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Іноземні мови

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Атестація з іноземних мов проводиться у письмовій формі і складається з трьох частин (читання, використання мови та письмове повідомлення) за матеріалами, підготовленними вчителем.

При цьому необхідно дотримуватися основних вимог щодо підготовки завдань, насамперед — відповідності завдань рівням, зазначеним у державних стандартах та навчальних програмах для загальноосвітніх навчальних закладів: рівень A2+; для спеціалізованих шкіл з поглибленим вивченням іноземних мов рівень B1.

Матеріали повинні забезпечити виявлення рівня сформованості в умінні за двома видами мовленневої діяльності та виявити рівень володіння уміння (ученняці) іноземною мовою.

Вчителю формує завдання з трьох вибіркових складових відповідного рівня відповідно до типу навчального закладу на окремому бланку. До складу матеріалів має входити: текст для читання з одним післятекстовим завданням; текст із пропущеними словами на використання мови та одне завдання для написання письмового повідомлення.

Кількість варіантів готується вчителем відповідно до кількості учнів у класі, які виконують завдання. Варіанти проходять атестацію з іноземних мов. Кожен (кожна) учень (ученці) отримує окремий варіант. Правильність виконання завдань оцінює вчителю відповідно до критеріїв та схем оцінювання завдань. На виконання усіх завдань відводиться одна астрономічна година.

Вимоги до складових частин атестації.

Перше завдання — читання тексту та виконання післятекстових завдань. Мета — виявити рівень сформованості уміння учнів читати і розуміти тексти самостійно, з виразним проміжком часу.

Типи текстів: статті із періодичних видань; листи (особисті, ділові, карточка); оголошення, реклама; розклади (розклад уроків, руху поїздів тощо); меню, кулінарні рецепти, програми (телевізійні, радіо тощо); особисті початки, повідомлення.

Форми завдань: завдання із вибором правильної відповіді; завдання на встановлення відповідності (добір логічних пар); запитання з короткими відповідями (2-3 слова); встановлення під час порожнього порядку просто тексту; знайдення аргументів та висновків; установлення зв'язків інформаційними блоками; вибір назв абзаців тексту із запропонованих чотирьох. Для кожного тексту до завдання запропоновано декілька варіантів відповідей, з яких учень вибирає правильну. Завдання вважається виконаним правильно, якщо у відповідях вказані ті ж вибірки, як у відповідях, які дали вчителю.

Друге завдання — використання мови. Мета завдання відкрито форми з короткою відповіддю. Мета — визначити рівень володіння уміннями, граматичними, лексичними та граматичними знаннями, що дадуть можливість учителю більш точно спілкуватись іноземною мовою.

Забезпечення: тексти різного віком та складності, зазначені із ситуаціями спілкування в контексті дійсності та життя в школі, нова, яким викарваче.

Форми завдань: завдання із вибором однієї правильної відповіді. Завдання полягає у тому, щоб учень (учениця) вибрав (ввів) один правильний варіант із чотирьох варіантів відповідей; текст із пропусками із запропонованих чотирьох. Учень (учениця) має заповнити пропуски в тексті, використовуючи подані слова для досягнення схеми. Такі завдання вважається виконаним правильно, якщо в тексті відповідей зазначені одна правильна відповідь.

Третє завдання — письмове мовлення. Мета — визначити рівень сформованості в умінні навичок та вміння спілкуватися для вирішення письмових комунікативних завдань, що пов’язані із повсякденним життям.

Завдання можуть бути: Письмові завдання супроводжуються спеціальними поясненнями, які визначать, які завдання визначать, які завдання треба написати. Від учнів вимагається створити тексти на основі конкретної ситуації і вказівок: письмових підказок (повідомлення, листів, оголошень, реклам, інших тощо); змістовних підказок (картинок, фотографій, табличок, схеми тощо). Такі завдання вважається виконаним правильно, якщо учень надав запис завдання без граматичних та лексичних помилок.
TEST 1

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide if the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

THE ROTHSCHILD’S GIRAFFE

The Rothschild’s giraffe is also commonly known as the Ugandan giraffe or the Baringo giraffe and it is a highly-endangered species. The Rothschild’s giraffe is extinct in Sudan and only has about 13 populations left in Uganda and Kenya which means that there are only around 700 Rothschild’s giraffes left in the wild.

The Rothschild’s giraffe is easily identified as it has a unique pattern on its coat, the pattern is more jagged than other species of giraffes and also unlike other giraffes, they don’t have any patterns on their coats below their knees.

The Rothschild’s giraffes often suffer because their habitats are often destroyed when farmers cut down forests in order for them to keep livestock and grow crops on the land.

Wildlife organizations work tirelessly to protect their habitats by working with local communities to educate them of the harmful effects of taking away the Rothschild’s giraffes’ habitats. They also spend time helping to protect the giraffes that are still in the wild so that they can breed and numbers can start to rise again. Another issue that organizations face is the fact that not many people are aware of the fact that there are many sub-species of giraffes which means that the Rothschild’s giraffe are often overlooked.

1. The Rothschild’s giraffe is an extinct species.
2. In appearance the Rothschild’s giraffe differs from other giraffes.
3. The giraffe’s habitats are often destroyed by wild animals.
4. Wildlife organizations teach local people how to breed the giraffes.

USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THE INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED OUR WAY OF LIFE

Could you imagine (5) ___________ a day without checking emails on your computer or walking around without your mobile phone? As you read through these inventions that changed our way of life, think about how different things would be without them.

Gaming Consoles changed the way we entertain (6) ___________ indoors. Whether you (7) ___________ physically fit by exercising on the Nintendo Wii or blasting (8) ___________ your opponents on a first-person shooter, the world of game consoles
(9) a long way since the release of Pong in 1972. Modern game consoles (10) with the ability to process graphics so realistic that many games can be startling, and the enemies (11) so well designed that it almost (12) like some video games can predict and counteract your every move.

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**WRITING**

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “Some of my classmates are going to college after finishing school. I don’t know what to decide.” Write a letter (45-50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 2

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide if the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

ODD JOBS

1. Pet Food Taster
   One job most people would not even consider is tasting pet food for pet food companies to ensure quality. The first job requirement is to be able to eat dog food or cat food; the second is to be able to comment on its taste as a true ‘foodie’.

2. Chimney Sweep
   This old profession has existed since before the Victorian age and still exists today. It’s still a dirty job since it deals with removing soot and ashes from chimneys, but now it differs in terms of professionalism. In the old days, children were hired to do the dirtiest work since they were small enough to crawl into tight places. Today, chimney sweeps are professionally trained technicians who do more than clear your chimney of soot, they also repair the venting systems.

3. Odor Tester
   Not a job for the faint at heart, or stomach — but it’s for real and companies are always hiring people who can test the performance of new products such as deodorants or detergents. As an odor tester, you are an olfactory guinea pig. As long as the industry you are in can keep producing products for you to test, you will be work.

4. Mascot
   Let’s face it, wearing a heavy costume in the summer may not be that cool, but it’s a great gig earning an income by dressing up as a mascot for a college or professional sports team, or possibly a company. Sports mascots are high performance athletes in their own right. Their role is to bring the team and fans together and keep things upbeat. According to jobmonkey.com, a full-time sports team mascot can earn around $25,000, but if they are the best in the industry they can make a six figure income depending on how popular they are.

   1. Pet Food Taster’s job is to taste foods and feed the pets.
   2. The job of the chimney sweep hasn’t changed since times.
   3. The work of odor tester is harmful for health.
   4. People have sometimes make fools of themselves in the job of a mascot.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

A GREEN HOME

A green home is a type of house designed \((5)\) ________ environmentally friendly. It also focuses \((6)\) ________ the efficient use of ‘energy, water, and building materials’. Green homes have become \((7)\) ________ as green affordable housing emerges. Green affordable housing \((8)\) ________ the same aims as traditional green homes but focuses on affordability, inevitably reducing the environmental friendliness of the home. The idea of affordable green homes is a \((9)\) ________ topic with some critics saying that it is a fallacy and that green homes are \((10)\) ________ than traditional homes. A green home \((11)\) ________ generally less water, less electricity but focuses \((12)\) ________ on recycled objects, on the materials of the house and when in use.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “Do you have any advice for your fellow students who want to avoid getting colds and flu this winter?” Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 3
READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide if the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

WHO IS TOM HANKS?

EARLY LIFE AND CAREER

Actor Thomas Jeffrey Hanks was born on July 9, 1956, in Concord, California. His parents divorced when he was 5 years old, and he was raised, along with his older brother and sister, by his father, a chef named Amos. The family moved frequently, finally settling in Oakland, California, where Hanks attended high school.

After graduating in 1974, Hanks attended junior college in Hayward, California. He decided to pursue acting after reading and watching a performance of Eugene O’Neill’s The Iceman Cometh (1946), and transferred into the theater program at California State University in Sacramento.

