C pace | D movement |
| 8 A proliferation | B escalation | C extension | D augmentation |
| 9 A initiated | B embarked | C instituted | D launched |
| 10 A sets in | B gives in | C sets up | D gives up |
| 11 A aground | B afoot | C abreast | D, afire |
| 12 A track | B sight | C trace | D hold |

McAndrews Hotel

Every summer we spend a fortnight in McAndrews Hotel in North Mayo, Ireland. It is a family tradition, (13) by my grandmother, and by now it has achieved a certain sacredness. Nothing is allowed to interfere with the ritual. We are of a kind, McAndrews clientele: old-fashioned, odd perhaps, some would say snobbish. I do not like the bad manners, the insolence of shop assistants which (14) for egalitarianism in this present age; I resent chummy overtures from waiters who sometimes appear to (15) themselves with difficulty from slapping one on the back. I know most of my fellow-guests' names – like me they have been coming here since they were children – yet can (16) assured that when I meet any of them in any part of the hotel, I shall be spared all social intercourse (17) a civil word of greeting. Such respect for dignity and personal privacy is (18) to come by in commercial establishments these days.

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|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 13 A constructed | B prompted | C heralded | D instigated |
| 14 A passes | B poses | C claims | D serves |
| 15 A restrict | B repress | C restrain | D retract |
| 16 A stand | B rest | C stay | D keep |
| 17 A on top of | B rather than | C as much as | D apart from |
| 18 A slow | B rare | C hard | D seldom |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 put 2 what 3 become 4 make 5 there
6 although/though/while/whilst 7 up 8 those 9 on 10 as
11 one 12 view 13 irrespective/regardless 14 such 15 a

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 characteristic 17 recognisable/recognizable 18 unceremoniously
19 independent 20 extraordinary 21 rigidity 22 zealous
23 conservative 24 surrounding 25 increasingly

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 Selena know/realise/suspect (1) + how difficult/hard it will be to (1)
33 made an immediate/instant (1) + impression on/upon (1)
34 put me (1) + at (my) ease with (1)
35 was no vegetation (1) + whatsoever (growing) in (1)
36 no circumstances (1) + will/shall we ever do business (1)
37 came to (1) + the conclusion (that) (1)
38 was in no mood / wasn't / was not in the/a/any mood (1) + for going out / to go out (1)
39 was taken aback (1) + by the news of the (1)

NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 D 2 A 3 B 4 B 5 D 6 A 7 C 8 A 9 D
10 A 11 B 12 A 13 D 14 A 15 C 16 B 17 D
18 C

The Changing English Language

All languages change over a period of time, for reasons (0).WHICH.. are imperfectly understood. Speech is really so integral (1)..... form of human activity that it cannot be regarded as an entity (2)..... itself. For this reason, it is more exact to say that (3)..... generation behaves linguistically in a slightly different manner from (4)..... predecessors.

Young people are impatient of (5)..... they often consider to be the stilted vocabulary and pronunciation of (6)..... elders, and like to show (7)..... up-to-date they are by using the latest slang. (8)..... , as the years go by, some of that slang becomes standard usage. In any case, people slowly grow far (9)..... receptive to linguistic novelties, (10)..... that by the time they reach their forties, they decry the slovenly speech of the younger generation.

In this respect, language is a little (11)..... fashions in dress. The informal clothes of one generation become the everyday wear of the (12)..... . Similarly, just as many young doctors and office workers (13)..... out their duties in casual clothes, so expressions which were once confined (14)..... slang and familiar conversation are assimilated;(15)..... their normal vocabulary.

Mount Mulanje

Mount Mulanje in Malawi is the highest mountain in (0).CENTRAL.. Africa, part of a range which comprises no fewer than twenty peaks over 2,500 metres. The range is readily (16)..... by road and a day's drive allows a (17)..... circumnavigation. More energetic visitors, particularly walkers and climbers, are rewarded with an experience that is (18)..... .

CENTRE
ACCESS
LEISURE
FORGET

Mulanje is a (19)..... sight, visible for miles around. The giant slab of rock appears to protrude almost vertically from the plain. This impression is borne out by the existence of the longest sheer rockface in Africa, demanding for even the most skilled (20)..... . The explanation for this dramatic geography lies in the rock: a hard granite, very resistant to (21)..... , which contrasts with the softer rocks of the plains.

BREATH
MOUNTAIN
ERODE

Most visitors remain on the lower, gentler slopes, making use of forest huts for overnight accommodation. The trek up the foothills, along clearly defined paths, is not overly (22)..... but may take up to a week. As the climate cools gradually, almost (23)..... , with every few metres of altitude gained, so the full (24)..... of fauna and flora is revealed in all its (25)..... .

CHALLENGE
PERCEPTIBLE
DIVERSE
SPLENDID

32 Without the new training programme, Fred would never have made the first team.

it

Had the new training programme,
Fred would never have made the first team.

33 'It's none of your business what I do with my money!' Dimitra informed her father.

concern

Dimitra informed her father that what she
of his.

