

## Part 1

For questions **1 – 8**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

**Example:**

**0**    **A**    report                      **B**    describe                      **C**    inform                      **D**    tell

<b>0</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
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### The oldest leather shoe in the world

Archaeologists (**0**) ..... that a perfectly preserved 5,500-year-old shoe has been discovered in a cave in Armenia in south-west Asia. It is (**1**) ..... to be the oldest leather shoe ever found.

The shoe was made of a single piece of leather, stitched at the front and back, and was shaped to fit the wearer's foot. It had been (**2**) ..... with grasses, either for warmth or to make sure it kept its shape. 'The shoe is relatively small but we can't say for (**3**) ..... whether it was worn by a man or a woman,' says Dr Ron Pinhasi, an archaeologist on the research (**4**) ..... 'We thought at first that it was about 600-700 years old because it was in such good shape.'

Shoes of this type from later periods have turned (**5**) ..... in archaeological excavations in various places in Europe, and shoes of a very similar design were still being used on the Aran Islands off the west coast of Ireland as (**6**) ..... as the 1950s. It's (**7**) ..... a style which (**8**) ..... popular for thousands of years.

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|---|---|-----------|---|----------|---|-----------|---|-------------|
| 1 | A | accepted  | B | regarded | C | assessed  | D | believed    |
| 2 | A | stuffed   | B | loaded   | C | pushed    | D | blocked     |
| 3 | A | clear     | B | specific | C | true      | D | certain     |
| 4 | A | class     | B | force    | C | team      | D | company     |
| 5 | A | over      | B | into     | C | up        | D | about       |
| 6 | A | recently  | B | lately   | C | presently | D | immediately |
| 7 | A | correctly | B | exactly  | C | precisely | D | obviously   |
| 8 | A | held      | B | stood    | C | remained  | D | lasted      |

## Part 2

For questions **9 – 16**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

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

**Example:**

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### From black pepper to chilli pepper

In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Europeans knew nothing of the chilli pepper, but they held black pepper in high regard and had used it in cooking **(0)** ..... Greek and Roman times. Ships travelling east brought the black pepper from the Spice Islands in South East Asia but this **(9)** ..... a long time. In 1492, Christopher Columbus was asked to find a shorter route to the Spice Islands, going westwards **(10)** ..... than eastwards, and so he set **(11)** ..... from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean.

Columbus didn't succeed **(12)** ..... finding the Spice Islands but he **(13)** ..... manage to discover the Americas. There he **(14)** ..... across another pepper; the chilli, which had been used in cooking in South America for thousands of years. Soon **(15)** ..... Columbus's discovery, large quantities of chillies were being shipped back to Spain from the Caribbean. Later, people realised that chillies would actually grow in southern Europe and it wasn't long before fresh chillies were **(16)** ..... sale in European markets.

## Part 3

For questions **17 – 24**, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap **in the same line**. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

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

**Example:**

0	M	E	M	O	R	A	B	L	E								
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### Family bike fun

National Bike Week was celebrated last week in a **(0)** ..... way with a **MEMORY**  
 Family Fun Day in Larkside Park. The event **(17)** ..... to be highly **PROOF**  
 successful with over five hundred people attending.

Larkside Cycling Club brought along a **(18)** ..... of different bikes to **VARY**  
 demonstrate the **(19)** ..... that family members of all ages can get from **ENJOY**  
 group cycling. Basic cycling **(20)** ..... was taught using conventional bikes. **SAFE**  
 There were also some rather **(21)** ..... bikes on display. One-wheelers, five- **USUAL**  
 wheelers and even one which could carry up to six **(22)** ..... , were used for **RIDE**  
 fun.

The club also gave information on how cycling can help to reduce **(23)** ..... **ENVIRONMENT**  
 damage. They also provided **(24)** ..... as to how people could substitute the **SUGGEST**  
 bike for the car for daily journeys. The overall message was that cycling is  
 great family fun and an excellent alternative to driving. By the end of the day  
 over a hundred people had signed up for membership.

## Part 4

For questions **25 – 30**, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

**Example:**

**0** A very friendly taxi driver drove us into town.

**DRIVEN**

We ..... a very friendly taxi driver.

The gap can be filled by the words 'were driven into town by', so you write:

**Example:**

**0**

WERE DRIVEN INTO TOWN BY

Write **only** the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the **separate answer sheet**.

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**25** Paula can't wait to hear the band's new album.

**FORWARD**

Paula is really ..... the band's new album.

**26** Buying a daily newspaper seems pointless to me.

**POINT**

I can't ..... a daily newspaper.

**27** Daniel thought the flight would be more expensive than it actually was.

**NOT**

The flight ..... as Daniel thought it would be.

- 28 It's a shame I'm not able to come to your party on Saturday.

**COULD**

I ..... to your party on Saturday.

- 29 There were no trainers left in Denzel's size anywhere on the website.

**SOLD**

The website had ..... trainers in Denzel's size.

- 30 Gwenda deleted her sister's photographs by accident.

**MEAN**

Gwenda ..... her sister's photographs.