In 1977, Hanks was recruited to take part in the summer session of the Great Lakes Shakespeare Festival in Lakewood Ohio. Over the next three years, Hanks spent his summers acting in various productions of Shakespeare’s plays and his winters working backstage at a community theater company in Sacramento. He won the Cleveland Critics Circle Award for Best Actor in 1978, for his portrayal of Proteus in The Two Gentlemen of Verona.

1. Tom Hanks became an actor because his father was an actor.
2. Tom has two siblings.
3. Tom first appeared on stage in Hayward, California.
4. Tom Hanks got his education in Britain.

USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THE INTERNET

The Internet, a network of computers (5) ____________ the entire planet, (6) ____________ people to access almost any information located anywhere in the world at any time. (7) ____________ effects
on business, communication, economy, entertainment and even politics (8) __________ profound. The Internet (9) __________ not have changed the world as (10) __________ as the plow, but it’s probably on par with the steam engine or automobile. The Internet is such a powerful invention that we’ve probably only (11) __________ to see the effects it will have on the world. Like any invention, the good or ill it accomplishes (12) __________ from how we choose to use it.

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**WRITING**

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “I’d like to go somewhere during the holidays, but I don’t know where to.” Write a letter (45-50 words) to your friend giving him/her some good advice.
The Maya are an indigenous people of Mexico and Central America who have continuously inhabited the lands comprising modern-day Yucatan. The designation Maya comes from the ancient Yucatan city of Mayapan, the last capital of a Mayan Kingdom in the Post-Classic Period. The Maya people refer to themselves by ethnicity and language bonds, such as Quiché in the south or K'iche in the north. The 'Mysterious Maya' have intrigued the world since their 'discovery' in the 1840s by John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood. Contrary to popular imagination, the Maya did not vanish and the descendants of the people who built the great cities of Chichen Itza, Bonampak, Uxmal and Altun Ha still exist on the same lands their ancestors did and continue to make, sometimes in a modified form, the same rituals which would be recognized by a native of the land a thousand years ago.

The height of the Maya Civilization in the Classic Period produced the incredible cultural advances for which they are well-known. The Maya believed destiny in the cyclical nature of life — nothing was ever 'born' and nothing ever 'died'. Their cosmological views, in turn, encouraged their imaginative efforts in architecture, mathematics, and astronomy. Beneath the earth was the dark realm of Xibalba (pronounced 'hee-Bal-ba' and translated as 'place of fear') from whence grew the great Tree of Life which came up through the earth and towered into the heavens, through thirteen levels, to reach the paradise of Tamoanchan ('place of the misty sky') where beautiful flowers bloomed. In Mayan belief, however, one did not die and go to a 'heaven' or a 'hell'. This journey began in the dark and treacherous underworld of Xibalba where the Xibalbans who lived there were more apt to trick and destroy a soul than help one.

A gave birth to the idea that the land was once populated by giants
B and the first indications of Shamanic religious practices date from this period
C and southward through Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador and Honduras
D but, rather, embarked on a journey toward Tamoanchan
E but, in reality, much of the culture is not that mysterious when understood
F and this belief inspired their view of the gods and the cosmos
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

FAMOUS FOOTBALLERS

Luis Alberto Suárez Díaz is an Uruguayan professional footballer who (5) ________ as a striker for Spanish club Barcelona and the Uruguay national team. Suárez began his career as a youth player for Nacional in 2003. At age 19, he moved to (6) ________ Netherland to play for Groningen, before (7) ________ to Ajax in 2007. He (8) ________ his first trophy in 2010, the KNVB Cup, finishing the season as the (9) ________ top scorer and was named Dutch Footballer of the Year. A year later, he scored his (10) ________ Ajax goal. In January 2011, Suárez transferred to Liverpool, and won the League Cup in his first full season at the club. In 2014, he (11) ________ the FWA Footballer of the Year as well as winning the Premier League Golden Boot, and sharing the European Golden Shoe with Cristiano Ronaldo before moving to Barcelona in a transfer worth €82.3 million, making him one of (12) ________ players in football history.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “My mother never allows me to do the shopping online.”
Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 5

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–F) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

COLOUR MEANINGS AND SYMBOLISM

Colours play a very important role in our lives, whether we realize it or not. They have the ability to affect our emotions and moods in a way that few other things can.

You will be surprised when you discover the influence colours have on your life.

How does a yellow room make your feel? Does the blue colour calm and relax you? Designers have already for a long time understood (1) ____________. Colour is a very powerful tool for communicating and can be used to indicate an action, affect the mood and cause reactions in people’s mind. Some colours can actually raise your blood pressure, increase metabolism and have even been known to cause eyestrain, (2) ____________.

Your own feelings about colours can of course also be very personal. Colour meanings may have something to do with your past, your experiences or your culture. For instance, while the colour white is often used in many Western countries to represent purity and innocence, (3) ____________.

How significant is the meaning of colours and why do they play such a big role in our lives? What impact do they have on our body and mind? Read on to explore colour meanings, how they are used, the effects they may have. (4) ____________.

A and how colour meaning can be used through advertising
B if you look at them long enough
C how colour can affect moods and emotions in a big way
D and some of the latest research on colour psychology
E what they do to our emotions
F it is seen as a symbol of mourning in many Eastern European countries
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THINGS YOU PROBABLY DON’T KNOW
ABOUT THE LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS

Many books and TV shows (5) _______ about the possible location of Atlantis. A quick Google search will show that some people say Santorini is Atlantis, while (6) _______ believe that the waters (7) _______ Bimini are hiding a road to the lost city. However, if we look at Plato’s text, it tells us where the submerged island once stood.

The text (8) _______ that Atlantis “came forth out of the Atlantic Ocean.” It goes (9) _______ to say that “there was an island situated in front of the straits which are by you, called the Pillars of Heracles.”

Today, we call these (10) _______ Straits of Gibraltar, where Spain and Africa (11) _______ by a narrow strip of sea. While not quite GPS coordinates, this narrow body island’s location down from a tourist trap in (12) _______ Bahamas.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “I want to get into shape, but I hate sports.”
Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 6

READING

TASK 1

Match the headings (A–E) to the paragraphs (1–4). There is one heading that you don’t need to use.

VOLUNTEERING ON YOUR GAP YEAR

Below are some frequently asked questions about gap year volunteer programs.

(1) _______________

Gap year volunteer programs are amazing travel experiences, where you will be expected to work hard for the duration of your placement. It’s the only way you can really help, so it’s important to make sure you’re prepared for that, and that you choose a volunteer program that matches your skills and interests to make sure you can see it through to the end.

(2) _______________

We appreciate it may seem strange to pay a fee for a place on a volunteering program. This money is usually used to cover expenses for having you on the placement, such as food, transport, and accommodation. It may also go towards other expenses such as equipment and paying local full-time staff.

(3) _______________

As a general rule, the longer the better. If you will be working with young children a good minimum amount of time is two to three months, allowing you to develop a real rapport with them and keep some consistency in their world. Conservation and wildlife programs offer the opportunity to make a difference in a shorter amount of time, as manual labour can sometimes be completed in a few days.

(4) _______________

Yes! While most volunteering placements will keep you busy, they will also give you the freedom to travel on your days off. Many volunteers will make friends in the course of their work, and go travelling around the host country together whenever possible. This is a great way to get a complete feel for your chosen destination. Working within a community gives you access to the best local knowledge, and some volunteer programs will even organize trips to top sights or other nearby communities.

A Do I need any qualifications to volunteer?
B Can I travel during gap year volunteer programs?
C How long should I volunteer for?
D Why do I have to pay a fee if I’m volunteering?
E How do I choose the right volunteer program?
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

HOW CAN I OVERCOME MY FAST FOOD ADDICTION?

You are not alone:

One out of four Americans (5) ______ fast food every day. Americans spend more than $100 billion on fast food every year. This amount of money is enough to stop world hunger for many years. McDonald’s feeds (6) ______ 45 million people around the world every day, which is more than (7) ______ population of Spain.

Try replacing the bad foods with goods ones, (8) ______ changing bad habits, in time you will crave the sweetness of the apple or the banana, steamed veggies, home (9) ______ legumes etc.

The foods that you love, you prepare, will give you what you need for healthy mind and body. Just try it, give (10) ______ a chance, walk, move around, as (11) ______ as you can, every day, you are in control, if you mess (12) ______, get back up.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “I always feel hungry as soon as I get to school”.

Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 7

READING

TASK 1

Match the headings (A–E) to the paragraphs (1–4). There are two headings that you don’t need to use.

BASIC ONLINE SAFETY AND SECURITY TIPS

(1) ____________
Keep all software on internet-connected devices — including PCs, smartphones and tablets — up to date to reduce risk of infection from malware.

(2) ____________
Fortify your online accounts by using security keys or a unique one-time code through an app on your mobile device. Your usernames and passwords are not enough to protect your accounts like email, banking and social media.

(3) ____________
A strong password is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (for example, “I love country music.”). On many sites, you can even use spaces.

(4) ____________
Having separate passwords for every account helps to avoid cybercriminals. At a minimum, separate your work and personal accounts and make sure that your critical accounts have the strongest passwords.

