

3. Cloze Passage (Grammar)

For each passage:

- There are 10 blanks each in of the passages below.
- From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank.
- Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank.
- Each word can be used only once

Passage A

(A)	after	(D)	from	(G)	out	(K)	though	(N)	until
(B)	but	(E)	in	(H)	over	(L)	to	(P)	which
(C)	for	(F)	into	(J)	that	(M)	up	(Q)	with

Until I was seven, it had never occurred (1) _____ me that not being able to hear from my left ear was something odd. My parents thought I had selective hearing as I turned (2) _____ at the dining table when meals were served but never heard them when they called me to help (3) _____ with the household chores. Actually, it was not my parents' voices (4) _____ the aroma of the food which brought me to the table.

The discovery (5) _____ I was deaf in one ear was made during a health check in school. I remember telling the nurse there was no need to test my hearing in both ears. She smiled and carried on, humming happily (6) _____ she realised that I could not hear even the softest of sounds (7) _____ my left ear. She then gave me a worried look.

After a hospital visit and a confirmation (8) _____ the doctor, my parents were naturally upset. From then on, I pushed myself to get (9) _____ the handicap and excel in my studies. My family and friends continue to shower me (10) _____ love, and I am thankful for that.

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