34 I was about to leave the office when Tomasso phoned.

point

I when Tomasso phoned.

35 I had only just got into my car when I remembered I hadn't switched off the kitchen light.

sooner

No I remembered I hadn't switched off
the kitchen light.

36 Denise completely ignored her elder sister's advice.

notice

Denise her elder sister's advice.

37 Sally has run away from home before.

time

This is away from home.

38 People know more about the books Henri writes than the songs he sings.

better

Henri's than as a singer.

39 I have been told that you have been late for work every day this week.

brought

It that you have been late for work
every day this week.

Photography

When a photographer takes a photograph, he or she makes a selection of visual information that is (1) by his or her technical and aesthetic skills, personal views and experience, together with a (2) of social and cultural norms. And in the (3) of this book we shall see how these factors not only affect the style, content and expression of a photograph, but also how those images are perceived and responded to by the viewer. For example, we might consider that the (4) reader of a newspaper will have an implicit understanding of the photographic images reproduced on the page. But rather than accepting the photograph at face (5) , we might question whether it accurately recorded the scene as it would have looked at the time. Or, in contrast, does it communicate the photographer's point of view? Is it the (6) instant recorded that is of particular importance, or should the photograph on the page be understood as a symbol to represent a state of affairs in the world?

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|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1 A concluded | B imposed | C determined | D directed |
| 2 A group | B set | C band | D batch |
| 3 A course | B progress | C means | D process |
| 4 A shallow | B casual | C slight | D random |
| 5 A regard | B esteem | C respect | D value |
| 6 A accurate | B definite | C precise | D absolute |

More than a game

Sport for me has always been more than just a game. The most successful people in sport have total self-belief. You need tunnel (7) if you want to succeed in sport. There's only one route to being the best and you have to put everything else to one (8) Sport is ruthless and no one else is going to do it for you. It's sink or (9)

Sport has taught me personal discipline and determination, but it can also teach you the benefits of working as one of a team. My sport allows and encourages you to (10) individually, yet it is a team game and you have to balance these two aspects. It's very much like life – you can succeed as an individual, but you must never forget there are others around you.

Sport has given me a great deal – and not just financially. It has opened (11) for me and opened my eyes, and I've seen things around the world that others will never see. But you also have to give up a lot for those (12)

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|------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| 7 A sight | B view | C vision | D outlook |
| 8 A margin | B side | C part | D edge |
| 9 A swim | B float | C sail | D drift |
| 10 A outdo | B surpass | C outshine | D excel |
| 11 A gates | B doors | C windows | D barriers |
| 12 A supplements | B tips | C perks | D complements |

Tuning in

Some experiences (13) themselves so sharply on our memory that they form islands of clarity in our recollection. For me, such a momentous (14) took place one night in California many years ago, when I lay awake listening to the rapturous strains of a mockingbird singing from an invisible (15) in one of the tall trees that were (16) around the suburban neighbourhood. I don't suffer from insomnia – it was the exquisite artistry of the singer that kept me awake. As I followed his intricately woven melodies, I found myself (17) into an unexpected aesthetic environment. In order to follow the patterns that issued from the bird, I had to call on my experience of jazz and Indian classical music. The bird had me (18) that I was being treated to an ad lib performance of the most breathtaking improvisational acrobatics. I groaned and I cheered as one improbable musical variation followed another through the open window where I lay listening, until finally I fell asleep.

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| 13 A etch | B scratch | C trace | D cut |
| 14 A proceeding | B circumstance | C development | D occasion |
| 15 A venue | B location | C situation | D area |
| 16 A spotted | B dabbed | C dotted | D flecked |
| 17 A engaged | B captivated | C pushed | D drawn |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 a 2 in 3 each 4 its 5 what 6 their 7 how
 8 however/nevertheless 9 less 10 so 11 like 12 next
 13 carry 14 to 15 into

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 accessible (NOT accessed) 17 leisurely 18 unforgettable
 19 breath(-)taking 20 mountaineer(s) 21 erosion 22 challenging
 23 imperceptibly 24 diversity/biodiversity (NOT diversification)
 25 splendour/splendor

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 it not (1) + been for (1)
 33 did with her money (1) + was no concern (1)
 34 was on the point (1) + of leaving (the office) (1)
 35 sooner had I got (1) + in(to) my car than (1)
 36 took (absolutely) no (1) + notice (what(so)ever) of (1)
 37 not the first time (1) + (that) Sally has run (1)
 38 better known (1) + as a writer (of books) (1)
 39 has been brought (1) + to my attention (1)
 NB: the mark scheme for Part 4 may be expanded with other appropriate answers.