A Look down your login
B Keep a clean machine
C Don’t be disappointed
D Unique account, unique password
E Make your password a sentence
F Don’t be disappointed
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THE RÉUNION ISLAND

Réunion is (5) ______________ island and region of France in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar and 175 km southwest of Mauritius. As of January 2018, it (6) ______________ a population of 865,826. It is the (7) ______________ island in the Indian Ocean.

The island (8) ______________ since the 17th century, when people from France and Madagascar settled there. Slavery (9) ______________ on 20 December 1848 (a date celebrated yearly on the island), after which indentured workers (10) ______________ from Tamil Nadu and Southern India, among other places. The island (11) ______________ an overseas department of France in 1946.

As in France, the official language is French. In addition, the majority of the (12) ______________ population speaks Réunion Creole.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “My head hurts when I play computer games.”

Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 8
READING
TASK 1

Read the texts below Match choices (A–D) to (1–4).

FOODS IN SOUTH AFRICA YOU HAVE TO TRY

1. Chakalaka and pap
   The name sounds exotic, but for locals this dish is a weekly staple. The chakalaka is a mix of cold veggies — like peppers, carrots, onions, tomatoes and beans — mixed in with some spice. You then use the pap, a maize and salt mixture, to scoop it up and eat it.

2. Boerewors
   Boerewors are traditional South African sausages full of taste and sizzle. A little like a Cumberland, they may not be the most exotic, but they’re made of the best local beef and, cooked on a smoking hot grill, absolutely essential when you’re travelling on through.

3. Bunny Chow
   Don’t worry, Thumper is safe. No actual bunnies are harmed during the making of this curry. Originating from Durban, this dish is usually made with chicken, mince or lamb. Too good for a mere bowl, South Africans serve it up in a crusty half loaf of bread hollowed out then filled to the brim. Extremely cheap and totally filling, it is good to take on a trip. You can find all the best ones in Durban, in places like Cane Cutter’s and Impulse by the Sea.

4. Koeksisters
   Sweeten things up with South Africa’s answer to the donut. A koeksister is fried dough dipped in honey and braided into a long strip. You’ll find the best of these in Cape Malay, where the sweet treat originated from.

Which dish is it?
A It is similar to a sweet roll.
B It is the perfect backpacker meal.
C This dish is a mix of vegetables and sauce.
D This one is for the meat lovers.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

HOW MUCH DAMAGE COULD AN ERUPTION CAUSE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS?

The last time the volcano (5) _________ was in 1971. But La Palma (6) _________ to be the most active island in the archipelago. The tremors in October sparked panic among (7) _________ 86,000 residents, with volcano experts labelling the tremor activity as ‘a seismic swarm’. Experts have warned if the huge volcano erupts, it (8) _________ into the sea — sparking a tsunami tidal wave that would engulf Spain, Britain and the east coast of the US. But geologist Professor Iain Stewart said people in Britain should not be living in fear of a devastating mega tsunami (9) _________ towards our coast. He said: “I’m not going to say it’s rubbish — but it (10) _________ since the beginning of civilization. The short answer is that it (11) _________ in the last 10,000 years. At the moment, there is definitely nothing (12) _________ about”.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “I can't stop eating burgers and chocolates.”
Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 9

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide if the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

SWIMMING IN ICELAND

Come rain or shine, one thing you can always trust the Icelanders to do is to go swimming all year around. The weather has to be exceptionally evil to stop Icelanders taking a dip in their local pool. However, there is one little detail to have in mind, if there is a hail storm, you might want to reconsider taking the pool for it hurts, really does... but they never last for long so just wait it out and you will be fine.

When you drive around Iceland you will see there are swimming pools everywhere. We will go as far as to say there isn’t a village in Iceland that does not have a swimming pool.

So when you pack your bags for your Icelandic vacation, make sure you bring your swimsuit, towel, shampoo and if you want to swim a few laps, goggles are nice to have. Does everybody go to the pool to swim laps? No, they don’t, the pool culture is different here. People come here to hang out, socialize, sit in the hot tubs, use the steam baths or just to meet friends and family. It is fascinating to lie in a hot tub and watch the Northern lights dancing among the stars.

So do you just put on your swimwear and jump in? Absolutely not. Icelanders have a very strict code of conduct and etiquette in their swimming pools. If you try to enter the shower area wearing your swimwear, you will get evil looks from other guests and someone from the staff will scold you like a little baby!

The temperatures in the pools are usually around 38C/82F and the hot tubs vary from 38C/100F to 45C/113F. The hotter ones you should enter very dare if you are not used to them.

Kids under the age of 10 are not allowed to be unsupervised and you are not allowed to bring diving gear or flotation aids without permission from a pool attendant. Shampoo is not necessary to bring along. The floating soap they have is made for hair use.

1. Icelanders go swimming every day.
2. People in Iceland are usually getting around in the pools and hot tubs.
3. You need to be naked in the shower area.
4. All children should be with adults in the pool.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THE INVENTION OF THE WHEEL

The wheel is an invention so ancient that we have no way of (5) _______ who first developed it. (6) _______ wheel and axle mechanism we (7) _______ was near Ljubljana, Slovenia, and dates to roughly 3100 B.C. The wheel made the transportation of goods (8) _______ harder and more efficient, especially when affixed to horse-drawn chariots and carts. However, if it (9) _______ only for transportation, the wheel wouldn’t have been as much of a world-changer as it was. In fact, a lack of quality roads (10) _______ its usefulness for thousands of years.

A huge amount of modern technology still (11) _______ the wheel, like centrifuges used in chemistry and medical research, electric motors and combustion engines, jet engines, power plants and countless (12) _______.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: "I want to take up a hobby that will help me to get fit."

Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 10
READING
TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–F) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

MOUNT EVEREST

Mount Everest isn’t actually the tallest mountain — Ecuador’s Chimborazo beats it.

Everest isn’t even the highest mountain, either, because Hawaii’s Mauna Kea stretches a lot higher — it just does a lot of that under the sea.

All of those that have bravely climbed Mount Everest might have done so in vain — (1).

The Himalayan mountain is actually beaten by Chimborazo, in Ecuador. But Everest still wins on the traditional metrics: it’s nearly 9,000 m above sea level, thousands more than any of its closest rivals.

Everest only wins when measured from sea level. But if instead you measure it from the centre of the Earth, Chimborazo wins easily — (2).

A recent climb up the mountain by brothers from the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement in France found (3).

Mount Everest doesn’t even really get to be the highest mountain on some other measures. Hawaii’s Mauna Kea is a lot bigger from top to bottom — but since it’s bottom and much of the rest of the mountain is under the sea, (4).

Everest’s fame and hierarchy really comes from the fact that it is the highest climb — and so the hardest one, too.

A as opposed to the two months of work that must be done to reach the summit of Everest
B it isn’t able to match Everest’s record-breaking height when measured in relation to sea level
C they weren’t climbing the world’s highest mountain after all, according to scientists
D that it was actually 15ft shorter than previously thought, reports The New York Times
E and Everest wouldn’t even get into the top 20 mountains
F as opposite to the two months of work that must be done to reach the summit of Everest
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

STEAM ENGINE

If the steam engine mobilized industry, the automobile mobilized people. While ideas for personal vehicles (5) ___________ around for years, Karl Benz's 1885 Motorwagen, (6) ___________ by an engine of his own design, is widely considered the first automobile. (7) ___________ improvements in the production process brought the price and the desire for owning an auto into the reach of (8) ___________ Americans. Europe soon followed. The automobile's effect on commerce, society and culture is hard (9) ___________. Most of us can jump in our car and go whenever we want, whenever we want, effectively (10) ___________ the size of any community to the distance we're willing to drive to shop or visit friends. Our cities are (11) ___________ designed and built around automobile access and a big chunk of our (12) ___________ budgets.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend's letter: "I am always anxious before my testing in English". Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 11

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–E) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

RULES TO FOLLOW IN THE SWIMMING POOL

So how to proceed then?

1. When you have arrived to the pool of your choice, you need to pay an entrance fee. If you are in Reykjavik and plan to use the swimming pools more than once, you might want to buy a card (10 visits). Depending where you are, you will get a wrist band, a key or some form of a digital key.

2. Before you enter the locker area, you take off your shoes (1).

3. Undress fully and bring your towel, swimwear, shampoo and your goggles if you have them.

4. You shower and wash (there are free, floating soap in all shower areas) your whole body. Don’t worry, there are signs everywhere to show you where to clean.

5. When you are done showering, you put on your swimwear (2).

6. If you are planning to swim a few laps, there are ‘traffic’ rules in the lanes. You always keep to the right in the lanes, (3).

7. After you are done enjoying the pools, the hot tubs, the outdoors showers, you get your towel and dry off in the shower area. It is considered rude to enter the locker area all wet (4).

8. Leave the area holding your shoes until you have left the locker area.

A and leave your towel and shampoo on the designated area and enter the pool area.
B for those who are very shy, there are places with curtains you can shower behind.
C so the oncoming swimmers can pass you, just like on the roads.
D either store them outside the lockers or carry them to your locker.
E and you never place your wet swimsuits on the benches.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

WHAT IS THE MOST POWERFUL EARTHQUAKE EVER RECORDED?

