

Test 1

Task 1. You will hear Brian and Stacey talking about books they have recently read. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Stacey has just read a biography. FALSE
2. Stacey really liked the book. TRUE
3. She found the ending a bit slow. FALSE
4. Others recommended this book to Brian. TRUE
5. Brian liked this book from the beginning. TRUE
6. He has read lots of other similar books. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. Socrates never lost his:

A patience

2. He liked to discuss philosophy with people and made them ... their point of view.

C prove

3. His enemies were sure he was able to ... the youth.

A spoil

4. If Socrates had agreed with his enemies, he wouldn't have been:

D poisoned

5. His friends couldn't ... him.

A save

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Big Ben is known as Great Britain's most famous clock and one of London's (1) *D* best known sights, situated on the bank of (2) *C* the river Thames and being an important part of the city's skyscraper. It's popular both with visitors and Londoners.

There is some misunderstanding as to the name itself. Some people refer it to the clock tower itself, (3) *B* the others use the name just to the clock. Factually, strictly speaking the name Big Ben is the name of one bell, the largest bell in the clock.

Irrespective of the definition, Big Ben is massive. The tower is 316 foot high. (4) *A* Every of the four faces of the clock is 23 foot square and the figures are each 4 foot tall.

There are some legends as to the origin of the name Big Ben. Some people consider it (5) *B* appeared about during the parliamentary debate to consider naming the clock — after Sir Benjamin Hall, who was known as "Big Ben".

Another possibility is that the name referred to Benjamin Caunt, a heavyweight boxing champion of the time (6) *C* whose nickname was "Big Ben".

Test 2

Task 1. You will hear a part of an interview with a girl called Sally Myers whose first book has recently been published. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. Why did Sally decide to write her first book?
C Her pen-friend suggested it.
2. Why didn't Sally's Dad want her to send her book to a publisher?
C He was worried that they wouldn't be interested.
3. What company did Sally send her book to?
C The company which published books of a similar type.
4. How did Sally feel when the company phoned her Mum?
B Extremely surprised.
5. What does Sally say about her next book?
C It will be about something all children experience.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. The mysterious lake is known for its strange creature. TRUE
2. People are not interested in telling stories about Loch Ness Monster. FALSE
3. People describe the creature as a monster having a giraffe-like neck and a great dark green body. FALSE
4. Many tourists come to Scotland because they want to see Loch Ness Monster. TRUE
5. Scientific expeditions proved that the monster really exists. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text below. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

A couple of years ago my Father got a new job. A town where he got it was 100 km from our home. My parents (1) *B decided* we would have to move, because it took much time for Father to come to his working place every day.

When they (2) *C told* me about their plan I was upset because I enjoyed my home and school. I was sure I would (3) *D miss* all my friends and teachers a lot.

Well, half a year (4) *B after* that, we moved to another town. The house was more comfortable than the old one, and (5) *C from* my bedroom window I could see the sea.

I was worried about the first day at my new school. I felt really (6) *A nervous* about meeting new classmates and teachers. But when I got there everyone was great! My class teacher was nice and I (7) *C made* friends with some girls from my class. Changing home isn't that bad, after all!

Test 3

Task 1. You will hear Jenny and Brad talking about the films they have recently seen. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Brad saw a fantasy film. TRUE
2. Brand wants to see it again. TRUE
3. Jenny's friends recommended this film. TRUE
4. She saw a romantic film. FALSE
5. She doesn't want to see any similar films. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. When you travel abroad....

A you aren't expected to bring anything back.

2. A gift from a foreigner which is typical of his or her homeland, would..

B be received with pleasure cause embarassment.

3. At Christmas, it is customary to give presents to ...

C people who have served you during the year.

4. In the writer's opinion, gift-giving in the US is ...

A not an important social custom.

5. "...I try to bring back little souvenirs for close friends." Is a close friend someone

...

B you know very well?

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Turtles spend most of their life (1) *A in* the sea. They have a hard shell over their body and they can pull their head, arms and legs inside the shell (2) *D if* they are in danger. Turtles (3) *C often* live for one hundred years and grow up to two metres long. (4) *A Each* year, the mother turtle swims to a beach to lay her eggs. (5) *D About* a month later, the eggs break open and the baby turtles (6) *B try* to get into the sea. They are very small and (7) *C many* have problems getting to the water.

Several years later, these baby turtles will return to the same beach to lay their eggs. People think they find the way by following the light from the moon or the stars.

Test 4

Task 1. You will hear two people talking about a problem. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Megan and Sara go to the same school. TRUE
2. Megan's friend is gossiping about Megan. FALSE
3. Sarah suggests that Megan ignore her friend. FALSE
4. Megan refuses to phone her friend. FALSE
5. Sara thinks Megan should tell her friend how she feels. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. What country did the taxi-driver live in?
C France
2. How did A. Conan Doyle get to the hotel?
C by car
3. Where did A. Conan Doyle come to Paris from?
B the south of France
4. How did the driver learn the nationality of A. Conan Doyle?
A by appearance
5. Did A. Conan Doyle have long or short hair?
B short

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

The famous circus, Cirque du Soleil, is known all over the world. It started performing in Montreal, Canada. It was organized (1) *B by* the Canadian Guy Laliberte in 1984. The first show was a striking, dramatic mix of circus arts (without animals) and street performance that featured magical lighting and original music. He named it Cirque du Soleil because, in his own words, "The sun symbolizes youth, energy, and strength."

After leaving college, Laliberte travelled all over Europe earning money (2) *C playing* music in the open air. After returning home, he began Cirque with (3) *B his* friend, Daniel Gauthier. In the 1990s, Cirque quickly expanded. It now shows the performances (4) *B all* over the world and the stuff working for it has grown from 73 to (5) *A more* than 3,500. The Cirque does not work with animals, but (6) *C there* is music and dance and each show is like a story.

