

PART TWO

For questions 16–25, read the text below. Use the word given in **capital letters** 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). In the exam you will mark your answers on a separate answer sheet.

Example:

0	necessity
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Tube Inspired a Book

For many people, the London Underground is a grim (0) *necessity* that gets them from A to B. But for (16) author Preethi Nair, it is a source of inspiration. She has just published her first novel, *Gypsy Masala* – a tale she dreamt up whilst commuting on the Metropolitan Line. ‘Have you observed people on the tube?’ she asks (17) ‘Everyone is in their own little world. I just used to sit there and imagine what kind of lives they led.’

NECESSARY

BUD

ENTHUSE

Gypsy Masala charts the adventures and (18) thoughts of three members of an Indian family living in London, as they search for happiness. ‘It is a story about following your dreams,’ says Preethi, who gave up her high-pressure job as a management (19) in order to go in (20) of her ambition of becoming a writer. ‘It was a big risk but it was definitely the right decision in terms of peace of mind and (21),’ she explains.

INNER

CONSULT

PURSUE

CONTENT

Preethi was born in a small village in the Indian state of Kerala and moved to London with her parents at the age of three. She says the striking contrast in cultures made a (22) impression and is reflected in her story, which flits between the suburbs of London and (23) India. Many of the scenes in the book are based on the place where she was born and spent long summer holidays.

LAST

FAR

‘It is a tiny village that is lost in time. There is still no (24) water and it is quite difficult to get to. It is completely (25) , and so beautiful,’ she says.

RUN

TOUCH

Now check your answers to Part Two of the test.

PART THREE

For questions 26–31, think of **one** word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences. There is an example at the beginning (0). In the exam you will write only the missing word on a separate answer sheet.

Example:

0 You can stay with us if you like, we've got a room in our house.

It's very difficult to get parts for machines as old as this, so it's hard to get them repaired if they break down.

I like my job but the hours are long so it doesn't allow me much time.

0	spare
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26 When I've had a day at work, all I want to do is go home and relax in front of the television.

You shouldn't have been so on Jackie – she only made a small mistake and there was no need to shout at her like that.

I'm a bit of hearing. Would you mind speaking up?

27 Ann is always gossiping about other people – I wish she'd her own business.

..... your head when you go through this doorway, it's rather low for someone tall.

Colin earns an absolute fortune in his job – you, he has to work extremely hard for it.

28 Elaine's self-confidence is just a because in fact she's a very shy person.

The arrangement is that we have to pay the builders half the money up and the other half once they've completed the work.

You must have got dressed in a hurry this morning – you've got your sweater on back to

29 Obviously, something had frightened the cat because it out of the house and up the road with an expression of panic on its face.

The critics her last film to shreds and one of them even called it 'comfortably the worst movie in living memory'.

Mike was obviously annoyed by the contents of the letter because as soon as he'd read it he it up and threw it in the bin.

30 I didn't want to arrive late so I left earlier than I needed to, just to be on the side.

Since they haven't phoned to tell us otherwise, I think it's to assume that they're still coming to see us next weekend.

Don't worry, I won't tell anyone what you've just told me – your secret is with me.

31 Katherine and her sister look so alike that I simply can't them apart.

I expect the boss is going to me off for not getting my work done on time again.

I bought my niece a toy clock because she's just learning to the time.

Now check your answers to Part Three of the test.