The most powerful earthquake ever recorded (5) ____________ on May 22, 1960, near Valdivia, Chile in South America. It is referred (6) ____________ as either the Valdivia Earthquake or the Great Chilean Earthquake. On this day, the shaking began at 3:11 PM local time and lasted (8) ____________ approximately 10 minutes, (8) ____________ between a 9.4 and a 9.6 on the Moment Magnitude scale. Now scientists (9) ____________ that this earthquake was so powerful that it represented 25% of all seismic activity around the world (10) ____________ 1906 and 2005.

Just before and slightly after the Valdivia earthquake, Chile experienced (11) ____________ of earthquakes that are now referred to as the sequence of earthquakes. These disasters began just one day before the Valdivia earthquake in the town of Concepcion and lasted (12) ____________ June 6th of the same year.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “My brothers are always annoyed because they cannot finish doing their home task in time.” Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 12

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–E) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

PEOPLE YOU WILL MEET AT THE AIRPORT

On my first international flight, I was 4 hours early before the departure time. As I was waiting for the golden gate to open, I tried my best to entertain myself. Trying to catch free Wi-Fi connection, read a book, checked 50 times if I were at the right gate and non-stop looking at the board if everything is all right. And here's my fabulous list of different type of people you meet at the Philippine Airport:

1. ____________
   
   How can you detect them: They are the ones who look nervous. The people who have all their liquids in their cabin luggage, and need to throw it because that stuff belongs to you, check in baggage. They might be the reason of long quest at the security check, because they are wearing suits and have all kinds of things you can’t bring, or they simply don’t know the process.

2. ____________
   
   How can you detect them: The Mr-talking-so-loud-on-their-telephone are people who think they can also cut the line so they can get on the plane once the gate opened. They normally wear formal clothes, own small black trolleys, sit with their laptops and won’t smile at you.

3. ____________
   
   How can you detect them: Everything is easy and smooth in their travel. They know what to do at security quest, what not to put in your cabin luggage. Never had the problem with excessive baggage weight and didn’t have a problem sleeping at 10 hours flight. (I wish I can ask them the tricks).

4. ____________
   
   How can you detect them: I must say they are the most excited. They will be away from home, they are flying without their parents who says NO to everything. They loved that! The ones who have a bag of McDonald’s, earphones plugged in and won’t take off their eyes from their gadgets. They are always occupying the seat close to the power plugs. They can be also overdressed and are wearing loads of makeup.

A The Lovebirds
B The Business Executives
C The First-timers
D The Teenagers
E The Expert Travellers
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

CANNOLI

Cannoli are Italian pastries of the Sicily region. Cannoli originated in Sicily and are a staple of Sicilian cuisine. They are also popular in Italian-American cuisine. In Italy, they are commonly (5) ___________ as Sicilian cannoli.

Cannoli (6) ___________ of tube-shaped shells of fried pastry dough, (7) ___________ with a sweet, creamy filling usually containing ricotta. They range in size from ‘cannoli da tavola’, (8) ___________ bigger than a finger to the fist-sized proportions. Cannoli come (9) ___________ from the Palermo and Messina areas and were (10) ___________ prepared as a treat during carnival season.

Some similar desserts in Middle Eastern tradition include (11) ___________, which were a popular pastry across the Islamic world. The dish and the name may (12) ___________ from the Muslim Emirate of Sicily.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend's letter: “I find really hard to get out of bed every morning”.
Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 13

TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–F) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

10 WAYS TO STOP EATING FAST FOOD

- See your doctor and get a physical and blood work done. (Make sure you are not deficient in anything that would manifest in harmful cravings.)
- (1) ___________. Most people who eat fast food do not bring food with them, pack some food so you don’t drive through.
- Increase the quality of your salt to one that has minerals.
- (2) ___________. Not soda.
- Plan your meals. Learn to plan your meals and shopping. I teach this to many clients. It saves you time and money and you will eat more healthfully.
- (3) ___________. You can use Vegetarian Restaurants, Vegan Restaurant, Natural Health Food Stores Guide by Happy Cow to find restaurants and stores with better choices in your area.
- Bring snacks with you no matter what. You might get stuck in traffic or delayed.
- (4) ___________. Don’t be hungry!
- Are you eating junk food alone or with others? Find people either drive through alone in the dark or they meet in the day with friends. Meet other healthier eaters in your area you can join.
- Are you getting enough sleep?
  Here are my first tips, they are a great start for you.
  Let me know if I can help!

A. Fast stop thinking that there are foods that are your enemy
B. Find better places to eat
C. Pack a lunch
D. Eat an apple or veggie snack before you leave the house
E. Drink your water
F. Read books to understand the problem of fast food and packaged foods
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

THE BLACK RHINO

Since 1996, the black rhino (5) _______________ as an endangered species due to the fact that they are one of (6) _______________ animals to poachers who kill them and then sell their horns. Despite the fact that many organizations and charities (7) _______________ hard to turn things around for the black rhino and protect (8) _______________ while increasing their populations it (9) _______________ a lot of money and work if the population of black rhinos is even to rise by a fraction nowadays. There are only about 5,000 black rhinos (10) _______________ and although this number is small in 1992, there (11) _______________ under 2,500 left after a huge poaching epidemic. The rhino is one of the oldest groups of mammals and they are vital for (12) _______________ land for conservation.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “I have to make a presentation at school, but I am very nervous about it.” Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
TEST 14

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide if the given statements are true (T) or false (F).

SLOTH SANCTUARY OF COSTA RICA

Founded in 1992, the Sloth Sanctuary of Costa Rica is the world's first sloth rescue center. Made internationally famous in the Animal Planet™ “Meet the Sloths” series, the center cares for injured, orphaned and abandoned sloths. Tours are offered to educate the public about these enigmatic creatures and how their main predator — man — affects the future of the species.

The two types of Costa Rican sloths are Bradypus variegatus (Three-fingered) and Choloepus hoffmanni (Two-fingered). Both have three toes and three fingers that distinguish them. Bradypus and Choloepus are actually two entirely separate slow-moving, tree-dwelling, leaf-eating mammals. Their extreme slowness is due to their unique metabolism and physical adaptations for survival in the rainforest.

Scientists at the Sloth sanctuary revealed that sloths experience tachycardia when held by unfamiliar handlers; this can cause premature death. Sloths are also vulnerable to illness when exposed to outside microbes and allergens. This is why tour guests are only to see rescued sloths up close but without touching or holding them. Tours include a canoe ride to see the sloths' natural rainforest habitat. Human intrusion into this habitat is the single most avoidable threat to the future of the species.

1. Sloth Sanctuary of Costa Rica is the only sanctuary in the world.
2. The place was popularized by TV.
3. The sloths are distinguished by the colour and size.
4. Tourists aren't allowed to come close to the sloths.
USE OF ENGLISH
TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

VOLUNTEERING ABROAD

Volunteering abroad on your gap year is an ideal way to make (5) ____________ of your time away, to travel and see the world while also giving something back. Many gap year travellers cite the time they spent on their gap year volunteering abroad (6) ____________ the best and most rewarding part of their travels. Gap year volunteering is an opportunity (7) ____________ into a local community and help those in need.

There are (8) ____________ of gap year volunteer programs out there to (9) ____________ your skills and interests. You can do (10) ____________ from teaching English as a foreign language in developing communities, to rehabilitating injured orangutans in Borneo, to helping conservation work in vital ecosystems in Costa Rica. (11) ____________ you choose, volunteering gives you the chance to (12) ____________ a difference to the world, live somewhere incredible overseas, make new friends and memories, and come home with invaluable experience for your CV.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “It’s my best friend’s birthday on Sunday. I’d like to buy something special for her, but I don’t know what.” Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
Leonardo da Vinci (15 April 1452 — 2 May 1519) was an Italian man who lived in the time of the Renaissance. He is famous for his paintings, but he was also a sculptor, architect, botanist, musician, and a writer. Leonardo wanted to know everything about nature. He wanted to know how everything worked. He was very good at studying design and making all sorts of interesting things.

Many people think that Leonardo was one of the greatest painters of all time. Other people think that he was the most talented person ever to have lived. The art historian Helene Guattari said that no one has ever been quite like him because he was interested in so many things that he seems to have had the mind of a giant, and yet what he was like as a person is still a mystery.

Leonardo was born at Vinci which is a small town near Florence, Italy. He was trained to be an artist by the sculptor and painter Verrocchio. He spent most of his life working for rich Italian noblemen. In his last years, he lived in a beautiful home given to him by the King of France.

Two of his pictures are among the best-known paintings in the world: the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. He did many drawings. The best-known drawing is Vitruvian Man. Leonardo was often thinking of new inventions. He kept notebooks with notes and drawings of these ideas. Most of his inventions were never made. Some of his ideas were a helicopter, a tank, a calculator, a parachute, a robot, a telephone, evolution, and solar power.