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

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| 1 C | 2 B | 3 A | 4 B | 5 D | 6 C | 7 C | 8 B | 9 A |
| 10 D | 11 B | 12 C | 13 A | 14 D | 15 B | 16 C | 17 D | |
| 18 C | | | | | | | | |

The ways we have changed

It is hard for almost everyone, but especially the young, to imagine a world (0)..... television. We have (1)..... to expect that all the important news of the day, worldwide, will be there (2)..... the touch of a button. In times (3)..... by, only the literate knew what was going on in the world, and (4)..... only after a long delay. But now it is possible for any of us to watch world events as they occur. (5)..... has shortened the distance that divides our private lives (6)..... the outside world to (7)..... an extent as television.

Time and (8)....., television transports us to the habitats of rare animals, and we may identify (9)..... them. Concern for damage to the environment extends far and (10)..... We worry about the influence of technology not just in our cities but on us (11)..... people. Increasingly, we see (12)..... as part of the planet (13)..... than in isolation.

(14)..... was once the prerogative of scholars is now accessible to countless people through the medium of television. (15)..... this form of popular education can be regarded as superficial, it represents a broadening of knowledge.

In a class of your own

Like any form of (0)..... education, the self-taught course has its advantages as well as its (16).....

On the one hand, you are (17).....; no classroom, no timetable and so no risk of getting a bad (18)..... record. You are able to study at your own pace; at home, in the car or wherever your Walkman takes you. On the other hand, can you really trust yourself to be (19)..... motivated without some form of external stimulus?

I procrastinated (20)..... before beginning my first Spanish course. I made coffee, did domestic chores that were anything but (21).....; I even watched daytime television. But, once I got started, I found the course surprisingly engaging. The multimedia formats, colourful textbooks and (22)..... teaching methods all drew me into the excitement of learning a new language.

Of course, if your aim is (23)..... in the language, nothing can beat actually going to the country concerned. Round-the-clock (24)..... is clearly always going to be more effective than the odd half hour with a set of tapes. But that odd half hour will give you an (25)..... head start when you step out onto the streets.

EDUCATE
DRAW

AUTONOMY
ATTEND

SUFFICE

DREAD
PRESS

IMAGINE

EXPERT
IMMERSE

VALUE

32 The manufacturing process was delayed by problems no one had foreseen.

held

The manufacturing process problems.

33 The only thing I could do was sit and wait.

anything

There sit and wait.

34 Eliza would never have got the job if her brother hadn't advised her when she completed the application form.

without

Eliza would never have got the job completing the application form.

35 The new cinema will be built as long as the council agrees to our plans for extra car parking space.

subject

The new cinema will be built to our plans for extra car parking space.

36 'My trainer's foreign accent makes it hard to follow what he says,' Sue said.

which

Sue explained to me that it it hard to follow what he said.

37 There are very few opportunities for Tim to play the saxophone these days.

get

Very rarely the saxophone these days.

38 The guide pointed out to us the magnificent carvings above the windows.

drew

The guide the magnificent carvings above the windows.

39 We ask passengers not to leave their seats until the aircraft doors have been opened.

remain

Passengers until the aircraft doors have been opened.

Einstein

Stop anyone in the street and ask them to name a scientist, and the chances are they'll think of Albert Einstein. His face is used to advertise products with intellectual (1), from computers to encyclopaedias.

Most people know little of what Einstein did, except that he developed some mysterious theories under the heading 'relativity', which are famous for being incomprehensible, and for coming up with bizarre predictions that (2) counter to everyday experience.

Einstein was part of a gigantic (3) forward in scientific thinking, an intellectual revolution that (4) the birth of twentieth century science. Physicists and mathematicians were trying to create a new, more rational description of the universe by studying relationships between matter and the forces of nature.

Einstein (5) his profound and far-reaching contributions simply by looking again at the nature of the fundamentals: time, space, matter and energy. Previous descriptions had depended on Isaac Newton's view of a universe in which stars and planets moved in an absolute framework of space and time. Einstein (6) this notion, saying that time and space were not absolute but relative.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 A suppositions | B connotations | C assumptions | D inferences |
| 2 A drive | B fall | C flow | D run |
| 3 A flight | B leap | C dive | D vault |
| 4 A ushered | B notified | C heralded | D declared |
| 5 A gave | B laid | C offered | D made |
| 6 A overthrew | B overtook | C overwhelmed | D overran |

Language

'The origin of human language is truly secret and marvellous,' wrote Jacob Grimm in 1851. The marvellous secret has long proved a launch pad for strange ideas. 'Primitive man was likely to make sounds like "meuh" when (13) danger,' claimed Charles Callier in 1928. "'Meuh" has a plaintive sound. The human who wandered over a hostile land inhabited by awesome beasts (14) desperate noises, and languages have preserved some echo of his lamentation such as *malaria* meaning "fever" or the Latin *mors* meaning "death".'

Faced with such weird speculations, many avoided the topic, regarding it as a playground for cranks, but recently, language origin and evolution have become key research areas. Language probably developed in East Africa, around 100,000 years ago. (15), speech was used for friendly interaction, and was an important tool in power (16) Information-swapping was probably not an important original (17) – contrary to the views of philosopher John Locke, who spoke of language as a 'great conduit' for (18) knowledge.

