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ВИДАВНИЦТВО
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PRACTICE TESTS 1

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Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

1 How did they want to get to the cinema?



A



B



C

2 Which blouse fits well?



A

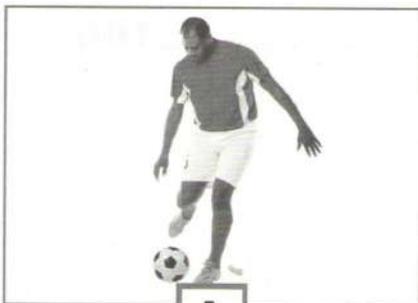


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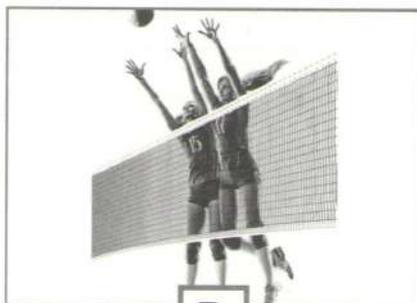


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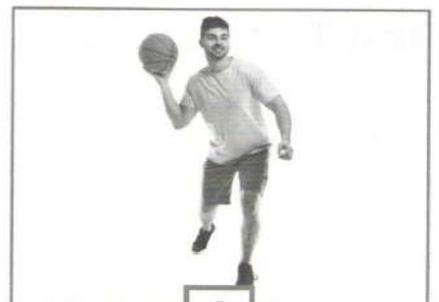
3 What is speakers' favourite sport?



A



B



C

4 What does this week horoscope NOT recommend doing?

- A. buying a lottery ticket
- B. having fun with friends
- C. meeting new people

5 Why was the Notting Hill Carnival established?

- A. as a form of protest
- B. as a tourist attraction
- C. as show of Caribbean culture

6 What is Wimbledon tournament played on?

- A. grass
- B. hard court
- C. clay

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7. The speaker was a cute child.
- 8. Her mother was against her model career.
- 9. The speaker was the prettiest in her Model School.
- 10. The speaker didn't become a fashion model because of her height.
- 11. The speaker regrets of her choice of becoming a print model.

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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** How much time do most people spend commuting every day?
A. half an hour
B. three quarters of an hour
C. an hour
- 13** What do most commuters complain about?
A. no time for hobby
B. not much time for meeting with friends
C. problems with health
- 14** What is NOT the main reason for choosing commuting?
A. lack of choice
B. better working conditions
C. better living conditions
- 15** Which activity should be avoided while commuting?
A. reading
B. chatting
C. doing puzzles
- 16** What's the best solution to benefit while commuting?
A. to adapt your timetable
B. to work from home from time to time
C. to do the activities you enjoy



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

Are you tired of hours downloading a film or installing a new program? It takes forever to upload a photo!

Try out a new fast-speed Wi-Fi connection from Pear LLD!

Call now +1-435-672-2781
and get first 1 Gb for free

18

It's high time to *change* something in your life!

Visit our new hair salon and bring colours in your routine!

We offer all possible haircuts, hairdos, hair colouring and a **modern wave perm!**

Visit us at 3, Beauty Lane
Open hours: Mon - Sun
10 am - 10 pm

19

A call for devoted pet lovers!

We need your help! They Deserve to Live community is organizing a charity auction. Bring old things, sell and donate money to dog shelters.

When: Saturday, 10th
Where: Tony Vet Clinics

Register at www.iloveanimals.com

20

Your old jeans *don't fit* anymore and a favourite T-shirt is *no longer* nice on you?

We know the **way out!**

A personal nutrition program specially designed by qualified dieticians is waiting for you!

Result **in 4 weeks!**

If not, you'll get a refund!

Call us to book a trial week
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21

We **NEED** your old TV! It's not a joke! A Friendly Electronics' Store is offering brand new TVs to its first **10** visitors. Just bring any old TV set you have at home and exchange it for a new one! All the received TV sets will become a part of an open-air art **installation**.

It's a **one day** offer!

Saturday, 29th!

Which of the advertisements is about:

.....?

A beauty procedures

B health and fitness

C helping animals

D a TV provider

E shopping

F an Internet provider

G home appliance

H creativity

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

What do you know about bicycles?

The word «bicycle» first appeared in France in 1860. Pierre Michaux, the inventor of the term, wanted to pick the word so that it would identify a two-wheeled vehicle with a simple mechanical drive. However, the bike prototype was designed and patented back in 1818 by German Baron Carl von Drais. This mechanism consisted of a wooden frame, metal wheels and rudder, but without pedals, in order to such a bicycle to be moved, its owner had to be pushed all the time.

Riding the first bikes on the city streets was forbidden. The wheels were quiet and therefore dangerous to pedestrians and carriage horses. The exception was some small streets. What is more, initially, cycling was considered only as a separate sport or leisure activity.

The Vienna City Council was sceptical of bicycles. Therefore, each owner of a two-wheeler had to take the Wiener so-called bicycle rider exam and get a bicycle license. The license number was indicated on the vehicle license plate. Also, drivers had to carry a lantern and a whistle to be visible on the road. Streets that were allowed to be cycled were identified. The requirements contained separate paragraphs for overtaking horses with carriages and attention to pedestrians. It was forbidden to go in groups. Cyclists could approach each other no closer than 20 meters.

For 10 years the conditions for cyclists have softened. From 1897, it was possible to ride all the streets, and the license plates were cancelled. Since 1897, the bicycle has been recognized as a common vehicle.

The bicycle has also become an element of women's emancipation. Since the 1890s, two-wheelers have increasingly appealed to young ladies. In 1894, they organized the first women's cycle club «Erste Wiener Damen Bicycle Club». Women could get rid of their corsets for cycling, as well as heel-length dresses. It was time to have more comfortable clothes. As a result, men started wearing cloth hats and women got dressed in loose skirts.

In 1983, the local government of Vienna developed the concept of cycle paths. By 1986, the city already had 168 km and by 1990 500 bicycle stops. The use of two-wheelers has increased threefold from 1986 to 1991. Today, cycling is 5% of all traffic and pedestrian traffic. At the end of 2015, the Austrian capital had 1,298 km of cycle roads and 39,000 public bicycle stops, more than 120 bicycle lease points.

- 22** How could the first bicycle move?
- A. It had three wheels.
 - B. There were two pedals to spin.
 - C. The rider needed some assistance.
 - D. It was mechanically driven.
- 23** Why riding a bicycle was banned?
- A. Because it was considered a sport.
 - B. The streets were too narrow to ride.
 - C. There were no street rules to control the traffic.
 - D. A vehicle was not loud enough to be heard by others.
- 24** To be allowed to use a bicycle the owner should have done everything EXCEPT:
- A. going under medical examination
 - B. receiving the legal right to ride a vehicle
 - C. placing the registration number of the bicycle
 - D. carrying a small wooden or tin tube to give the signal of warning
- 25** What piece of woman clothes has appeared due to bicycles?
- A. a corset for cycling
 - B. a cloth cap
 - C. a heel-length dress
 - D. a baggy skirt
- 26** What has changed since the creation of cycle paths in Vienna?
- A. The use of the vehicle has increased in two times.
 - B. Pedestrians have become more bicycle-friendly.
 - C. There has been less than 5% of accidents caused by cycling.
 - D. The number of places where you can rent a bicycle has increased.

Task 6

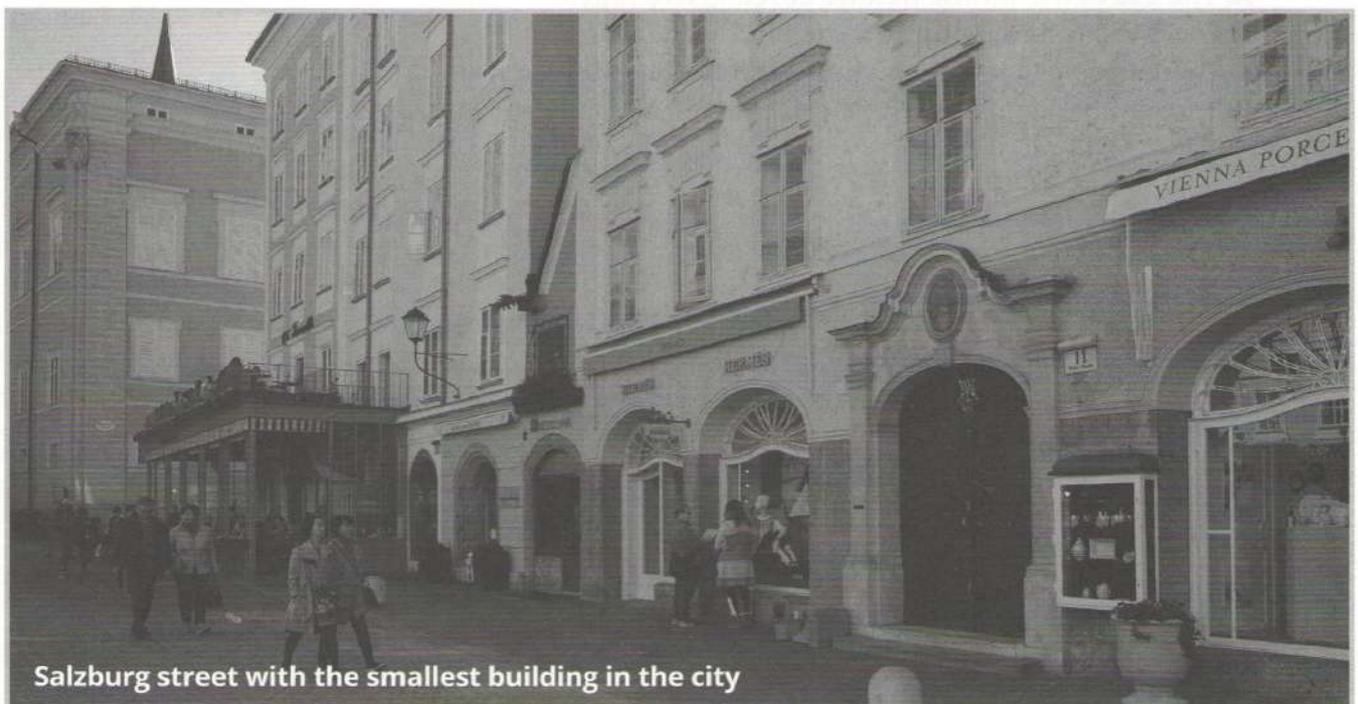
Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The tiniest dwellings in the world

27 In the UK, there is a two-floor house of 28 square feet. The first storey has a bedroom and shower, and the second floor has a living room and kitchen. It is assumed that only one person can live in the house, though currently a nice young couple of farmers is renting it. What is more, the house has an orchard in the back yard.

28 The appearance of the smallest building in Salzburg with a facade only one and a half meters wide has a connection to an ancient romantic history. A girl agreed to marry her lover, only when he has his own dwelling. The young man was very poor but resourceful, and he placed his house in the space between two existing houses. As a result, there was a place for an oven and three chairs, which served as a tiny bed for the family.

29 This one-meter wide and ten-meter tall house was built in Brazil. The house has three floors, with two living rooms, three bedrooms, a kitchen and a veranda. At the beginning of the building, the local authorities wanted to ban construction but changed their minds. Nowadays, this multi-storey house is one of the main touristic attractions of the city.



Salzburg street with the smallest building in the city

30 Perhaps one of the smallest homes in the world is in the United States. Its area is only 6 square meters. It has a kitchen with a fridge, a shower and a sleeping area located in the attic. The house comes with a special platform trailer for transportation, hence the owner can easily move from one location to another.

31 The residents of Amsterdam are never tired of repeating that it is the smallest building in their city. However, this is not entirely true. The fact is that the rise of the building tax on the house directly depended on the width of the facade. That's why the resourceful owner built a complete house with a facade of 1 meter 1 centimeter, which, in fact, is just an entrance.

32 Not exactly a house, but this small round concrete thing is actually a hotel room at a hotel called «Das Park Hotel» located in both Austria and Germany. The rooms have a double bed; next to the beds are small storage areas that contain more pillows and sheets. They have placed outlets in them for electronics, and there is a small space under the bed that is used to place customer's luggage. All the rooms are usually sold out a half of the year in advance.

Which dwelling _____?

- A** only seems to be the tiniest one
- B** is difficult to book beforehand
- C** was a condition of marriage
- D** has a facility to grow fruit and berries at home
- E** enables travelling with no difficulties
- F** despite being the smallest one has a real tiny bed
- G** provides the opportunity to grow fresh vegetables in the backyard
- H** a must visit place for sightseers

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Eighth Wonder of the World

The Terracotta Army is one of the most fascinating archaeological discoveries of our time and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

During a severe drought in 1974, (33)____, a group of local peasants tried to dig a well. However, instead of water, the villagers discovered some clay fragments. Then, archaeologists were involved. This is how one of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century was made.

The Terracotta Army is a legendary guard of full-size clay warriors, horses and chariots. Terracotta warriors were supposed (34)____. They were buried with the him in 210-209 BC.

Emperor Qin Shihuangdi, (35)____, is famous for succeeding in uniting under his rule warring Chinese kingdoms, turning them into a powerful empire. It began the construction of the Great Wall of China. Construction of the Imperial Tomb began in 247 BC, with the participation of 700,000 workers and artisans. The mausoleum lasted 38 years.

Initially, according to ancient Chinese tradition, the emperor wanted to bury 4,000 living soldiers with him, but the advisers persuaded the ruler. This cruel act would lead to revolt and weaken the military might of the empire. Instead, (36)____, doubling their numbers.

Although Emperor Qin contributed greatly to the development of the empire, he was notorious for his cruelty. Hundreds of skeletons were discovered in the tomb, many those who helped build the tomb. They were buried to preserve the secrecy of this place and its treasures. After the treasure was buried and sealed, the gates closed, (37)____. Trees and grass were planted over the mausoleum to make it look like an ordinary hill.

Each warrior had a real weapon: spears, shields, bows, crossbows and swords. However, the tombs were plundered during the popular uprising against Er Shihwangdi, (38)____.

This World's Miracle marvels millions of tourists, who visit the Empire every year in hope to experience the mighty of the Terracotta Army.

- A to protect the interests of Chinese Emperor Qin Shihuangi in a foreign world
- B they decided to bury the clay warriors
- C who turned out to be a weak and inept ruler
- D which also affected the city of Xi'an
- E which is famous for his diplomacy skills
- F who is known in China as the unifying emperor
- G locking all the workers so that no one could get out
- H to close slaves and animals with the host

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The future of shopping

These days with online shopping taking over more and more (39)_____ every day, the question about shopping malls and local shops is unsettled. Why (40)_____ your time, leave the warm and cosy bed just to buy goods, when all you need is to open an app or a website and choose what you need.

Some may reason that doing shopping in a mall is considered to be a(n) (41)_____ that includes strolling, looking and socializing with others. But then, there are some negative sides as well; you may unconsciously check out the jeans on the nice-looking lady, and then be infuriated when you wearing the (42)_____ jeans look not as well as you imagined.

Buying things online has both advantages and disadvantages, you need to decide for yourself (43)_____ way is more comfortable for you - buying online or in the shopping mall.

39	A	customers	B	buyers	C	users	D	visitors
40	A	spend	B	blow	C	waste	D	drain
41	A	act	B	activity	C	occupation	D	task
42	A	alike	B	even	C	very	D	same
43	A	what	B	which	C	whose	D	such

Ukrainians win gold at Deaflympics after 17 years

The Deaflympics or International Games for the Deaf is an **(44)**____, sanctioned by International Olympic Committee, at which deaf athletes **(45)**____ at an elite level. The first contest occurred in 1924, in Paris, France.

In 2019, Winter Deaflympics **(46)**____ in Sondrio, Italy from 12th to 20th of December. The number of participants was 485 people from 34 nations. The athletes performed in 6 sports: alpine climbing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, ice hockey, curling and chess. Ukrainian skiing team won 3 gold, silver and bronze medals. Other two medals were won in a chess tournament.

