**MULTI-CHOICE CLOZE**

**Choose the correct word to fill each gap in the text below. Write ONLY the letter A, B, C or D. An example (0) has been done for you. Read the text fully first.**

**Inheriting Success in America**|

One American president, Thomas Jefferson, drew a distinction between a natural aristocracy of (0)……C…… virtuous and talented, which was beneficial (1)…………. a nation, and an artificial aristocracy founded on wealth and birth, which was harmful. Jefferson (2)………….. was a hybrid of these two types of aristocracy — a brilliant lawyer (3)………….. inherited land and slaves.

Today’s rich Americans, it seems, pass on to (4)………… children advantages which are important in a modern economy: intelligence (5)…………. knowledge.

Now, far more than in previous generations, clever successful men marry clever successful women. (6)…………. increases inequality considerably, since families where (7)………….. parents have a prestigious university degree often earn two large salaries: today a young college graduate can earn 63% more than a non-graduate. Professional couples conceive bright children and bring them (8)…………. in stable homes - only 9% of college-educated mothers who give birth each year are unmarried, compared with 61% of girls who (9)………….. not complete high school. The (10)……………. of professionals are stimulated continually: one study estimates that they hear 32 million more words by the age of four than (11)…………. of unemployed parents; they live in expensive (12)…………… with good schools and have a strong chance of (13)…………. to a top college.

This situation is not limited to America, but the trend is (14)………….. visible there, partly because the gap between rich and poor people is bigger than anywhere else in the rich world. Moreover its education system favours the wealthy more than in (15)………….. countries: America is one of only three advanced countries where the government spends more (16)………….. schools in rich areas than in poor ones.

The solution is not to discourage rich people (17)………. investing in their children, (18)……… to do much more to help clever kids who do not have wealthy, successful parents. The moment to start is in early childhood, (19)………… stimulation is most effective: (20).............. early child care in the poorest parts of America would be an excellent investment. The next step needs to be more meritocratic schools and cheaper universities so that poorer children can have the same education opportunities as rich children.

**Example: 0** A a B an C the D they

1. A of B from C by D to
2. A he B him C himself D his
3. A who B whose C which D what
4. A they B theirs C their D them
5. A and B also C because D or
6. A These B This C The D Those
7. A all B both C each D most
8. A in B over C round D up
9. A did B were C had D have
10. A children B baby C child D son
11. A ones B these C those D that
12. A neighbouring B neighbours C neighbour D neighbourhoods
13. A goes B gone C go D going
14. A great B most C much D over
15. A others B else C another D other
16. A on B of C for D with
17. A by B from C at D in
18. A although B and C or D but
19. A whose B why C when D where
20. A improve B improved C improving D improves