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 13 A feeling | B sensing | C suffering | D fighting |
| 14 A screeched | B cried | C called | D uttered |
| 15 A In conclusion | B As a consequence | C In the main | D Despite this |
| 16 A struggles | B wars | C strikes | D contests |
| 17 A argument | B service | C role | D thought |
| 18 A dispatching | B conveying | C teaching | D passing |

Young Readers

Throughout our childhoods, Lydia and I distrusted any prize-winning book because we knew it would be worthy; and for 'worthy', (7) 'boring', we thought.

While our mother had been inclined to abhor our philistinism in tones of despising innuendo, our father would cheerfully dish us out tenpences, chapter by chapter, as inducements to make us (8) our eyes over the occasional improving volume. Or he would (9) the odd superior book in amongst our Christmas and birthday presents, labelled in bold marker pen, 'This Book is NOT Literature'. Though we (10) most of his offerings as 'boys' books', he did, in this way, (11) us to some shorter works of decent fiction and, just once, to a well-known (12) of verse.

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 7 A interpret | B read | C consider | D define |
| 8 A chuck | B throw | C hurl | D cast |
| 9 A link | B weave | C slip | D fold |
| 10 A dismissed | B disqualified | C discredited | D disclaimed |
| 11 A reveal | B expose | C unveil | D disclose |
| 12 A album | B periodical | C manual | D anthology |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 come / learnt / learned 2 at 3 gone 4 then 5 nothing
6 from 7 such 8 again 9 with 10 wide 11 as
12 ourselves 13 rather 14 what 15 although / though / while / whilst

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 drawbacks 17 autonomous 18 attendance 19 sufficiently
20 dreadfully 21 pressing 22 imaginative 23 expertise
24 immersion 25 invaluable

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 was held up (1) + by / because of / due to / owing to / on account of / as a result of unforeseen (1)
33 wasn't / was not anything (else) (that) I could do (1) + except / other than / but / apart from (1) (NB: maximum of eight words)
34 without her brother / brother's (1) + having advised / advising her when / while (she was) (1) OR without the advice (1) + of her brother when / while / on (1)
35 subject to (1) + the council / council's agreeing / the council's agreement (1) OR the agreement of the council (1)
36 was her trainer's foreign accent (1) + which made / was making (1)
37 does Tim get (1) + the / any / an / opportunity to play (1) OR (any) opportunities to play (1) OR a / the / any chance to play / of playing (1)
38 drew our (1) + attention to (1)
39 are asked to / requested to (1) + remain seated / in their seats (1)

Part 4

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 B | 2 D | 3 B | 4 C | 5 D | 6 A | 7 B | 8 D | 9 C |
| 10 A | 11 B | 12 D | 13 B | 14 D | 15 C | 16 A | 17 C | |
| 18 B | | | | | | | | |

Louis Pasteur (1822–1895)

Of the legions (0).....^{of}..... twentieth century scientists, only a handful won worldwide recognition. Even (1)..... have won the greatest prize of all, the Nobel Prize, and rarer still are those who have won two. So (2)....., only three people have succeeded in achieving this, but there is one scientist whose achievements would have merited four at the (3)..... least. (4)..... he died a few years (5)..... soon to receive the first Nobel Prize, Louis Pasteur is arguably the most celebrated of any scientist, (6)..... name appearing (7)..... countless products in homes, shops and supermarkets (8)..... this day.

Pioneer scientist, conqueror of disease and saviour of industries, Pasteur combined soaring intellectual powers (9)..... down-to-earth pragmatism, a combination which allowed him, to (10)..... intents and purposes, to dispose of centuries of pseudo-science. In the year 1822 when he was born, the life sciences were based on (11)..... more than medieval fairy tales. The underlying causes of many diseases were quite unknown. What explanations (12)..... exist were utterly bizarre. For instance, malaria was said to have (13)..... origins in 'miasmas' emanating from swamps, whereas influenza was linked to the 'influence' of celestial events, (14)..... as the passage of comets. Pasteur exploded (15)..... and many other myths.

Rain making

When it rains, it doesn't always pour. During a typical storm, a (0).....^{comparatively}..... small amount of the locked up moisture in each cloud reaches the ground as rain. So the idea that human (16)..... – a rain dance, perhaps – might encourage the sky to give up a little (17)..... water has been around since prehistoric times. More recently, would-be rain makers have used a more direct (18)..... – that of throwing various chemicals out of aeroplanes in an effort to wring more rain from the clouds, a practice known as 'cloud seeding'.

Yet such techniques, which were first developed in the 1940s, are (19)..... difficult to evaluate. It is hard to (20)....., for example, how much rain would have fallen anyway. So, despite much anecdotal evidence of the advantages of cloud seeding, which has led to its adoption in more than 40 countries around the world, as far as scientists are concerned, results are still (21)..... That could be about to change. For the past three years (22)..... have been carrying out the most extensive and (23)..... evaluation to date of a revolutionary new technique which will substantially boost the volume of (24).....

