

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Task 1

Choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

From risk assessment to risk taker

Are you a risk taker or are you (1) _____ to always taking the cautious route? I spent around 15 years as a risk assessor who rather ironically never took risks. I barely moved from the local area and was always (2) _____ about straying outside of my comfort zone. It was not (3) _____ three years ago, when I was made redundant, that I discovered a whole new side of me that I never knew existed. I realised that although I'd worked, I'd never really 'lived', so I took off around the world. I (4) _____ myself into anything that seemed new and adventurous. It was when I was travelling around Thailand that I did my first bungee jump, and that led to white water rafting, parachute jumping, all sorts. You name it, I've tried it! I never thought I'd have the (5) _____ to try these kinds of extreme sports, but they've actually made me far more confident and boosted my energy. In fact, I've just started working on an adventure camp, and it's a dream job. These days, I often go to bed thinking '(6) _____ I'd done this years ago!' So, my advice for anyone wanting a change is to simply go for it! (7) _____ what you find normal and ask yourself what you might love. I (8) _____ you won't regret trying something new once in a while.

1 A prone

2 A conventional

3 A only

4 A threw

5 A mind

6 A Unless

7 A Underestimate

8 A recommend

B likely

B irrational

B since

B sprung

B guts

B If only

B Disbelieve

B advise

C destined

C relentless

C until

C pitched

C legs

C Only when

C Devalue

C promise

D vulnerable

D apprehensive

D yet

D devoted

D cheek

D As long as

D Reconsider

D doubt

Task 2

Read the text and choose a word which best fits each gap.

Climate change and Mount Kilimanjaro

Climate change is a worry for many people, especially when it comes to thinking about the future of the planet. But climate change (9) _____ already altered our planet dramatically, and this (10) _____ clearly be seen in the melting of the glaciers on Mount Kilimanjaro. It's hard to believe that we might be the last people to be witness to these mountains as the snow-capped wonders they are now, but according to experts the snow will have all but disappeared by 2033. (11) _____ this aesthetic loss, it will also have a devastating effect on life both on and below the mountains. These glaciers provide much-needed water to the rivers below, and without them these rivers are in danger of drying up, which in (12) _____ will have a dramatic impact on local populations. One researcher, Ken Fuller, has also (13) _____ exception to some of the tourism in the area. He (14) _____ some tourists of irresponsible behaviour, insisting on coming to view this great wonder regardless (15) _____ the negative effects of their travel. As more and more people trek to see these glaciers before they totally disappear, we must try to encourage sustainable tourism to protect the natural surroundings as much as possible, (16) _____ if we can't turn back the tide of climate change for the area.

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Task 3

Read the text below. Use the words given in capitals to form a word that fits in each gap.

New streetcar on the block

In what was (17) _____ (**DOUBT**) the most eagerly awaited theatre event of the year, the new stage production of 'A streetcar named Desire', which has drawn an all-star Hollywood cast, yesterday came to the National Theatre. Hannah Preston gives us one of the most (18) _____ (**COMPEL**) performances of her career as the lead, Blanche Dubois. The story focuses on Blanche's descent into (19) _____ (**SANE**) which is rapidly hastened by the cold, at times (20) _____ (**REASON**), behaviour of those around her. This version of the classic play sees a shift of focus, highlighting key relationships, and putting the (21) _____ (**ACT**) between four of the main characters, Stanley, Blanche, Stella and Mitch in the spotlight. This was a refreshing take compared to many versions which see other characters (22) _____ (**LOOK**) in favour of far greater focus on Blanche. This play exceeded my (23) _____ (**EXPECT**). I'd even go so far as to say it has all the ingredients to be an (24) _____ (**DENY**) success, both here and on the other side of the pond. It's deserving of being the hottest ticket in town, so get one, if you can!

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Task 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in capitals but do not change the word. Write between three and six words, including the word given.

25 They worked all night to prepare the hall for the wedding, but it still wasn't ready.

BEEN

They _____

_____ on preparations all through the night, but the hall still wasn't ready.

26 When I arrived at the station, I heard the announcer say that they had cancelled my train.

ALREADY

My train _____

_____ cancelled by the time I arrived at the station.

27 Look! The front door is open! One of us obviously forgot to close it before we went to bed last night.

MUST

Look! The front door _____

_____ open all night!

28 If he doesn't complete his homework, he can't come to the park with us.

THAT

He can come to the park with us

_____ completes his homework first.

29 I didn't know they spoke Portuguese in Brazil before I visited the country last year.

IT

_____ visited Brazil that I realised they spoke Portuguese.

30 'I won't raise taxes' said the politician.

