

PART 1

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

American Eagle

America's national symbol is that great bird which is known as the bald eagle. However, the number of these species has dropped from 50 000 in the 1940s to less than 300 today. Fortunately, America has taken (1) _____ by starting to breed these eagles. This takes place at a research centre in Oklahoma, where 300 eagles have been bred and then released into the wild. The eggs are (2) _____ from wild eagles' nests, found throughout the country, and are flown straight to the centre by aeroplane. During the journey, they are kept (3) _____ in a special container which (4) _____ them from sunlight, which could easily kill them. Once they are at the centre, they are continually (5) _____ until they hatch. Eight hours after the birds emerge, they are given their first meal, consisting of little pieces of a special meat. At 6 weeks old, they are taken outside to get used to the cooler temperature. The (6) _____ stages of the bird's introduction to the wild take place at the top of a(n) (7) _____ tower, where they are kept in a big cage and fed on fish. As time goes by, the cages are removed and the birds eventually (8) _____ to fly.

1. A measure	B move	C action	D step
2. A assembled	B concentrated	C piled	D collected
3. A certain	B safe	C sure	D harmless
4. A avoids	B prevents	C hinders	D protects
5. A controlled	B observed	C seen	D noted
6. A end	B final	C latest	D finished
7. A eminent	B deep	C outstanding	D high
8. A learn	B train	C teach	D practise

PART 2

For questions 1-8 read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. Write your answers in capital letters on the answer sheet.

Lake Baikal

Lake Baikal, known as the "Blue Eye" of Siberia, is located in south-east Siberia near the Mongolian border. Not only is it the world's largest freshwater lake holding almost 20% of all the fresh water on earth, (1) _____ is also the world's deepest and oldest lake. It has 30 islands, the largest (2) _____ being Olkhon Island. Lake Baikal is famous for its crystal waters (3) _____ are rich with aquatic life. The average temperature of the water is +4C (4) _____ varies depending on location and season. Recently scientists (5) _____ discovered thermal springs, which may explain why the water is so full of oxygen. Lake Baikal's isolation has produced one of the (6) _____ varied and unusual collections of wildlife. Many of these species are unique to the lake and found nowhere (7) _____ on earth. Lake Baikal is home to some interesting but inedible fish. Many of these consist of more (8) _____ 50% fat. The fact that Lake Baikal is millions of years old leads some scientists to believe that it may not just be a lake, but the beginnings of what will one day be an ocean.

PART 3

For questions 1-8 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. Write your answers in capital letters on the separate answer sheet.

<i>TAKING A BREAK</i>	
Choosing a holiday can be an (1) _____ and delightful experience. Imagining all the places you might visit, can add a (2) _____ touch to the repetitive routine of everyday life. Long, (3) _____ beaches and a hotel room with a (4) _____ view is what many of us expect of an (5) _____ holiday. Some people prefer a calm, (6) _____ time, while to others a more active, (7) _____ holiday is more appealing. Whatever you choose, if you plan carefully, you are bound to have an (8) _____ time.	EXCITE MAGIC SUN SPECTACLE ENJOY RELAX ADVENTURE FORGET

PART 4

Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

1. The suitcase was so heavy that I couldn't lift it.

SUCH

It _____ that I couldn't lift it.

2. On arriving at the airport, I realised I had lost my ticket.

SOON

I realised I had lost my ticket _____ at the airport.

3. I show no talent for music.

GOOD

I am _____ music.

4. My doctor thinks it's all right that I eat chocolate once in a while.

WRONG

My doctor thinks _____ my eating chocolate once in a while.