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You are going to read a newspaper article about bodyguards. Seven paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose from the paragraphs (A-H) the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is an example at the beginning (0).

THE BODYGUARD BUSINESS

At 5.30 in the morning a couple were sitting in a car having an innocent talk about tomato plants. Suddenly, two men jumped in front of the car, pointing guns at them.

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No, this wasn't the kidnapping of a famous film star or politician. It was the first morning of a week-long training course to learn how to become a bodyguard. Nowadays, becoming a bodyguard is big business. This is not because of a sudden rise in violent crime? but because having a bodyguard is the ultimate decoration for the rich and famous. Just as you or I would use jewelry, clothes or shoes to be fashionable, these people use bodyguards or - "minders" - to make themselves look good. Moreover, bodyguards trained in England are thought to be the most fashionable to have, rather like having an English butler. It is easy to imagine that bodyguards are always huge men built like Mr. Universe, but according to the founder of one training company, this is not the case.

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Many important men who want protection for their wives don't want a handsome young man around, and important women often feel more at ease with a bodyguard who is a woman as well. There are some stars who prefer a large bodyguard, but it has been suggested that they are chosen to match the celebrity's huge ego rather than a result of the bodyguard's ability to do the job.

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Not many people would see a pretty woman with a famous rock star as a threat. Nor would anyone take any notice if she reached into her handbag for a lipstick - that is, until she pulled out a gun instead. Sharon Stone's female bodyguard knocked four people to the ground in the space of one month after they had threatened her employer. It is hardly a job for someone who is not properly trained. But in England, less than one per cent of bodyguard trainees are women.

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One of the reasons for this is that the first weapon of a bodyguard is the brain, and the trainers often find that women are more willing to accept this message than men. The trainers try to stop would-be Rambo types from becoming bodyguards as their idea of the job seems to be based on the Kevin Costner film, *The Bodyguard*.

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But the reality of the job is far more boring. Hours can be spent waiting outside hotel rooms, or standing outdoors in the cold and rain. If the Rambo types applying for training expect sessions of karate or kick-boxing, they will be disappointed. They will find themselves being taught about being neat and tidy, how to speak to a diplomat and so on.

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Those that do, however, can look forward to a career which can earn them between \$300 and \$1000 per day, depending on who the client is of course. Many of the trainees admit that it was the money which made them want to become bodyguards.

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Information can include the personality and life-style of the person. For example, who is likely to threaten their lives or just bother them? The business of being a bodyguard in this day and age has gone beyond the abilities of the Rambo types. It now takes brains as well as muscle to succeed.

A	In Scandinavia, however, the number of female students is five per cent and rising. This is a trend which those in the business find promising and are trying to encourage
B	It is only after these basic lessons have been taught that they are allowed some Costner action. Many of them don't last the course, though.
C	Lurking terrorists turned out to be trees, and the trees turned out to be another team pretending to be terrorists. It was all very confusing.
D	After the release of this box office hit, the number of people applying to be trained soared at least fifty per cent. Glossy magazines and TV shows started giving the job a glamorous image.
E	"Size and muscle are not important. Surprisingly, women are now in demand from many companies to train as bodyguards, and their clients often demand women as well."
F	But their money is not just earned by standing around looking after a film star. Hours are spent preparing files on the people they are guarding.
G	The doors were pulled open and the couple were dragged from the car. They lay with their faces in pools of rainwater, wondering if their choice of career had been wise.
H	One job of the properly trained bodyguard is to be seen or noticed as little as possible. This is where women have the advantage over men in the business of being a bodyguard

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