The Cirque performs (7) *A to* the delight of locals and visitors.

Test 5

Task 1. You will hear Sam talking about his job at a summer camp. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The camp is in the countryside. TRUE
2. Each counsellor looks after 20 children. FALSE
3. Councillors get training in safety and first aid. TRUE
4. Sam doesn't really enjoy sports. FALSE
5. He doesn't get paid very well. TRUE
6. All counsellors are university students. FALSE

Task 2. Read the article and match the title A-F to each paragraph 1-4 . There are two extra titles.

1. Tomorrow's children will eat differently from their parents. Many modern homes don't have a dining room because the television. In the future, families eating together at home will be an unusual event. Food will be heated in a microwave. If the kitchen is more efficient than in the kitchen.

2. The kitchen of the future will be intelligent! Thanks to automation, it may be possible to call home on a mobile to start a dinner to come home after a long working day to see your dinner ready. With such a kitchen you can easily organize a party for your friends.

3. In the future, fewer Europeans will eat meat because they think that other foods are better for their health. In addition, fish is a more efficient use of land than raising cattle. " Every time a person gives up eating beef," says food expert Brian Ford, " three thousand people can be fed from the same amount of land." production."

4. But meat is a major source of protein. How will we get the protein we need without meat? The answer is: from plant sources that are grown, fortified with vitamins and artificially flavoured. Artificial flavouring will become widespread.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

There exist (1) *B many* different kinds of computer games. Usual games are quick and easy to play. People can choose and play the game (2) *A whenever* they have a spare minute or two. You can find them on your mobile phone, on your computer and even on your television. They include popular games like Solitaire and Spider. (3) *A Another* type of games is serious games. These games are designed to teach players something useful. One of the longest running serious games are the Microsoft Flight Simulator. It was made in 1982 and since then, many (4) *D pilots* have used it to learn to fly planes. Other games teach police and fire fighters what to do in a(n) (5) *A emergency* case.

Language learning software does not typically fall into this (6) *B group*, however. These are educational games. In recent years, an (7) *C increasing* number of games have been created to improve the player's skills and knowledge. They help

younger kids learn to count and spell, and teach older kids mathematics and technology.

Test 6

Task 1. You will hear Jack talking about his job. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Jack works for a water park company. FALSE
2. He has travelled to the Costa Del Sol. TRUE
3. Jack used to work in an office. TRUE
4. He has to write a brochure. FALSE
5. Jack asks Adam to be his assistant. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. When did Mark Twain go to the party?

C in the evening

2. How long was M. Twain's speech?

C over 15 minutes

3. Who was Mark Twain's friend?

B a man

4. What did Mark Twain and his friend agree to do before the dinner?

A to exchange speeches

5. What did Mark Twain's friend lose?

B the notes of Mark Twain's speech

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

There exists a very interesting island in the Pacific Ocean. It's called Easter Island which is (1) *C famous* for its statues. Hundreds of these huge, stone faces can be (2) *C found* all over the island.

The question is who made them. How (3) *D did* they move these giant pieces of rock? Studies show that people first arrived on the island about 1600 years ago. They had a very advanced culture. Many objects were made by them, and they had their (4) *B own* written language. However, the number of people on the island grew and grew (5) *B until* it reached about 10,000 people.

It happened so that there were too many people and there wasn't (6) *D enough* food to eat. A terrible war happened and many of the statues were destroyed. When western explorers (7) *B discovered* the island on Easter Day in 1722, the huge rock statues were the only sign of the existence of a great society once living there.

Test 7

Task 1. You will hear people talking in five different situations. For each question choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Why did the young girl teach art?
B She was obliged to teach.
2. What do you think the young man's job is?
C A waiter.
3. How does the lecturer feel about the writer?
B He likes that his work is very detailed.
4. Why has the man phoned the library?
B To make an enquiry.
5. What is the reporter talking about?
A The pros and cons of online lectures.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. The boy's sister was the first sent to private piano lessons by the parents. TRUE
2. The boy behaved nastily because he was fond of music and wanted to learn playing. FALSE
3. The boy found the lessons were not fun. NS
4. The understanding of music came to the boy at the age of 11. TRUE
5. The boy was fond of classical music. NS

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

People all over the world know Maxwell House Coffee brand. Here is a bit of history.

In 1873, a grocery salesman named Joel Cheek became interested (1) *C in* coffee and made his own unique blend. Realizing that he (2) *C had created* a fine brew, he decided to sell it. One of the South's (3) *B best* hotels, the Maxwell House, liked his coffee and began to serve it to guests; hence the name Maxwell House Coffee.

In 1907, on returning from a bear hunt in (4) *A Mississippi*, President Theodore Roosevelt was a guest of the Ladies Hermitage Association at Andrew (5) *D Jackson's* homestead in Nashville, Tennessee.

He (6) *A was served* a cup of Maxwell House Coffee. Upon being offered a refill, he remarked on the excellent quality of the coffee and uttered the famous line, "Delightful. This coffee is good to (7) *C the last* drop." Apparently when Roosevelt talked, people listened.

Test 8

Task 1. You will hear the information about today's activities on an Activity Holiday. Listen and mark the correct ending A, B or C for each sentence.

1. The horse-riding students meet at 8.45
C outside the teachers room.
2. Today, the horse-riding students need
A no money.
3. After breakfast, the swimming students meet
C at the bus stop.
4. The swimming students need money for
C lunch.
5. The Sports Centre cafe is
A cheaper than the cafes in the town.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Aesop wrote wonderful poems. FALSE
2. He enjoyed reading books. FALSE
3. The traveller wanted to know how much time he would need to reach the town.
TRUE
4. Aesop knew for sure the time the traveller would need. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Read some rules of good manners and try to follow them.