The next major events for Ukraine will come in 2020 Summer Olympics and Summer Paralympics both contests will **(47)**____ in Tokyo, Japan. All we can do is wish luck and support our teams in **(48)**____ victory.

44	A	issue	B	act	C	event	D	action
45	A	compete	B	match	C	play	D	collaborate
46	A	are held	B	were held	C	were hold	D	held
47	A	occur	B	be	C	happen	D	take place
48	A	aiming at	B	locking on	C	attending to	D	thinking of

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Impossible Pork

Good news for animal lovers and vegans, there is no need to continue shaming others over eating meat, Impossible Pork is your saviour. The replacement for human-made pork (49)_____ by the same company that is responsible for the craze about Impossible Burger 2.0. Impossible Foods just introduced plant-based pork that has kosher and halal certification and can (50)_____ in any dish, which includes pork. Other company, Beyond Meat, is also making plant-based beef and sausages. The two companies mentioned above are currently shaking the food industry competing with one another.

Impossible Foods and Beyond Meat (51)_____ awareness about climate change and call people in action to save our planet. As more and more people each year refuse to eat meat (52)_____ different reasons, plant-based pork or beef (53)_____ be a better choice to take hold of essential nutrients.

49	A	will be launched	B	launched	C	was launched	D	is launched
50	A	use	B	be used	C	have been used	D	be using
51	A	raise	B	will be raising	C	were raising	D	will raise
52	A	due to	B	despite	C	even with	D	in light
53	A	can	B	should	C	would	D	might

Cultural events in Ukraine

Ukraine is not only famous for its picturesque landscapes and must-see destinations but for a bunch (54)_____ cultural festivals that (55)_____ recognized world-wide.

If you are a fan of music whatever genre it is, then you should check Leopolis Jazz Festival, Ostrov, Atlas Weekend, Zaxidfest and White Nights. Both Ostrov and White Nights are more about electronic and dance music, Every year, Zaxidfest (56)_____ rock admirers from different corners of the world, whereas, Atlas Weekend is thought to be (57)_____ music festival in the whole Ukraine.

If you are more into films and performances, then you need to check out GogolFest, Molodist and Odesa International Film Festival. Or if none above makes your heart tremble, then you (58)_____ visit the extreme sports festival Z-Games.

54	A	of	B	up	C	-	D	at
55	A	are	B	is	C	should	D	shall
56	A	unite	B	is uniting	C	united	D	unites
57	A	bigger	B	big	C	the biggest	D	the most big
58	A	should	B	must	C	shall	D	will

Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

1 Which dish will NOT be cooked?



A

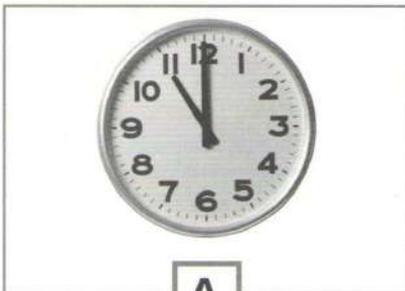


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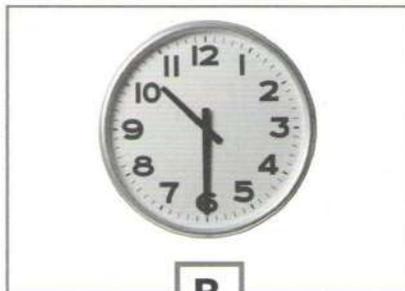


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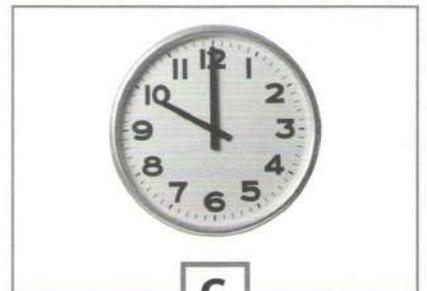
2 Which clock shows the time of the conversation?



A



B



C

3 What have they got plenty of?



A



B



C

- 4** What makes Super Bowl so popular?
- A. thrilling football matches
 - B. an official day off
 - C. enthralling TV commercials
- 5** What's the main reason of popularity of street food?
- A. It's affordable.
 - B. It's authentic.
 - C. It's social.
- 6** What's NOT the main reasons for sharing videos online?
- A. to outline our personality
 - B. to tell the story
 - C. to strengthen our contacts

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7.** The speaker felt happy at the railway station.
- 8.** The speaker stayed in the summer camp for the whole month.
- 9.** It was very noisy in the carriage.
- 10.** The speaker had mixed feelings in the train.
- 11.** The experience lived up the speaker's expectations.

T	F
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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** How did Greta know about the climate crisis?
A. She learned about it at her lessons.
B. Her parents told her.
C. She found the information in the local newspaper.
- 13** How has her life changed since she learned about the climate crisis?
A. She eats meat only once a week.
B. She rarely uses planes for travelling.
C. She actively protests against inaction on climate change.
- 14** Who joined Greta in her protest?
A. Nobody, she became alone.
B. Her parents supported her greatly.
C. Young people in different countries supported her.
- 15** Where was her most influential speech?
A. At the local Parliament, in Sweden.
B. At the European Parliament.
C. At a United Nation event, in the USA.
- 16** What means of transport does she usually travel?
A. by train
B. by boat
C. by plane



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

What is Spanish for «**Good morning**»?
What about «**Goodbye**» in French?
«**Thank you**» in Turkish?

Our multilingual courses offer a wide choice of morning and evening classes for children and adults!

Book a first trial lesson at www.abc.com or call us on +1-734-766-9902

18

A miraculous **Disneyland Park** in Paris, a thrilling **Legoland Park** in Billund!

Any kid's dream becomes a reality with us! Leave your request, and we'll find a perfect weekend tour for your family!

Any holiday destination at a reasonable price!

Families only!

Fill in a request form at www.kidstravel.com and we'll call you back!

19

Fresh-brewed morning coffee... A smell of a newly baked croissant with sweet syrup on top...

It's all about us – a new café-store at the corner of Cornwell and Maple Streets.

You may buy in-house made lollipops, sweets and various chocolate bars from us!

Open now and **never close!**

Follow us on [Instagram @24/7coffee](#)

20

You are loaded with work, your boss gives you hard times, and there's no help with **housework!**

Hold on we are there for you!

A Neat and Tidy service agency provides all types of washing, dusting and vacuuming! Only for 100\$, your house will sparkle again!

Call on +1-231-435-5546

21

ENOUGH of grey days and a bad mood!

All you need is an adrenalin rush! Change your reality and buy a new virtual **life!** Become a professional **skater**, a speed car **racer** or a celebrity in our Internet world!

Join us at www.newreality.com

Prepay a year **membership** and get 1 month **free!**

Which of the advertisements is about:

.....?

- A** a computer game
- B** a cleaning company
- C** a tourist agency
- D** a translation bureau
- E** a sports centre
- F** a restaurant
- G** a candy shop
- H** a language school

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answers sheet.

A Brick Paradise

Legoland Children's Amusement Park is located on the area equal to 26 football fields. It is so large that there are 8 smaller theme parks within it, and each has a lot of fun, not only for children but also for adults.

In the heart of the park, in the Miniland area, there are entire neighbourhoods of Berlin, Frankfurt on Main, Amsterdam, Venice and other legendary cities, created on a scale of 1:20 of 25 million Lego details. And this is not static scenery at all as life in the tiny streets is booming. By the way, guests of the park can try themselves in town planning: they are provided with another 50 million details to build houses, create animals and beloved characters. There are no limits, only their imagination.

When parents want some time for themselves there is the Adventure Land, which has its fabulous sea, a real sandy beach with palm trees, water games and sunbeds. Kids are offered ice cream and refreshments, and adults can enjoy something in the beach bar or on the terrace under the waterfall.

In the Kingdom of the Knights, there are arranged tournaments with the participation of all comers, expeditions for gold in the royal forest and even allow them to saddle a fiery dragon. To those for whom the fiery dragon is not extreme enough, the straight road is to Lego Extreme. Visitors will be involved in an adventurous world of dizzying mini-car racings, roller coaster rides, 4D movies, a children's driving school. In the World of Imagination, pedal cars fly on the hinged roads, the entire park is visible from the observation tower, and the breathtaking view of the entire Lego world inspires to dream big.

In the Adventure World you can go deep into the wild jungle on foot or by canoe, experience the dizzying descent from a 12-meter water slide, find dinosaur treasures and enter the Puppet Theatre. Finally, the Atlantis Zone will impress guests with marine life in a large aquarium.

The Lego City has its port, where transport ships are unloaded, miniature cars scurry about on the roads, and new elements emerge from the Lego factory in front of which the city is made. Everyone can create their own Lego brick and keep it as a memory of visiting this wonderful place. All is needed, it is to choose a draft from the offered ones, decide on the colour and pattern, adjust the size and press the production button. With Legoland, life seems to be brighter.

- 22** In the Miniland location guests:
- A.** can see static miniatures of European cities
 - B.** are provided with 25 million of bricks to build their cities
 - C.** create dwellings with artificial people and living creatures
 - D.** observe a real-size part of Amsterdam
- 23** The Adventure Land provides visitors with:
- A.** snorkelling in the sea
 - B.** an open-air aquapark
 - C.** opportunity to have some snacks
 - D.** water tournaments
- 24** In the Kindom of the Knights guests can:
- A.** find a treasure
 - B.** hunt a dragon
 - C.** learn how to drive a car
 - D.** watch a 4D movie
- 25** How can Adventure World entertain its visitors?
- A.** hunting wild animals in the wild jungle
 - B.** act at the theatre
 - C.** free dive from the waterfall
 - D.** enjoy the underwater creatures display
- 26** To create a Lego brick one should NOT:
- A.** design a unique draft
 - B.** choose the measurements
 - C.** select a decorative element on the brick
 - D.** find a suitable colour

Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Unusual awards

- 27** Golden Raspberry is awarded for the worst acting, screenplay, directing, song and worst movie of the year. Traditionally, its nominees are announced the day before the Oscar nominees are announced, and the winners are announced the day before the official Oscar ceremony. The prize of this award is a plastic raspberry berry, carelessly covered with gold spray paint. Each award has a price less than \$ 5.
- 28** Every year real Nobel laureates in budding goggles and overhead noses come to the Sanders Theatre in Harvard to reward their «antics». The Schnobel's winners shouldn't perform more than 60 seconds. Those who speak longer are stopped by an eight-year-old girl, who in a capricious voice shouts: «Please stop, I'm bored.»
- 29** The award for the most ridiculous lawsuit, awarded in the United States. Recently a housewife from California, who switched on cruise control and left the driver's seat while travelling in a wheelhouse, has received this award. It is clear that the «house» got off the track and turned over. The instructions did not say that while travelling with cruise control it is impossible to leave the driver's seat, so the young lady received \$ 175,000 in compensation.



30 Since 2000, the winner of the Diagram Award has been determined by a public vote on The Bookseller's website. The most interesting book titles of the winners of this prize usually look like «How to mess in the woods: an environmental approach to forgotten art» or «Highlights of Concrete History».

31 The Big Brother Award is an annual award for the most egregious violation of privacy and freedom of citizens by a state or company established in 1998. The award appeals to Big Brother from George Orwell's 1984 novel.

32 The winner of the Pigasus Award is extremely unusual and weird. Either the scientist who said or did the silliest thing relating to parapsychology or the «psychic» performer who fools the greatest number of people with the least effort in that twelve-month period. On the list might be both organizations which support research of paranormal activity and media, which reveals spooky news to the world.

Which award _____?

A has an attitude to spiritualism, ghosts and supernatural notions

B puts a one-minute limit to a speech

C presents a book by George Orwell as a prize

D has appeared in the result of court decisions

E is a humorous literary prize

F has a dirt-cheap price

G is named after a famous literary character

H is connected to art and history at the same time

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Japanese eco-miracle

Japan has reached the highest level of garbage sorting worldwide. There is no ordinary landfill on the streets of cities, as all waste is collected differentially.

Locals carry waste at certain times in transparent bags (33)____. On a particular day, a specific type of garbage is accepted. Garbage bags have different sizes and colours, depending on the category. There are different types of sorts in different municipalities in the country.

For example, residents of the Japanese city of Kamikatsu sort all the garbage into 29 different categories, and then bring the sorted waste themselves to a recycling centre, (34)_____.

In addition, Kamikatsu has a Kuru-kuru shop, (35)____. Immediately from old clothes, flags and even fishing raincoats sew «new» clothes, toys, bags that can be obtained for free.

In the wake of conscious waste management, Japanese manufacturers are actively developing biodegradable polymers. So, leading Japanese manufacturer Kaneka Corporation has developed biodegradable polymer (PHBH), (36)____. It decomposes under the action of tiny microorganisms that break it down into water and carbon dioxide in natural environments, such as soil or seawater.

Broken household appliances and electronic equipment in Japan take away from the population of special utilizers to a special plant, (37)_____.

The non-recyclable waste is being built by the «garbage islands». The known artificial islands are Haghisima and Yumenosima. On the first, there is a metallurgical plant, and on the second - a greenhouse, a park, a museum.

Local governments conclude voluntary pollution control agreements with companies in the region. And here the principle is very effective - the polluter pays. This is forcing companies (38)____. To reduce the emissions of plants that pollute the water and the area with chemical materials, including plastic, the renewable energy sector is actively developing.

Today, Japan, with its significant technological development and industrialization, is one of the most environmentally friendly countries in the world.

- A** to develop technologies to meet environmental standards
- B** where residents can leave the items they do not need and other residents can come and pick them up for free
- C** where it is dismantled into small components and recycled
- D** while they are recycled and transformed into useful things
- E** where workers check to see if there are any unnecessary things and dump into large tanks
- F** which is 100% derived from plants
- G** creating mechanisms to meet demands of recycling
- H** so that the garbage trucks can see what lies inside

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answers sheet.

Big Five personality traits

If you ever thought about your personality or even did some psychological (39)____, you can label yourself as optimist or pessimist, sanguine or melancholy person, etc.

Starting a few decades back personality (40)____, started talking about a model called OCEAN: openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, neuroticism. It is said that each one of us has (41)____, aspects of each trait. Typically it is from low to high level, but to be honest, it is so rare to have one of the characteristics at (42)____. Mostly we have it somewhere in the middle.

Additionally, the level of development of the trait can change through life, as well as you can develop whichever you like. Although, you should (43)____ that the more isn't always, the better. There is no such thing as an ideal person; each of us has flaws and perks that make us unique.

39	A	quizzes	B	tests	C	forms	D	polls
40	A	scientists	B	investigators	C	researchers	D	analysts
41	A	different	B	distinctive	C	alternate	D	varied
42	A	top	B	summit	C	best	D	peak
43	A	bring to mind	B	keep in mind	C	cross your mind	D	speak your mind

«The Wall» by Samsung

At the latest CES 2020, Samsung presented the newest and largest «The Wall» MicroLED TV. This TV (44)_____ to be 7.4 metres and based on the first screen technology in the decade that delivers optimal black levels and high brightness.

Additionally, the same (45)_____ could be ordered in 3.81 metres with 8K resolution. Imagine the possibilities that are available with the hugest screen like that. There is no more need to go to the cinemas to watch a movie, whereas you can do it at home. There is no limit to observe the (46)_____ of the world around through a (47)_____ of documentaries.

However, it's not (48)_____. Samsung just started selling commercial and «luxury» versions of TV that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

44	A	say	B	is said	C	says	D	saying
45	A	model	B	make	C	sample	D	copy
46	A	charm	B	looks	C	magnificence	D	appeal
47	A	range	B	mixture	C	group	D	variety
48	A	cheap	B	expensive	C	economical	D	priced

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Ignore the number on your clothes

Are you familiar with that unpleasing feeling when you (49)_____ in the fitting room trying your regular size, but (50)_____ just doesn't add up? Maybe the last slice of the gluten-free cake is at fault. Actually, you are not guilty and definitely not the last food you consumed.

The problem is in the size chart that every other shop has different. So, it is completely normal to wear mismatched sizes of jeans, sweaters and other clothes.

