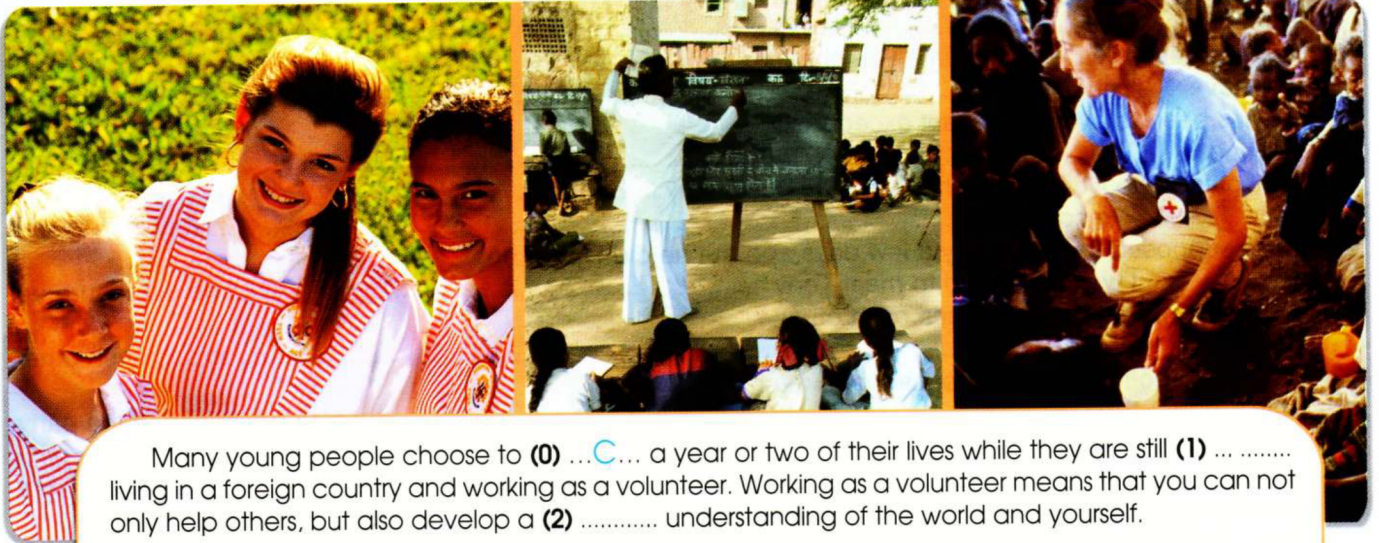


Read the text below and decide which word A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Volunteering



Many young people choose to (0) ... C ... a year or two of their lives while they are still (1) living in a foreign country and working as a volunteer. Working as a volunteer means that you can not only help others, but also develop a (2) understanding of the world and yourself.

You must have a university degree and (3) at least one year's experience before you can (4) Suitable applicants are invited to (5) a series of interviews and are then sent on a training programme. Applicants are usually offered a post (6) months and can be sent anywhere from the Sahara to Siberia.

The advantages of being a volunteer far (7) the disadvantages. Being a volunteer can enable you to get (8) experience that you would otherwise not have had. It can help you move up the career ladder faster. You will make (9) friends and return with a(n) (10) of another culture and language.

However, volunteering is not for everyone. It can be difficult being (11) from friends and family. Living on a (12) allowance is challenging. But, if you do choose to go, you will return a stronger, wiser person.

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| 0 A take | B pass | C spend | D stay |
| 1 A individual | B alone | C unique | D single |
| 2 A greater | B longer | C larger | D bigger |
| 3 A win | B earn | C deserve | D gain |
| 4 A write | B enter | C apply | D compete |
| 5 A visit | B attend | C go | D come |
| 6 A during | B by | C within | D before |
| 7 A outweigh | B outrun | C outdo | D outgrow |
| 8 A worthless | B invalid | C invaluable | D worthwhile |
| 9 A lifeless | B long-lost | C life-saving | D lifelong |
| 10 A gratitude | B recognition | C appreciation | D enjoyment |
| 11 A cut back | B cut off | C cut out | D cut across |
| 12 A middle | B mixed | C minimal | D modest |

23 Look at Appendix 2, then fill in the correct particle(s).

- 1 My brother left for France last night so the whole family went to the airport to **see** him ...*off*...
- 2 "The butler will **see** you,," said Lord Thornton to his visitor as he stood up to leave.
- 3 We asked if we could **see** the vacant house, thinking we might want to buy it.
- 4 "I'm going to **see** it that you never work in this town again!" shouted John's boss.
- 5 James was not fooled by Helen's charm. He could **see** right her.
- 6 "Don't worry about your university fees. We've got some money **set** for your education," said David to his son.
- 7 It took only a few weeks to **set** the business.
- 8 We **set** at 6.00 a.m. in order to reach Birmingham by lunchtime.
- 9 In the north of Scotland, once bad weather **sets** it usually lasts for a long time.
- 10 A problem at the Nantes office has **set** the programme by about three months.
- 11 It wasn't his fault that he lost his job - somebody had **set** him
- 12 If we want to get this done by five o'clock, we'd better **set** work immediately.
- 13 He said he would **set** his dogs the boys if they came into his garden again.

