PAPER 3   Use of English   (45 minutes)

PART 1   For questions **1 – 12**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A**, **B**, **C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Stonehenge

Stonehenge, located in the English county of Wiltshire, is one of the most important prehistoric monuments in Europe. A symbol of mystery, power and endurance, it **(1)** ……………….. visitors from earliest times.

Stonehenge consists of a circular setting of large stones, and it **(2)** ……………….. in three phases that consisted of over 30 million hours of labour. The final stage was completed about 3500 years **(3)** ……………….. .

The first Stonehenge was a large earthwork **(4)** ……………….. comprised a ditch, bank, and the Aubrey holes, all probably built around 3100 BC. Shortly after this stage, Stonehenge was abandoned, and left untouched **(5)** ……………….. the second stage of Stonehenge, which started around 2150 BC. In this phase, over 80 bluestones from the Preseli mountains, in south-west Wales, were transported to the site: first carried **(6)** ……………….. water and then dragged overland.

The final stage **(7)** ……………….. soon after 1500 BC when the bluestones were rearranged in the horseshoe and circle of today. **(8)** ……………….. in the course of time many of the original stones have fallen or been removed, the stones we see today are what remains of Stonehenge.

(9) ……………….. Stonehenge never fails to impress. It is particularly beautiful **(10)** ……………….. it when the sun rises and sets and the stones appear with different colours and hues.

What is the true meaning of this ancient and impressive monument? There are many theories but **(11)** ……………….. confirmations. Some say that Stonehenge was a temple for sun worship, others theorize that it was a healing centre, **(12)** ……………….. others speculate that it was a burial site or even a huge calendar. Nobody knows. The site and its surroundings were added to the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1986.

1 **A** has attracted **B** attracted **C** used to attract **D** had attracted
2 **A** was built **B** has been built **C** built **D** is being built
3 **A** before **B** after **C** since **D** ago
4 **A** that **B** who **C** whom **D** whose
5 **A** as far as **B** as **C** as soon as **D** till
6 **A** through **B** at **C** in **D** by
7 **A** took **B** took place **C** ran **D** had place
8 **A** Although **B** In spite of **C** Since **D** Because
9 **A** Anyway **B** Though **C** Although **D** In spite of this
10 **A** seeing **B** see **C** to see **D** for seeing
11 **A** few **B** little **C** a few **D** a little
12 **A** since **B** when **C** while **D** after

TIP

If you get stuck on a question, move on to the next one. Trying to answer a question you don't know how to answer is a waste of time. Come back to it later and you will be surprised to discover that the question has become much clearer.