By the way, you (51)_____ probably stop judging yourself by the numbers. What good does it bring you? You (52)_____ your life on being stressed because of diets, calories intake and skipped gym training. Stop bullying yourself. Embrace your own self, wear those clothes you like and feel comfortable in which you can enjoy life (53)_____.

49	A	are	B	were	C	being	D	will be
50	A	anything	B	everything	C	something	D	nothing
51	A	have to	B	should	C	may	D	must
52	A	waste	B	wasted	C	have been wasting	D	are wasting
53	A	the fullest	B	fuller	C	full	D	fully

Foreign languages – no more!

With all tendencies that are constantly appearing every day, the question **(54)**____: is there a need in learning foreign languages?

The teachers and other educators, whose income **(55)**____ the service of providing language learning, will definitely say – yes.

Regardless, let's take a closer look in the matter. With a variety of technologies as Google Translate, Pilot and others, it is very vague to give a precise answer. Why **(56)**____ you need to waste years of mastering the depths of a new language? If all that you need is to run an app, record the audio of a person speaking, and you have an answer in hand. The same **(57)**____ if you wish to translate the reply to the foreigner. So, why bother? The truth **(58)**____ inconclusive.

54	A	raises	B	is raised	C	is being raised	D	is raising
55	A	depends on	B	results in	C	turn to	D	count on
56	A	did	B	do	C	will	D	might
57	A	goes	B	went	C	go	D	gone
58	A	remained	B	will remain	C	is going to remain	D	remains

Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

1 What time does the party start?



A



B



C

2 Which jumper is the speaker NOT going to buy?



A



B



C

3 Which is ordered?



A



B



C

4 What took the speaker the least time to learn living in the dormitory?

- A. to wash dishes
- B. to clean bathrooms
- C. to cook dishes

5 Why does the speaker eat out?

- A. She likes tasting different cuisines.
- B. She cannot cook.
- C. Her husband doesn't like her cooking.

6 What attracted the speaker to his part-time job?

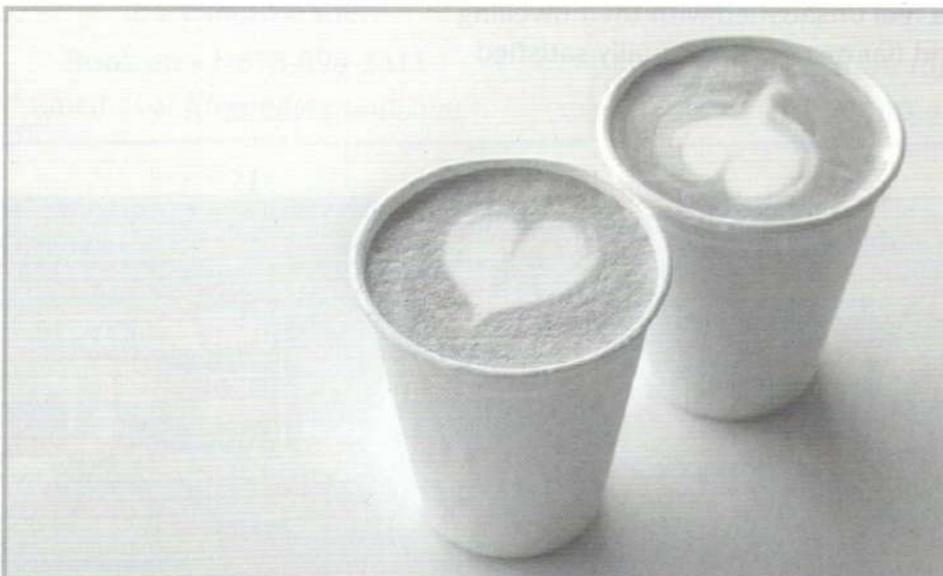
- A. the chance to use skills he already had
- B. the opportunities for promotion
- C. the amount of money he is able to earn

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7. Most disposal coffee cups are recycled.
- 8. Paper cups contain plastic.
- 9. The biggest harm from coffee cups is done to health.
- 10. Customers should pay more for coffee in reusable cups.
- 11. Shops should take the main responsibility for cups recycling.

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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** What was the most popular dwelling in 2019?
A. flats
B. detached houses
C. semi-detached houses
- 13** Which factor should NOT influence the choice of dwelling?
A. the cost of living
B. level of privateness
C. size
- 14** What to do first for making your dwelling spacious?
A. paint the walls in proper colours
B. select appropriate materials
C. ask the expert for advice
- 15** Who will benefit from living in a flat?
A. cat owners
B. party-lovers
C. car owners
- 16** What is the OPINION about the level of satisfaction of living places?
A. level of happiness depends on the age of children
B. a tenth of people feel unsatisfied with their dwelling
C. house owners and flat owners are equally satisfied



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

If you don't know how to drive but enjoy travelling, then this service is definitely **for you!**

Choose an instructor, a destination point and vehicle!

Select everything from a sedan to a jeep and go to any part of the world!

Price: **360\$ per day!**

Additional fee is for **petrol.**

Go to our website www.nodringlicence.com

18

No ideas for **presents** or some of them are too expensive or of poor quality.

Check out a new online stock, where you may buy goods at **wholesale prices!**

Free shipping if you order three items at once!

We save your money and time!

www.goodstore.com

19

You feel not well, stressed, worn out and irritated!

Nothing makes you happy, and it's too long to holidays!

We know how to help you!

A nice massage, facial procedures, a warm swimming pool and steam tubs will return you to a **balanced life!**

Book on +1-678-098-2311

Email us at lifegood@gmail.com

20

Dancing is your **passion!**

You start moving once you hear **music!** Than join our team of professionals and make it you lifestyle!

We are hiring now a talented dance instructor with a year of teaching experience.

Sent application forms to danceschool@gmail.com

21

Tasty and healthy food, caring nannies and professional teachers, who develop small learners through games and entertainments-our childcare centre is the best place for your babies.

We provide **24/7** support to create comfort for you and your family!

Visit our **Parents Day**

July, 13th

45, Farmland Str.

Which of the advertisements deals with:

.....?

A a spa saloon

B the Internet shopping

C a car rent

D a house rent

E a job vacancy

F a kindergarten

G a hospital

H a sports centre

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Ice Hotel

As a rule, people imagine holidays somewhere in warm countries staying at a luxurious hotel with a picturesque view from the room. Although the owners of the 30,000 cubic meters of snow and ice introduced another approach to the interior of hotels and built the ice hotel. It has been built annually since 1939 in Sweden.

Ice Hotel is located in the village of Jukkasjärvi in northern Sweden. Guests are provided with rooms made entirely of ice extracted from the nearby river Turn. It also has warm rooms. For a surcharge and at the time of booking, guests can use the sauna with a hot tub and a warm shower. In the main hall, there is a unique big glass pot with hot coals and wood inside, which produces more heat for those visitors, who require a bit higher temperature. Also, all guests are provided with hot tea and coffee, since alcohol is forbidden.

Rooms and halls of Ice Hotel in 2017 were decorated with carvings and unique sculptures by 36 artists and decorators from 17 countries. Each of them has an exclusive decoration and its own concept. Each room has its unique name for example «Space Room», «Queen of the North», «Monster», «King Kong» and «Daily Travelers». Almost all suites maintain a temperature of -5 to -8 degrees Celsius and are featured with handmade furniture made of ice by masters from around the world. Guests are provided with sleeping bags on exclusive Carpe Diem beds covered in deer skins. They can relax in the shared sauna in the morning. The warm rooms have a flat-screen cable TV, a dining area and a private bathroom with a shower. Free Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.

Ice Hotel's restaurant serves traditional local dishes. Hot drinks and snacks are served in the warm lounge and cocktails in iced glasses can be enjoyed at the Ice bar below 0 degrees. To the convenience of guests, who travel with family, a menu for children is provided. Lately, meat-free and animal fat-free dishes have been offered on the requirement.

A free 30-minute English or Swedish guided tour of the Ice Hotel is provided daily. Ice Hotel provides dog sledging, snowmobile tours, deer sledging excursions and other winter activities. Since the demand is high enough you need to book everything beforehand. In addition, the hotel offers rafting, hiking and fishing for guests and no previous reservation is required. Everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy the polar day in the summer. If you're lucky, guests may find the Northern lights.

- 22** What is special about the ice hotel?
- A. It has picturesque views from the windows.
 - B. It was built in 1930th.
 - C. It has been constructed every year.
 - D. There are old decorations back from 1939.
- 23** What facilities are there in the ice hotel?
- A. all rooms are warm
 - B. fishing is allowed in the river near the hotel
 - C. sauna and hot tub for free
 - D. an unusual fireplace in the lobby
- 24** What is NOT true about the Ice Hotel?
- A. All rooms are equipped with a flat-screen cable TV.
 - B. There is no the same name of the suit.
 - C. There is a shower in the warm rooms.
 - D. Each hotel room is decorated with exclusive items.
- 25** What can visitors eat while staying at the Ice Hotel?
- A. snacks and iced drink in the warm lounge
 - B. a national cuisine of Sweden
 - C. family meals only
 - D. vegetarian dishes on a permanent basis
- 26** What outdoor activities are there for the visitors?
- A. the Nothern lights are guaranteed to see
 - B. pre-booked hiking and rafting
 - C. getting suntanned during the polar summer day
 - D. bilingual excursions held every day

Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The shopping malls to admire

27 Today, the largest shopping mall in the world is Dubai Mall, opened in 2008. The total area of 1 million square meters is more than 50 football fields. There are not only more than a thousand shops and 120 restaurants in its territory. The Dubai Mall has a five-star hotel, a cinema with many halls and the world's largest screens, themed entertainment venues for children of all ages and more.

28 Located in Zaragoza, Puerto Venecia is the largest center in Europe. And its location makes it unique: the center was built in the middle of a large artificial lake. On it, everyone can ride a boat or relax on the beach, equipped in the form of a beach with seating areas. In winter, the lake freezes and becomes an excellent ice rink.

29 It is Asia's largest shopping mall. Unofficially, the complex was called «The Great Wall of China». The centre has perhaps the largest dining area in the world, huge electronics stores, an indoor ice rink, chic jewellery shops and of course entertainment venues and attractions for every taste. A green area of 30 thousand square meters with dozens of trees and bushes, located on the roof makes this mall indeed unique.



30 West Edmonton Mall was built in Edmonton in 1981. There are 800 stores, the Galaxy Land Amusement Park, a casino, a contact zoo, and a water park. What is more, it is the world's largest indoor swimming pool with two-meter artificial waves, seventeen slides of various types and a pool with trained sea lions right in the middle of the trading halls.

31 Since July 2013, the title of the largest building in the world belongs to the global complex New Century Global Centre in the Chinese city of Chengdu. The glass and metal building is located on 18 floors, which is 20 times of the «shells» of the Sydney Opera House. The Centre has many marketplaces; there are numerous conference rooms, offices, commercial centres, as many as two five-star hotels, an IMAX cinema, and most importantly a local university.

32 It is one of the most beautiful shopping and entertainment complex – the whole mini-city surrounding the artificial canal, opened in 1996. There are shops, cafes and restaurants along the shores. The mall is interesting for its impressive Japanese-style fountains and water figures. Ramen Stadium, which houses many outlets with various types of traditional food, occupies one of the floors of Fukuoka's Canal City – Ramen noodles.

Which shopping mall _____ ?

- A** can be reached only by boat or canoe
- B** offers the facilities of the sheltered aqua park
- C** provides the opportunity to visit an open-air garden
- D** owns a large area devoted to a national cuisine
- E** allows booking suites and renting apartments for staying
- F** has an educational establishment located
- G** is located near the Great Wall of China
- H** gives a chance to experience skating in the period from December to February

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Oldest Advertisement

The first promotional information of the ancient world was the Egyptian papyrus, which informed the process of selling the slave. Also, some Egyptologists believe that they used stone writing to send a promotional message. One such stone was found in the city of Memphis, which was the first capital of ancient Egypt.

The promotional text could also be found on walls and boards painted or coloured.

In Greece and Rome, all promotional messages were written on special boards, later on, parchment. All kinds of advertisements were placed on market squares, (33)_____.

But the most global period in advertising history began only after the advent of the printing press and the mass appearance of books. The Boston News newspaper appeared in the American colonies in 1704 and (34)_____.

In 1729, The Pennsylvania newspaper was founded. It had a huge circulation and a large amount of print advertising. In the mid-eighteenth century, the industrial revolution began in England, and in the early nineteenth century in North America. Merchants were aware of the true effect of advertising and how effectively it could be used (35)_____. Due to the emergence of photography in 1839, advertising information began to go along with pictures and images of a product, which in turn created greater confidence in the product.

In 1884 the telegraph was invented (36)_____. Since then, advertising has become one of the main marketing functions. Advertising has now been a powerful weapon in a privileged society and has helped the elite create demand in a market economy.

Over time, special agencies and firms began to work in advertising. Separate advertising units of trading companies, organizations and publishing houses were created. Advertising agencies of the XIX century began their work on the purchase of the land (37)_____.

In 1890, the first advertising agency in Philadelphia, Ayer and Son, was created. It was one of the first to plan and carry out work on the creation of advertisements. The agency had existed for 100 years (38)_____. Today, downtown New York has some of the largest US advertising agencies employing over thirty thousand people! But these are by no means all US advertising agencies. There is at least one advertising agency in almost every North American city.

- A before it closed in 2002
- B was fully focused on advertising
- C to generate high profits
- D in bringing income to them
- E as the reason for advertising on the market was a large crowd
- F for combining cities and villages to the capital
- G to connect the outlying areas of large cities with their center
- H and their subsequent resale with enormous revenue

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Bush fires in Australia

If you are into ecology and are devastated (39)_____ time you read or hear about a new catastrophe that (40)_____ rich flora and fauna, then the news about bush fires in Australia will leave you heartbroken.

Australia is no stranger to bush fires, but this year it took great scale and summer isn't over (41)_____. For now, 17 people are dead, 1200 homes have been destroyed, and 5.5 million hectares of land has been burnt.

At present, Australia is caught in the middle of a heatwave that (42)_____ extreme drought and heat. The bitter of the situation is that once rich flora and fauna has taken the fall the most. A vast number of (43)_____ animals are dead, and it is not clear whether it would be possible to restore the population.

39	A	each	B	single	C	any	D	all
40	A	torn down	B	died out	C	wiped out	D	burned out
41	A	now	B	yet	C	just	D	still
42	A	ended in	B	carried out	C	brought on	D	resulted in
43	A	unique	B	exclusive	C	distinct	D	special

Yayoi Kusama at the New York Botanical Garden

Yayoi Kusama is the most selling artist in the whole world. Due to her (44)____ looks — red wig and polka-dots everywhere make her the most recognizable.

From childhood, Kusama was determined to become a painter; her early works (45)____ attraction to both polka dots and nature. It is said that she suffered from hallucinations and suicidal thoughts. Despite all that, her will to create overpowered her (46)____ to die.

The exhibition will open on May 9 in New York Botanical Garden. Throughout 250-acre garden setting and buildings, Kusama's attraction to nature will be exposed (47)____ multiple installations, mirror environments, massive polka-dotted sculptures of flora, botanical sketches and more. The display will also debut new works, including gigantesque pumpkin sculpture and greenhouse installation that will be transformed (48)____ the exhibition.

44	A	unique	B	extraordinary	C	outstanding	D	rare
45	A	show	B	present	C	unfold	D	expose
46	A	longing	B	craving	C	ache	D	desire
47	A	at	B	with	C	in	D	to
48	A	throughout	B	over	C	round	D	broadly

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Types of leisure activities

As we all live in a very hectic world when events (49)_____ every day, and we need to track, analyse and draw conclusions, it is essential to have time for leisure. But you (50)_____ be careful not to procrastinate too much.

There are different types of leisure activities that (51)_____ you relaxed, refreshed and filled with joy. Depends on your taste you can choose one or few from below.

Cycling and adventure sports (52)_____ you well not only to your mind but the body as well. Also, it is a great way to socialise and meet new people.

