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).

The Mary Celeste

The Mary Celeste had always been (0) ______ an unlucky ship, but no one could have predicted what would happen to it when it set sail from New York in November 1872. It was heading for Genoa with a cargo of alcohol – a (1) ______ which should have taken about five weeks. However, Captain Briggs, his wife, his two-year-old daughter and the crew of seven sailors were never seen (2) ______.

The Mary Celeste was (3) ______ off the Azores by a British ship called the Dei Gratia. It appeared to be in trouble, so Captain Morehouse sailed closer in order to (4) ______. Nobody answered his calls, so he sent three sailors in a boat to (5) ______ help. They (6) ______ the ship totally deserted.

Some of the sails had been slightly (7) ______ by a storm but, (8) ______ from that, the Mary Celeste was in perfect (9) ______. One small boat was missing, along with a map, and some navigation equipment. So it was (10) ______ that the crew had left the ship voluntarily. But why would they have left a large, safe ship in good working order for a much smaller, weaker boat?

Many (11) ______ have been made to explain the mystery. Could it have been pirates? Nothing was stolen. An attack by a sea monster? The ship was not damaged. UFOS? Ghosts? To this day, no one has offered an explanation which is entirely (12) ______.
Part 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space.

**Salt**

Salt is essential to life. (13) _________ one time it was considered so valuable that it (14) _________ worshipped as a god. Roman soldiers used to (15) _________ paid ‘salt money’, which is where the word ‘salary’ originated from. Nowadays, however, salt is (16) _________ common that few people even bother to think about it. But perhaps they should.

The human body needs so little salt (17) _________ survive that it is very easy to consume too (18) _________ of it.

An excess of salt in the diet can lead to high blood pressure, (19) _________ in turn can increase the risk of heart disease. Cooking with salt also reduces the nutritional quality of the food. (20) _________ example, spinach boiled in salted water loses 50% of its iron, compared to only 19% when boiled in salt-free water. Many people have the habit (21) _________ adding salt to their food when they are at the table. Some even do this before they (22) _________ tasted the food. This is one of the reasons (23) _________ the average person in Britain eats two and a half to three teaspoons of salt every day.

(24) _________ maximum recommended dose is one and a half, and the ideal dose is just half a teaspoon.

**Part 3**

**BREAD**

I’m a great (0) _________ lover of bread. Whenever I smell freshly baked bread, it reminds me of my early (25) _________ when I used to visit the little bakery that my grandfather owned.

And, of course, there are (26) _________ good medical reasons why we should not forget the (27) _________ of eating plenty of bread. Bread contains nearly all the protein needed for children’s (28) _________ and for adults to stay fit and well. We can get a (29) _________ of our daily protein (30) _________ from just six slices of bread. Bread, (31) _________ some popular foods which are not particularly good for you, gives (32) _________ to bones and teeth when they are developing and keeps them healthy as we get older. (33) _________, bread helps us to feel (34) _________ as it contains iron as well as several essential vitamins.
Part 4
For questions 35-46, 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 four words, including the word given.

35 There’s no point going there by car.
   **worth**
   It ____________________________ there by car.

36 I last saw Paul in December.
   **seen**
   I have ____________________________ December.

37 There were hardly any people waiting at the bus stop.
   **very**
   There were ____________________________ waiting at the bus stop.

38 My grandfather spent his childhood in Manchester.
   **grew**
   My grandfather ____________________________ Manchester.

39 There were a lot of people in the shop, so we didn’t go in.
   **so**
   There were ____________________________ in the shop that we didn’t go in.

40 I have a lot of work to do, so I can’t help you.
   **so**
   I have ____________________________ to do that I can’t help you.

41 Tom has a little more free time than Lewis.
   **quite**
   Lewis doesn’t have ____________________________ free time as Tom.

42 The book was so long that I didn’t finish it.
   **such**
   It was ____________________________ that I didn’t finish it.

43 I had difficulty understanding what he was saying.
   **easy**
   It wasn’t ____________________________ what he was saying.

44 Mary will collect the children from school.
   **pick**
   Mary will ____________________________ from school.

45 I haven’t decided what to do.
   **made**
   I haven’t ____________________________ what to do.

46 You can get to Tom’s house in ten minutes.
   **takes**
   It ____________________________ get to Tom’s house.