

Cloze Passage

Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate choice.

In a novel which is set hundreds of years in future, it is (1)..... to build computers. This is because thinking machines have(2)..... so powerful that they almost took over the world.(3)..... there are *Mentats*- humans trained to perform the kinds of (4) that you would normally expect a computer to carry out.

Even though *Mentats* are a fictional creation, human computers(5).... something real. The word computer was first used more than 300 years ago and(6)..... to a person whose job was to(7)..... mathematical calculations.

In the middle of the 18th century, a French mathematician wanted to calculate a very(8)..... problem. Although he knew how to(9)..... the calculations, he shared the work with several human computers who helped him(10)..... the correct answer. In the 19th century, an Indian mathematician was employed as a computer to

calculate the(11).... of the highest mountain in the world, which was(12).... named Mount Everest. During the two World Wars, huge(13).... of human computers were employed to work on maps, codes and countless engineering (14)..... It was not until about 1950 that mechanical computers began to(15)....., and the days of the human computer were finally numbered.

- 1- 1) essential 2) forbidden 3) learned 4) tiring
- 2- 1) become 2) trained 3) thought 4) indicated
- 3- 1) Because 2) Instead 3) Whereas 4) Moreover
- 4- 1) calculations 2) suppositions 3) traits 4) talents
- 5- 1) maybe 2) have 3) are 4) do
- 6- 1) referred 2) named 3) expressed 4) shown
- 7- 1) provide 2) perform 3) evaluate 4) present
- 8- 1) uneasy 2) dense 3) clear 4) complicated
- 9- 1) do 2) assess 3) test 4) make
- 10- 1) make up 2) arrive at 3) stand for 4) look into
- 11- 1) extent 2) power 3) height 4) strength
- 12- 1) therefore 2) do 3) directly 4) later
- 13- 1) bands 2) teams 3) individuals 4) persons
- 14- 1) projects 2) conducts 3) reasons 4) surveyors
- 15- 1) manage 2) put aside 3) avoid 4) take over