If sports (53)_____ make you relaxed, consider morning walks in silence or listening to music. Alternately, you might find peace for yourself in watching movies, having fun in the amusement park or taking up photography.

49	A	occurs	B	is occurring	C	are occurring	D	occur
50	A	might	B	must	C	should	D	need
51	A	will leave	B	leave	C	is leaving	D	will have left
52	A	will be doing	B	will do	C	do	D	are doing
53	A	won't	B	doesn't	C	don't	D	aren't

Jobs of the future

All experts say that in a very nearest future, 70% of all jobs **(54)**_____ occupied by robots, which leaves us with a lot of unemployed people, elderly and graduates to be cared for.

According to Rebecca Pretorius, applicants and high school students **(55)**_____ protect their future **(56)**_____ choosing the speciality from STEM. However, if you are more into the humanitarian sphere, don't worry, there will be plenty of jobs based on helping people as well as those in the creative field.

The question that needs to **(57)**_____ is how people whose jobs will be overtaken by will adjust to the changed reality? A solution **(58)**_____ be to train people to obtain a specialized skill set depending on the geographical region along with providing with a career counsellor that will guide and suggest a possible career swap.

54	A	are	B	will be	C	are going to	D	are being
55	A	must	B	would	C	can	D	shall
56	A	by	B	as	C	like	D	in
57	A	appear answered	B	have an answer	C	answer	D	be answered
58	A	must	B	might	C	should	D	can

Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

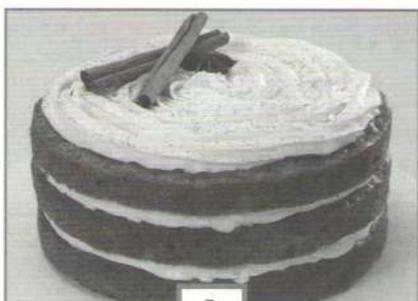
1 What time did Mark wake up?

**A****B****C**

2 What is the speaker's hobby?

**A****B****C**

3 What is the speaker's favourite dessert?

**A****B****C**

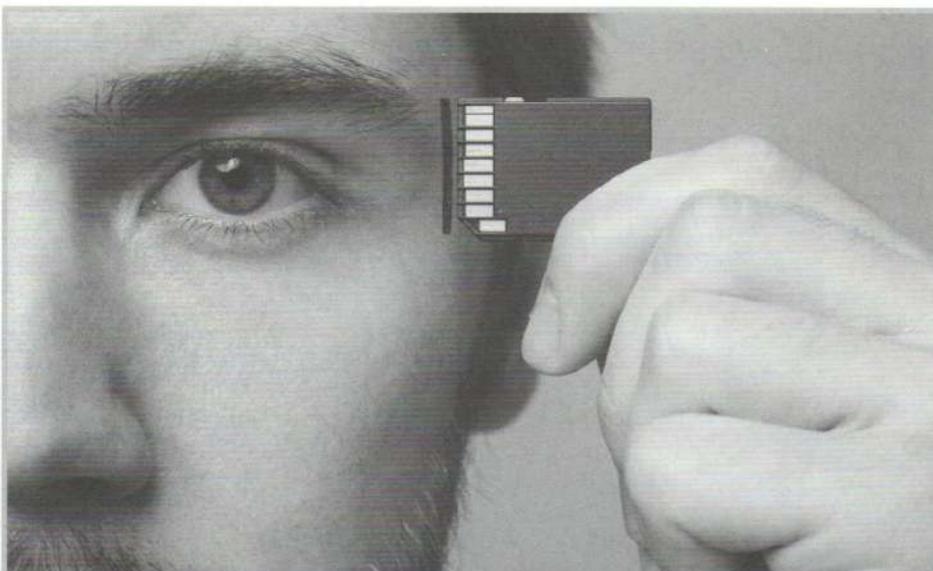
- 4** What is NOT the reason of this environmental problem?
A. growing needs
B. climate change
C. lack of fresh water
- 5** What is NOT mentioned among the benefits of using a bicycle?
A. It is good for health.
B. It is not expensive.
C. It protects nature.
- 6** Why did the speaker start raising animals?
A. They wanted to take care of their family and animals.
B. There was no natural food in the local market.
C. Their friends recommended them to do it.

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7.** Brain games improve memory.
8. Mood influences memory.
9. A long sleep before exams helps significantly.
10. Drawing helps to make an image of the object in our mind's eye.
11. Drawing is as important for remembering as writing down.

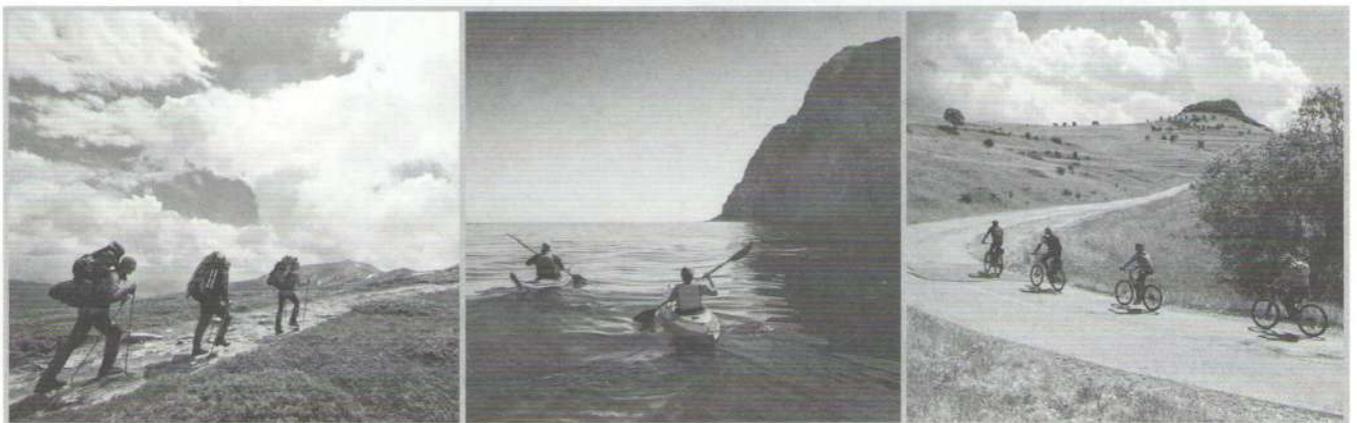
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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** What is the most important feature of tourism?
A. It influences the environment.
B. It brings money to local budgets.
C. It gives chances to compare lifestyles.
- 13** What is the main difference of ecotourism?
A. lower benefits
B. supporting local communities
C. responsible attitude
- 14** What is increased as a result of eco-friendly tourism?
A. harm on nature
B. burden on locals
C. pleasure from the experience
- 15** What is NOT a common feature of ecotourism?
A. reasonable usage of natural resources
B. moving by motor vehicles
C. gaining new skills
- 16** What did the speaker's children like most in their trip to Croatia?
A. spotting insects
B. walking in the forest
C. growing own food



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

Be healthy! Be Wealthy!

Our new program is specially designed for you! Train three times a week! Professional coaches and a spacious gym!

Attend a **free demo lesson** only this Friday!

18

Shopping BOOM!

Dresses! Skirts! Trousers! Shorts and Tracksuits! Shoes and accessories! World brands!

At great prices!
New and preowned items!
NO REFUND. NO EXCHANGE.

Visit us at 34, Button Str. Daily from 10 am to 8 pm

19

Let's colour the world!

Do you enjoy painting and drawing? Is an album or a sketchbook the best present for you? Join our classes and become a professional painter, designer or a future **Dali!**

Schedule: Mon: 5pm – 7 pm

Friday: 6pm – 8 pm

20

Fresh, juicy, **home-grown** with no pesticides!

Only the **best quality** vegetables and fruit for your healthy life!

Gathered from local farmers and delivered to our store!

NEW SERVICE!

Door-to-door delivery for our regular customers!

21

This Sunday!

Don't know how to put words in lines? How to express your emotions through letters, song, poems and essays?

A **free workshop** from a talented author **Bill Crew!**

Where: Green Park (near the fountain)

Time: 12 pm – 4 pm

Which of the advertisements deals with:

.....?

- A** a writing class
- B** a vocal course
- C** an art course
- D** grocery shop
- E** a stock shop
- F** a fitness course
- G** a supermarket
- H** an acting class

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Most Difficult Exam in the World

Preparation for Gaokao – the state entrance exam for higher education institutions in China – begins as early as elementary school. Initially, the term is used as a distant incentive for students to study hard, and later, tempered by years of stress and often expectations, students are aware of how high the stakes are since China's leading universities can enrol only one in 50,000 entrants.

The choice of an educational institution is responsible, the unemployment rate among university graduates is about 16%, so Alma Mater directly affects not only a career but also marital prospects. But the choice is not quite a choice, because it all depends on one single factor – the three-digit result of Gaokao. The maximum number of points is 750 and to score at least 690 means to get into the elite universities of the capital.

Gaokao is four or three-hour exams that take two days: Chinese, English, math and science (biology, chemistry, physics), or humanities (geography, history, political science), at the student's choice. For the most part, the questions are in the form of tests, but not at all simple ones. For example, a math exam is compared to university-level math in the UK. But for many graduates, the most terrifying work is the Chinese language exam. Most Chinese students believe that everything has the right answer, but the work is a free expression of thought through choosing a topic to discuss that cannot be true or false.

Gaokao is a symbol of the Chinese education system as a whole. In the west, it is often seen as monolithic and mechanical, and in China as strict but fair. In Europe and America, there is a perception that Chinese students are unable to think critically. Despite these thoughts, Chinese education is considered to be among the most prestigious and sufficient ones.

The tradition of a single exam that addresses a young person's perspective goes back to ancient times in China. Imperial exams, the so-called Keju, during which candidates for government positions were tested, were introduced during the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) and became the only selection criterion for the VII century and until the cancellation in 1905, the applicants were taking the exam for three days. Only 1% of the best among the best were selected. Nervous breakdowns were commonplace, as there was no chance to re-sit the exam.

Hao-Kao is still a distant relative of Keju. First introduced in 1952, the exam was cancelled during the Cultural Revolution. At that time, most universities closed, and the rest of the seats were allocated according to political preferences rather than academic abilities. And in 1977, a year after Mao's death, Hao-Kao resumed its present form. Since 1978, Hao-Kao is held annually.

- 22** What does the choice of a future university depend on?
- A. marital status of a student-to-be
 - B. only maximum of points to enter the university
 - C. final marks of the exam
 - D. financial support of parents
- 23** What is NOT true about Gaokao?
- A. It is not taken in one day.
 - B. Students may choose the subjects to take.
 - C. The math exam is the most difficult one.
 - D. Students need to write an essay.
- 24** How Chinese education is seen in the world?
- A. one of the world's leading educational systems
 - B. highly digital and computerized
 - C. too strict and difficult
 - D. not creative due to the critical method of learning
- 25** What is said about Keju exam in paragraph 5?
- A. The exam is still run for three hours.
 - B. There was no chance to sit during the exam.
 - C. It was designed for state employees.
 - D. Only one per cent of young politicians could take it.
- 26** What happened during the period of the 1950s-1980s?
- A. Keju was cancelled in 1952.
 - B. All universities stopped their work.
 - C. Students could enter the university only due to their academic performance.
 - D. The state test became an every year exam.

Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Luxurious Ski Resorts

27 The ski resort of Verbier in Switzerland, due to the altitude of snow is maintained throughout the holiday season, and the reliefs there provides many opportunities for freeriding. It is believed that it is best to go to the Verbier highways for advanced amateurs and professional skiers as there is a freeride championship here every year. At night, the resort becomes even more lively, as even in the dark you can ride from the mountains.

28 Kitzbühel is a cosy old town located in the eastern part of Tirol. This winter resort is one of the most famous and oldest not only the Alps but also the world. It mesmerizingly combines classic Tyrolean village houses with designer boutiques of international brands. The legendary Hahnenkamm the glory of extremely challenging ski run of all times.

29 The first impression of Le Menouir is the mild climate and the exceptionally warm and friendly atmosphere. Well, the second is a sign of quality, which marks only the best resorts for children. There is a special ski area here for those who have just skied and challenging trails for experienced athletes in the area of the Massif La Massa.



30 Courchevel is one of the best places in the Alps for not ski lovers. In terms of shopping opportunities, it is in serious competition with other elite resorts. Of course, the choice in Courchevel is not limited to skating and shopping. Hockey games are regularly held here as well as the Forum sports complex features a squash court, bowling alley and fitness centre.

31 Grand Monnet resort is famous for its glacier, which is has visitors all year round. A high-speed subway leads to the foot of the Tin Glacier. Above, up to 3456 meters, there is another lift in the wagon. On the glacier there are trails that are perfectly suited for carving (a sport based on performing cut turns by skiing by pointing your knees toward the turn).

32 Hemsedal is very popular with families vacationing with their children. This ski resort is Norway's largest children's area, combining 6 slopes, 7 lifts, a snow park, a sloping slope and plenty of fun for children. In Hemsedal, children up to 7 years old can ride for free with a ski helmet. In general, the resort offers many interesting activities for families with children, but families with no children have nothing to do there.

Which shopping mall _____ ?

- A** has ski tracks only for children and beginner skiers
- B** provides opportunities for kids as well as for skilled skiers
- C** offers a range of sporting events and wellness procedures
- D** is not recommended for beginners
- E** is designed only for shopping and fitness
- F** owns the most difficult track in the world
- G** will not suit for childfree couples
- H** is located on the dense ice body, which never melts

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Not a hamburger

Today, billionaires such as Bill Gates and Richard Branson openly declare support for the development of biotechnology for livestock. Together with one of the world's largest meat companies, Cargill, they are investing in an American startup, Memphis Meats.

The company began producing chicken, duck and beef by multiplying animal cells in appropriate solutions, without feeding, breeding and slaughter.

Sir Richard Branson, (33)____, suggested that after 30 years we would no longer need to kill animals, and all meat would be either «clean or plant-based.» He wrote that one day, we will look back and think how archaic our grandparents were (34)_____.

Animal rights activists have fought for the artificial production of foie gras for many years because lavish food requires forced feeding of ducks through the pipe (35)_____. A startup called JUST had just started such an experiment in growing foie gras in a laboratory.

Mosa Meat plans to start with burgers in high-end restaurants, (36)_____. In Vitro already has a laboratory restaurant in the Netherlands, where artificial meat is served as an appetizer, main course and dessert.

Another company worth paying attention to is Future Meat Technologies. It is based in Jerusalem to transform global meat production through the distribution of fat and muscle cells, improve food safety and reducing environmental impacts around the world. Future Meat Technologies uses state-of-the-art cell farming technology developed by biologists and bioengineers and brought to life by world-renowned innovative chefs from Jerusalem.

More and more scientists and researchers believe (37)_____. For one kg of beef, more than 38 kg of feed and almost 7 cubic meters are required. m. of water. Cattle around the world can emit 15% of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. With abundant population growth, we will not be able to continue the traditional production of meat. There simply will not be enough resources., while a cultivated product requires 100 times less land and 5.5 times less water.

Maastricht Mosa Meat, which in the past received more than \$ 1 million from Google co-founder Sergey Brin, hopes (38)_____. The goal is to achieve industrial production, and prices around \$ 1 a piece. The only problem is that the meat looks, smells and savours like traditional one.

- A purchasing ham and other kinds of meat in future
- B if to hunt for eating and survival in general
- C that traditional meat production is inefficient
- D to sell beef for hamburgers in the next three years
- E who refused to eat beef
- F while maintaining a competitive price
- G so that they feed enough for liver growth
- H when they killed animals for food

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Japanese Anti-Aging Secrets

Ageing is the harmful side (39)_____ of life, even though opinions on the subject might differ. People withdraw and spend enormous amounts of money just to stop the clock from ticking. But there is an easier way to (40)_____ the problem.

Let's take a look at the Japanese women and their radiant skin that makes hard to guess the age. The reasons why they look so young and beautiful are oil-free diet and natural skincare.