The preliminary (25)..... of their experiments indicate that solid evidence of the technique's effectiveness is now within the scientists' grasp.

COMPARE

INTERVENE

ADD

PROCEED

NOTORIETY

CERTAIN

CONCLUSIVE

RESEARCH

RIGOUR

RAIN

FIND

32 Chess is a much more skilful game than backgammon.

deal

Playing chess requires playing backgammon.

33 John's comments on the new film were not well received.

go

John's comments on the new film well.

34 It was never explained why Gregor decided to leave.

given

No of Gregor's decision to leave.

35 Nobody expected Lucy to resign.

came

Lucy's everyone.

36 I was just about to leave the house when I heard the phone ring.

verge

I was the house when I heard the phone ring.

37 Stefano decided to stay on at the hotel for two more weeks.

extend

Stefano decided two weeks.

38 I'm sorry, I didn't mean to interrupt the meeting.

intention

I'm sorry, I the meeting.

39 I wonder what's happened to Hans; he's normally on time for an important meeting.

unlike

I wonder what's happened to Hans; it's most for an important meeting.

Paul Simon

Rock and roll in the 1950s was primarily a youth cult, but its lasting importance (1) in the seismic impact it had on the middle class and the middle-aged. It also (2) the way for the next generation of rock idols, who listened to it awestruck and aware that this strange, unsettling sound would somehow, irrevocably, be (3) with their destinies.

For Paul Simon, as for other youngsters in the US, the chief (4) for hearing this new and invigorating type of music that was sweeping the country was courtesy of Alan Freed's radio show, *Moondog Rock 'n' Roll Party*. Freed's show was (5) listening for a whole generation of fledgling rock idols. Like the young John Lennon, 3,000 miles away in Liverpool, with his ear (6) to Radio Luxembourg – the only European outlet for the new rock and roll – Paul Simon was fascinated by the sounds pouring from Freed's show, and prepared himself for the next big step for a rock and roll obsessed teenager, the switch from listening to others' music to making his own.

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|-----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 A stood | B stayed | C held | D lay |
| 2 A paved | B fashioned | C generated | D grounded |
| 3 A fastened | B joined | C linked | D related |
| 4 A opportunity | B chance | C way | D access |
| 5 A needed | B obliged | C demanded | D required |
| 6 A engrossed | B glued | C sealed | D enthralled |

Snow

No path was visible, but I thought that I would be all right if I walked with due caution. The wind hammered down from the heights, knocking me over as I slid and (7) on the slippery ice. Suddenly the innocent-looking snow (8) way beneath me. I dropped, startled, into a hole some four feet deep. The snow had formed a roof over the gap between two rocks, melting away to leave nothing but a thin (9) through which I had plunged. I (10) myself out, shaken and unnerved, wondering what I would have done if the hole had been thirty feet deep. I sat back against the top of a pine tree that protruded from the snow to take (11) of the situation. In an hour I had covered about half a mile. It was perfectly clear that I would have to (12) my plan.

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|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 7 A slithered | B swooped | C skipped | D swept |
| 8 A sank | B gave | C opened | D fell |
| 9 A lining | B fabric | C crust | D cloak |
| 10 A hauled | B handed | C carted | D trailed |
| 11 A issue | B thought | C stock | D gist |
| 12 A abandon | B neglect | C desist | D refute |

Qualitative Research

There are now numerous books which attempt to give guidance to researchers about qualitative research. While much has been written about the collection of data, the books are often (13) about the processes and procedures associated with data analysis. Indeed, much mystery surrounds the way researchers analyse their data. (14), we invited a range of social scientists who have (15) in qualitative projects to discuss the (16) that they used. The idea was to share insight and understanding of the process of qualitative data analysis rather than to produce a guidebook for the intending researcher. Such a task involves a process of demystification, of (17) implicit procedures more explicit. While this may sound straightforward, we have found it far from simple. We have therefore given our contributors the opportunity to (18) their work in a range of styles, which include autobiographical narratives and more impersonal forms.

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 13 A silent | B dark | C blank | D dumb |
| 14 A However | B Accordingly | C Even so | D In essence |
| 15 A employed | B engaged | C exploited | D entered |
| 16 A accounts | B manners | C approaches | D modes |
| 17 A turning | B making | C putting | D getting |
| 18 A propose | B render | C extend | D present |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 fewer 2 far 3 very 4 though / although / while / whilst 5 too
6 his 7 on / upon 8 to 9 with 10 all
11 little / no / nothing 12 did 13 its 14 such 15 these / those

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 intervention 17 additional 18 procedure 19 notoriously
20 ascertain 21 inconclusive 22 researchers 23 rigorous
24 rainfall 25 findings

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 a good / great deal more (1) + skill than (1)
33 did not / didn't go (1) + down (so / particularly / all that / very) (1)
34 explanation (1) + was ever given (1) OR explanations (1) + were ever given (1)
35 resignation / resigning / decision to resign came (1) + as a (total / complete) surprise / shock to (1)
36 on the verge (1) + of leaving / going out of (1)
37 to extend his / her (1) + stay at the hotel by (1)
38 did not / didn't have any / had no intention (1) + of interrupting (1)
39 unlike him (1) + to be / arrive / come / turn up / late (1) OR not to be in / on time (1)

