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Decide which of the choices given below would correctly complete the passage if inserted in the corresponding blanks. Mark the correct choice for each blank on your ANSWER SHEET. We all know that a magician does not really depend on “ magic ” to perform his tricks, but on his ability to act at great speed. ___ 1___, this does not prevent us from enjoying watching a magician ___ 2___ rabbits from a hat. ___ 3___ the greatest magician of all time was Harry Houdini who died in 1926. Houdini mastered the art of ___ 4___. He could free himself from the tightest knots or the most complicated locks in seconds. ___ 5___ no one really knows how he did this, there is no doubt ___ 6___ he had made a close study of every type of lock ever invented. He liked to carry a small steel needlelike tool strapped to his leg and he used this in place of a key. Houdini once asked the Chicago police to lock him in prison. They ___ 7 ___ him in chains and locked him up, but he freed himself ___ 8 ___ an instant. The police ___ 9___ him of having used a tool and locked him up again. This time he wore no clothes and there were chains round his neck, waist, wrists, and legs. but he again escaped in a few minutes. Houdini had probably hidden his “ needle ” in a wax like ___ 10 ___ and dropped it on the floor in the passage. ___ 11___ he went past, he stepped on it so that it stuck to the bottom of his foot. His most famous escape, however, was ___ 12___ astonishing. He was

heavily chained up and enclosed in an empty wooden chest, the lid of ____ 13 ____ was nailed down. The ____ 14 ____ was 0dropped into the sea in New York harbor. In one minute Houdini had swum to the surface. When the chest was ____ 15 ____, it was opened and the chains were found inside.

1. A. Generally B. However C. Possibly D. Likewise
2. A. to produce B. who produces C. produce D. how to produce
3. A. Out of the question B. Though C. Probably D. Undoubted
4. A. escaping B. locking C. opening D. 0dropping
5. A. Surprisingly B. Obviously C. Perhaps D. Although
6. A. if B. whether C. as to D. that
7. A. involved B. closed C. connected D. bound
8. A. at B. by C. in D. for
9. A. rid B. charged C. accused D. deprived
10. A. candle B. mud C. something D. substance
11. A. As B. Usually C. Maybe D. Then
12. A. overall B. all but C. no longer D. altogether
13. A. it B. which C. that D. him
14. A. chest B. body C. lid D. chain
15. A. brought up B. sunk C. broken apart D. snapped

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