

# Cloze Practice 1

Read the passage carefully and write a suitable answer in the space provided.  
(10 x 1 = 10 marks)

Stanley worked in a coal mine in a remote part of the country. Like his fellow coal miners, he had to work **1** \_\_\_\_\_ in tunnels. The workplace was cold, noisy and damp. It was also dimly **2** \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, lamps were attached to the miner's **3** \_\_\_\_\_ so that they could see their surroundings clearly. Sometimes, Stanley had to work on his hands and knees to dig the coal. It was very tiring work.

One day, something happened to Stanley at work. He was with a few of his **4** \_\_\_\_\_. They were pushing some carts **5** \_\_\_\_\_ with coal along the track. Suddenly, one of the carts went off the track and knocked down Stanley who was beside it. The **6** \_\_\_\_\_ was so great that it sent Stanley sprawling on the ground with a heap of coal on top of him. The other workers were **7** \_\_\_\_\_ when they saw this. They rushed forward to help Stanley. They found him **8** \_\_\_\_\_ even though they tried to wake him up. They immediately sent for an ambulance.

Minutes later, the ambulance arrived and Stanley was taken to the hospital. **9** \_\_\_\_\_, Stanley was not seriously injured. He would **10** \_\_\_\_\_ in a short period of time.

- Answers:**
1. underground
  2. lit
  3. helmets
  4. colleagues
  5. filled / loaded
  6. impact
  7. shocked / alarmed
  8. unconscious
  9. Fortunately
  10. recover