Part 4

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 D | 2 A | 3 C | 4 A | 5 D | 6 B | 7 A | 8 B | 9 C |
| 10 A | 11 C | 12 A | 13 A | 14 B | 15 B | 16 C | 17 B | |
| 18 D | | | | | | | | |

Communication

Throughout our lives, right from the moment when (0).....^{as}..... infants we cry to express hunger, we are engaging in social interaction of one form or (1)..... . Each and (2)..... time we encounter fellow human beings, some kind of social interaction will take place, (3)..... it's getting on a bus and paying the fare for the journey, or socialising with friends. It goes without (4)..... , therefore, that we need the ability to communicate. Without some method of transmitting intentions, we would be (5)..... a complete loss when it (6)..... to interacting socially.

Communication involves the exchange of information, which can be (7)..... from a gesture to a friend signalling boredom to the presentation of a university thesis which may (8)..... ever be read by a handful of others, or it could be something in (9)..... the two.

Our highly developed languages set us (10)..... from animals. (11)..... for these languages, we could not communicate sophisticated or abstract ideas. (12)..... could we talk or write about people or objects (13)..... immediately present. (14)..... we restricted to discussing objects already present, we would be (15)..... to make abstract generalisations about the world.

Science and technology

Until (0).....^{comparatively}..... recent times science and technology performed different and separate functions, the progress of one so often completely (16)..... to the progress of the other.

(17)..... have established that, since the earliest times, the improvements in our way of life have resulted from an empirical approach, that is a process of trial and error, by which equipment and tools are made to satisfy important needs. It is to this approach that we owe the evolution of technology. Our modern concept of science, both (18)..... and pragmatic in approach, stems from the seventeenth century, when extensive investigations into the natural laws governing the behaviour of matter were (19)..... .

It was this (20)..... style of thought which led to a science-based technology. Scientific knowledge was not in itself seen as a (21)..... for the earlier system of trial and error, but it did help the technical (22)..... to see which path of experimentation might be more (23)..... . With the industrialisation of the nineteenth century, the bond between science and technology (24)..... . In our own time, the mutual (25)..... of one discipline upon the other has increased still further.

COMPARE

RELATE

HISTORY

PHILOSOPHY

TAKE

REVOLUTION

PLACE

INNOVATE

FRUIT

STRONG

RELY

32 Nobody wants to buy second-hand computer equipment these days.

call

There is second-hand computer equipment these days.

33 This letter clearly says that you are entitled to attend the meeting.

right

This letter makes attend the meeting.

34 Martina was very annoyed that her son had borrowed her new bike.

great

To borrowed her new bike.

35 You should never leave this door unlocked under any circumstances.

is

Under left unlocked.

36 There is every certainty that Joel will have finished the report by Monday.

bound

Joel by Monday.

37 One day she's going to become a famous film star.

matter

It's only a famous film star.

38 Because of the appalling weather conditions, some trains will be delayed.

subject

Some trains because of the appalling weather conditions.

39 I don't mind which make of car you choose.

consequence

It make of car you choose.

Art on TV

Why is it that television so consistently fails when it (1) to programmes about the visual arts? Painting and sculpture should be (2) subjects for the camera, which has the ability to show a whole work of art, then move in close to examine the details. Yet I can think of few series on television that have managed to (3) both the pleasure and complexity of looking at them.

A good example of what goes wrong can be seen in Robert Hughes's eight part survey of American art, *American Visions*. Hughes is a critic you can trust, he has a personality that commands attention and he has been given nearly eight hours in which to (4) British audiences to a school of art that British galleries have totally ignored. I had expected the series to (5) on great works of art. What I got instead was one about the way American history and culture are (6) in its art and architecture.

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| 1 A applies | B takes | C addresses | D comes |
| 2 A natural | B due | C right | D apparent |
| 3 A convey | B inflict | C cast | D emit |
| 4 A acquaint | B disclose | C reveal | D introduce |
| 5 A target | B focus | C aim | D cover |
| 6 A borne | B conferred | C reflected | D hinted |

Dealing in Metals

For 20 years I worked as an international metals dealer and gained something of a reputation as a speculator. Metals are (7) far less than other markets. With a bit of luck, a (8) to take a risk and a good understanding of how the market works, it's possible to make a lot of money. Risk-taking is part and (9) of the industry. The buccaneering culture (10) nicely with a free-market global economy. But now the free-trade economists who claimed the market itself would maintain the price of scarce metals have found the opposite is happening. More minerals are being (11), and the cost of raw materials is decreasing. Taking inflation into account, the prices of most metals are about half of what they were 20 years ago. Recently, I was asked to look into (12) made against one of the multinational conglomerates that benefit from these cheap raw materials.

