



## FCE USE OF ENGLISH - The mystery of the vanishing bees

For questions 1-12, read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

O A normal    B pure    **C natural**    D physical

Most people are probably aware that honey, the (0)  sweetener that man has been using for thousands of years, is (1)  by bees; but perhaps fewer of us realise just how important these (2)  creatures are to farmers. Bees pollinate fruit and vegetable crops; it has been said that every third mouthful we eat depends (3)  a bee having pollinated one or more of the ingredients, but now farmers in the United States are (4)  a major problem. American bees are dying - and nobody knows why. Making sure crops are (5)  pollinated has become big (6)  in the United States. Beekeepers load their hives onto huge lorries and transport them (7)  the country to pollinate the farmers' crops. When the bees finish their work in one state and return to their hives, they are taken on to another state. The problem became apparent when the bees (8)  to return to their hives, with some beekeepers losing more than 70 per cent of their insects. It soon became clear that the bees were flying off and dying in huge (9) . Now the race is on to find the cause and, hopefully, the solution. (10) , some beekeepers are importing bees from other countries in the hope that they will be (11)  to whatever it is that is killing their American cousins. Only time will (12)

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- 1 A manufactured ' B created C generated D produced
  - 2 A tiny B miniature C minute D short
  - 3 A from B to C on D about
  - 4 A facing B finding C solving D meeting
  - 5 A fairly B properly C precisely D distinctly
  - 6 A business B industry C work D production
  - 7 A through B along C over D around
  - 8 A stopped B missed C ignored D failed
  - 9 A quantities B levels - C numbers D amounts
  - 10** A Apart from this B From then on C In the meantime D Nevertheless
  - 11 A opposed - B resistant C defensive D hostile
  - 12 A say B tell ' C prove D show



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## ANSWERS

1 D	3 C	5 B	7 D	9 C	11 B
2 A	4 A	6 A	8 D	10 C	12 B