1. Leonardo da Vinci was a many-sided person.
2. Leonardo da Vinci was a unique person.
3. Leonardo da Vinci was trained to be a painter in the family.
4. Leonardo didn’t complete all of his inventions.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

GELATO

Gelato is ice cream in the Italian style. Gelato is simply the Italian word for ice cream, but in English, it has come to mean specifically Italian or Italian-style ice cream.

Gelato is made with a base of milk, cream, and sugar, and flavored with fruit and nut purees and other flavorings. It is generally in fat than other styles of ice cream. Gelato typically less air and more flavoring than kinds of frozen desserts, giving it a density and richness that distinguishes it other ice creams.

In Italy, law, gelato must have at least 3.5% butterfat. In the United States, there is no legal standard definition for gelato as there is for ice cream, which must contain at least 10% butterfat.

Gelato can in any way that ice cream is, a cup, cone, sandwich, cake, pie, or on a stick.

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WRITING

This is a line from your friend’s letter: “My teacher says, we should learn many new words while preparing for the testing. What is the better way to this?” Write a letter (45–50 words) to your friend giving him / her some good advice.
OREGON BIKEING

Oregon is a land of bicycling bliss. Whether you’re looking for mountain biking single-track, quiet curvy pavement for road biking (1) ____________, we’ve got plenty of options for two-wheeled exploring.

**Mountain Biking**

Tacky single-track, big drops and flowy cross-country trails are all on the menu for Oregon’s mountain bikers. Bend’s Deschutes River Trail and Phil’s Trail offer rolling, nontechnical riding for all ability levels. The epic McKenzie River Trail is one for the bucket list, and Blackrock’s mountain bike trails are a downhill rider’s dream.

**Road Cycling**

Oregon is home (2) ____________ in the country. These routes (12 and counting) offer the ultimate tours through the most scenic natural beauty the state has to offer. Ride the first route — Willamette Valley Scenic Bikeway — through farms, vineyards, and charming small towns. Sisters to Smith Rock Scenic Bikeway leads from the sunny forests (3) ____________ of tuff and basalt. The newest bikeway, (4) ____________, begins just 30 miles southeast of Portland.

A to the first official state Scenic Bikeways
B as the way to enjoy life
C for trainers and biking lovers
D the Cascading Rivers Scenic Bikeway
E to the high-desert beauty of Smith Rock’s sheer cliffs
F or remote gravel grinds
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

DRINKING LEMONADE

Lemonade! Cool and refreshing, this sweet drink is one of (5) ____________ beverages to enjoy during the summertime. While the first (6) ____________ evidence of lemonade can be found in medieval Egypt, it is believed that Indian natives first (7) ____________ drinking a form of lemonade called ‘nimbu pani,’ or ‘lemon water’ prior to the entrance of lemonade in Egypt and (8) ____________ countries. Lemonade recipes began appearing in the U.S. during the 17th century with the early (9) ____________ of European immigrants.

There are (10) ____________ different variations of lemonade including raspberry lemonade, sparkling lemonade, frozen lemonade, ginger lemonade, and pink lemonade. It is rumored that pink lemonade (11) ____________ by a circus performer named Henry E. Allott. During a show, Allott accidentally dropped cinnamon candies into a container of lemonade, giving the drink a subtle pink hue. Instead of (12) ____________ of the lemonade, Allott marketed the drink as ‘pink lemonade’ and sold it to eager spectators.

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WRITING

You had a birthday party last week but your friend couldn’t come to it. Write a letter to your friend about your birthday party. Mention:
• when and where the party was;
• what you did at the party;
• what presents you got and how you felt.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 17

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the statements (1–4).

A GENERATION OF COUCH POTATOES

Lots of teenagers have posters of their sports hero on their bedroom wall. But do they follow the healthy examples set by these athletes? British parents are worried that young people are not as fit and healthy as in the past. Why is this? According to the British Heart Foundation, 15 to 15 year olds are spending too much time doing sedentary activities such as watching TV or playing computer games. A special report describes a generation of couch potatoes, young people sitting around at home, growing fat in their bedrooms, travelling by car and in serious danger of heart disease as they get older. Is this their fault? Are young people lazy? Many parents don’t allow their children to play outside or walk to school by themselves.

“I ring my Dad on my mobile and he picks me up from the station. It’s 10 minutes’ walk from home but he thinks it is dangerous,” says 14 year old Carlee. Some teenagers blame their overprotective parents for making them unfit. It is certainly becoming more difficult to encourage young people to have an active life and protect their hearts. In recent years schools have spent less time on sports. “My Mum did lots of hockey and netball at school but I didn’t have time for that this year because we had so many exams to prepare,” says Ben, 16.

1. According to the text, ...
   A British teenagers are as healthy as they used to be.
   B teenagers in Britain do much sports nowadays.
   C young people in Britain used to be healthier.

2. 13-15-year-olds are doing everything. EXCEPT ... .
   A sitting at home and watching TV.
   B travelling by transport.
   C walking to school themselves.

3. According to teenagers’ views ... are responsible for the sedentary lifestyle.
   A teachers.
   B school.
   C parents.

4. We can infer from the text that ...
   A the number of tests at school has increased.
   B parents had more exams than their children.
   C schools spend more time on sports than on exams.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

COOKING LAMB

People first started (5) ________ lamb over 10,000 years ago. It first started (6) ________ the Middle Ages when farmers realized that sheep (7) ________ the most useful livestock to raise. They (8) ________ wool for items of clothing, milk for dairy products, and (9) ________ delicious source of meat.

You can cook lamb a variety of different ways, but roasting is one of (10) ________ methods. This dish (11) ________ beautifully with seasonings like rosemary, oregano, thyme, or lemon zest. For something extra special, make a stuffed leg of lamb or prepare a succulent sauce (12) ________ on top!

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WRITING

You have just spent the weekend with your English friend Jack. Write a card to send to Jack. In your card, you should:

• thank him for the weekend;
• say what you enjoyed most;
• invite him to stay with you.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 18

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide whether the statements (1-4) are true (T) or false (F).

'DOWN UNDER' COUNTRIES

Australia and New Zealand are a very long way from anywhere, but that does not stop people from wanting to go there. To the Aborigines and Maori, these two countries were new homes that they could make their own. To the British, they were a place to put prisoners, and a land that could grow food for the hungry people of Britain. And today people go there from Asia, Europe, and almost every country in the world, to live there or just to visit.

And the most unusual things are waiting there. Earth as big as the country of England, and the steepest street in the world — it is hard to walk up it, and even harder to walk down! The biggest rock in the world, and a city where everyone has a holiday once a year — for a horse race. A miniature with three eyes, and eleven men who do not play rugby until they have done a very frightening dance. If you are ready for surprises, come and see what life is like 'down under'.

1. More and more people are visiting the 'down under' countries.
2. There were many prisons in the Aborigines and Maori in the past.
3. There are many easy-to-walk trails in these countries.
4. Those who like extraordinary things will enjoy their visit to Australia and New Zealand.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Coca-Cola is (5) __________ nonalcoholic beverage company in the world, and the classic Coke beverage we all know and love (6) __________ in more than 200 countries. In fact, more than 18 billion glasses of Coke (7) __________ every day! Coca-Cola (8) __________ also the coca leaves that originally provided its flavor. The original Coca-Cola recipe (9) __________ 10 mg of cocaine per glass. In 1903 Coca-Cola began using a non-narcotic coca leaf extract to provide (10) __________ distinctive flavor.

John Pemberton invented Coca-Cola in the late 1800s and it was originally intended as a medicinal syrup (11) __________ fatigue and headaches. The beverage was still largely unknown when he died in 1888. After buying the secret recipe for $2,300, Asa Candler (12) __________ the Coca-Cola Company and turned it into a household name.

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WRITING

You would like to order some food from a nearby restaurant for your birthday.
Write a letter (45–50 words) to the restaurant:
• ask if they cook the dishes you want;
• whether they will be able to deliver them;
• ask what the prices are and when your birthday party will take place.
TEST 19

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose from (A–F) the one which best fits each space (1–4).

MAYDAY CELEBRATION

Mayday originated as a pagan festive holy day celebrating the first spring planting. The ancient Celts and Saxons celebrated May 1st as Beltane, (1) _________________. Bel was the Celtic god of the sun. The Saxons began their Mayday celebrations on the eve of May, April 30. It was an evening of games and feasting celebrating the end of winter and the return of the sun and fertility of the land. Torch bearing peasants and villagers would wind their way up paths to the top of hills or mountains and then ignite wooden wheels, (2) _________________.

The May eve celebrations were eventually outlawed by the Christian Church, but were still celebrated by peasants until the late 1700’s. Massed good church going folk would shy away (3) ________________, those less afraid of papal authority would don animal masks and various costumes. The revellers, lead by the Goddess of the Hunt, Diana (sometimes played by a priest-priest in women’s clothing), and the Horned God, Herne, would revel up the hill (4) ________________. This night became known in Europe as Walpurgisnacht, or night of the witches.