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 7 A ruled | B regulated | C governed | D legislated |
| 8 A talent | B gift | C willingness | D propensity |
| 9 A portion | B package | C present | D parcel |
| 10 A plays | B joins | C fits | D suits |
| 11 A expelled | B extracted | C exhumed | D expanded |
| 12 A propositions | B allegations | C suggestions | D insinuations |

Extract from a Holiday Brochure

Abaco and its off-shore cays are part of the 700 islands of the Bahamas that stretch from Florida, past the Tropic of Cancer, to Cuba. Each one has its own (13), each one has something to offer.

The key to getting anywhere in the islands and cays of Abaco is a boat. If you don't get one (14) in with the room don't worry. Be happy. There are ferries (15) And water-taxis. Or, there are plenty of boats to rent if you prefer to go under your own (16)

But sailing is the most popular (17) of transport here. Abaco is nicknamed 'The Sailing Capital of the World' for good reason.

Those calm, naturally protected waters are also a paradise for fishing, diving, snorkelling and swimming. The cays and their beaches stretch for 200 miles like a (18) of pearls. It's not only at sea that gems can be found. At night it's the lights of the restaurants and cafés of Hope Town and Green Turtle Cay that sparkle.

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| 13 A trait | B personality | C type | D distinction |
| 14 A pushed | B given | C thrown | D bought |
| 15 A sundry | B galore | C legion | D replete |
| 16 A propulsion | B means | C momentum | D steam |
| 17 A mode | B pattern | C way | D manner |
| 18 A thread | B filament | C line | D string |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 another 2 every 3 whether 4 saying 5 at
6 came / comes 7 anything 8 only 9 between 10 apart
11 but 12 nor / neither 13 not 14 were 15 unable

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 unrelated 17 historians 18 philosophical 19 undertaken
20 revolutionary 21 replacement 22 innovator(s) 23 fruitful
24 strengthened 25 reliance

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 (almost / virtually) no OR hardly / scarcely any OR (very / precious) little OR n't / not any call (1) + for (1)
33 it clear (that) you have (1) + the / every / a right to (1) OR it clear (that) it is (1) + your right to (1) OR clear (1) + your right to (1)
34 Martina's great annoyance (1) + her son had (1)
35 no circumstances (1) + is this / the door (ever) to be (1)
36 is bound (1) + to have finished the / his / her report (1)
37 a matter of time (1) + until / before she becomes / is (1)
38 are / will be subject (1) + to delay(s) (1)
39 is of no / little consequence (1) + to me which / what (1)

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 D 2 A 3 A 4 D 5 B 6 C 7 B 8 C 9 D
10 C 11 B 12 B 13 B 14 C 15 B 16 D 17 A
18 D

Letter from a Genius

In 1912, the world's top mathematicians began to receive letters which were (0).....full..... of incredibly complex formulae. They came from Madras, in India, (1)..... a 23-year-old accounts clerk named Srinivasa Ramanujan had seemingly (2)..... up with hundreds of new solutions to known mathematical problems (3)..... any form of assistance or training.

For the most (4)..... , the professional mathematicians' response was the usual one (5)..... faced with eccentric letters: they consigned them straight (6)..... the bin. But in 1913, some reached G. H. Hardy, a leading authority in number theory at Cambridge University. He, too, initially dismissed the letters (7)..... the work of an eccentric, but unable to (8)..... them out of his head, he eventually subjected them to closer scrutiny. After a few hours, Hardy arrived (9)..... the conclusion that what he had (10)..... him was the work of a mathematical genius, a view confirmed by colleagues with (11)..... he shared his discovery.

Before very (12)..... , Ramanujan had received an invitation to Cambridge and, once there, he soon proved (13)..... worth. A fruitful collaboration with Hardy (14)..... in the opening up of vast areas of mathematical research, still being worked on to (15)..... day.

Lack of pastures new

Human activity made its mark on land use and (0).....vegetation..... in coastal regions of southern Europe long before the first (16)..... holidays arrived. By classical times, these areas had already seen extensive (17)..... by natural and human activity, and the process continues today.

- VEGETATE
PACK
ERODE

The hospitable climate of the area, long appreciated in literature as well as holiday brochures, produces seasonal variations in levels of soil (18)..... and consequently in plant growth. In an area where (19)..... occur frequently, there was a distinctive soil type at one time, with plants which had adapted to it. Nowadays though, this soil cover is no longer in (20)..... anywhere in the region.

- MOIST
DRY
EXIST

The early years of the 1980s were (21)..... dry and this exacerbated problems brought about by the (22)..... growth of industry in rural areas and the intensification of agriculture. Pollution and insufficient water supplies have become problems to which the landscape is increasingly (23)..... . The more recently this type of land has fallen out of use, the longer it takes for plant cover to reestablish itself.

- EXCEPT
SUBSTANCE
SENSE

The European Union has set up a programme of (24)..... into land degradation in southern Europe, involving forty-four universities in the (25)..... of data which can be used to inform the policy decisions needed to deal with the issue.

