

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)**.

In the exam, you write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on a separate answer sheet.

Example: 

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## Mr Bean

The comedy character Mr Bean is **(0)** ..... of Britain's most successful exports. Played by the actor Rowan Atkinson, Mr Bean is instantly recognisable to people around the world. The original television show has been shown on **(9)** ..... than two-hundred TV stations, as **(10)** ..... as on over fifty airlines.

So why is Mr Bean so popular? **(11)** ..... many people regard Mr Bean as a typically British character, the initial inspiration actually came from a French comic character called Monsieur Hulot, created by the French comedian Jacques Tati.

According **(12)** ..... Rowan Atkinson, however, the actual character of Mr Bean is mostly based on **(13)** ..... own personality as a nine-year-old. Mr Bean is a man **(14)** ..... is awkward, self-conscious and accident-prone. He's very selfish and doesn't really understand much about the world **(15)** ..... him. He's really a child in a man's body. This is the basis for a lot of visual comedy and Atkinson mentions comedians **(16)** ..... as Charlie Chaplin and Stan Laurel as other famous examples.