

# II READING PRACTICE

For questions 17-24, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning 0).

## Living in a digital age

Today, our life is filled with noise, words and images to an

0) **unprecedented** ..... degree, with people spending so much of **PRECEDE**  
 their time connected to different forms of media. Consider the 'quiet  
 carriage' signs found on many UK trains; these are indications that  
 passengers must be 17) ..... requested to refrain **SPECIFY**  
 from talking on their mobile phones.

The greatest advantages of wired living are easily

18) ..... . Plugged into the web, we can research **NUMERATE**  
 and 19) ..... much of humanity's gathered **REFER**  
 knowledge - in minutes. We have almost 20) ..... **IMAGINE**  
 capabilities, and we are becoming increasingly adept at using them.  
 When we are unplugged, we can demonstrate the capacity to make  
 decisions and to act on our own 21) ..... . We **INITIATE**  
 therefore need to appreciate the value of being able to function both  
 online and offline.

However 22) ..... technology becomes in the **PERVADE**  
 future, we need to think 23) ..... and to learn how **CRITIC**  
 to assess its 24) ..... as well as its advantages in **COMING**  
 order to make discerning use of it in our lives.