A that were organized
B which means the day of fire
C shouting, chanting, singing, and blowing hunting horns
D which they would roll down into the fields below
E interesting for everyone who likes food
F from joining in the celebrations
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Butterscotch brownies, also (5) ________ as ‘blondies,’ are delicious baked goodies that date back to the 19th century. Recipes for (6) ________ soft, chewy bars most likely evolved from Medieval gingerbread cake recipes. In fact, butterscotch brownies (7) ________ around for almost a hundred years before chocolate brownies (8) ________ popular.

(9) ________ butterscotch brownies, you need flour, baking powder, salt, butter, brown sugar, vanilla extract, eggs, and butterscotch. Popular add-in ingredients (10) ________ walnuts, pecans, butterscotch pieces, chocolate chips, Nutella, banana, or cranberries. You (11) ________ also choose to add a topping like chocolate Irish cream frosting or (12) ________ caramel. Yum!

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WRITING

You’ve just bought something new for your living room. Write a letter to your friend Olesia. In your letter, you should:

• describe what you have bought;
• explain why you needed it;
• say where you’re going to put it.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 20

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to answer the questions (1–4).

MAYPOLE DANCING

Nothing beckons summer forth more effectively than dancing around a pole adorned with long, coloured ribbons. The British May Day tradition of dancing around a maypole is around 600 years old and the activity often brings communities together.

Dancing around a maypole involves a group of people taking a coloured ribbon attached to it and weaving around each other, often to music. Traditionally the dancers position themselves in pairs of boys and girls before beginning their routine. The dance creates a multi-coloured pattern which creeps steadily down the pole. The dancers then reverse their steps to undo the ribbon. This is said to represent the lengthening of the days as summer approaches, but the significance of the pole itself is not really known. Some communities have a permanent maypole up all year round on village greens and in squares.

At Offenham in Worcestershire, a very complex dance routine around the pole is performed on May Day every year. The first recorded instance of a maypole dance came during the 14th century in Llandidloes, central Wales, and the tradition is thought to have come from Wales and Scotland before spreading around the country. Due to the ever-changing religious doctrines of the kings and queens of England over the centuries, the maypole was seen as an anti-roman symbol for a time, up to the end of the 19th century. The tallest maypoles in the country are at Nun Monkton, North Yorkshire (88 ft), Barwick-in-Elmet, West Yorkshire (86 ft) and Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire (65 ft).

1. What does dancing around a maypole on 1 May celebrate?
   A a group of villagers
   B a crowd of people gathered in front of a tree
   C a dance group performing a specific dance

2. What does a maypole dance represent?
   A the welcoming of the villagers’ fields
   B the welcoming of the longer summer days
   C the meeting of birds

3. Where is the tradition originated from?
   A Scotland and England
   B Wales and Scotland
   C England and Wales

4. What is true according to the text?
   A all poles can be seen all the year round
   B the poles are usually more than 90 ft high
   C maypole dance is an annual tradition
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

The tradition of spring-cleaning (5) _______________ to the days when people relied on fire to light and heat their homes through the winter. After months of (6) _______________ shut up with no fresh air, everything in the house would be covered (7) _______________ soot and ash. Spring-cleaning traditionally took place on the (8) _______________ warm day of the season. The entire family (9) _______________ their sleeves and move all the furniture and linens outdoors. They would then clean the house from top to bottom, scrubbing down the walls, beating the dirt out of the carpets, and dusting everything in sight.

Begin your spring-cleaning by (10) _______________ things away in their proper places and creating piles for trash and donations. Once you’ve decluttered it will become much (11) _______________ to do the actual vacuuming, dusting, and scrubbing. When you’re done with your project, remember to reward yourself for all your hard work!

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WRITING

You are going to be absent from your English class next week. Write a note to your English teacher. In your note, you should:

- explain why you are going to be absent;
- apologise to your teacher;
- ask your teacher for information about next week’s work.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 21

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide whether the statements (1-4) are true (T) or false (F).

OPEN-AIR THEATRE

In Britain, the ancient tradition of open-air performances is still alive and well. Cornwall has some of Britain’s oldest working theatres, with one open-air theatre actually built into a cliff as a project only recently completed.

Two actors, Dave James and Muriel Thomas, came from London to join a theatre company called Coastline. They now regularly perform in just such a theatre, by the sea. ‘One thing about performing outside is we never know what’ll happen. For example, if a bird lands on stage, we can’t act as if it’s not there — the audience are all watching it! So we just bring the birds into the play, too. Once, about 30 dolphins came past, jumping out of the water and showing off. The audience were all chatting about them instead of watching the play, so the actors just gave up for a while and watched the dolphins, too’.

The weather can also be difficult. ‘Sometimes it’s been so bad’, says Muriel, ‘that we’ve asked the audience if they really want to stay. But usually they strip off their coats and umbrellas and say, “Yes, please carry on!” They must feel it isn’t much fun, but no one’s returned their ticket so far!’ Coastline’s director, John Barnack, works hard to introduce people to theatre. ‘Many people think of theatres as clubs where they don’t belong and are not welcome’, he explains. ‘Sitting in the open air changes that feeling. The audience are far more involved — they aren’t sitting in the dark, at a distance like in normal theatres, and that improves the actors’ performances, too. I’m very proud of the work they’ve done so far’.

1. You can always enjoy an open-air performance in London.
2. Birds and dolphins participate in all performances.
3. The weather influences the show.
4. To work in an open-air theatre is more difficult than in an ordinary theatre.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

MINIATURE GOLF

Did you know that miniature golf (5) _______ around since the 1800s? During this time, it (6) _______ to be unladylike to swing a golf club above one's shoulder level. So in 1867, the Ladies' Putting Club of St. Andrews (8) _______ a scaled-down version that allowed women to join in the fun without (9) _______. Scandal!

During the early 20th century, miniature golf courses gained popularity (10) _______ America. They typically were only available at hotels or pricey private resorts, and were not directly accessible to the general public. Then in 1916, a North Carolina man (11) _______ James Barbar opened the first classic miniature golf course, dubbed “Tin City Dink.” By the early 1920s, the game of mini golf (12) _______ to become a popular pastime across America.

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WRITING

You recently did a homework project about life in Britain, and your penfriend Julia helped you by sending some information.

Write a letter to Julia. In your letter, you should:

• thank her for her help;
• explain which information was most useful to you;
• say what your teacher thought about your project.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 22

READING

TASK 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (1-4) to (A–C).

A  RED HOUSE
Travel back to the time of the novelist Charlotte Bronte and find out about her friends and local connections. Discover the comforts and discomforts of the 1830s country home where Charlotte sometimes stayed as a guest of Joshua Taylor’s family and got ideas for her novel Shirley.

B  CASTLE MUSEUM
The castle was built looking down on the valley of the River Dean. It is now a museum, where you can learn how the valley has changed over millions of years. There is a collection of interesting rocks and fossils found in the area, and pictures showing how the valley probably looked in prehistoric times.

C  HORSEPOWER MUSEUM
This museum reminds us just how important horses were to life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It has a permanent exhibition of the trains and buses, which used to be pulled through the streets by horses. The staff here are very knowledgeable and give daily lectures on this fascinating collection.

Which of the museums ...

1. has a collection of old vehicles
2. is a large old thick-walled building overlooking the river
3. was visited by famous people
4. organizes talks to a group of people about its objects
World Party Day (or P-Day) is a global celebration that (5) ___________ to make the world a better place. The motto for this holiday is “Party is the opposite of war.” The idea behind it is that we can only create a (6) ___________ reality by (7) ___________ positive action and celebrating life (instead of (8) ___________ promoting peace).

The (9) ___________ World Party Day (known as World Party I) took place (10) ___________ April 3, 1996. The novel Flight by Vanna Bonta (11) ___________ the event. The story ends with a countdown to a mass celebration (12) ___________ all of humanity is united. Readers took the idea and organized a real worldwide party!

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WRITING

You have just bought some new clothes. Write a letter to your friend, Anita. In your letter, you should:

- tell Anita what clothes you have bought;
- say where you bought the clothes from;
- explain why you needed to buy these clothes.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 23

TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to answer the questions (1–4).

A reef is a big group of rocks on the ocean floor, but did you know that a coral reef is actually alive and covered with very small animals called corals? These animals glue their tiny skeletons to rocks, so they end up staying in the same place their entire lives!

Coral reefs are very sensitive to light and temperature. If the water they live in gets too hot, they might not survive. They also don’t like it when the ocean has too much pollution. Sometimes, storms can even upset coral depending on how often they happen and how severe they are. If coral reefs are under too much stress, like in these conditions, they can eject the algae living on them and turn completely white. This is known as coral bleaching. This does not necessarily mean the coral is dead — corals can survive bleaching! They do become more vulnerable to death however, especially if the stress continues for a long period of time.

NASA recently developed some very sensitive instruments to study coral reefs from an airplane flying above the ocean. The Coral Reef Airborne Laboratory (CORAL) uses an instrument named the Portable Remote Imaging Spectrometer (PRISM) to see the condition of reefs. Scientists now be able to monitor these reefs and their health. They will be able to measure the amounts of coral, algae, and sand on the ocean floor!