The first secret is to drink green tea and eat seaweed. (41)_____ both every day or at least several times a week would be enough. Next is to (42)_____ face massages, use the most natural and gentlest cleansers. Skipping the toner, applying collagen and giving yourself days (43)_____ makeup can help you look young for a long time.

39	A	effect	B	affect	C	result	D	issue
40	A	work out	B	clear up	C	deal with	D	keep up
41	A	to consume	B	consuming	C	consume	D	consumer
42	A	make	B	cause	C	fulfil	D	do
43	A	without	B	off	C	lacking	D	over

Life-changing inventions

At present, the world faces millions of new inventions appearing every day. They change the way we **(44)**____ reality and help us in our lives. The devices discussed below for sure will catch your attention.

Eyelights is a technology that uses holograph to show information like maps, stats related to the car, speed, etc., which grants you an opportunity to **(45)**____ solemnly to the road, even when you are interacting with the system.

Key-X allows people with disabilities to **(46)**____ their dreams. The key concept is that every button has **(47)**____ letters around each of them. It also supports some other accessories, so that people with severe problems can use it.

Geopress purifier empowers you with gaining clean water wherever you go. Not only the device cleanses the liquid from all **(48)**____ of bacteria but prevents diseases like Rotavirus and Hepatitis A entering your system.

44	A	fancy	B	accept	C	stick	D	embrace
45	A	catch attention	B	pay attention	C	hold attention	D	come to attention
46	A	access	B	reach	C	attain	D	gain
47	A	A few	B	various	C	several	D	some
48	A	sorts	B	forms	C	breeds	D	types

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Traditions in the UK

Double-deckers, five o'clock tea, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace – all of those are symbols of the United Kingdom, but it is not all that you **(49)** see and experience in Great Britain. There are plenty of interesting and sometimes strange traditions too.

English Cheese Rolling, for example, as bizarre as it **(50)** sound, it **(51)** each year at Cooper Hill in Gloucester. Thousands of people roll and chase a 4 kg barrel of Gloucestershire cheese down the hill.

Another tradition is a British Bonfire Night that **(52)** with fireworks, bonfires and a lot of toffee apples. The celebration is about the failed plan of Guy Fawkes in trying to **(53)** the House of Parliament in 17th century London.

These are only a few on a long list of celebrations that one can experience during his/her visit to the UK.

49	A	can	B	might	C	would	D	should
50	A	can	B	shall	C	may	D	might
51	A	is happening	B	happened	C	will happen	D	happens
52	A	fill	B	is filled	C	filled	D	fills
53	A	wipe out	B	black out	C	rub out	D	snuff out

4C skills of 21st century

(54)____ about 4C of the 21st century? If not, it is okay; there is plenty of information on the internet as well as a questionnaire to complete.

So, the 4C of the 21st century are critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity. Unfortunately, not all schools (55)____ teaching based on these essential skills, which is rather disturbing news because how we (56)____ prepare children for adult life when they (57)____ vital knowledge and skills that can save them. The most important of 4C is critical thinking because of the ability to filter, analyse and draw conclusions is literally life-saving.

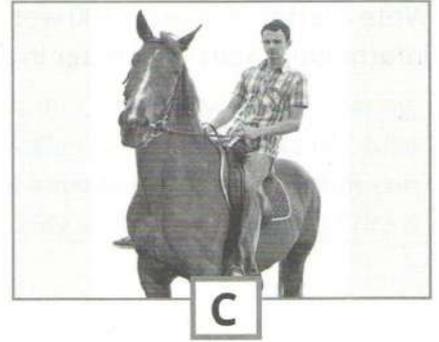
However, few schools are worried sick about how youth (58)____ to the world full of changes, teachers use programs that develop 4C skills, and hopefully, they will succeed.

54	A	Do you hear	B	Did you hear	C	Had you heard	D	Have you heard
55	A	implemented	B	had implemented	C	had been implementing	D	have implemented
56	A	must	B	can	C	should	D	shall
57	A	denied	B	are denying	C	are denied	D	deny
58	A	adapt	B	will be adapting	C	is going to adapt	D	will adapt

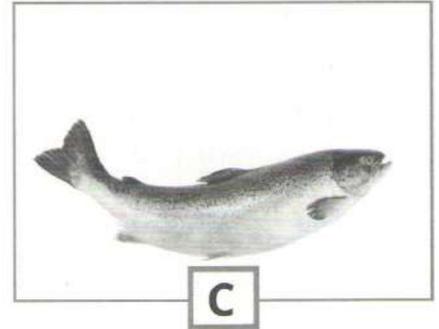
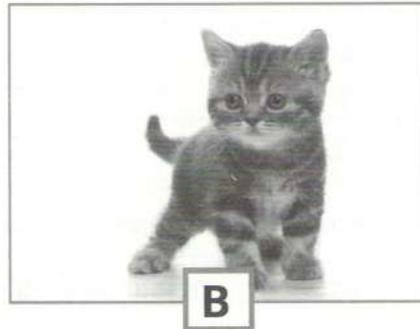
Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

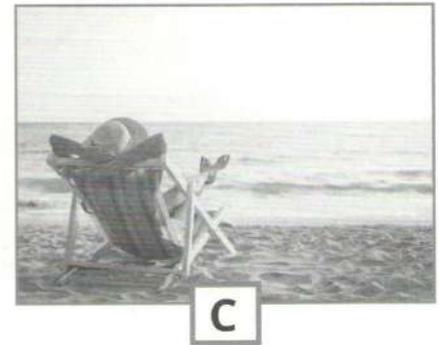
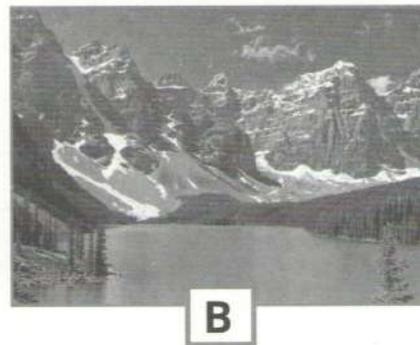
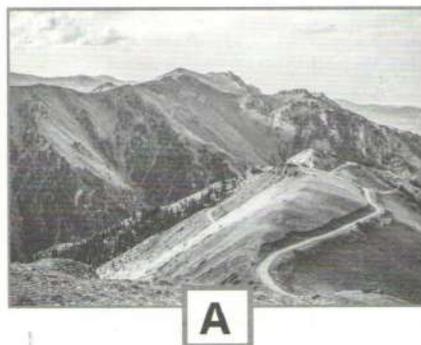
1 What activity do both people like?



2 Which pet are the speakers going to buy?



3 Where do speakers plan to spend their holidays?



4 What idea about a job is NOT important for the speaker?

- A. a job that helps find out more
- B. a job that brings a lot of money
- C. a job that enables to develop

5 What do both speakers like about the trousers?

- A. the colour
- B. the style
- C. the material

6 What does the speaker appreciate in her friend?

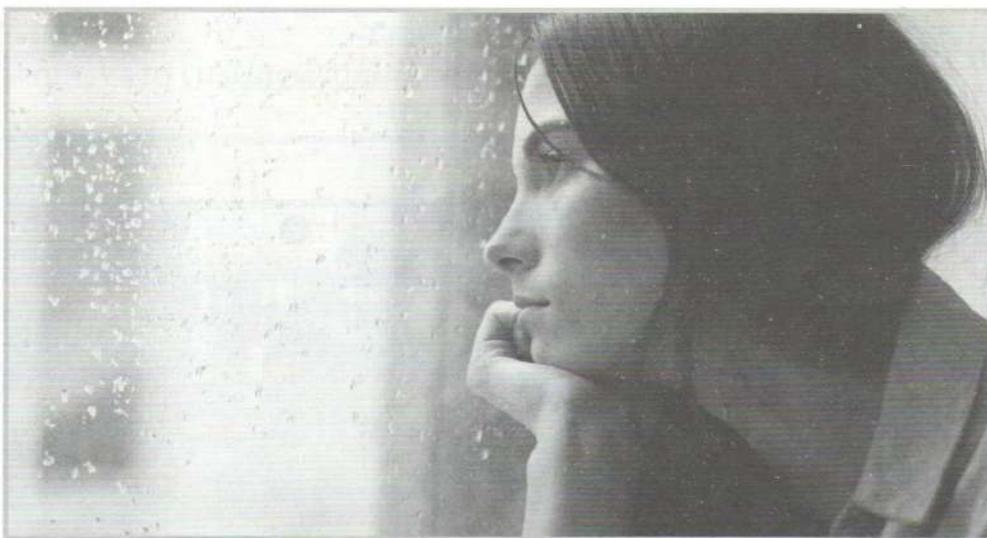
- A. time they spend together
- B. her reliability
- C. having common interests

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7. People feel alone only in isolated places.
- 8. Feeling of loneliness can happen at different age.
- 9. Young people should learn how to regulate their emotions.
- 10. Loneliness is not a good time for projects.
- 11. Pets may distract people from negative thoughts.

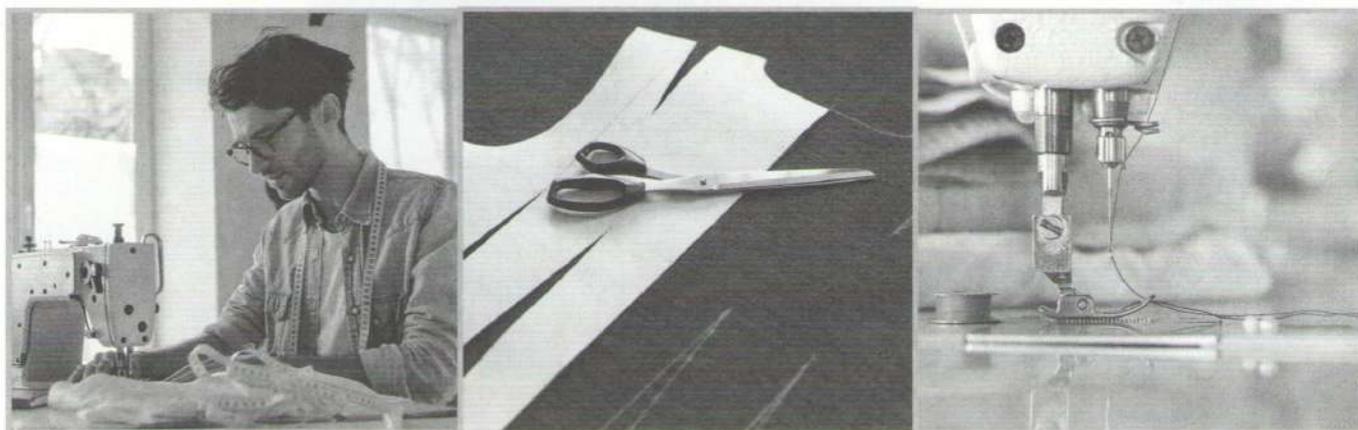
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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** Why did Romeo Brian become a tailor?
- A. It was a family business.
 - B. His parents trained him.
 - C. He had to work in a tailor's shop.
- 13** How did he earn his first money?
- A. He helped his grandparents.
 - B. He sewed jeans.
 - C. He worked in a second-hand shop.
- 14** When did the first success come to him?
- A. while his study at College of Fashion
 - B. when he designed clothes for teenagers
 - C. when one of the celebrities appeared in his outfit
- 15** What is a home for Romeo Brian?
- A. London
 - B. Africa
 - C. Jamaica
- 16** What is the most important component of success, according to Mr Brian?
- A. talent
 - B. hard work
 - C. determination



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

Sunny beaches, **salty air** and summer all day long!

Choose any destination, any duration and any season! We offer all-inclusive, HB, BB, FB package holidays **all year round!**

Visit our website and see yourself!

www.tripfar.com

18

You are working parents and have a baby? No grandparents to help and no maternity leave! No kindergarten around... you can't leave a baby alone?

Miss Daisy Agency will provide you with a highly qualified nanny who will take care of your angel!

Call on: +1-893-889-1235

19

You are a bit arrogant, easy-going, brave and have a nice sense of humour!

We are looking for a participant for a new **stand-up show!**

Make us laugh and win a

10000 \$ prize!

Sent CVs to casting@gmail.com

20

Fresh pork, poultry and red meat! **Sliced** ham and German sausages! **Minced** beef or smoked ribs!

The choice is mouth-watering!

The best meat in the area!

4, Lakeside Str.

21

School year is about to begin!

Are you well equipped?

Visit our students section and buy everything you need!

Pens, pencils, backpacks, notebooks and stickers! **All tiny little and big things!**

Visit us from **9 am till 6 pm**

Big Shopping Mall

Which of the advertisements deals with:

.....?

- A** a comedy programme
- B** summer holiday
- C** a travel agency
- D** a bookstore
- E** a stationary shop
- F** a childcare service
- G** a butcher's
- H** seafood area

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Generation Z

Generation Z is a bright example of the people who emerged in times of great globalization and postmodernism. Unlike their ancestors, they are familiar with smartphones long before gaining the ability to walk. What is more, it often happens that a toddler has not even learned to speak, but knows perfectly well how to turn on the computer and start a favourite game. So, generation Z is the children of the Internet and modern technology. Due to this, they did not have a typical childhood «in the yards», and therefore are not team players, they should be taught this.

This generation is characterized by the absolute absence of a clearly defined life position. Unlike all their predecessors, Zs are not motivated by money or any career advancement. Moreover, they are not at all independent and constantly need someone to tell them what they should do. However, they are sufficiently ambitious and cannot be forced into anything. After all, they will never do what they do not want. Even from a young age, they need to listen to their thoughts. They love to learn, quickly remember new things. Large amount of information do not present any difficulties for them.

The vast majority of knowledge they get comes from online resources. Because they do not see the point in school or university, they do not get the basic knowledge and skills. Everything they learn online is extremely situational. Despite this, Zs are remarkable for their incredible multitasking and creativity. They are keen on finding solutions to difficult situations and solving complex problems.

Quite negative features are also in their nature. They are often hysteric, striving for everything to be as they say. They have a pronounced arrogance, selfishness and narcissism if to take only the selfie culture and YouTube vlogging. Though they are empathetic, trying to be carrying to people they even do not know.

Generation Z is travellers. They do not need comfort, work or money. They strive for everything new and unknown. Therefore, they will not care where to spend the night, where to go to even if hitchhiking, and the sense of danger is completely absent. The main thing is the emotions that they will be able to experience.

Quite often, generation Z opposes bad habits, and they are also vegetarians. They usually keep to healthy eating, visit sports centres and act in an eco-friendly manner. They believe in world peace and at the same time strive to solve environmental and social problems by avoiding conflicts.

- 22** What is a special characteristic of generation Z?
- A. They are excellent team players.
 - B. They walk and talk faster than the previous generation.
 - C. They are addicted to the Internet.
 - D. They have no difficulty in using various gadgets since early childhood.
- 23** Everything is true about generation Z EXCEPT:
- A. They are fully independent of adults.
 - B. No one can force them to act against their will.
 - C. They need a mentor to advise how to behave.
 - D. They easily acquire new knowledge.
- 24** How generation Z may be characterized according to paragraph 2?
- A. They are extremely creative and educated at the same time.
 - B. They do not understand the necessity of educational establishments.
 - C. They have strong basic knowledge to solve difficult situations.
 - D. They have problems with dealing with several tasks at the same time.
- 25** Everything is true about Z generation EXCEPT:
- A. They adore visiting unfamiliar places.
 - B. Accommodation does not matter while travelling.
 - C. They are careful and cautious.
 - D. Feelings and memories are the main reason to travel.
- 26** What is the lifestyle of generation Z?
- A. They follow a nutritious diet.
 - B. They all are vegetarians and do not smoke.
 - C. They help to manage a conflict situation.
 - D. They are easygoing and act in a friendly way.

30 In order to pay homage to Murugan, the Hindus pierce themselves during a three-day holiday. Moreover, they do not use special earrings and rings, but nails, hooks and just sharp glands. It all starts with a puncture of the tongue, and then the participants of the holiday are so addicted that they just wrap themselves with different metal objects from head to toe.