24 Look at Appendix 3, then fill in the correct preposition.

- 1 I won the competition more ...*by*... luck than ...*by*... skill.
- 2 Jane's bad behaviour left everyone a loss for words.
- 3 The old building was danger of collapsing.
- 4 We must catch this man all costs! He is armed and dangerous.
- 5 "..... once in your life think of someone besides yourself!" said Tom to his brother.
- 6 My name's William but people call me Bill short.
- 7 Before a plan is carried out, it must be studied detail to make sure everyone knows what they have to do.
- 8 The sign by the beach said "Motorboats and jetskis hire".
- 9 When Jenny went to buy the dress she had been saving up for, she was disappointed to find that the shop did not have her size stock.
- 10 It was only chance that Kathy learned about her friend's wedding.
- 11 "I wonder if we could discuss my salary private," said Bob to his boss.
- 12 I've never been introduced to Patricia but I know her sight.
- 13 In our hi-tech world there are many things that we take granted.
- 14 Ann collapsed tears upon hearing of her grandfather's death.
- 15 Why don't we do something else a change? I'm tired of going to the cinema every Saturday.
- 16 When the teacher opened the door to the classroom he was pleased to see all the pupils hard work.
- 17 As the time came for Daniel and Jessica to part, they promised each other that they would stay touch.
- 18 "I pushed Sarah over accident. I didn't mean to hurt her," cried Tina.
- 19 "You'll be charge of the children until 12.00 when we get back," I told the babysitter.
- 20 This diet seems to work fine. Take Mrs Jones, instance. She has lost three kilos in a week.
- 21 When I went to make a phone call all the telephones were use, so I had to wait.
- 22 "This time I'm back good. I'm never going back to Australia again," Nick's brother assured him.
- 23 Jane was a hurry and didn't notice she had dropped her purse.
- 24 Dora was still pain after her operation; she couldn't even get out of bed.
- 25 "Until I know certain that I've passed my driving test, I won't buy a car."
- 26 The room was a mess because Joanna had not had time to clear it up.
- 27 I would like to see your proposal writing before I make a decision.
- 28 She's staying with her aunt the time being, until she finds a flat.
- 29 Most shops sell goods a profit because they have bought them very cheaply.

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

- 1 "You ruined my dress!" she said to me.
of She ...*accused me of ruining*... her dress.
- 2 It takes 2 hours to reach the countryside by car.
drive It is the countryside.
- 3 It was luck and not talent that helped Judy get the leading role in the play.
more Judy got the leading role in the play because of her talent.
- 4 According to the news report, the demonstrators were taken away by the police.
been The demonstrators were away by the police.
- 5 Mark took care of his sister during their parents' absence.
looked Mark their parents were away.
- 6 Perhaps he forgot our date.
have He our date.
- 7 In my opinion, these two paintings are completely different from each other.
comparison In my opinion, there is these two paintings.
- 8 Police are diverting the traffic.
diverted The traffic the police.
- 9 He didn't leave the office until his secretary photocopied the report.
had He he left the office.
- 10 These chairs and coffee tables are so lovely! How did you get them?
come How did you lovely furniture?
- 11 If only someone hadn't stolen Tom's wallet!
pity It his wallet stolen.
- 12 Is it OK with you if I lower the volume of the radio?
turning Would you the radio?
- 13 In all honesty, I was the one responsible for cancelling the wedding.
who To be cancelled the wedding.
- 14 She arrived late because she missed the 8 o'clock bus.
turned If she had caught the 8 o'clock bus, she time.
- 15 You should always write down the errands you have to run every day.
note You should always the errands you have to run every day.

26 Complete the sentences below using an appropriate idiom from the list, then explain the idioms.

at a loose end, on all fours, over the moon, down the drain, from scratch,
on the house, under the thumb, for donkey's years, out of the blue, for a song

- 1 When the model fell to pieces Mary had to build it again ...*from scratch*...*(from the beginning)*...
- 2 That's the second bad film we've seen in two weeks. Another £5
- 3 He bought the house ten years ago before property prices started to rise.
.....
- 4 Please get what you want for dinner. Meals are tonight.
- 5 I haven't heard from Diane I wonder where she may be.
- 6 The news of the wedding came quite Everyone thought they had split up.
.....
- 7 When Pauline finally retired she was as she didn't know what to do all day.
.....
- 8 Cath was when her team won the championship.
- 9 Charlie is really of his wife. He does whatever she says.
- 10 Young children very often walk for a while before they get strong enough to make
their first steps.

