

Part 1

For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

There is an example at the beginning (0).

0 A dispute B argument C dissent D challenge

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Soap operas

It is surely beyond (0) that soap opera is the most consistently popular type of television programme in the world. It has succeeded in (1) the imagination of millions since it first (2) as a genre back in the 1930s. The word 'soap' alludes to the role originally played by detergent manufacturers, who promoted their products during commercial breaks. Soap operas have been (3) as mindless entertainment, with viewers only (4) to these programmes in order to escape from reality.

Soaps are often set in friendly, tightly-knit neighbourhoods, evoking nostalgic feelings in some viewers, since such communities may no longer exist in many areas. The subject matter of soaps also (5) great appeal for viewers since the stories (6) focus on domestic problems they may have experienced themselves.

There has been a significant shift in attitudes with many soaps now (7) moral and social issues. The characters and situations (8) are complex and ambiguous, providing much food for thought and no easy answers.

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| 1 | A commanding | B capturing | C carrying | D conquering |
| 2 | A originated | B emerged | C established | D inaugurated |
| 3 | A disregarded | B deplored | C disapproved | D dismissed |
| 4 | A resorting | B applying | C resigning | D adopting |
| 5 | A catches | B holds | C bears | D brings |
| 6 | A permanently | B uniformly | C perpetually | D invariably |
| 7 | A enquiring | B addressing | C commenting | D interpreting |
| 8 | A symbolised | B illustrated | C depicted | D represented |

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Part 2

For questions 9 – 16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only **one** word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example: 0 B U T

My new friend's a robot

In fiction robots have a personality, (0) BUT reality is disappointingly different. Although sophisticated (9) to assemble cars and assist during complex surgery, modern robots are dumb automatons, (10) of striking up relationships with their human operators.

However, change is (11) the horizon. Engineers argue that, as robots begin to make (12) a bigger part of society, they will need a way to interact with humans. To this end they will need artificial personalities. The big question is this: what does a synthetic companion need to have so that you want to engage (13) it over a long period of time? Phones and computers have already shown the (14) to which people can develop relationships with inanimate electronic objects.

Looking further (15) , engineers envisage robots helping around the house, integrating with the web to place supermarket orders using email. Programming the robot with a human-like persona and (16) it the ability to learn its users' preferences, will help the person feel at ease with it. Interaction with such a digital entity in this context is more natural than sitting with a mouse and keyboard.

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 space 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 S E A S O N A L

The migration of birds

Migration is the perilous (0) SEASONAL journey undertaken by many bird species. In the northern hemisphere it is prompted by the (17) of food. Migrants are also (18) programmed to respond to the changing length of the day as autumn approaches. Nevertheless, in the tropics, where there is little variation in the amount of daylight, migration is still a surprisingly common (19)

Many birds will display considerable restlessness before beginning their journeys. Their (20) to the earth's magnetic field helps them navigate, but inexperienced birds may get things (21) wrong and end up far from their intended destination.

In the past, the return dates could be predicted with great precision but climate change makes this harder. Although it is (22) for birds to return earlier than their rivals so they can establish territories, getting back too early could have incalculable consequences for their long-term survival. However, some birds are (23) reducing the distances they migrate in response to a milder climate. Their adaptability in such a short period in (24) terms has greatly surprised scientists.

SEASON

SCARCE

GENE

OCCUR

SENSE

SPECTACLE

ADVANTAGE

PROGRESS

EVOLVE

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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 **three** and **eight** words, including the word given. Here is an example (**0**).

Example:

0 Do you mind if I watch you while you paint?

objection

Do you you while you paint?

0	<i>have any objection to my watching</i>
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Write **only** the missing words **on the separate answer sheet.**

25 The driver instructed passengers to move down the bus.

way

Passengers down the bus by the driver.

26 Mira tried to stay out of the argument between her two colleagues.

sides

Mira tried between her two colleagues.

27 A lack of support is threatening the success of the carnival.

under

The carnival's support.

28 The manager refused to discuss his decision further.

open

The manager stated that his decision discussion.

29 Please text me when you get home, even if it's very late.

how

No when you get home, please text me.

30 I just saw Emma for a moment as she walked past the restaurant.

caught

I just as she walked past the restaurant.

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