Don't use a spoon for what can be (1) *D eaten* with a fork. Place vegetables, garnish, pasta on your (2) *A fork* with the help of your knife. Cut (3) *B meat* in small pieces to chew it easily. Cut off one (4) *A piece* at a time.

Don't blow on your food if it is too hot; you don't start a campfire (5) *A in* a damp night.

Spoons, knives and forks should not be banged against your plate.

While eating, try to make as little noise (6) *D as* possible. Don't sip your (7) *B soup* as though you wanted the whole house to hear.

Don't talk with your mouth full. Don't pick your teeth in company after the meal even if toothpicks are provided for the purpose.

Try not to put your elbows on the table.

And, finally, don't (8) *A forget* to say "thank you" for every favour or kindness.

Test 9

Task 1. You will hear a successful fashion designer talking about his career. For each question choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. How well did the speaker do at school?

A He was an average student.

2. What did he do when he left school?

B He did a business course.

3. What did he learn from his part-time job?

B How clothes are made.

4. When did he go to London?

C When he won a prize.

5. Why did he have difficulties in New York?

C The work was more stressful than he had expected.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Good language school must provide students with qualified and capable teachers. TRUE

2. Students should be graded into groups of similar language ability. NS

3. Schools have to provide students with accommodation. TRUE

4. Schools have to offer students comfortable places for recreation. TRUE

5. The school should arrange parties, excursions, entertainments. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

There are many stories about different people's ways and habits. When we think how Englishmen behave, they are considered to be naturally polite and are never tired (1) *B* of saying "Thank you" and "I'm sorry".

People are sure they are (2) *C* generally disciplined. You think they'll never (3) *A* hear loud (4) *A* talk in the streets and are never in a hurry.

It's generally believed that they never rush for (5) *C* seats in buses and trains.

It's a custom for English people not to shake hands when meeting one (6) *B* another. They just smile and (7) *C* say "Hello". They say "How do you do" sometimes, but not very often, only to people they meet for the first time.

Test 10

Task 1. You will hear an interview about the lifestyles of teenagers. Liz is answering questions about herself and her brother Mike. Listen and mark the correct ending A, B or C for each sentence.

1. For breakfast, Liz always has
C toast.
2. The number of portions of fruit and vegetables every day for Mike is
B three or four.
3. The number of times Liz usually does physical exercise every week is
C three times or more.
4. Mike's favourite sport in winter is
A football.
5. Liz's favourite sport in summer is
B cycling.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Charles Dodgson was a pen-name of the famous English writer Charles Dickens.
FALSE
2. He wrote wonderful books for children. TRUE
3. Charles played the piano very well. NS
4. He started his education in the boarding school. FALSE
5. Working at the college, Dodgson wrote his books about Alice. NS

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Recycled materials are included in many products we buy. Things like newspapers and magazines, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cans and even some clothing may have been (1) *C taken* using recycled materials. (2) *C Every* time we buy one of these products we help to support the recycling industry. The aim is that the product is used (3) *A once*, recycled and then used again.

One of the (4) *B ways* in which we can help the recycling process is by saving our own waste. Over the next (5) *B couple* of weeks we'll begin a fortnightly collection of recyclable waste, from your home. All you have to (6) *A do* is put your recyclable waste in the box we've given you and put the box out next to your dustbin. The collection is fortnightly, (7) *B so* remember to look at the sticker on the box that tells you which weeks we will collect it. Your dustbin will still be collected weekly.

Test 11

Task 1. You will hear George talking on a radio programme about a trip he's organising. Listen and mark the correct ending A, B or C for each sentence.

1. The adventure camp will last for
B a week.
2. George says that paintballing
B can be uncomfortable.
3. For people who don't exercise a lot, George recommends
C aqua aerobics.
4. Campers will stay in
A a tent.
5. Teens can sign up for the trip by
C going to the community centre.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated)

1. Collecting baseball cards is a new favourite pastime only for children. FALSE
2. Some baseball cards are of great value. TRUE
3. The first baseball cards were printed at the end of the 20th century. FALSE
4. Honus Wagner's card is sold in his hometown. NS

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Two men (1) *A were* travelling in a very wild part of America. They saw no modern houses and no traces of civilization for (2) *C many* days.

One day they met an old Indian who hunted animals. He was very (3) *B clever* and knew everything about the forest and the animals living in it. He could also (4) *B speak* English quite well.

"Can you tell us what the weather (5) *A will* be like during the next few days?" one of the two (6) *B travellers* asked him. "Oh, yes," he said. "There will be snow for a day or two, but then the sunshine will come again and the weather will be fine."

"These old Indians seem (7) *C to know* more about Nature (8) *C than* we with all our science," said the man to his friend. Then he turned to the old Indian.

"Tell me," he said, "how do you know all that?"

The Indian answered, "I heard it on the radio."

Test 12

Task 1. Listen to the information about a Fun Day in your local park. Complete the notes about some of the events.

1. Circus starts at **3.30** pm.
2. Open-air concert finishes at **9.30** pm.
3. Bus to the park from the town centre goes every **10** minutes.
4. Return ticket costs **£ 1** for children.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated)

1. Today's teenagers' parents had less money and expensive things. TRUE
2. Not all teenagers could have radios and bicycles in the past. TRUE
3. In the past mobile phones and computers were commonplace. FALSE
4. Teenagers can buy everything they want. NS
5. Some of teenagers listen to heavy metal. NS
6. Today's young people behave the same way their parents used to. TRUE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

A poor young artist was asked to **(1) B paint** the portrait of a **(2) C rich** lady, and he did his best to make a good picture. When the portrait was finished, it was shown to the **(3) B lady's** friends. Some of them thought it was too realistic. They were afraid the lady would not like the picture. But the painter **(4) A felt** that he had been **(5) A successful** and he did not want to change anything. Then one of his friends suggested the **(6) C following**, "We shall leave it to the lady's dog to decide whether the picture is good or bad."