1. What is the best description of the coral reef?
   A a soft natural structure under the sea that is formed from coral
   B a hard natural structure under the river that is formed from coral
   C a colourful natural structure under the lake that is formed from animals

2. What kind of water is the most suitable for coral reefs?
   A hot
   B cold
   C warm

3. What is coral bleaching?
   A loss of colour in corals
   B pollution of corals
   C corals’ stress

4. What is the most recent invention according to the text?
   A NASA
   B CORAL
   C PRISM
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

CHICKEN DANCE

Although we may not like to admit it, we all (5) __________ the Chicken Dance at least once
or twice in our lives. This goofy dance is a popular favourite (6) __________ kids' birthday parties,
weddings, and beyond.

Werner Thomas, a Swiss accordion player, (7) __________ the basic melody for the Chicken
Dance song in the late 1950s. In 1963, he began (8) __________ it at a Paris restaurant. The people who
(9) __________ stood up and danced along often used sporadic movements (10) __________
reminded Thomas of ducks and chickens. By the time the Chicken Dance arrived in America in the 1970s,
it (11) __________ into a set of movements with repeated 'head', 'wing', and 'tail' movements.

Today, the Chicken Dance (12) __________ a fond place in the playlist of cheesy party dance
songs. Other favourites typically include the Hokey Pokey, the Electric Slide, and the Macarena.

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WRITING

You ordered a pizza last night. You were not happy with what they sent you. Send a letter to the
pizza shop. In your letter, you should tell them:

• what you ordered;
• why you were not happy;
• what you want them to do.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 24

TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to answer the questions (1–4).

WORLD FOOD DAY

Have you ever felt hungry? It isn’t a nice feeling, is it? But some children feel hungry all the time because they don’t have enough food to eat. We celebrate World Food Day on 16th October as an action day against hunger. We believe that everybody has the right to enough food.

On 16th October groups of people around the world organise events and campaigns to raise awareness about hunger. To raise awareness means to tell everyone about the problem — because some people don’t know. Events include things like community walks, World Food Day picnics and dinners and other campaigns.

Having enough food is a basic human right but millions of people are hungry every day. Read some facts and figures:

- 805 million people around the world don’t have enough to eat.
- 60% of the hungry people in the world are women.
- Nearly 5 million children under 5 die each year because they haven’t got enough food.
- In poor countries, 4 out of 10 children have health problems because of hunger.

In 2000, world leaders signed an agreement to stop hunger by 2015. Since then 40 countries have cut hunger by 50%. This is good of course, but isn’t good enough. It is possible to end world hunger but we need to make this happen. We need to work together to raise awareness and tell the leaders of our communities and countries how we feel. If we all work together, we can change the world.

1. Why do some children always feel hungry?
   A They have scarce food supplies.
   B They eat too much junk food.
   C They have loads of products.

2. Why is it important to raise awareness about world hunger?
   A Because everybody knows about it.
   B Because many children are dying.
   C Because people need to organize meetings.

3. What kind of problems can hunger cause?
   A school problems
   B family problems
   C health problems

4. How can we help to raise awareness about world hunger?
   A We can organize various events.
   B We can have a world picnic.
   C We can organize food campaigns.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Chocolate chips are an essential (5) ___________________ in dozens of delicious baked goods — chocolate chip cookies, chocolate chip pancakes, chocolate chip muffins, chocolate chip brownies, chocolate chip bagels, and (6) ___________________ more. You can even find chili (7) ___________________ that call for these sweet morsels!

In the 1930s, Ruth Graves Wakefield (8) ___________________ the original chocolate chip cookie at her Toll House Inn in Whitman, Massachusetts. Ruth intended to bake chocolate cookies for her guests, but she (9) ___________________ baker’s chocolate. She (10) ___________________ with chopped up semi-sweet chocolate morsels and discovered that the (11) ___________________ did not melt into the dough as she expected. Her cookies were an instant (12) ___________________. Today, 5% of all the cookies baked in the United States are chocolate chip!

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WRITING

Your friend Veronika has invited you to a special party which she is organizing for your class teacher. Write a letter to Veronika. In your letter, you should:

• accept the invitation;
• suggest how you could help Veronika prepare for the party;
• ask Veronika for some ideas for a present for your teacher.

Write 45-50 words.
TEST 25

READING

TASK 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (1-4) to (A–C).

A  INSURANCE TELESALES

Do you have previous sales experience? Are you available from January 6th until the end of March?

We are currently looking for someone to deal with insurance renewal sales. The role will involve calling existing customers and asking them if they intend to renew their policy, and if necessary, discuss how we can keep them as a customer. The role is a 3-month fixed term contract. The hours of work will be 8:45 am until 5 pm Monday to Friday. We are looking for a hard worker who is computer literate and has a good telephone manner.

B  DATA ANALYST

As a Data Analyst you will join a team that analyses research data for anomalies and presents findings to people within and outside the company. A graduate with an eye for detail and a love of working with figures would be ideal. Confident communications skills are also vital. If you enjoy problem solving, have an investigative and enquiring mind, have excellent knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet software, and excel in numerical skills, this could be a great career opportunity for you.

A great benefits package is available including health cover and gym membership.

C  PROJECT ASSISTANT

Report to the Project Manager, you will undertake property surveys, site inspections and attend site meetings to ensure that work undertaken by our contractors is being carried out properly. You must have initiative, as you will be required to work on your own. It is essential that you have your own transportation as an allowance will be provided. Candidates should have: good keyboard and IT skills, an organised and methodical approach, good written and oral communication skills.

REQUIREMENTS:
* Minimum 2-year Construction related qualification.
* Minimum of two year’s relevant experience or transferrable skills from a relevant background.

Which job ... ?

1. is suitable for a mathematician
2. requires experience in the building trade
3. is temporary
4. requires applicants to have their own car
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

SEA-MONKEYS

Sea-monkeys, (5) ____________ are also called ‘brine shrimp,’ are small crustaceans that live (6) ____________ salt lakes. People in the United States (7) ____________ sea-monkeys as pets since the 1960s. Ever wondered how the sea-monkey got (8) ____________ name? These underwater creatures (9) ____________ long tails and demonstrate playful, monkey-like behaviour!

One of (10) ____________ characteristics of the sea-monkeys is the ability to live for years as an egg before (11) ____________ . Purchased sea-monkeys only begin to hatch and grow once you (12) ____________ the proper nutrients to the water environment.

Fun Fact: Sea-monkeys have three eyes and breathe through their feet!

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WRITING

Write a letter to your friend. Tell him / her about the concert which you have recently attended. You should:

• express your impression of music;
• mention special affects and atmosphere;
• give your positive or negative opinion.

Write 45–50 words.
TEST 26
READING
TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to answer the questions (1–4).

IMPACT OF TOURISM

Climate scientists from the University of Sydney in Australia say tourism causes over 8 per cent of greenhouse gasses. They also say that this figure will continue to increase because the tourism industry is growing. Their study looked at the carbon footprint of many different areas of tourism. It studied the CO₂ emissions from transport, events, hotels, restaurants and shopping. It even researched the carbon emissions from producing souvenirs. The researchers spent 18 months conducting the research. They included the tourist activities of 189 countries. Researcher Dr Arunima Malik said her team analyzed the impact on the environment of over one million businesses involved in tourism.

The researchers said domestic travel was a bigger cause of CO₂ emissions than international or business travel. Air travel was the largest part of tourism’s footprint. The researchers said flying would continue to increase global emissions as more people in the world become richer. The countries causing the most harm were the biggest and richest nations. The USA, China, India and Germany had the largest tourism carbon footprints. Their carbon emissions will continue to increase as more of their citizens travel. The researchers encouraged holiday-makers and travelers to try and reduce their carbon footprint when on vacation so their travel causes less harm to the planet.

1. How long did the researchers last?
   A. a year and a half
   B. a year and eight months
   C. a year and five months

2. How many businesses did researchers analyze?
   A. 18 million
   B. more than a million
   C. nearly one million

3. What was the largest part of tourism’s carbon footprint?
   A. flights
   B. taxis
   C. hotels

4. What did researchers urge people to do?
   A. stay at home
   B. reduce their carbon footprint
   C. go to poorer countries
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Brittle was one of (5) ____________ types of candy ever made. Many ancient cultures that (6) ____________ access to molasses, honey, or sugar, produced some form of it.

The first peanut brittle recipe (7) ____________ in an American cookbook, but the exact origin of the confection is uncertain. According (8) ____________ one account, peanut brittle was a Celtic dessert. The Celts (9) ____________ peanuts in sugar and baked them, and this eventually evolved into a caramel bark.

Peanut brittle can be a little tricky (10) ____________. Most recipes call for a candy thermometer to allow the baker to regulate the exact temperature, and the results (11) ____________ by weather! If brittle is made on a humid day it (12) ____________ its shape.

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WRITING

During your stay at camp you fell. Write a letter to your parents in which:
- explain what happened to you;
- who examined you;
- what medicine you were prescribed.
TEST 27
READING
TASK 1

Read the text and choose the correct item (A–C) to answer the questions (1–4).

