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**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.**

Nowadays, everybody knows Apples and {<1>} \_\_\_\_ everybody knows that the company was founded by Steve Jobs, an American inventor and entrepreneur. He is {<2>} \_\_\_\_ recognized as a pioneer in the field of microcomputer revolution. He helped design the first Macintosh computer, {<3>} \_\_\_\_ a small computer graphics company into Pixar, the company behind Toy Story and The Monster Inc.

His countercultural lifestyle and philosophy was a product of the time and place of his {<4>} \_\_\_\_. Jobs was adopted and raised in San Francisco Bay Area during the 1960s. In 1972, Jobs attended Reed College from which he {<5>} \_\_\_\_ in next to no time. Jobs co-founded Apple in 1976 in order to sell Apple I personal computer. At that moment, he might {<6>} \_\_\_\_ imagine that only a year later the company tasted impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful {<7>} \_\_\_\_ personal computers. {<8>} \_\_\_\_, in 1985, following a long power struggle, Jobs was forced out of Apple. After leaving Apple, Jobs took {<9>} \_\_\_\_ of its members with him to found NeXT, a computer development company which was then bought by Apple. The purchase {<10>} \_\_\_\_ Jobs to become the company's CEO once again.

Steve Jobs died in 2011 after battling with pancreatic cancer {<11>} \_\_\_\_ nearly a decade. Millions first learned of Job's death on a {<12>} \_\_\_\_ which had been invented by himself.

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A. most B. almost C. the most D. mostly

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A. widely B. hardly C. legally D. nationally

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A. translated B. transferred C. transformed D. transited

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A. increase B. upbringing C. rising D. grow

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(<5>)

A. dropped in B. dropped up C. dropped out D. dropped by

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(<6>)

A. hardly B. truly C. effortlessly D. frequently

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(<7>)

A. massly-produced B. mass-produced

C. massive-produced D. mass-producing

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(<8>)

A. Generally B. Frankly C. Fortunately D. Unfortunately

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(<9>)

A. few B. a few C. a little D. little

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(<10>)

A. was allowing B. has allowed C. allowed D. had allowed

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(<11>)

A. for B. since C. during D. of

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(<12>)

A. devil B. deviation C. deviant D. device

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