The next day the picture was sent to the lady's house where her friends had gathered to see the result of the test. As soon as the dog was brought before the portrait, it began to lick it all over. Everybody congratulated the painter.

Do you think the dog recognized **(7) C its** mistress?

Test 13

Task 1. You will hear about alternative medicine. Listen and mark the correct ending A, B, C or D for each sentence.

1. The doctors said that within just a few months I would be in a wheelchair
A for the rest of my life.
2. I sold my house, said goodbye to my friends and
B flew to Indonesia.
3. In the hut it was really dark
B but I could see lots of bowls all around.
4. The witch doctor told me to lie down and he put his hands on my head and
A started to sing.
5. Every day the witchdoctor did the same thing, and
B I drank the same liquid.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Holidaymakers can spend the whole year travelling. FALSE
2. Visitors are attracted to tourist resorts by the possibility to swim. FALSE
3. Holidaymakers come to Hastings to enjoy fascinating attractions. TRUE
4. Coming to St Leonards, it's better to find out if the attractions are to your liking.
TRUE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2D, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6B, 7D, 8C

Test 14

Task 1. You will hear an interview about a social networking. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Dave dislikes the fact that “tweets are short”. FALSE
2. Dave uses twitter to meet new people. TRUE
3. Dave has his own blog. TRUE
4. Dave thinks businesses should use Twitter to advertise. TRUE
5. There are more “tweets” than twitter users per day. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. A tourist had enough money...
B to buy a return ticket to his native land.
2. The traveller refused the invitation of his fellow-passenger to come to dinner saying that...
B he was not well.
3. The next day at dinner time he was so hungry that he...
C could not stand it any longer.
4. The traveller did not pay for dinner because...
B meals were included in the fare.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

- 1B, 2A, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B, 7C, 8A

Test 15

Task 1. You will hear five people talking about visits to museums. Match the speakers (1-5) to the statements (A-F).

- 1 C The speaker points out you don't have to pay to get in.
- 2 E The speaker announces that the museum will open a new location soon.
- 3 A The speaker says you can see inside the museum without visiting it.
- 4 B The speaker says it's best to make an early start to ensure you see it all.
- 5 D The speaker mentions that with a special card you don't have to wait.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. You'll be offered the widest choice of different programmes. TRUE
2. All these programmes are the same every year. FALSE
3. The afternoon lessons must be 5 hours a week. TRUE
4. Music is optional. NS
5. The programme is strict. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1D, 2B, 3C, 4A, 5A, 6D, 7C

Test 16

Task 1. You will hear an interview with an artist. For each question (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. Annie is an artist because
D she enjoys creating works of art.
2. The thing that influences her art the most is
D her mood.
3. The theme she is working with right now is
B water.
4. Annie makes her sculptures
A in her studio.
5. Annie's exhibition is at the
C Mellor Gallery.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. The boys were shouting under a small carpet. FALSE
2. The theatre director decided to lower the payment because the performance was not successful. FALSE
3. The boys only shouted after the payment became lower. TRUE
4. The boys decided not to make the storm because they were tired. FALSE
5. The theatre director asked them to do their best. TRUE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3C, 4B, 5B, 6A, 7D

Test 17

Task 1. You will hear a teacher talking to a school assembly. For each question (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. What is the purpose of the announcement?

B To provide information about a national contest.

2. What field of science did the previous years winner explore?

A Space.

3. What must students do if they want to be considered for the competition?

D Send a report or film to the judges.

4. During which month does the science fair take place?

A March.

5. What does the teacher mean when he says, "Think outside the box and produce something to be proud of"?

C Students should be imaginative with their ideas.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Europeans consider they live longer than the Japanese. FALSE

2. The Japanese experience more stress than western people. FALSE

3. The Japanese diet differs from the European one. TRUE

4. Europeans eat more vegetables than the Japanese. FALSE

5. When in Europe, the Japanese discover the bad sides of western national food. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452 and died in 1519. In **(1) D his** lifetime, this extraordinary man was a scientist, mathematician, engineer, inventor, anatomist, painter, sculptor, architect, botanist, musician and writer.

Leonardo the artist painted two of the **(2) B most** famous paintings of all time: the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. He **(3) C worked** as an artist for a number of years before he became **(4) A interested** in science and engineering.

He wrote descriptions **(5) C of** the natural world and made many drawings of human anatomy, which he kept in his journals. **(6) B What** was curious about these descriptions was the fact that Leonardo wrote **(7) A them** in mirror-image, which means you can only read them with the help of a mirror.

Test 18

Task 1. You will hear an interview with Dan, a computer security consultant. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Dan started hacking because he wanted to break the law. FALSE
2. He works unusual hours. TRUE
3. He understands why criminal hackers do what they do. TRUE
4. He is searching for other ways to earn more money. FALSE
5. Most people want to know about his work. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. This text is written in the form of...
B a newspaper report.
2. The author is...
B giving information about Natalie's performance.
3. What did the reviewers say about her performance?
B She was successful in her part in the show.
4. Why was Natalie feeling upset?
D The show has closed sooner than expected.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6D, 7B, 8C

Test 19

Task 1. You will hear Cody talking about a trip he's going on to the Waitomo Caves in New Zealand. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Cody is going to New Zealand in two weeks. FALSE
2. Cody will visit the Waitomo Caves for more than one day. TRUE
3. Cody will go through the caves in a raft. TRUE
4. Cody will have to take his own rafting equipment. FALSE
5. Cody is afraid of insects and spiders. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (Not Stated).

