

Task 5

Questions 33-40

Read and complete the text below.

Fill each space (33-40) with **one** word. Write your answer **only** here in this exam booklet.
There is an example at the beginning (0).

The Braille Code

The system of writing and reading used (0) _____ many blind people was invented almost 200 years ago. Some modifications (33) _____ been made to it over the years but the Braille code used today is virtually the same as it was in 1829, when the first Braille book was published.

Louis Braille was born in 1809, in a village near Paris. While playing in his father's leather shop, Louis, aged three, injured his eye with a sharp tool and became completely blind. As a student, Louis was determined to invent an easy and quick way (34) _____ blind people to read and write. He heard of a system that allowed soldiers to write and read messages at night without using a light that might give (35) _____ their positions. It (36) _____ been created by Charles Barbier, a French army captain, and consisted (37) _____ groups of raised dots and dashes arranged in columns. Louis used Barbier's ideas to develop his own simplified system, (38) _____ we know today as Braille. He based the code on the alphabet and reduced the number of dots (39) _____ half.

Although Louis Braille became a respected teacher and researcher, his system of reading and writing was not widely accepted in his (40) _____ time.

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