

b) OPEN CLOZE TEST

Part 2

For questions **13–24**, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning **(0)**.

Write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet.

Example:

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Dictionaries

Dictionaries are **(0)** *among* the most important tools of self-education. **(13)** Samuel Johnson wrote his influential English dictionary in the eighteenth century, the work kept him busy for seven years. At the end of that period he **(14)** written the meanings of over forty thousand words. Most modern dictionaries require a **(15)** deal less time and effort to write because writers often use earlier dictionaries **(16)** a source of reference.

Nowadays, most dictionaries are put together by teams of writers, or lexicographers. Sometimes they need to work together in meetings; at other times they work independently of **(17)** other, on different parts of the dictionary.

(18) one time, the starting point for deciding on which words to include used to be the lexicographer's own knowledge. These days, teams **(19)** use of a large collection of examples of **(20)** only writing but also everyday speech, which is known as a *corpus*. Teams also refer **(21)** books and articles about language as **(22)** as asking experts in particular subjects about the more specialised words. Finally, ordinary people are asked to say what they think about the **(23)** the words are defined and **(24)** they find the examples provided helpful or not.