PROMISED

The politician _____

_____ raise taxes.

31 'Make sure you bring your driving licence to the car hire office,' said my wife.

REMINDED

My wife _____

_____ take my driving licence with me.

32 I'd love to sing professionally, but I've got no vocal ability whatsoever!

ONLY

_____ some singing talent, I'd do it professionally.

33 'Hmm, I don't think you should buy that car,' he said.

DISCOURAGED

He _____

_____ the car.

Task 5

Choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

A beginner's guide to interior design

Nowadays it is tempting to think that interior design has become (34) _____ to everyone due to the increased production of inexpensive furniture, decorating stores and photographic printing services. It is (35) _____ believed that with a bit of attention to detail absolutely anyone can create their very own dream home. This is true (36) _____ you're willing to put in considerable time and effort. Like many jobs in the creative industries, interior design is a professional field.

Bearing in (37) _____ that there are a set of established rules or (38) _____ that all professional interior designers apply to their work, if you don't (39) _____ them or at least try to follow them, you (40) _____ not have much success in creating the look you're aiming for.

Therefore, if you are in any way unsure of your (41) _____, it would probably be worth consulting a professional.

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| 34 A accessible | B conventional | C applicable | D feasible |
| 35 A instantly | B widely | C exclusively | D fully |
| 36 A in case | B in order | C suppose | D provided that |
| 37 A view | B thinking | C feeling | D mind |
| 38 A initiatives | B principles | C sentiments | D principals |
| 39 A adhere to | B comply | C trigger | D ensure |
| 40 A might | B could | C should | D would |
| 41 A inclination | B sufficiency | C competence | D sophistication |

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Task 6

Read the text and choose a word which best fits each gap.

A life changing moment

A few years ago, if you

(42) _____ told me I'd be fixing cables for a living, I wouldn't have believed you. At that time, I was happily employed at a large accountancy company.

However, little did I know that the company wasn't performing well, and that I

(43) _____ be made redundant two months later. It

(44) _____ at that point that I decided to become an electrician. No sooner

(45) _____ I enrolled on the course, than I knew I'd made the right decision as I'd wanted to get away from working in a gloomy office all day anyway. I'm delighted to say that in a couple of months I

(46) _____ have completed the basic training and once I (47) _____

received my certificate, I'll begin job hunting. People have said to me that it seemed like a radical career move, but I didn't rush (48) _____ it and I'm confident that I won't

(49) _____ it.

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Task 7

Read the text below. Use the words given in capitals to form a word that fits in each gap.

Nature reserves

The first modern nature reserves were created in various parts of the world during the 18th and 19th centuries. They are primarily considered to be spaces set aside for the

(50) _____ (PRESERVE) of plant and animal life, somewhere scientists can

(51) _____ (CONTINUE) monitor and assess the state of the natural world. These days, with the

(52) _____ (DRAMA) decline of forests and other habitats all around the world, nature reserves are

becoming (53) _____ (INCREASE) important.

In recent times, nature reserves have had many

(54) _____ (BENEFIT) effects on the populations

of a range of species, especially those on the brink of extinction. However, they also serve as an

(55) _____ (EDUCATE) resource, too. We

tend to (56) _____ (ESTIMATE) just how much visitors can learn from even a short outing to a

nature reserve. As such, these places are

(57) _____ (VALUABLE) for developing

society's understanding of how to preserve and protect nature.

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Task 8

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word given in capitals but do not change the word. Write between three and six words, including the word given.

58 I can't read the menu very well because I forgot to bring my glasses with me.

NOT

_____ my glasses, I'd be able to read the menu more easily.

59 I think the best way to lose weight quickly is to track your food consumption on an app.

WOULD

If I _____
_____ use a food consumption and tracking app to lose weight quickly.

End of level test

Name: _____

60 It's highly likely that Janette will arrive earlier than all the other guests.

BOUND

Janette _____
_____ earlier than all the other guests.

61 It's too late to call Elisa because she goes to bed at 10:00 pm.

HAVE

Don't call Elisa because _____
_____ by now.

62 Do you know how you'd spend any government funding if you received it?

TO

_____ government funding, how would you spend it?

63 We arrived home and almost immediately a thunderstorm started.

HARDLY

_____ a thunderstorm started.

64 Young people are career-focused at an early age these days, which I find surprising.

ME

_____ young people are career-focused at such an early age these days.

65 San Francisco has been our home for almost 10 years. The end of the month is our anniversary.

LIVED

By the end of the month _____
_____ San Francisco for ten years.

66 I asked for a discount on the meal because of the terrible service.

SO

_____ I asked for a discount on the meal.

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