There is a ‘critical period’ for learning a second language, with people remaining adept learners until the age of 17 or 18, when their ability drops, according to a new study.

Conducted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the study suggests that the ‘critical period’ for learning a new language is much longer than scientists had previously thought.

“It was surprising to us,” co-author Joshua Hartshorne said of the finding that children remain “very skilled” at learning the grammar of a new language until around 17 or 18. “The debate had been over whether the skills decline from birth, starts declining at 5 years old, or starts declining starting at puberty.” However, the study also found that it is nearly impossible for people to achieve native-like proficiency unless they start learning by the age of 10. “We don’t see very much difference between people who start at birth and people who start at 10, but we start seeing a decline after that,” explained Hartshorne.

The findings were based on an online grammar quiz designed by the scientists and posted to Facebook, which was taken by nearly 670,000 people of different ages and nationalities. The test, called “Which English?”, tested participants’ ability at determining grammatical errors, and asked their age, how long they had been learning English and in what setting. The study found that adults are still good at learning foreign languages but are not able to reach the level of a native speaker if they begin learning as a teenager or adult. Researchers were unable to establish what causes the critical period to end at around the age of 18, but suggested that it could be a result of biological changes or cultural factors.

“There’s roughly a period of being a child, but goes up to about age 17 or 18 in many societies. After that, you leave your home, maybe you work full time, or you become a specialised university student. All of those might impact your learning rate of a new language,” co-author Josh Tenenbaum said.

1. What is true according to the article?
   A. Children cannot learn new languages at the age of 17-18.
   B. It’s difficult for kids to acquire new languages.
   C. Children can easily learn a new language at 17-18 years old.

2. Where was the study made?
   A. in the US
   B. in Europe
   C. in Africa

3. What is probably the best age for achieving native-like proficiency in learning a language?
   A. under 5 years old
   B. the age of 10
   C. the age of 18

4. What kind of research was made?
   A. an eye-to-eye interview
   B. an online quiz
   C. a doctor’s examination
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

BLUEBERRY PANCAKES

Blueberry pancakes are a wonderful (5) treat to enjoy anytime of the day. They are nutritious (6) enough to eat for breakfast, tasty enough for a mid-day (7) snack, and easy enough to make for dinner.

To make blueberry pancakes, (8) mix up a batch of your favourite plain pancake batter. Wash the blueberries, pat them dry, and keep them in a separate (9) bowl. Once you’ve poured the batter onto the griddle, drop a few blueberries on (10) top. This will ensure that your blueberries aren’t bruised during the cooking (11) process and will be perfect bursts of flavor when you (12) eat your pancake.

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WRITING

You have found a wallet in the street. Write a note in which you:

• specify the place where you noticed it;
• suggest returning it to the owner;
• inform the details about how the owner of the wallet can find you.

Write 45–50 words.
READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE WHETHER THE STATEMENTS (1–4) ARE TRUE (T) OR FALSE (F).

If you want to learn English more quickly, lots of reading is important. The more you read, the more input your brain gets about how the language works. When you read in English, you can improve your vocabulary, your grammar, and your writing skills at the same time.

Reading is the best way to improve your vocabulary! The context of articles, stories, and conversations helps you figure out and understand the meaning of English words in the text that are new to you. Reading also provides repetition of vocabulary words you have already learned to help you remember them.

Reading comprehension is easier if you already know the keywords in the reading. This is one reason that new vocabulary is presented and practiced at the beginning of each USA Today unit. You learn the meaning and practise the pronunciation of the most important words that you will later read in video scripts and reading lessons.

1. In today's world, reading is basic to everyday life.
2. The more you read, the more your brain declines.
3. Reading helps to improve the knowledge of lexical units.
4. While reading you improve your memory.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Ernie is the (5) ________ character from Sesame Street — loved for his silly, fun, and adventurous (6) ________. You’ll instantly (7) ________ him by his distinct chuckle! Of course, when you think of Ernie you also think of his (8) ________ friend and roommate, Bert! Ernie and Bert were first (9) ________ in 1969.

Ernie enjoys (10) ________ baths with his Rubber Duckie, often singing about his love for it. He also loves the saxophone, parades, circuses, and celebrations. Amidst all of the trouble that he may (11) ________, Ernie always means well. Thankfully he has Bert as a (12) ________ of reason!

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WRITING

You have lost some sunglasses which you borrowed from your friend, Nazar. Write a note to Nazar. In your note, you should:

- apologise to Nazar;
- say how you lost the sunglasses;
- offer to buy Nazar some new ones.

Write 45-50 words.
Tea and coffee are two of the world’s most popular drinks. But there are several varieties. We asked a few people from around the world what they preferred.

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| "I often have a Hazelnut Cappuccino or a smoothie with a cinnamon roll or a piece of carrot cake to have with it. I could have that any time of the day! I normally go to a coffee shop twice a week when I meet up with my friends. I really like the chain Costa Coffee or a French one called La Croissanterie.
  - Charles, France                      | "If I’ve got a choice between coffee and tea, I’m usually have tea. Or if I go to a café, I’ll order a hot chocolate. I usually drink tea in the evening at home, and once or twice a week with some chocolate cookies from Dunkin Donuts. I also really like Nestea. It’s got a lot of sugar, I know, but it’s awesome.
  - Willie, Spain                        | "I love cold coffee, especially iced caramel macchiato. I could drink it any time of the day — morning or night. I often have one with friends when we meet up, usually on Fridays. It’s delicious with a muffin. I usually get it from Starbucks, which is my favourite coffee shop, and the one closest to where I live. It’s expensive, I know, but as long as it tastes good, I don’t mind!"
  - Cherine, Egypt                       |                                             |                                             |

This person:
1. often has a Hazelnut Cappuccino
2. really likes Nestea
3. loves an iced caramel macchiato
4. likes the coffee chain Costa Coffee
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

Alabama Vest and Thaddeus Von Clegg invented the kazoo in (5) _____________. They presented the new instrument at the 1852 Georgia State Fair and it soon (6) ____________ a staple in the popular music of the era.

While today we often consider the kazoo a child’s toy, it is indeed (7) ____________ to be an instrument. Kazoos can (8) ____________ out of plastic, metal, and wood, and are part of the ‘mirliton’ or ‘membranophone’ family. These instruments all have a (9) ____________ membrane that can be covered or partially covered to make a variety of sounds. To (10) ____________ play a kazoo, you have to hum into the large end of the instrument.

The kazoo, the banjo, and the glass armonica are the only instruments (11) ____________ in America. It’s fun to pick up a kazoo and experiment (12) ____________ different sounds!

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WRITING

Your friend Vlad has asked you to go to the concert with him this Saturday, but you cannot. Write a letter to Vlad. In your letter, you should

- apologize;
- explain the reason;
- suggest going another time.

Write 45-50 words.
TEST 30

READING

TASK 1

Read the text and decide whether the statements (1-4) are true (T) or false (F).

DUNG BEETLES

Dung beetles are small flying insects that usually live in holes underground. They range in size from a few millimetres to several centimetres. There are about 7,000 species of dung beetles around the world and they are important to ecosystems wherever they live. However, they are most important in places where there are lots of large animals that produce dung. The savannas of Africa are home to the widest variety of dung beetles, because there are so many large animals there, such as elephants, buffalo and antelope. Even in Europe, farmers know that cows and sheep do better in fields where there are many dung beetles, so they’re also important to farming. There is even a species that depends on what humans produce, called *Onthophagus caenobita*. Can you guess what dung beetles do?

Dung beetles fly around looking for the dung of large animals, especially mammals. When they find fresh dung, first they eat some of it (there’s nutrition in poo), and then they usually break off a piece of dung, roll it into a ball, and push it to a safe place, where they bury it underground. Finally, they lay their eggs on the dung. When the babies are born, they find their first meal waiting for them! On the African savannah, a kilo of elephant dung can disappear in just two hours, and provide food to over 16,000 dung beetles! By removing the dung, the beetles leave space for fresh grass to grow. Most importantly, by burying the dung underground, they are putting lots of nutrients back where it came from, and this makes the soil more fertile.

1. Dung beetles are the necessary link of the ecosystem.
2. The widest variety of dung beetles live in the savannas of Africa.
3. These insects live underground and do not fly.
4. The beetles give food to animals.
USE OF ENGLISH

TASK 2

Choose the correct item (A–C) to complete the text.

PRESCHOOL LITERACY

One of the main goals of preschool literacy (5) _____________ is to teach young children the alphabet. For some children, this comes very (6) _____________ and naturally, but for many others, it (7) _____________ a lot of time, energy, and practice.

It is tempting (8) _____________ that sit-down practice with paper and pencil is the (9) _____________ way for our preschoolers to practise. Don’t do it! There (10) _____________ so many better ways... ways (11) _____________ incorporate movement, sensory (12) _____________, fine motor skills, shapes, and more.

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WRITING

Some friends in the USA have just had their first baby and you decide to write to them immediately. Write a letter to your friends. In your letter, you should:

• offer them your congratulations;
• ask about their baby;
• say what present you are sending them.

Write 45–50 words.
## ANSWERS


