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B6 But just 2 miles away and ___________ by a low hill, is the lively modern city of Brighton. Brighton is a fantastic place to shop.

B7 It also has a famously varied and exciting nightlife. There are cinemas, restaurants and an unbelievable array of ___________ and live music venues.

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After the establishment of Petropavlovsk, they thoroughly explored the region. On December 19th, 1741, Bering died on an uninhabited island alongside 28 of ______________ men.

Although he himself ______________ it at the time, Bering was the first explorer to prove that Asia and North America were separate continents.

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B4 Vitus Jonassen Bering, 1681 to 1741, was a Danish navigator in the service of the Russian Navy. Known by Russian sailors as Ivan Ivanovich, he is recognized as the ______________ European to discover Alaska, the Bering Strait and their islands.

B5 He joined the Russian Navy in 1703 and served in the Baltic Fleet throughout the Great Northern War. His involvement for the next ten years was not inconsiderable. His work ______________ by Peter I.

B6 In 1715 he ______________ in love and became engaged to a Russian woman. But Vitus had an unimaginable passion for adventure and discovery.

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**FENG SHUI**

**B4** In Ancient China there was a belief that the natural environment of a particular location can influence the fortune of __________ inhabitants and descendants.

**B5** Nobody knows when the Chinese __________ the notion of feng shui (‘wind - water’), which developed from observation of chronic catastrophes in China by winds and floods.

**B6** Feng Shui has been used for centuries to improve the physical surroundings in which people live and to maintain balance in __________ life.

**B7** A few decades ago the Chinese art of Feng Shui __________ by modern designers as a way of creating environments which feel comfortable and harmonious.

**B8** The principles of Feng Shui __________ beneficial in the organization of outdoor environments as well as in the design of areas inside the house such as bedroom, which is considered to be the most important room in the house.

**B9** Finding the __________ position for the bed is very important. The main rule of bed positioning is never to have the foot of the bed directly facing the door.

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4. PROFESSIONAL SPORT    8. RISKY SPORT

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B. If someone asked you about the negative aspects of a computer game, probably the first thing that would come to your mind is that it isolates a person from other people. Now the first virtual reality computer game has appeared which can be played in group of 6 people at the same time. The game is called “The Loch Ness Expedition”. Each player is given a role in the underwater expedition. Players have to cooperate to achieve the goal.

C. For many years now, mail-order shopping has served the needs of a certain kind of customers. Everything they order from a catalogue is delivered to their door. Now, e-mail shopping on the Internet has opened up even more opportunities for this kind of shopping.

D. Another generation of computer fans has arrived. They are neither spotty schoolchildren nor intellectual professors, but pensioners who are learning computing with much enthusiasm. It is particularly interesting for people suffering from arthritis as computers offer a way of writing nice clear letters. Now pensioners have discovered the Internet and at the moment they make up the fastest growing membership.

E. Shopping centres are full of all kinds of stores. They are like small, self-contained towns where you can find everything you want. In a large centre, shoppers can find everything they need without having to go anywhere else. They can leave their cars in the shopping centre car park and buy everything in a covered complex, protected from the heat, cold or rain.

F. Not many people know that, back in the fifties, computers were very big, and also very slow. They took up complete floors of a building, and were less powerful, and much slower than any of today’s compact portable computers. At first, the data they had to process and record was fed in on punched-out paper; later magnetic tape was used, but both systems were completely inconvenient.

G. Potholing is a dull name for a most interesting and adventurous sport. Deep underground, on the tracks of primitive men and strange animals who have adapted to life without light, finding unusual landscapes and underground lakes, the potholer lives an exciting adventure. You mustn’t forget, though, that it can be quite dangerous. Without the proper equipment you can fall, get injured or lost.

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B6 You'll be creating a unique and valuable resource to share and a fascinating insight into your own life and times for future generations. Before you begin, ask around to see if any research ____________.

B7 Most families have at least one amateur historian ____________ records may be able to get you off to a good start.

B8 ____________ family members can give you a first-hand account of recent family history, though remember to exercise some tact and always be sensitive to any skeletons and scandals that you may uncover.

B9 Official documents such as old birth, marriage and death certificates ____________ an invaluable source and family photo albums can provide a wealth of information.

B10 Start with an Internet search of your family name. You may come across a family home page ____________ a link to long-lost relations or overseas branches of the family.

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