1. Her best friend is calling. NS
2. Ann is a student. NS
3. Ann can't speak Italian. FALSE
4. Moving to London Ann didn't communicate with Giovanna. TRUE
5. Giovanna knows Ann's phone number. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Over 150 balloons will be floating over Bristol in August — it's sure to be a breathtaking sight. The International Balloon Fiesta at Bristol is a unique event and becoming more popular every year. Balloonists from all around the world will be **(1) C gathering** here for three days. They'll be **(2) C preparing** two spectacular takeoffs at 6am and 6pm on **(3) B each** day of the Fiesta. Some balloons take only a single pilot while others can carry up **(4) D to** eight passengers. You can also see an original, old-fashioned balloon being inflated and **(5) B raised** by gas — a process which costs £4,000. Also on site will be clowns and stalls, as well as a funfair and helicopter rides. A preview is being **(6) C held** at Durham Downs, Bristol, on July 28, when the balloons are laid out for inspection. At **(7) A night** they will take off together with the flames from the burners lighting up the balloons and making them glow in the night as they rise into the air.

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Test 20

Task 1. You will hear a tourist guide talking about the city of York. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The population of York is more than 137,000. TRUE
2. The Viking Festival is in February. TRUE
3. The length of the city walls is nearly four kilometres. FALSE
4. The National Railway Museum is the biggest railway museum in the world. TRUE
5. The 'Shambles' is the name of an area of old streets. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated).

1. Volunteering has become popular with young people. TRUE
2. You don't need any qualifications to participate in volunteering. NS
3. Volunteers get paid a small sum in return for their help. FALSE
4. Teaching children is a popular form of volunteering. TRUE
5. Some volunteers don't feel that they give enough. NS

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Get informed about the way of life of the Brits. Everyone in the UK speaks English, but some speak (1) *A another* language as well. British food is not the best in the world, but there are a lot of good restaurants in London (2) *D serving* food from many countries. A British family doesn't often go out (3) *D to* dinner, but when a man and a woman wants to get to know each other better, a restaurant is sometimes the best place to meet.

Most British people take a (4) *B two-week* holiday in July or August and go to the country. There is still some beautiful open countryside in Britain, with lovely valleys full of (5) *B sheep* and peaceful lakes and hills. When people are (6) *D on* holiday, they like just sitting (7) *C in* the sun, but some others want a bit more. "Special interest" holidays are very popular, and you can find a hundred interesting things to do in Britain.

Test 21

Task 1. You will hear two people talking about helping in the community centre. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Dave works at a retirement home. TRUE
2. Dave thinks old people don't get enough respect. TRUE
3. Dave didn't know his grandparents well. TRUE
4. Dave doesn't need any volunteers. FALSE
5. The next trip is to the flower show. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1. Shah Jahan, the emperor of India, lost his beautiful wife. TRUE
2. The palace is situated in the west of central India. FALSE
3. The Taj Mahal is made of sandstone, marble and precious stones. TRUE
4. The emperor built a matching palace across the river. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1C, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5C, 6B, 7C, 8C

Test 22

Task 1. You will hear an interview with a woman called Lesley about body image. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Lesley talks to groups of teenagers. TRUE
2. She says body image affects behaviour. TRUE
3. She says a lot of celebrities have a poor body image, too. FALSE
4. She doesn't think teens should change their appearance. FALSE
5. She advises teens with poor body image to talk to a friend their own age. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true), F (false) or NS (Not Stated).

1. Mark Twain came to London on business. FALSE
2. The friend had enough money to travel back. FALSE
3. The writer bought two tickets. TRUE
4. The inspector noticed two men in the compartment. FALSE
5. All of them laughed at this joke. NS

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Dear Pat,

I'm not far **(1) C from** Malta. As to the weather, it's very hot and I'm getting a nice suntan. There are lots more to do here **(2) B than** just sunbathing though. I've tried windsurfing, waterskiing and snorkeling, **(3) A but** haven't been on a jet ski yet.

The nightlife here **(4) B is** fantastic, too. I've **(5) A already** been to a beach barbecue and quite a few nightclubs. I've also **(6) B eaten** at some great restaurants and tasted some delicious local dishes. I haven't bought any souvenirs **(7) C yet** but I've seen some nice things I want to buy because shopping here is really great!

Well, that's all for now. See you when I **(8) C 'll get** back.

Love,

Emma

Test 23

Task 1. You will hear a radio report about a trip to an animal fair in India. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. To get to an animal fair in India the speaker had to take two planes and take a long taxi ride. FALSE
2. The speaker saw the first elephant walking to the fair. FALSE
3. Lately the number of elephants decreased from several hundred to around 70. TRUE
4. From a small hill the speaker was amazed to see an open plain, full of cows. TRUE
5. The dealers sat patiently waiting for a display of a white horse for their son to ride at his wedding. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. Roosevelt Island is...
B not very frequently visited by tourists.
2. In the 17th century the island was used as a...
B place for raising pigs.
3. The city of New York bought the island from the...
A Blackwell family.
4. All-in-all the name of the island has been changed...
C thrice.
5. Roosevelt Island was the place where the city sent...
C the poor.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

People (1) *B have* always loved gold because it is beautiful and useful. Gold is a soft, heavy, brilliant yellow metal (2) *A and* it doesn't change colour in the air or water.

People have used gold money for hundreds (3) *B of* years, but people all (4) *D over* the world wear gold wedding rings too. You can even find gold in racing-car engines because gold is able to carry electricity.

Let's discuss some facts about the history of gold. (5) *D Between* 1880 and 2002 most gold came from South Africa, but now more gold comes from China. People in India buy more gold (6) *A than* any other nationality. An average Indian woman has more gold than any other woman from any other country.

One kilo of gold (7) *B costs* about 35,000 dollars at the moment. That's a lot of money! But if you want some gold for free, remember that all the winners of the Olympic Games are given gold medals. Train hard at school in your sports lessons and perhaps some day you'll get a golden medal!