- SEARCH
GATHER

32 There are fewer geese on the nature reserve than there were ten years ago.

declined

The number of geese on the nature reserve
ten years.

33 I asked Sally to write us a short letter to let us know that she's arrived safely.

drop

I asked Sally to let us know that
she's arrived safely.

34 Alan felt that it was unforgivable that Jane hadn't replied to his invitation.

failure

Alan felt that was unforgivable.

35 Marisa thought it would be possible for someone to turn the old vase into a plant pot.

made

Marisa thought that a plant pot.

36 Jeremy usually plays football on Saturdays.

habit

Jeremy is football on Saturdays.

37 When he was at his most successful, the president had enormous influence.

height

At , the president had enormous
influence.

38 Shula is one of the few students to use the library extensively.

majority

Unlike extensive use of the library.

39 For me, his skill as a negotiator was most impressive.

how

I was most negotiator he was.

Goat Racing

I was about to witness goat racing. Easter Monday in Buccoo Village. I was fighting my way through ice-cream vans, (1) of people, food stalls and hot music singeing my eardrums. Even though the general movement was towards the racecourse, I (2) my way through the crowds in an effort to get a good pitch. An area had been (3) to make a course for competitors. Not quite on a (4) with established racecourses, but on the similar assumption that spectators were to line either side of a (5) of ground along which the participants would travel. An attempt was being made to keep a handful of select goats in order. No mean feat when dealing with an animal fabled to eat almost anything it can get (6) of.

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|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 A flocks | B shoals | C hordes | D herds |
| 2 A handed | B thumbled | C fingered | D elbowed |
| 3 A cordoned off | B shut away | C penned in | D closed down |
| 4 A standard | B rule | C par | D norm |
| 5 A spread | B stretch | C space | D span |
| 6 A grip | B hold | C hang | D grasp |

Canoe Trip

As the day (7) to a close, I started to think about the night ahead, and I (8) with fear. The canoe was too wet to sleep in, there was nowhere to stop, and we hadn't seen any villages or huts since early morning. In the dim moonlight, and with the (9) of our torch we could just make out the line of the cliffs; the torch batteries were (10), so we put in new ones, but they didn't work. Obviously we weren't going to be able to spot a camping place. A couple of miles later, Lesley called out that she had seen a distant flickering light and our hopes (11) : the light turned out to be moonlight glinting on waves; soon we could hear the roaring noise of fast-rushing water, though we couldn't see what was happening. Time (12) still, and we moved on.

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|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 7 A led | B pulled | C drew | D headed |
| 8 A thumped | B beat | C throbbed | D shuddered |
| 9 A support | B means | C backing | D aid |
| 10 A dimming | B failing | C sinking | D fainting |
| 11 A soared | B expanded | C reared | D ascended |
| 12 A kept | B waited | C stood | D remained |

How to be Presentation Perfect – we answer your questions

I am not a natural at making presentations, yet in my role as managing director I am increasingly required to present internally to my colleagues, (13) externally to the major shareholders. How can I improve my presentational techniques and my confidence?

You are not the only one. Making a presentation involves completely different skills from those you need to run a company, yet more and more senior executives are (14) to be accomplished at it.

If you are trying to convince your audience of something, you have to be convinced yourself. Demonstrate your conviction in the passion and enthusiasm you (15) to the presentation. That means you must do your homework. Test your proposition carefully in advance. Ask colleagues to identify the 'hard questions' your audience might (16) to you. You also need to build a positive climate from the (17) Begin with an area of (18) ground that people can identify with and build gradually towards the conclusion you want to reach.

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|----------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| 13 A let alone | B not to mention | C besides | D alongside |
| 14 A demanded | B called | C expected | D desired |
| 15 A bring | B bear | C convey | D deliver |
| 16 A make | B request | C propose | D put |
| 17 A outset | B outcome | C outlook | D output |
| 18 A mutual | B common | C shared | D similar |

Part 1 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 where 2 come 3 without 4 part 5 when / if 6 to
7 as 8 get 9 at 10 before 11 whom 12 long 13 his
14 resulted / ended / culminated / climaxed 15 this

Part 2 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 16 package 17 erosion 18 moisture 19 droughts
20 existence 21 exceptionally 22 substantial 23 sensitive
24 research 25 gathering

Part 3 (two marks for each correct answer)

- 32 has declined (1) + during / over / in the past / last (1)
33 to drop us (1) + a line (in order) (1)
34 Jane's failure (1) + to reply to his invitation / invite (1)
35 the old vase could / might (possibly) be (1) + made into (1)
36 in the habit (1) + of playing (1)
37 the height of (1) + his success (1)
38 the (vast) majority of (the) students (1) + Shula makes (1)
39 impressed by / at / with (1) OR impressed to see (1) + (just) how skilled / skilful / skilful a (1)

Part 4 (one mark for each correct answer)

- 1 C 2 D 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 B 7 C 8 D 9 D
10 B 11 A 12 C 13 B 14 C 15 A 16 D 17 A
18 B