31 In Mexico, unlike the Orthodox tradition, the Day of Remembrance of the Dead is celebrated on a broad foot. Relatives of the deceased abundantly decorate the graves with flowers, give the dead relatives entirely earthly gifts, such as music discs, clothing and jewellery. And in the evening they arrange loud parties. The main thing – no sorrow!

32 In Kenya, a young man should wear women's clothing and perform women's duties one month after the wedding. Moreover, he looks after all the children of the relatives and takes care of domestic animals. Then he remembers for a lifetime that being a woman is not so easy!

Which tradition _____?

- A** is aimed at showing the responsibilities of female in the family
- B** shows that being a man is not easy
- C** does not require special attitude to one of the genders
- D** requires a joyful honouring of passed away family members
- E** advises not to consume the alcohol fully
- F** does not allow showing sympathy in public
- G** offers to pierce your body with metal jewellery
- H** wants men to pay only for women

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The City of the Future

The city of Suita is to become the first settlement in Japan, which 100% needs will be provided by renewable energy. Panasonic has announced the construction of another «smart» city in Japan by the end of 2020. The city of Suita will become the third such project in the country with a specialization in the field of medicine and health. Several multi-storey houses with 365 apartments and penthouses, a wellness centre, a residential care complex for the elderly in need of special care, and a shopping and business centre along with a park will (33)_____.

All Suita residents - from infants to the elderly - will have access to counselling and direct medical support. Young families will be actively assisted in child care, (34)_____. Using behavioural analysis algorithms, the system will be able to recognize the smallest deviations in the routine behaviour of people, indicating the onset of various diseases. Early diagnosis will minimize the consequences and ease the course of the disease.

Suita is to be the first settlement in Japan (35)_____. Kansai Electric Power will also provide green energy, including from local photovoltaic power plant. Another partner will develop a new model of natural gas use for greater energy flexibility of the city providing (36)_____.

Another strategic objective of the project is to guarantee 100% safety and convenience for residents and guests. To do this, the city will create a single monitoring system based on high-resolution video cameras, as well as technologies (37)_____. The system will allow you to control access to different parts of the city, prevent law enforcement violations, and provide residents with personalized services.

To manage the city, a special Suitable Town Platform will be created on the basis of Panasonic Home X home automation systems, enabling the city and surrounding people (38)_____. Panasonic Corporation will be responsible for planning and managing the project, developing the city, engaging partners and creating a collaborative creativity platform to develop the urban concept. And its subsidiary, Panasonic Homes Corporation, for building, designing space and organizing a smart city management system.

- A purchasing ham and other kinds of meat in future
- B if to hunt for eating and survival in general
- C that traditional meat production is inefficient
- D to sell beef for hamburgers in the next three years
- E who refused to eat beef
- F while maintaining a competitive price
- G so that they feed enough for liver growth
- H when they killed animals for food

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Zanzibar – a paradise that you deserve

If you are **(39)**_____ with the misery and routine that seem to be your whole life, you should leave all **(40)**_____ and book a flight to the Zanzibar. Just imagine the crystal clear turquoise blue water, palm trees and unbelievably white sand. Sounds promising, isn't it?

There are a few **(41)**_____ that are a must-see on the Zanzibar. Coral reefs will welcome you with blooming colours of corals and fish. Jozani forest will grant you closure to the wilderness **(42)**_____ a glimpse of the Red Colobus monkeys. The Prison Island or Changu Island is now a sanctuary of Aldabra giant tortoises which can be pet and fed by the tourists.

Stone Town of Zanzibar, which is built from the coral stone, is UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. You can take a quick **(43)**_____ around the city, experience the cultural mix and try to understand the uniqueness of the place.

39	A	took up	B	ended up	C	fed up	D	used up
40	A	behind	B	between	C	below	D	in
41	A	venues	B	destinations	C	spots	D	places
42	A	with	B	for	C	by	D	and
43	A	voyage	B	tour	C	journey	D	trip

Strange hobbies that might not know about

Sometimes the question «What is your hobby?» can leave us puzzled and frustrated. The (44)_____ will probably answer some simple (45)_____ as drawing, sports, cooking, travelling, etc., but a few might surprise you with their choices.

Toy Voyaging is basically about sending your plushy into the (46)_____ adventure. You can follow the travel of the toy by exchanging letters with it or receiving photos of the trip. Once you want a plushy traveller at home, you need to contact the website again, and they will bring it back.

Tattooing vehicles is a (47)_____ hobby adopted by a Taiwanese pensioner, who spends his free time by covering the automobiles in Buddhists texts.

Bug fighting in Japan is about bugs fighting on the arena to the death. The (48)_____ are filmed and then uploaded onto Youtube channel.

44	A	total	B	mass	C	most	D	majority
45	A	truth	B	true	C	truthful	D	truther
46	A	national	B	occasional	C	worldwide	D	global
47	A	typical	B	unique	C	amazing	D	offbeat
48	A	fight	B	duels	C	contests	D	battles

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Joker as a mirror of a troubled society

It is utterly impossible to find a person who (49)_____ «Joker» written and directed by Todd Phillips. The story is quite familiar to those who watched films about superheroes, Batman, for instance. It was not the first try to make a story about Joker, but this one gradually (50)_____ from all others.

«Joker» tells the story of Arthur Fleck and how the cruelty of society slowly making him (51)_____ than he already was. Having not the easiest childhood, Arthur works as a comedian whose performance distinguishes him amongst others through the pain that drops from each of his jokes. The end is well-known; eventually, Arthur leads the way of the criminal, and in the end, he is the symbol of a new movement.

What is worth saying is the magnificence of the performance by Joaquin Phoenix (Joker). His act is truly brilliant, you (52)_____ feel and experience all the pain and madness that slowly eating his character alive. You (53)_____ even sympathize and feel sorry that he was the one living that miserable life, whilst he could have a happy one.

49	A	hadn't watched	B	hasn't watched	C	didn't watch	D	not watched
50	A	differ	B	is differing	C	differed	D	differs
51	A	crazier	B	crazyer	C	craziest	D	crazy
52	A	could	B	must	C	can	D	should
53	A	may	B	can	C	could	D	might

Support, understanding and unconditional love - basics of a happy family

These days, it is essential to have a safe place, where you (54)_____ forget about all the troubles that life brings. Family plays a key role in the existence of every human being, we (55)_____ our strength there, a possibility to bury all our worries and feel loved and safe. It is questionable whether there is something more valuable than warm hugs from Mom and Dad, a soft smile and a smell that you've accustomed to.

Nobody in the whole world (56)_____ you unconditionally as your parents do. No one living soul will support and understand you as those who know you from the very beginning. They (57)_____ with you through the worst and the better, they keep your darkest fears, happy and proud of all your achievements. You need to acknowledge that and (58)_____ grateful forever. Be good for them, as they will not be with you till the end of the time and give them back unconditional love, support and understanding when they will need the most.

54	A	can	B	might	C	must	D	should
55	A	found	B	have found	C	find	D	will find
56	A	loved	B	loves	C	would love	D	will love
57	A	have been	B	were	C	are	D	will be
58	A	are	B	was	C	be	D	were

Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

1 When is the speaker checking out?



A



B



C

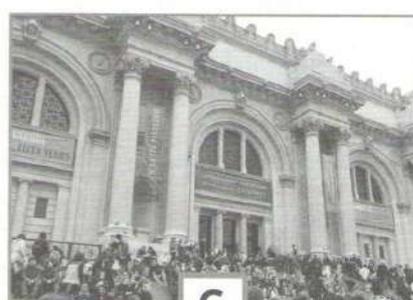
2 Which is the speaker NOT going to visit?



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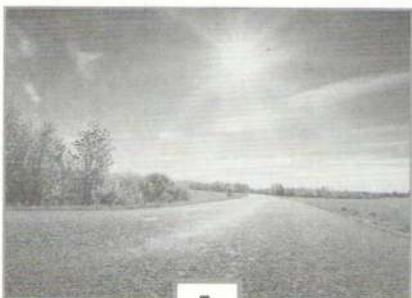


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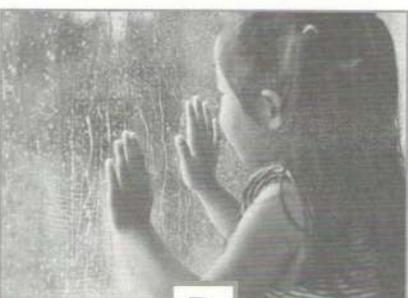


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3 What is the weather NOT going to be like in Athens?



A



B



C

4 How long does the Santa Cruz de Tenerife Carnival last?

- A. weekend
- B. almost a week
- C. more than two weeks

5 What did the speaker ask for himself?

- A. an isle seat
- B. a meal on board
- C. a wheelchair

6 Which job is the most appealing to the speaker?

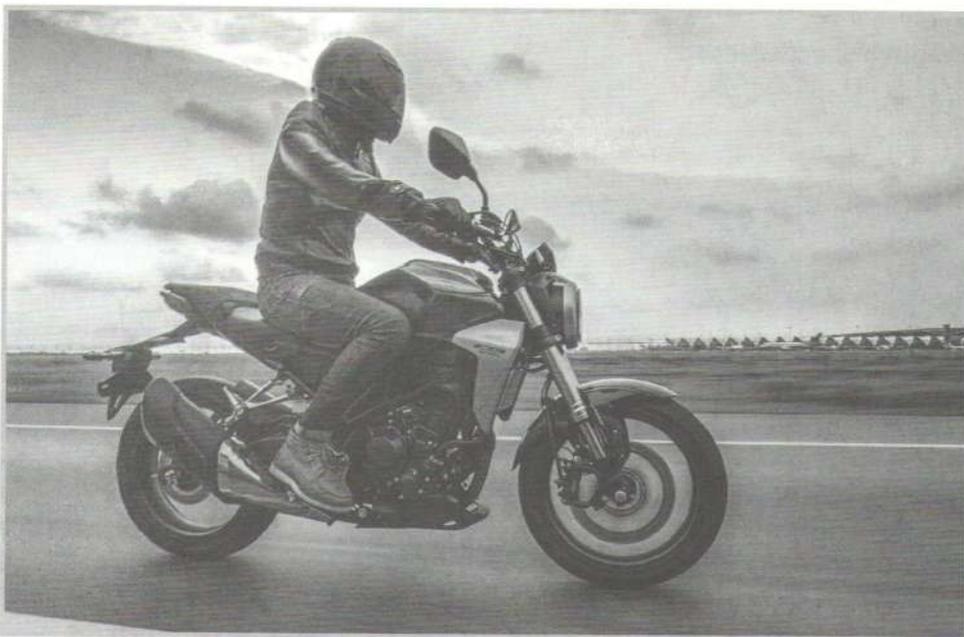
- A. a hot-dog seller
- B. an app developer
- C. a lifeguard

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7. Father shared his hobby with the speaker.
- 8. Girls are forbidden to ride a motorbike.
- 9. Riding a bike is not similar to driving.
- 10. To start this hobby you need a good friend.
- 11. Gender matters for the speed.

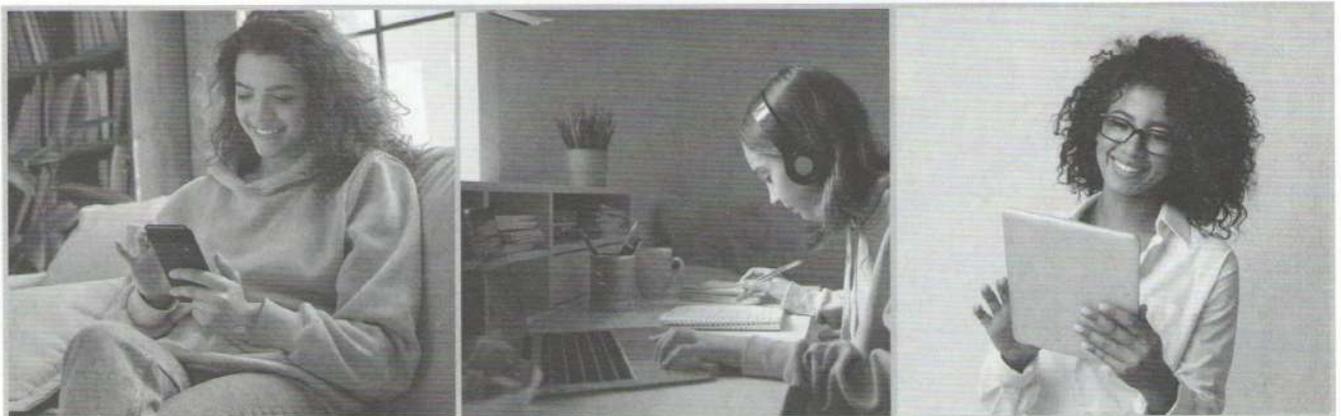
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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** How much time does an average teen spend daily using technologies?
A. whole day
B. half a day
C. a third of a day
- 13** What's the biggest impact of technologies?
A. desire to look better
B. improved lifestyles
C. weak skills in off-line communication
- 14** How many teenagers terribly suffer from cyber bullying?
A. a quarter
B. a third
C. two thirds
- 15** What is the most important benefit of using technologies?
A. self-expression
B. access to information
C. global mindset
- 16** How much time should teenagers spend with gadgets?
A. 120 minutes a day
B. 240 minutes a day
C. enough for meaningful activities



Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

Teck Box Store

Batteries, charges, USB, wires, cases, protective glass, and many more!

Reasonable prices, free shipping, discount programmes.

Every week **SALES!**

Visit us at the Cactus Shopping Mall

Level 2

18

Letters are blurred, signs are not clear and poor vision at evening time!

May it's high time to **see a doctor!**
Professional healthcare, a wide range of tests!

The first consultation is *free!*

78, Pupil Lane
Wisdom Health Centre

19

Save the date!

6th February! 10 am – 5 pm! Central stadium!

SPEED! POWER! RACING! Superfast cars and skilled drivers!

These emotions you will keep in memory **forever!**

Tickets are available on
www.fastandfurious.com

20

The father of **a rock** generation!

The lead – **singer** of a whole era!
New song and good old **hits!**

Enjoy live sound and great performance!

8th, July

Buy tickets from **www.musicbox.com**

21

Your computer doesn't work, and a phone touchscreen is in bad condition.

There's no operating memory on the laptop.

The problem list is long, but the solution is one!

Master Hack gives you a hand!
Only **30\$ per visit!**

Call us on **[+1-234-432-5567!](tel:+1-234-432-5567)**

Which of the advertisements deals with:

.....?

- A** extreme sports
- B** horseracing
- C** gadgets
- D** a computer store
- E** a technical service
- F** eyesight problems
- G** a concert
- H** an online shop

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A Contemporary Genius

Elon Musk is the man of the future. He is the creator of many companies that have changed the world, from Paypal and Tesla Motors to SpaceX. He promised the environmentally friendly cars to humanity and the opportunity to fly into space as simple as a vacation on the coast. Money transfers have become so simple that there will be no need for bills in near 20 years. Robotic medicine will save millions of lives, as no mistakes will be made by doctors. The world will be under the control of the artificial brain.

The future inventor and businessman was born on June 28, 1971, in South Africa, but he has Canadian, American and German roots. When Elon was ten years old, he was presented with his first computer. The young genius quickly mastered programming, and at the age of twelve wrote his first program, a computer game he sold for \$ 500. At school, he was mercilessly bullied by classmates. Elon was often beaten, and one day he even got to the hospital after being pushed out of the stairs.

In his student years, he and his friend rented a hostel, part of which the enterprising students arranged into an illegal nightclub, where computer hack devices were sold. The club income allowed students to pay rent. After moving from South Africa to Canada, the future billionaire had a difficult time. He spent the nights at his family's house and ate the cheapest street food.

Now Elon Musk is one of the richest people on the planet. In 2018, his fortune exceeded \$ 22 billion. He had five children in his first marriage. The twin and a triple are all sons. He enjoys all unusual kinds of sport, except for snorkelling. Also, he has appeared in the TV series «The Big Bang Theory» as well as in the movie «Iron Man». All his spare time Musk prefers to spend with his spouse and boys visiting various remote countries and continents.