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Test 24

Task 1. You will hear a woman talking to an evening class about carpentry. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, or C.

1. The speaker says that when she was at school, girls
C were not allowed to do carpentry.
2. Making her chest of drawers took
C two months.
3. She first planned to put the chest of drawers
B in the bedroom.
4. She suggests that the first job should be something
A small and simple.
5. She suggests that the class should first
B decide what they need for one job.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

2. Dolphin trainers need to have a university degree. TRUE
4. Dolphin trainers need to be very patient. TRUE
5. Dolphin trainers spend a lot of the day feeding the animals. TRUE
6. Dolphin trainers always work alone. FALSE
8. Dolphin trainers must be good at working with others. TRUE
9. Training dolphins isn't always easy. TRUE

Task 3. Read text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1B, 2B, 3D, 4B, 5B, 6B.

Test 25

Task 1. You will hear part of a radio programme in which a man talks about his childhood in Australia. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. There is never any snow in the southern parts of Australia. FALSE
2. One of the things William really loved in his childhood was the feeling of loneliness. TRUE
3. The farmers used to burn the land when the cane was harvested. TRUE
4. A thousand kilometers is the Australian standard for a long distance. FALSE
5. At daytime in summers, people keep cool by swimming. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. The Avoncroft weekend course is for...

C grown-ups.

2. Those who sign up for the course...

B have some basic knowledge of Spanish.

3. In class students...

B speak Spanish.

4. Students learn Spanish...

C to communicate in the language both for business and pleasure.

5. The atmosphere at the lessons is...

A easy-going

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Most people feel a bit fed up and miserable when the weather changes. This is perfectly normal. (1) *C Nobody* likes chilly days and dark winter evenings. For those with Seasonal Affective Disorder (or SAD) (2) *D too*, the feelings are much worse. These people can start to feel bad as close as September, and they (3) *C should* not feel any better until spring. People (4) *A who* have this problem feels terribly depressed and very tired. (5) *D During* the winter months they feel the need to eat sweet things and other food such as bread and potatoes. Sunlight changes the balance of the brain's chemicals and SAD is caused (6) *B by* not getting enough light. These days there are ways to help SAD sufferers. You can buy a "light box" which copies daylight, but you have to sit in front of it for about two hours every day to (7) *C benefit*.

Test 26

Task 1. You will hear an interview with a geologist. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Miners were looking for crystals when they found the cave. FALSE
2. The first scientists encountered problems when they explored the cave. TRUE
3. Explorers had to wear special equipment. TRUE
4. There were beautiful flowers in the cave. FALSE
5. The future of the cave is uncertain. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. Pubs differ from cafes by...
B cozy and friendly atmosphere.
2. In most pubs ... plays the piano.
C one of the customers
3. In the pub customers...
B discuss many topics.
4. The regulars of the pubs...
A never invite each other to their places.
5. Pubs are...
C closed from 2 to 6 p.m.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

At School: Japanese students spend 240 days a year (1) *D at* school that is 60 days more than the average American student. The students stay (2) *B in* their classrooms for most of the school day while the teachers move from room to room. At the end of the day, the students (3) *A have* to clean the school. They sweep the classrooms and hallways, empty rubbish bins and tidy the playground.

After school clubs: Club activities (4) *C take* place every day after school for around two hours. In most schools, clubs can be divided into two types: sports clubs (e.g. baseball, football) and culture clubs (e.g. English, chess).

Entrance Examinations: Students have to (5) *B pass* exams to get into high school and university. So their success or failure in these exams can determine a student's whole future. This is because the chance of finding a good job usually depends on (6) *D which* school you graduated from.

Evening Schools: In Japan around 60% of students go to evening schools to help them (7) *B prepare* for exams. Surprisingly, many students enjoy these extra classes because the teachers are often lively and more interesting than their high school teachers. Japanese students do around two hours of homework every day except for Sundays, when they may do as many as three hours.

Test 27

Task 1. You will hear Phil talking about his hobby. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Phil has a number of different hobbies. FALSE
2. He usually does metal detecting on his own. FALSE
3. He recommends buying an expensive metal detector. TRUE
4. Phil sometimes finds valuable items. TRUE
5. He suggests researching an area before treasure hunting there. TRUE

Task 2. Read the article and match each paragraph A — E to the title 1 — 5. There is one extra title.

A6, B2, C5, D4, E1

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

A well-known author J.K. Rowling is the author of a successful series of books. She uses the initials J.K. because her publishers thought that a book by a woman might not appeal (1) *D to* boys.

Rowling was born in 1965 and brought up in England and South Wales. After she finished university, she got a job in London.

In 1990, while she was travelling from Manchester to London, her train was held up and during the four-hour delay she got the idea of writing about a young wizard. In 1991 she went to Portugal, where she had a job teaching English, and she (2) *D made* the manuscript for the first Harry Potter book with her. She returned to Britain in 1993 and carried (3) *B on* writing it.

Rowling completed Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone in 1995. Twelve publishers turned it down before Bloomsbury agreed to publish it. The decision was apparently (4) *D made* by the young daughter of the company's chairman, who loved the first chapter of the book.

In 1995 Bloomsbury advised Rowling that she had little chance (5) *C of* making money writing children's books. Today she has a fortune of around \$1 billion. Rowling believes that people who have a lot of money should (6) *B make* sure they use it responsibly. For this reason, she has given (7) *A away* millions of dollars to charitable causes.

