According  $(1) \dots$  a recent survey,  $(2) \dots$  British are poor savers in comparison  $(3) \dots$  other nations in Europe. They may start out with good intentions but many people end up putting aside only 5.5 percent of their income  $(4) \dots$  'a rainy day'. It is believed that only 13 percent of people currently in employment in the UK are saving towards their retirement. One of the reasons  $(5) \dots$  this is that they spend around 16 percent of everything they earn  $(6) \dots$  luxuries such as holidays and other forms of entertainment. As  $(7) \dots$  result, financial problems and personal debt have increased sharply. Owning a home is a good investment by many British people. However, house prices are now so high that they are simply unaffordable for many young people starting out. At  $(8) \dots$  other end of the scale, over 800,000 households now own a second home abroad.

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (8).

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