B. Read the first two paragraphs again and complete gaps 1-8 with one word.



Communication over the Centuries

Have you ever wondered what means people might have used in the past to communicate over long distances? Well, it couldn't have been as easy (1) ..... it is today, but they had ways of sending messages which were considered effective (2) ..... the time. What is impressive is that people were able to communicate even (3) ..... written language evolved, using smoke signals. When a kingdom needed military aid, they lit a fire in the highest place so (4) ..... to be seen by their ally and get help.



Another form of communication was drumbeats. Some African tribes still use them in (5) ..... to communicate with each other. This instrument is called 'talking drum' and it consists (6) ..... two drumheads connected by leather tension cords so that the player can modify the pitch of the drum by pressing the cords between their arm (7) ..... body. The sounds produced mimic the tone and rhythm (8) ..... human speech, and a skilled player can play whole phrases!

C. Read the rest of the article again and complete gaps 9-16 with the correct answer, a, b, c or d.



The invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell was a revolution in communication. In (9) ....., it was Bell's deaf mother that inspired him to create this invention. The telephone (10) ..... changed the world in the nineteenth century. It could transmit the human voice by converting sound waves into electrical signals.

Nowadays, the conventional telephone has largely been replaced by the mobile phone, and in (11) ....., the smartphone. People have been using smartphones for a little over twenty years now for a variety of purposes. Apart from (12) ..... phone calls or sending text messages, people also use them to browse the Internet, send e-mails or voice mails and (13) ..... experiences in real time. Our grandparents certainly couldn't have ever imagined anything like this!



Well, scientists predict that by the next decade, mobile phones will have become obsolete! Special hand-held (14) ..... or glasses using an augmented reality system will allow us to view the world around us while giving us digital information about (15) ..... For instance, someone might be standing in front of a museum and simply be able to read reviews about it or (16) ..... out information about ticket prices before going in. By the time all this takes place, we will have been using smartphones long enough to be bored with them and to welcome a change!

9.	a. deed	b. case	c. fact	d. kind
10.	a. terribly	b. drastically	c. awfully	d. extremely
11.	a. particular	b. general	c. future	d. time
12.	a. having	b. taking	c. making	d. dialling
13.	a. make	b. do	c. give	d. share
14.	a. devices	b. appliances	c. machinery	d. tools
15.	a. all	b. everything	c. nothing	d. lots
16.	a. try	b. look	c. take	d. find