Test 28

Task 1. You will hear about alternative medicine. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The doctors said I had a rare head disease, and there was nothing they could do.
FALSE
2. The doctor advised me to use alternative medicine. FALSE
3. When I reached the hut I saw a witchdoctor and told him about my disease.
FALSE
4. Every day the witchdoctor gave me the same liquid. TRUE
5. When I got home I went back to the same hospital and had no tests because I was healthy. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. What is the main purpose of the article?
B to describe a festival which takes place on the Isle of Wight
2. What does the writer say about the festival in 1968?
D It was more popular than imagined.
3. What would you learn about Jimi Hendrix from the article?
A He made his last ever appearance at the festival.
4. The festival was shut down because...
B people tried to go without paying.
5. What best describes the festival these days?
C It is one of the UK's biggest summer events.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

I enjoyed business studies at school and wanted to (1) *A increase* my knowledge of the subject so I decided to study it at university. Also I knew it would be (2) *B useful* later when I looked for a job. At first, the course wasn't quite what I had expected because it didn't cover the subjects I was particularly interested (3) *D in*. We spent lots of time studying a range of subjects like law and economics but I soon (4) *B realized* these are things you need to understand.

In class we work in groups, preparing ideas, we then (5) *C share* them with the others. Now we are learning how to make business plans and we can see how they would actually apply to the world of business. We have a very busy (6) *C social* life at the university so whatever subject you study, you must be (7) *B keen* on it or you won't make yourself find the time to study.

Test 29

Task 1. You will hear a successful fashion designer talking about his career. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. For the speaker fashion was something he never wanted to do. FALSE
2. Fashion was a serious subject for the speaker's parents. FALSE
3. The speaker stayed at home until he won a prize for a design. TRUE
4. A prize for a design gave the speaker a place at a London college for nine months. TRUE
5. The speaker ended up in Milan, starting his own company. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. Mensa is...
B the clever people's club.
2. To be invited to Mensa a person must...
C do well on a series of special tests.
3. The minimum number of points an applicant must score in tests is..
A 148.
4. Oliver didn't get good marks at school because he...
C was shy.
5. Adragon Eastwood Demello...
B is a wonder-child.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

English is the first language of many people in countries outside the United Kingdom.

When you meet speakers of English from around the world, you (1) *D immediately* notice that they do not all speak in the same way. There are also some (2) *D differences* in the words they use, including the names of (3) *A common* objects that are part of everyone's daily life. But although pronunciation and (4) *D vocabulary* are not the same everywhere, it is interesting that English speakers from opposite sides of the world can understand (5) *A each* other easily. It does not seem to *matter* where they learnt the language. And of course this is one reason why speakers of other languages are keen (6) *B on* learning English too. If you know English, you are more (7) *A likely* to be able to study or work in all sorts of exciting places, such as the United States or Australia.

Test 30

Task 1. You will hear an interview about the lifestyles of teenagers. Liz is answering questions about herself and her brother Mike. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. For breakfast, Liz sometimes has a banana. FALSE
2. At breakfast, Mike drinks milk. TRUE
3. The number of portions of fruit and vegetables every day for Liz is fewer than three. FALSE
4. Mike's favourite sport in summer is athletics. FALSE
5. Liz would like to learn horse riding. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. What does the author of the text find enigmatic about music?
A That it can be enjoyed by anyone.
2. How do different people take music?
D As something that only some people can afford.
3. What do many people think about the role of music in education?
A That it is overestimated.
4. Which words in the text show that the author is critical about the role of music?
D treated as an extra
5. Which of these titles is the most suitable for the text?
C Music is an enigma.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

There are some stories of superheroes. Who are they? A superhero is a fictional character with special powers. (1) *B Since* the first Superman story was written in the USA in 1938, superheroes have (2) *D appeared* in various comic books around the world. But more recently they have become better known as film characters. (3) *C Although* superhero powers vary widely, superhuman strength and the ability to fly are common. Some superheroes do not have special powers but have (4) *D developed* other important abilities. In order to protect friends and family, a superhero's identity is normally (5) *C kept* secret, which often means superheroes have a complicated double life. (6) *C There* have been successful superheroes in countries other than the USA. Examples (7) *D include* Cybersix from Argentina and the heroes of AK Comics from Egypt. Japan is the only country that has created as many superhero characters as the USA. However, most Japanese superheroes are short-lived. While American entertainment companies reinvent superheroes, hoping they will stay popular, Japanese companies frequently introduce new characters.

Test 31

Task 1. Listen to five people who have ordered goods online by post and match the problems to the speakers. There is one extra problem.

- 1 D The goods haven't arrived.
- 2 C The customer has changed his mind.
- 3 F The wrong item was sent to the customer.
- 4 E There is a payment problem.
- 5 A An item is damaged.

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. The present-day name of the Club is...
B the All England Lawn-Tennis and Croquet Club.
2. Women who took part in one of the first championships...
C. were good at tennis.
3. Lawn-tennis is... in origin.
A French
4. First tennis players were...
B amateurs.
5. To join the Club is not easy because....
C its membership is limited.

Task 3. Read the text, Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Wales has population of about three million. English is the main language and only twenty per cent speak both Welsh and English. Every year for one week in August there is a Welsh-speaking festival. It (1) *A takes* place in a different town each year so everyone has the chance for it to be near them. Local people (2) *C spend* years making plans for when the festival will be in their town. Each festival is (3) *D attended* by about 160,000 people. They travel not only from nearby towns and villages (4) *A but* also from the rest of the British Isles and (5) *D even* from abroad. There are concerts, plays and competitions, and shops sell Welsh music, books, pictures and clothes as (6) *D well* as food and drink. There is also a place (7) *B where*. Welsh learners can go to practice the language.

Test 32

Task 1. You will hear a teacher talking to a school assembly. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The purpose of the announcement is to inform students about an upcoming school trip. FALSE
2. The previous years winner explored space. TRUE
3. Students must send a report or film to the judges if they want to be considered for the competition. TRUE
4. The science fair takes place during October. FALSE
5. Any team wishing to enter competition will be provided with an information pack and equipment for the projects on September 9. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. Why is recycling so important?
C Because it improves the environment.
2. Is recycling a new idea?
B No, it was known long ago.
3. What questions do we ask ourselves?
A Why do we throw away?
4. What is recycled in Taiwan?
B waste paper
5. What title is the most appropriate for the text?
C Recycling will save our environment

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

When people first began to write, they did not use an alphabet. Instead, they drew small pictures to show the objects they were writing about. This was very slow because there was a different picture for (1) *C every* word.

