Female butlers

A new breed of butlers has appeared (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the scene; increasingly it seems (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_rich and famous are turning (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ women to perform the little domestic duties of everyday life. But (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ female butlers are in ever greater demand, they are also in short supply. Ivor Spencer, who runs the (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ traditional of the well-known butler schools, (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trained only eight women in 21 years. Even at the more progressive butler academies, (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as Robert Watson’s Guild of Professional Butlers, fewer than one (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ four trainees are female.

Butlerine Sarah Whittle says that women are in demand (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they are less stuffy than men. “We’re better (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ picking up on people’s moods,” she says. “And we can organize several things at (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: it’s in our nature to multitask.” Whittle (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expected to be smart and professional (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ duty, but she does get glamorous perks – presents of chocolate, champagne and, on (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ occasion, an expensive pair of shoes. But the job has its downside. Hundred-hour weeks are (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_uncommon, the hours are unsociable and the tasks often (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than glamorous.