

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).

In the exam, you mark your answers on a separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 A amount B quantity C volume D extent

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A question of safety

Life involves a certain (0) of risk, or at least it did. These days, however, governments seem to have become (1) with the idea of protecting us from it. As a result, what we actually risk most is not being allowed to live at all.

One edict, which emerged from the British government's health-and-safety department, would be amusing if it wasn't so serious. Circus artistes performing on tightropes or the flying trapeze are being (2) to wear the type of hard hats more usually (3) with the construction industry. Under the 'Temporary Work at Heights Directive', such a hat must be worn for any working activity taking (4) above the height of an 'average stepladder'. Now you might think that sounds (5) reasonable, but the absurd thing is that the rule is being (6) to circus performers as well. Used to flying through the air without even the (7) of a safety net, performers point out that trapeze artistes often break arms and legs, but (8) heads.

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| 1 | A prone | B obsessed | C addicted | D devoted |
| 2 | A proposed | B challenged | C required | D demanded |
| 3 | A regarded | B associated | C recognised | D concerned |
| 4 | A place | B forth | C part | D ahead |
| 5 | A fairly | B duly | C widely | D closely |
| 6 | A presided | B enforced | C directed | D applied |
| 7 | A profit | B benefit | C remedy | D welfare |
| 8 | A merely | B unlikely | C rarely | D unusually |