

Part 1

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**).

Mark your answers **on the separate answer sheet**.

Example:

0 **A** deposits **B** piles **C** stores **D** stocks

0	A	B	C	D
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New uses for salt mines

Geological **(0)** of salt were formed millions of years ago, when what is now land, lay under the sea. It is hard to believe that salt is now such a cheap **(1)** , because centuries ago it was the commercial **(2)** of today's oil. The men who mined salt became wealthy and, although the work was **(3)** and frequently dangerous, a job in a salt mine was highly **(4)**

Nowadays, the specific microclimates in disused mines have been **(5)** for the treatment of respiratory illnesses such as asthma, and the silent, dark surroundings in a mine are considered **(6)** in encouraging patients to relax.

In addition, some disused mines have been **(7)** to different commercial enterprises, although keeping up-to-date with the technology of mining is essential to **(8)** visitors' safety. Some of the largest underground chambers even host concerts, conferences and business meetings.

1	A provision	B utility	C material	D commodity
2	A match	B similarity	C parallel	D equivalent
3	A critical	B demanding	C extreme	D straining
4	A regarded	B admired	C approved	D honoured
5	A exploited	B extracted	C exposed	D extended
6	A profitable	B agreeable	C beneficial	D popular
7	A put down	B turned over	C made out	D set about
8	A enable	B retain	C ensure	D support