Elon Musk has a phenomenal memory. He easily remembers some completely enormous amount of information. It takes him 5 minutes to read the whole magazine and recall the names of people he recently read about. He has as many as three passports – American, Canadian and South African and speaks four languages. Though, Elon finds it difficult to choose the right fork or to check a grocery list. Nevertheless, all these make him a unique influencer of the future.

- 22** According to Elon Musk in the future:
- A. We will travel to the sea by a space ship.
 - B. Money will not exist.
 - C. Medical care will be much better.
 - D. Robots will run the world.
- 23** During his school years Elon Musk
- A. He created a new computer.
 - B. He earned 500\$ per week.
 - C. He lived in three foreign countries.
 - D. He sufferer from the rude attitude of his classmates.
- 24** What is NOT true about Elon Musk as a student?
- A. He rented a night club to live in.
 - B. He managed a party business.
 - C. He had financial difficulties having left his home country.
 - D. He sold electronic equipment which was behind the law.
- 25** How does Musk spend his free time?
- A. He directs science - fiction movies.
 - B. He dives and snorkels with his sons.
 - C. He travels with his family to far - off destinations.
 - D. He invest into creating new kinds of sports.
- 26** What can be said about Musk's mental abilities?
- A. He never forgets names and places.
 - B. He easily learns by heart large ranges of numbers and poems.
 - C. He speaks three foreign languages.
 - D. He may be confused with simple routine tasks.

Task 6

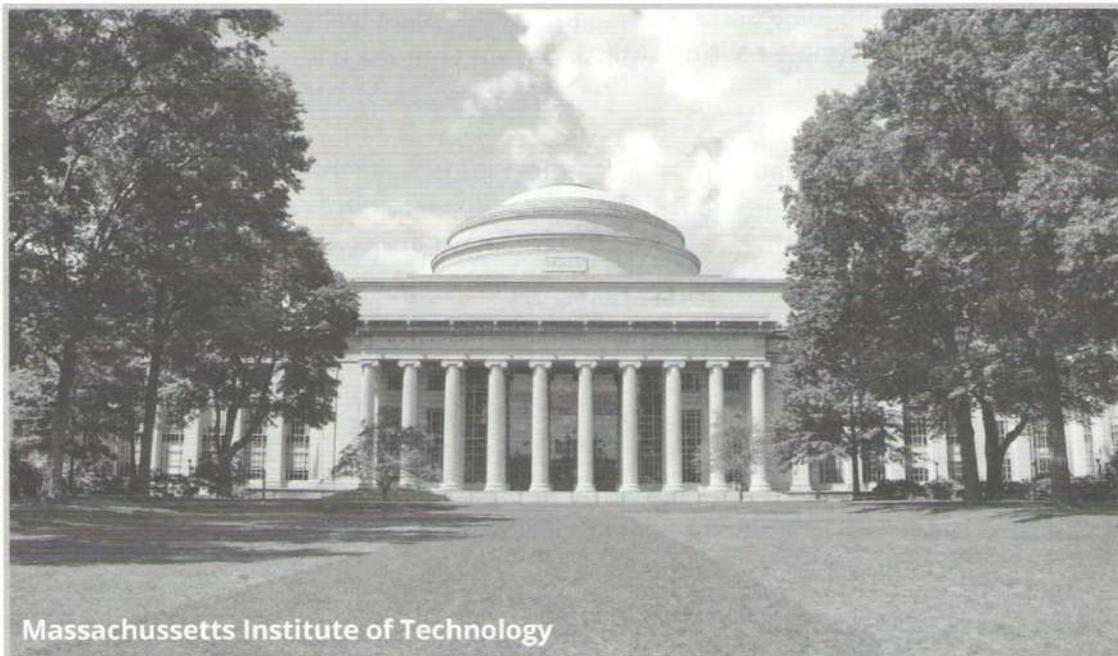
Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choice you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

What a tradition? What a symbol?

27 Talented students at this American university are renowned for their ingenuity. One interesting tradition at MIT is the engraving ring. In 1929, the students designed a ring with individual design, depicting the North American beaver as a symbol of the hard work and practicality of the university graduates. The beaver eventually looked more like a rodent and the ring was called a bronze rat.

28 To celebrate the Ascension, Lincoln College students gather at the tower of the building and drop coins from there to the children waiting at the bottom of the square. This tradition goes far back in the past, in the XV century, but it was not fun then. The coins were thrown hot, and it was thought that those who would be burned would learn the lesson of greed.

29 Another tradition goes back as far as 1851, students burying an ivy escape into the ground on campus as a symbol of a lifelong connection with the university. Freshmen's responsibility is to water all planted ivies on the campus and take care of them. On the graduation day, every brotherhood and sisterhood plants a new plant to continue the tradition.



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

30 Students at this university have been studying the impressive chain of underground tunnels and pipes since their creation in 1881. Neither the insects, nor the rats, nor the illegal entry into the territory have not stop generations of students from the research. They are trying to find a secret entrance to the university library as it is believed that the one who finally does it will become the best student of all times.

31 The unofficial mascot of Emory University is Dooley's laboratory skeleton. He appeared in 1899, when students wrote letters to a university newspaper on his behalf. On campus, Dooley is represented by one of the students, usually wearing a black cape, black top hat, and white gloves, who can appears at various events without warning during a year.

32 This college is considered to be the most prestigious of all Oxford schools. But this does not prevent noble students to continue a bizarre old tradition. Every 100 years, college members with burning torches arrange a procession in which a wooden duck is the core element. According to legend, in 1437 a huge duck flew out of the basement of the university. The next ceremony is scheduled for 2101.

Which tradition _____?

- A** is aimed at support of the students from poor families
- B** has the connection to underground explorations
- C** has a ritual which repeats once a century
- D** has a small animal as its symbol
- E** has attitude to money
- F** is aimed giving coins to children
- G** requires wearing a special closes during the year
- H** is connected to looking after the trees

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Your TV

In free translation, YouTube means «yourTV». This is a free service that allows you to host videos on your website. The project came to light in 2005. Its founders are three former PayPal employees. Flash Video technology was used to create the YouTube service. It has helped (33) _____. The project immediately established itself as a great means of entertainment and quickly formed its community.

In November 2006, the project was purchased by Google for \$ 1.65 billion. Many people remember that before Google bought YouTube, it had its own Google Video service, (34)_____.

The service works as follows: anyone can download videos on the official YouTube website. The service automatically converts video to Flash video, and then the video becomes available for viewing online. Outside the service, (35)_____, so that it can be embedded in other resources. YouTube is very popular with bloggers and social network users, as well as many media resources.

There are a number of third-party services available for downloading videos from YouTube, such as SaveTube, and browser extensions, (36)_____. Since January 2009, YouTube has provided its users with the ability to download some videos directly from the site, and their storage is possible without the assistance of third-party services.

The service is prohibited from uploading videos that are prohibited by U.S. copyright law. Quite often a service employee has to «pull out» such materials, first removing the sound and then completely removing the material from the server. But human capabilities are limited and impossible to follow. As a result, (37)_____. Removing them is only possible after the copyright holder complains to YouTube employees.

For example, in the summer of 2006, someone Robert Tour filed a lawsuit against a service that accused YouTube of copyright infringement. On March 13, 2007, Viacom filed a lawsuit against Google. The lawsuit included allegations against YouTube of regular copyright infringement and a requirement (38)_____. Interestingly, the Federal Court of New York granted the claimant's claim, even though it did not comply with US law.

- A** to achieve relatively good image quality with small video footage
- B** that will have become profitable in a few years
- C** getting a picture of high-end quality and clear videos
- D** which works today
- E** such as VideoDownloader for Firefox
- F** to provide the company with the registration details of all users of the service
- G** any video is provided with special HTML markup
- H** copyrighted material is regularly uploaded to the service

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Sports in English speaking countries

When you see the topic sports in English speaking countries, (39)_____ the first thing that comes to mind is cricket. But let me (40)_____ you there is much more to that.

Lacrosse, which is a (41)_____ of basketball, soccer and hockey, is played mostly in Canada and the USA. It is said to be full of action, and the only equipment you need is a stick with a net to throw and catch the ball.

Bushwalking is the activity that (42)_____ nature observation with the pleasure of walking. There are three levels of bushwalking: easy, intermediate and advanced. The difference between them is the duration and whether you are tracked or not.

Kabaddi is a likeable contact sport in Southern Asia originated in Ancient India. The (43)_____ of the game is to score more points than another team by touching the opponents who will try to defend from it.

39	A	probably	B	evidently	C	perhaps	D	maybe
40	A	satisfy	B	cover	C	persuade	D	assure
41	A	combine	B	combination	C	combiner	D	noncombining
42	A	mixable	B	mixture	C	mixes	D	mixability
43	A	aim	B	target	C	point	D	goal

Time-management

It goes (44)____ saying that in the realities of today, it is (45)____ to prioritise your tasks or in other words, to implement key principles of time-management. It is not about following the strict schedule, but (46)____ about executing tasks approaching.

Firstly, you need to think about what is fundamental in your life and divide it into three groups: family and personal, career, personal development.

Secondly, imply (47)____ of the principles mentioned below. Schedule everything, whether it is work-related or personal, doesn't matter. Set up a reward for getting things done from the to-do list for the day. Apply 15-minute breaks every hour to improve (48)____. Set SMART goals that you will accomplish not someday, but at the particular moment. Last but not least, establish a habit of saying «no».

44	A	less	B	without	C	out	D	lacking
45	A	essential	B	ideal	C	obligatory	D	easy
46	A	highly	B	usually	C	mostly	D	often
47	A	some	B	less	C	bit	D	few
48	A	product	B	productivity	C	produce	D	production

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Modern Ukrainian Literature

When talking about Ukrainian literature, the only names that (49)_____ spark in your minds will be Taras Shevchenko and Lesia Ukrainka, but there is much more to that.

You might not know, but in the modern Ukrainian literature are some names that (50)_____ a lot for the development of the literature and its spreading. You should be familiar with these people, not necessarily read their works, but still knowing a few facts about them is a must.

Yuriy Andruhovich is one of the founders of the writer's group «Bu-ba-bu», and he (51)_____ to be the »living classic« of Ukrainian literature. One year ago his novel «Justice Lovers» (52)_____ its first appearance.

Andriy Lubka regularly takes part in various contests around the worlds, and his works are being translated into ten languages. His book «Saudade» consists of 60 short stories about travelling around Balkans and (53)_____ recently.

49	A	might	B	can	C	shall	D	may
50	A	have done	B	did	C	do	D	are doing
51	A	is being said	B	is said	C	says	D	is saying
52	A	has made	B	had made	C	made	D	makes
53	A	has been awarded	B	has awarded	C	awarded	D	is awarded

Facts you should know about Gen-Z

If you are alive and breathing, then you probably heard or even **(54)**_____ with Gen-Z. Some important features that differ these young people from Millennials knowing which **(55)** _____ you a lot of worries.

Firstly, youngsters seriously worry about the world and crying to «make a difference to the cause they care about» either by creating something or attracting the attention of previous generations. The same attitude **(56)**_____ towards the workplace; they are working for the purpose, not just to sit in the room in front of the PC from 8 to 5.

Secondly, Gen-Z **(57)**_____ about a stable salary; in this, they are not so different from the rest of humanity, as well as the strong desire to be their own bosses. With being so familiar with the technology, it's not tricky for them to start their business from scratch.

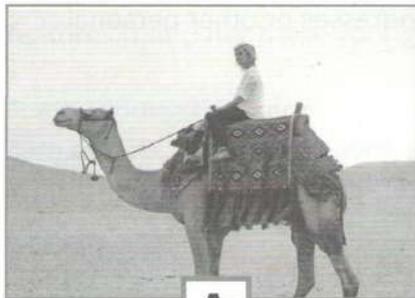
Last but not least, mental health is **(58)**_____ their concerns, and it is understandable with the perks and flaws of modern times.

54	A	is encountered	B	encountered	C	have encountered	D	had encountered
55	A	will save	B	saved	C	saves	D	is going to save
56	A	went	B	goes	C	gone	D	is going
57	A	concerns	B	concerned	C	is being concerned	D	is concerned
58	A	between	B	in	C	amongst	D	with

Task 1

Listen to the speakers. For questions (1-6) choose the right answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

1 What activity did the speaker do?



A

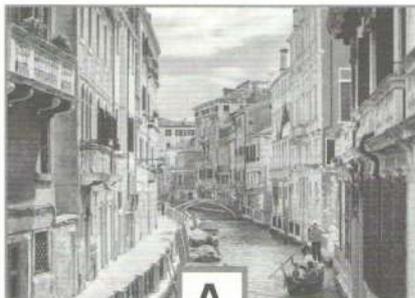


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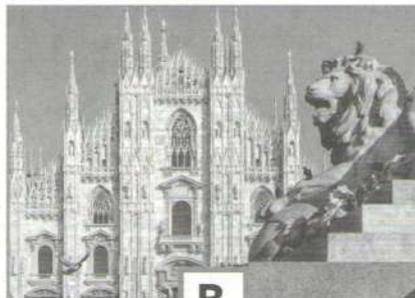


C

2 Where did the man go last summer?



A



B



C

3 What time did the speaker plan to arrive?



A



B



C

4 What is the most important reason for the speaker to love New Year's Day?

- A. time spent with family and friends
- B. chance to improve life
- C. special festive atmosphere

5 What does the speaker like taking photos of?

- A. famous people
- B. sports events
- C. his family life

6 What does the lecturer say about the primitive art?

- A. any available materials were used
- B. it has become a part of modern world
- C. plenty of people adored it

Task 2

Listen to the text. For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text, F if it is false. Write your answers on a separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 7. The speaker found out about the idea of a gap year from his friend.
- 8. The idea of having a year off caused mixed feeling.
- 9. His friend stored the idea of a year out in his memory.
- 10. The speaker mentions gold mining activities.
- 11. The speaker made his decision to take a gap year.

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Task 3

Listen to the text. For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B or C). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet. You will listen to the text twice.

- 12** What is NOT about Dr Farrah's early years?
A. He wanted to have his own money.
B. His parents weren't rich.
C. He was the youngest in his family.
- 13** What did he do with his first money?
A. He made an investment.
B. He bought gifts for his family.
C. He invited his parents to the restaurant.
- 14** Where did Farrah get his knowledge about how business works?
A. His mother took him on her business trips.
B. His mother consulted him a lot.
C. His brother provided insight for his learning.
- 15** What made him famous?
A. The investment club they created.
B. The interview he gave.
C. His connections to distinguished business people.
- 16** What did the speaker recommend doing to become successful?
A. to have own business cards.
B. to sell home-made goods.
C. to have no doubt about your success.

Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

17

If you are a **computer addict** with an MA diploma in engineering and unemployed – we need you!

A young fast-developing soft wear company is now **hiring!**

We promise full medical insurance, free corporative training and a competitive salary!

Sent your CV
hr@gmail.com

18

Stools, tables, chests – of- drawers, tables and bookshelves of all shapes and sizes!

Wooden, plastic, even glassy ones!

For every budget and dwelling!

A **COSY SOFA SALON** is a place of the dream!

Free delivery at 500\$ order

19

Can you **crack** a nut with your teeth?

Is your **smile** white as snow?

Is your **breath** always fresh?

If you answer **NO** to one of these questions

CALL Dr Congatos
+1-000-789-3045

Free consultations on Mondays

20

You can name all the presidents of France and the weight of an atom!

Fantastic!

Let all the people see your intelligence!

Join our **PANEL GAME SHOW**, and you may win **23000\$!**

Contact Sue on **+1-345-667-0098**

21

The best present is the one made by **yourself!**

Design a new thing or modify an old item! Make a postcard or reconstruct a dress! You will find everything you need here at

www.becreative.com

Shipping worldwide – **10\$ per kilo**

Which of the advertisements deals with:

.....?