Part 1

For questions 1-12, 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).

Example:

0 A stays B places C lies D keeps

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VIETNAMESE CUISINE

Shaped like an elongated 'S', Vietnam (0) ...C... on the eastern part of Indochinese peninsula in Southeast Asia.

Vietnamese cuisine differs

(1) radically in the north, centre and south of the country but two key features stand out.

Firstly, rice (2) an essential role in the nation's diet and so do noodles. In fact, the Vietnamese are crazy about noodles! Made from wheat, rice or mung beans, noodles are eaten at any time of the day. They come in (3) shapes and thicknesses and are eaten in soups, as (4) dishes or simply plain. Secondly, fresh vegetables and herbs are a major focus of every meal.

(5), most Vietnamese shop for food at least twice a day which (6) why their cuisine is famous for its use of

fresh ingredients. Dishes are (7) with vegetables such as bean sprouts, carrots, water spinach, eggplants, cucumbers and bok choy, and

seasoned with herbs like lemon grass, coriander, basil, chilli and mint. The characteristic flavours of Vietnamese food are sweet, spicy and sour. As in many Asian countries, the Vietnamese do not eat their meals in (8)

Instead, all the food is served at once and people (9) from the dishes in the centre of the table. Vietnamese cuisine has been growing in (10) worldwide because it is not only delicious but also extremely healthy. Food is rarely fried. (11) it is steamed or simmered. Salads are oil free. It is

thus very light and, (12) of its focus on vegetables, incredibly nutritious.



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| 1 A slightly | B fully | C mainly | D quite |
| 2 A holds | B plays | C acts | D gives |
| 3 A unlike | B different | C uncommon | D altered |
| 4 A side | B accompanied | C aside | D beside |
| 5 A True | B Although | C However | D Indeed |
| 6 A explains | B justifies | C accounts | D reasons |
| 7 A handed | B given | C introduced | D presented |
| 8 A courses | B proportions | C parts | D starters |
| 9 A divide | B share | C split | D portion |
| 10 A esteem | B recognition | C popularity | D attraction |
| 11 A However | B Instead | C And | D Still |
| 12 A thanks | B since | C because | D due |

Part 2

For questions 13-24, 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** in the **answer boxes** provided.

Example:

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The world's most remarkable lake:

Lake Baikal

Lake Baikal, known **(0)** the 'Blue Eye of Siberia', is located in south-east Siberia near the Mongolian border. Not **(13)** is it the world's largest freshwater lake holding almost 20% of all the fresh water on earth, **(14)** is also the world's deepest and oldest lake. It has 30 islands, the largest **(15)** being Olkhon Island.

Lake Baikal is famous for its crystal clear waters **(16)** are rich with aquatic life. The average temperature of the water is +4°C **(17)** varies depending on location and season. Recently scientists **(18)** discovered thermal springs, which may explain why the water is so full of oxygen.

Lake Baikal's isolation has produced one of the **(19)** varied and unusual collections of wildlife. Many of these species are unique to the lake and found nowhere **(20)** on earth. Lake Baikal is home to some interesting **(21)** inedible fish. Many of these consist of more **(22)** 50% fat.