- A** a DIY online store
- B** a designing bureau
- C** a dentist
- D** a job offer
- E** a furniture shop
- F** a quiz show
- G** a shipping game
- H** a history club

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A broom dog

Nature is constantly making new creations. There are not only animals familiar to us in the world but also animals that are capable of striking the imagination. One such representative is Hungarian Shepherd or Komondor as they say.

This dog appears to be one of the calmest and kindest breeds in the world, while taking care of it may have some pitfalls. The fact is that the hair of this animal reaches 1 meter in length. It is almost impossible to comb it. The strands must be separated as they grow so that the wool does not roll. Over time, the wool of the commander collapses into the laces and the host needs to trim it, so the dog not to fall over while walking. Due to such a feature, the average height of the pet is 80 centimetres and they are one of the largest dogs in the world.

The breed comes from Tibetan dogs brought to Hungary, used as shepherds of cattle and guardians of Nomadic tribes in the 9th century. During centuries these animals protected houses and farmlands from seizing. Although they are not aggressive and do not require additional training, it is advisable to set certain rules and manner of behaviour with Komondor.

Hungarian Shepherd is a large dog with a strong, muscular body. The head is massive and proportional to the chest. The eyes are almond-shaped, dark and covered with wool. The ears are large, lowered and covered with thick fur. The tail is long and lively and always helps to dust the furniture at home.

Komondor is a rare breed, and it can be difficult to find a good breeder with puppies. They are carrying parents and look after their babies with extreme cautious. Children adore playing with small Komondor dogs as they resemble tiny fluffy toys.

Despite being friendly and loving with their hosts, this breed is hostile to other animals. If a family is willing to have several pets, they will not get on well with Komondor. These dogs are dominates and will act aggressively towards others, so the only way out is to be loyal to one dog.

- 22** What is unusual about the Hungarian Shepherd's wool?
- A. It prevents the dog from walking.
 - B. There is nothing difficult in taking care of it.
 - C. It is barely possible to brush it.
 - D. It is the longest in the world.
- 23** According to paragraph 2 the dog:
- A. Used to help hunting in Hungary.
 - B. Provided security service to the owners.
 - C. Does not need rules and training.
 - D. Used to live only in Tibet.
- 24** How does Komondor look like?
- A. It has a long tail and small ears with thick fur.
 - B. The tail is strong and covered with massive wool.
 - C. Its eyes are of a nut shape with fur around them.
 - D. The head is strong and of the same size as the chest.
- 25** What is NOT true about Komondor?
- A. They are careful to puppies.
 - B. This kind of dogs is not widespread.
 - C. Hungarian Shepherd look like a furry toy.
 - D. It is not safe to play with small adorable puppies.
- 26** What is the attitude of Komondor to other animals?
- A. They cannot stand sharing attention in the family with others.
 - B. They behave aggressively to not familiar dogs.
 - C. They are friendly and cheerful.
 - D. They act loyally to other pets.

Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Whats it a real job?

27 Penguins residing near polar stations respond lively to helicopters flying past them. Animals peck their heads and bend backs, and since their neck is short and they lose balance easily, they often fall on their backs. The penguins cannot turn over and stand up on their own, so a specialist comes to their rescue after every arrival or departure.

28 Doing house chores is difficult, especially when it is a mansion and you are alone in it. And if this dwelling is located on the remote Caribbean island, where the weather is sunny during the whole year and exotic fruit is a common thing in the orchard. All you have to do is to look after the house when the hosts are away for half of the year for the salary of \$ 10 000 monthly.

29 These employees are needed in expensive furniture stores that sell bedding sets. During the working day, the specialist should walk around the trading floor and straighten wrinkles, which fold on pillows and bedspreads. Additional duty is to test mattresses by lying on them and checking the level of softness or tightness.



30 No one like staying long hours in lines, waiting for their turn to receive money or fill in an application form. As a result, in Britain, the first company, which provides unusual service, appeared. The employees of the firm are ready to defend for the client any turn to the victorious end, to push, to swear, to stand long hours – to do anything to obtain the result. The payment for such dedication is \$ 40 per hour.

31 The official friends and relatives hiring service appeared in China last year. Basically, they go there before a wedding, birthday or other holiday where many or many people «must» be there to maintain their status. This service has become a real way out for those who have no time for relationship or are too reserved.

32 These professionals are hired by large design companies. After the first sample of the product comes of the assembly line, it goes through various quality tests. One point of examination is comfort and satisfaction of the customer. Of course, no one tests tables and bookshelves, but her chairs, armchairs and beds are under constant attention of these specialists.

Which job _____?

- A** will prevent you from wasting time on waiting
- B** is being connected to soft furniture usage
- C** provides assistance to animals
- D** tests mattresses and blankets by sleeping on them
- E** helps reserved people to find friends
- F** requires moving to another place for a six-month period
- G** has responsibilities to check bedroom belongings
- H** is aimed at helping lonely people

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Smart Phone or Smart Phob

Scientists have been studying the issue of telephone dependency for more than a year, and for the most part, agree that this is a serious problem. Consciously or not, most people are distracted many times a day (33)_____ - whether it's an email on the job or a message from the social network. And while in the digital world, this all seems to be quite natural, the human body may not agree with it.

Over-use of smartphones has been linked to depression, high anxiety and sleep disorders, (34)_____. And recently in a new study, scientists also concluded that the so-called blue light from electronic devices can significantly increase the risk of vision loss. People are becoming more dependent on their smartphones. This addiction is already so widely recognized that there is even a name for fear of being left without a mobile phone - nomophobia.

A number of studies have also shown that the use of smart gadgets has a negative impact on the intellectual level of the person. Attentiveness can be diminished even (35)_____: even with a gadget just nearby, it is enough to subconsciously distract.

The point is that smartphones have become an integral «window into the world», and so our brain automatically determines them since the signal from the phone activates the same involuntary system of attention, (36)_____. Frequent relying on the PocketPC in search of answers also significantly reduces the brain's ability to memorize information.

Modern children are under biggest threat. A generation, (37)_____, has even been called the «iGen» generation. It is believed that this generation is psychologically much more vulnerable than others.

However, experts believe that the negative impact of smartphones and social networks should not make people abandon the use of technology, (38)_____.

- A that gadgets are not working
- B which in turn lead to a host of other ailments
- C that doesn't know the times without phones
- D when smartphones are not de facto in use
- E by different types of signals from their smartphones
- F which is responsible for the perception of the sound of your name
- G just need to use it wisely and disciplined
- H with calls and constant messages from Instagram and social networks

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

WWF

From the (39)_____ of international organisations, WWF is worth mentioning. Its mission is to (40) nature and help to maintain a healthy ecosystem on our beautiful Earth. The areas which they care about our food, climate, freshwater, wildlife, forests and oceans.

The sad truth is that we, humans, destroy the (41)_____ animal and plants kingdoms without any thought about (42)_____ consequences. The small group of nature enthusiasts and scientists is the base of WWF, who actually think about the results of actions, pay attention and try to stop the inevitable outcome.

As well as preserving nature, this organisation is concerned about food and its footprint. The problem is that yearly 1.3 billion ton of food goes to waste still leaving 800+ million people (43) _____. It's not too late for humanity to stop and think over actions, help itself and nature.

39	A	varier	B	variety	C	various	D	vary
40	A	conservation	B	conserver	C	unconserved	D	conserve
41	A	glorious	B	gloriously	C	glory	D	glorying
42	A	horrify	B	horrific	C	horrifying	D	horrified
43	A	nourished	B	malnourished	C	overnourished	D	renourished

St Patrick's Day

Want to experience something different other than Boxing Day? St Patrick's Day maybe just for you despite being celebrated mostly in Ireland and Ireland-related **(44)**_____.

If you are a true believer, you might plan a pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Purgatory, which is said to heal you spiritually. If you are a **(45)**_____, you can wear an item of green colour and add an accessory with a shamrock. Various cafes will offer a few Irish **(46)**_____ for you to have a bite; it might be a good **(47)**_____ to try something new.

According to the legend, St Patrick got rid of snakes from the **(48)**_____ of Ireland. Were they real snakes or a common name for pagans worshippers of snake gods and druids, the truth remains hidden.

44	A	residents	B	organizations	C	communities	D	neighbourhoods
45	A	true	B	truth	C	truly	D	truthfully
46	A	civilian	B	citizen	C	worker	D	commoner
47	A	meal	B	dishes	C	platter	D	serving
48	A	whole	B	all	C	full	D	total

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

How streaming services are conquering the market

With the growing variety of streaming services, cable TV networks (49)_____ in their attempts to attract viewers. Why is that, you (50)_____ wonder. TV networks and everything they do depends on the (51)_____ ratings, whereas streaming services are not strictly limited by censorship. As a result, streaming services like Netflix are more flexible in choosing plots for the shows or movies and budget shifts.

Over the last decade, the number of people who still have cable TV at their homes (52)_____ significantly, but again, the audience chooses not to cut the cable and in the best case have two options intact: cable and Netflix. The reason behind such a choice is that none of the streaming services can provide access to sports. And a lot of Americans love sports so much that even the bargain price of the subscription (53)_____ change their minds.

49	A	are struggling	B	struggle	C	is struggling	D	were struggling
50	A	might	B	can	C	may	D	could
51	A	viewer	B	viewers'	C	viewers	D	viewer's
52	A	drop	B	dropped	C	drops	D	will drop
53	A	can't	B	couldn't	C	mustn't	D	shouldn't

Concept of the friendship in the 21st century

Are you a good friend? It's not compulsory to shoot out an answer straight away. Opinions differ, but even with that to count, people **(54)**_____ agree on some basic traits. If you are loyal, not judgemental, kind, tolerant, trustworthy, sympathetic, and a good listener - the friendship **(55)**_____ turn out good and beneficial for you.

Let's have a look at people who **(56)**_____ in the 21st century. Are they kind? Tolerant and good listeners? It's highly unlikable. All they care about is them. Their profiles in Instagram have only them, their faces and bodies with meaningless quotations underneath. These hollow people attract similar human beings, and kids **(57)**_____ through the feed catch their eyes on those images and decide that it is cool to copy such behaviour. Is it beneficial to have ego-centric as a friend? Only if you cut from the same cloth, then you **(58)**_____ for life.

54	A	ought	B	should	C	can	D	must
55	A	should	B	might	C	could	D	may
56	A	live	B	lived	C	lives	D	are living
57	A	scroll	B	scrolling	C	scrolls	D	are scrolling
58	A	is paired	B	paired	C	are paired	D	will be paired

Dear Mr Walker,

A few days ago, I ordered a black hooded jacket medium size, black running shorts medium size and vitamins in your shop.

Today, in the morning, when I came to the post office to get the parcel, I found out that you completely mismatched the goods. The package included vitamins, but not the kind that I selected on the website, dark blue running shorts large size and dark blue hooded jacket small size.

I am extremely disappointed with the service issued by your shop. My fitness instructor suggested buying sportswear and supplements specifically in your shop considering you always provide with 100% service. Additionally, those items meant to be presented to my friend whose birthday is in two days.

I would like you to replace the goods on those I stated at initial order or if for a reason the items are unavailable, then give me a full refund.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to enquire about the All4U sports club.

I am a freshman at Rice University. I have just discovered that my university does not provide any sports facilities onsite. However, I found All4U to be the nearest sports club and would be grateful if you could tell me more information about it.

Firstly, I would be thankful if you could tell me in detail which memberships do you have. Do you have weekly, monthly or yearly based tickets accessible?

Secondly, I would like to know the size of the gym area and what equipment is available.

Lastly, I would appreciate some information about additional facilities that your club has. It would be extremely useful to know whether the club offers personal training sessions or aerobics in the pool.

It would be helpful if you could send the details to my email.

I look forward to your reply at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Dear Hiring Manager (Sir/Madam),

I am writing to apply for the job which you advertised recently on Facebook. I am a seventeen-year old student, and I speak both Ukrainian and English fluently. Currently, I am studying at state school tenth grade and very keen to have a holiday job following summer.

I am extremely good at arts as well as communicating with people, so I think that I would be an asset to your gallery. Last year I worked at Mystetskiy Arsenal navigating people from all over the world and enjoyed it very much. I would like to have the opportunity to meet people and practise my English again.

I relish going to museums and galleries not only in Kyiv but around the world too. Last year I visited several events held by PinchukArtCentre, so I am familiar with the concept. I do hope you will be interested in my application.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Yours faithfully,

Hello Max,
I hope this letter finds you well.

I've just finished watching the film «The Imitation Game», and I'm speechless. The movie is about Alan Turing, a British cryptanalyst who encrypted German intelligence messages for the British government during WWII. He invented the Turing machine that considered to be a model of the general-purposed computer.

Next, let's talk about personal traits that an individual should possess to invent something. I think that person should be smart, open-minded, interested in the world's affairs, patient and determined. Equally important is to have developed analytical and communicational skills.

In this day and age, the community talks about climate change and global warming. So, if I were an inventor, I would design a device that resolves a problem with plastic or soil contamination.

For the matter of time, it's all that I wanted to talk about. Have you watched «The Imitation Game»? Please write to me what you think.

Have a good day.

Bye,

Hi Jane,

I'm so glad that your family agreed upon you visiting us in Ukraine.

If I remember correctly, History is your favourite school subject, so there is some information about a few historical places that we will definitely visit. First of them is the National Museum of the History of Ukraine where there are a lot of objects that may transfer you to the different historical epochs. After, if the weather is pleasant, we can visit the Museum of Folk Architecture and Life. There are a lot of huts with Ukrainian ornaments and tableware. The museum covers vast grounds which means that there is plenty of space to walk.

There are several ways to have fun in Kyiv. We can go to watch a movie at the cinema, don't worry about not understanding much - we have a movie theatre where films are shown in English. Another option is to go to a concert or have fun with friends. I can arrange a meet-up with a few friends of mine if you are interested in.

In spring the weather can vary from chilly and windy to warm and pleasant. So I suggest you pack a jacket which will shield you from rain and wind and other clothes that will keep you warm but not overheated.

I hope that you will enjoy your stay with us.

Please write me back when you will know the details of your flight.

Take care,

Hello John,

As you know, I am a huge fan of all related to fantasy. I've just finished reading the pentalogy «Percy Jackson & The Olympians». I'm speechless. I'm not sure whether you read it or not, so no spoilers in this letter.

A lot of people are obsessed with fantasy books and movies; thus, it's not just me. This pentalogy is even said to be one of the books that Gen-Z grew up with. And it's clear why. The plot richly filled with adventures, the value of teamwork, mythology, detailed descriptions of surroundings and personalities of heroes – make these books an excellent choice to read and relax.

Additionally, it is perfect to master Greek mythology while reading the pentalogy. Not only «Percy Jackson» books, but the majority of others can help if you have any difficulties with history. The magic of stories is in the ability to let you get lost in the world described for some time.

Children of all ages and adults will gain a lot from reading or listening to (audio) books. It will help to build your imagination, vocabulary, the map of the world, knowledge about certain things, as well as to relax and find joy in simple acts.

Anyway, that's all I wanted to write about. Write to me what you think about the pentalogy and the matter.

Take care,

Hi Josh,

It is quite impressive that you're doing a research paper about the friendship and the movies are the best way to show how friendship works.

I've chosen «13 reasons why» as the example of the vividness of friendship in the 21st century and let me explain why. As you are familiar with the plot, at least I hope so, I won't give in any details, I will focus on the relationships between friends. As all characters are teens and study in a high school, the surroundings already suggest that the main heroes need to be sly and cautious because every wrong move can be used against them. Despite being wary teens need to be kind and passionate about their friends as the age tells them so.

As for me, friendship is all about being a good listener, trustworthy, honest and supportive. As all of us can have a lot of hard decisions and choices, we should trust somebody and willing to accept help.

For a friendship to be mutually beneficial, both participants of the process need to equate their expectations. Friendship as any other relationships requires a lot of talking, listening and sometimes there is no room for advice. Some people have friends to have some fun together, and they are not interested in talking and other perks.

I hope that all of the written above will help your research a bit.
Good luck with the paper!

Take care.

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