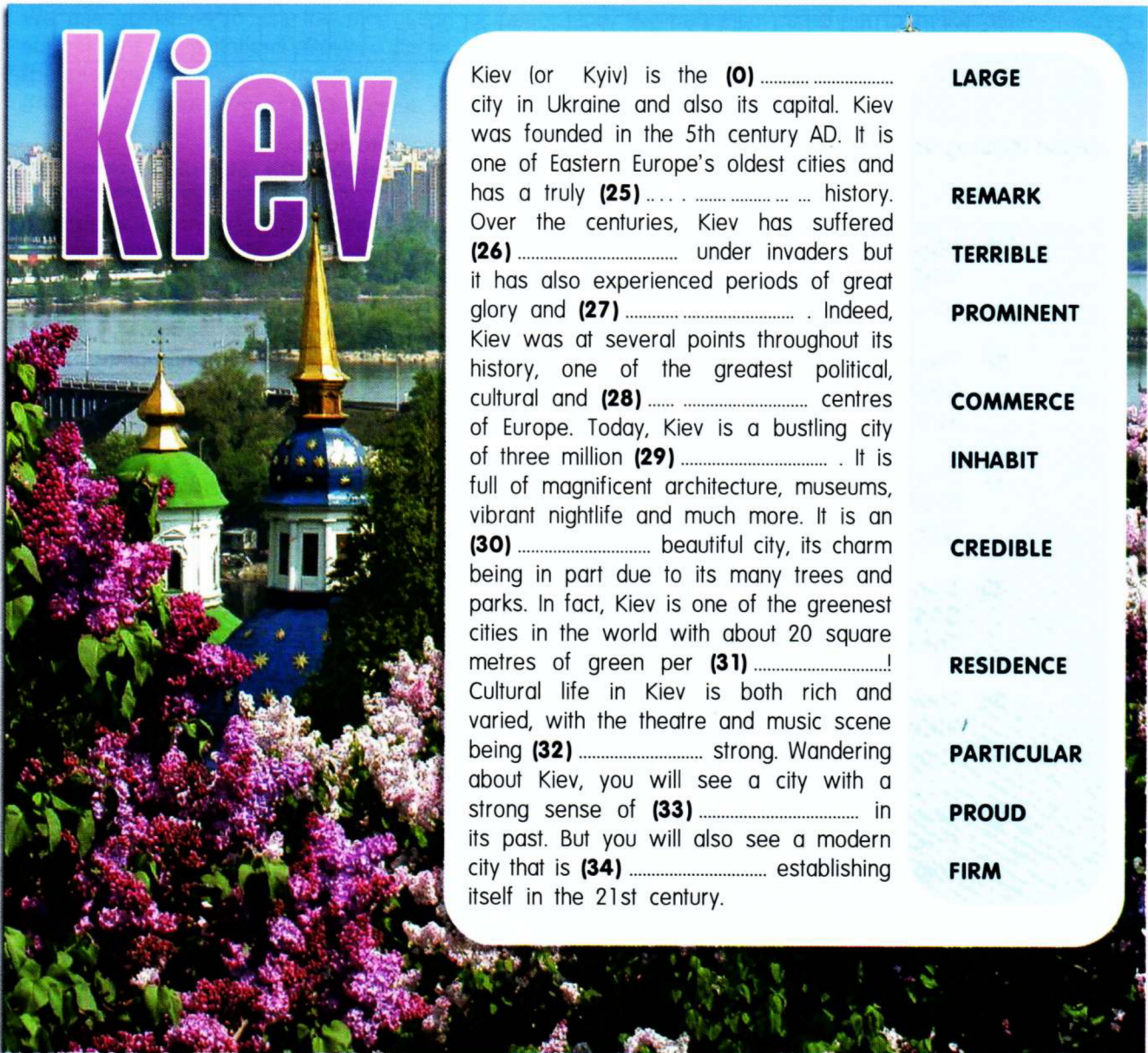
The fact that Lake Baikal is millions **(23)** years old leads some scientists to believe that it **(24)** not just be a lake, but the beginnings of what will one day be an ocean.

Part 3

For questions 25-34, 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** in the **answer boxes** provided.

Example: 0 L A R G E S T



Kiev

Kiev (or Kyiv) is the **(0)** city in Ukraine and also its capital. Kiev was founded in the 5th century AD. It is one of Eastern Europe's oldest cities and has a truly **(25)** history. Over the centuries, Kiev has suffered **(26)** under invaders but it has also experienced periods of great glory and **(27)** Indeed, Kiev was at several points throughout its history, one of the greatest political, cultural and **(28)** centres of Europe. Today, Kiev is a bustling city of three million **(29)** It is full of magnificent architecture, museums, vibrant nightlife and much more. It is an **(30)** beautiful city, its charm being in part due to its many trees and parks. In fact, Kiev is one of the greenest cities in the world with about 20 square metres of green per **(31)**! Cultural life in Kiev is both rich and varied, with the theatre and music scene being **(32)** strong. Wandering about Kiev, you will see a city with a strong sense of **(33)** in its past. But you will also see a modern city that is **(34)** establishing itself in the 21st century.

LARGE
REMARK
TERRIBLE
PROMINENT
COMMERCE
INHABIT
CREDIBLE
RESIDENCE
PARTICULAR
PROUD
FIRM

Part **4**

For questions 35-42, 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. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0 The last time anyone saw them was two months ago.

SEEN

They two months ago.

Example:

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Write the missing words **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** in the **answer boxes** provided.

- 35 "Shall I call them later?" he asked himself.
WHETHER
He them later.
- 36 The shoes we bought John no longer fit him.
GROWN
John the shoes we bought him.
- 37 She won't tell us her reasons for quitting, despite our insisting.
EVEN
She won't tell us why we insisted.
- 38 They say that the treasure was discovered by a young diver.
SAID
The treasure discovered by a young diver.
- 39 They bought a large house because they planned to start a family.
VIEW
They bought a large house a family.
- 40 Leslie would rather read books than watch television.
PREFERS
Leslie television.
- 41 Everyone did the exercise except Ann.
ONLY
The do the exercise was Ann.
- 42 That's the house where I was raised.
WHICH
That's the house up.