The Ancient Egyptians had a system of picture writing that was (2) *B called* hieroglyphics. The meaning of this writing was forgotten for a very long time but in 1799 some scientists (3) *A discovered* a stone near Alexandria in Egypt. The stone had been there for (4) *C over* a thousand years. It had both Greek and hieroglyphics on it and researchers were finally able to understand what the hieroglyphics meant.

An alphabet is quite different (5) *B at* picture writing. It (6) *A consists* of letters or symbols that represent a sound and each sound is just part of one word. The Phoenicians, who lived about 3,000 years ago, developed the modern alphabet. It was later improved by the Romans and this alphabet is now used (7) *B widely* throughout the world.

Test 33

Task 1. You will hear an interview about a student who studied abroad. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Jeff wanted to experience new things. TRUE
2. Jeff chose to study in Germany because he could apply the classes to his degree. TRUE
3. Jeff's favourite thing about his trip was getting to know the city well. FALSE
4. Jeff encountered a problem travelling because he had never flown before. FALSE
5. Jeff was grateful to his host for her help. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. At Oxford University...

A a student can be a member of different clubs.

2. The most popular sport at Oxford University is...

B rowing.

3. Bumping races were invented because...

A it was possible for boats to race side by side.

4. The winners are given...

C oars with their names engraved in gold.

5. May Week is...

A fortnight in June.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

When I was a child we used to go to my grandmother's house. We often had a picnic in a wood which was (1) *C full* of wild flowers. We always used to go to the (2) *C same* place. One day when we had finished our picnic, my mother noticed that she had (3) *A lost* her ring, which had her initials inside it.

We looked everywhere for it and we carried on until it was dark and we had to give (4) *D up*.

Thirty years later, I was on holiday with my own children and we (5) *B found* the same wood. We decided to have a picnic there. It was my son who made it a lucky day. He was bored with the picnic (6) *D so* he started digging a hole under a tree. Suddenly, he (7) *C saw* a ring. It had some writing inside it and we all agreed it was my mother's ring. She was really happy when we gave it back to her!

Test 34

Task 1. You will hear an interview with an opera singer. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. Alfie Jones is currently performing at the
C Queen's Theatre.
2. The performances
A are mostly crowded.
3. The story of Les Miserables
B is about an ex-prisoner.
4. On Alfie's album you can hear
D different types of music.
5. Alfie needs time to
C rest his voice.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 For centuries people were proud of Westminster Abbey. TRUE
- 2 The British Queen has never been crowned in it. FALSE
- 3 The Poet's Corner is in the Houses of Parliament. FALSE
- 4 The Courts of Justice meets in Westminster Abbey. FALSE
- 5 As history shows the Houses of Parliament were rebuilt three times. TRUE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Running is now very popular with teenagers in many countries both as a sport and as a way of keeping fit. Even if you only run twice a week, you (1) *C need* to wear good shoes. There is a lot of choice in running shoes, so decide how (2) *D much* you can afford to pay for your shoes, then find a pair that fits you (3) *D well*. Be prepared to (4) *C try* different sizes in different shoes. If you wear adult shoes, remember that women's are made narrower (5) *C than* men's and, although most girls and women will find a woman's shoe which suits them, there is no reason why they shouldn't wear a man's shoe. The same is true for men and boys — (6) *D if* a woman's shoe fits you better, then wear it. If you (7) *B make* a mistake and buy the wrong shoes, you may do serious damage to your feet.

Test 35

Task 1. You will hear an interview with an artist. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. Annie is an artist because her parents are creative people. FALSE
2. The thing that influences her art the most is her mood. TRUE
3. The theme she is working with right now is water. TRUE
4. Annie makes her sculptures in her studio. TRUE
5. Annie's exhibition is at the Harris Library. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text and complete the gaps (1 -5) with these extracts (A -F). There is one extra extract.

- 1 D thrilling moments and an unforgettable time
- 2 B our life becomes more interesting and amazing.
- 3 E to his liking and abilities
- 4 F take sport to its most dangerous limits
- 5 A who prefer individual sports
- 5 C everyone is fond of scuba-diving

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Yesterday Ahmed left his home for the first time in eleven years. But his home is a very unusual one — he has (1) *C spent* the last eleven years living in an international airport. Ahmed had no family in his own country, so eleven years ago he set off to search (2) *B for* his sister who lived in Scotland. He hadn't heard from her for (3) *A years*, but he had an old address. He never reached Scotland, however, because while he was (4) *A waiting* for a connecting flight, all his documents (5) *B were* stolen and he had to ask for new ones. As he had nowhere to go, he stayed in the airport. After a (6) *D few* weeks, he was still there. He became (7) *B known* as 'Sir George' and all the airport staff liked him. Eleven years later his documents arrived and he was free to go. But he no longer wanted to!

Test 36

Task 1. You will hear about problems of the cities. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. According to Dr Belmont, problems of the cities in the 21st century are caused by their expansion. TRUE
2. People move to the cities looking for better healthcare. FALSE
3. According to Dr Belmont, the crime rate may be explained by unemployment. FALSE
4. According to Dr Belmont, people have to spend on transport £4 every day. TRUE
5. The drivers were dissatisfied with the new tax in London last year. TRUE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1 The headmaster came into the classroom to...

A give the students good news.

2 How did the students feel about the trip?

C excited

3 The beaches in Sri Lanka were...

A fantastic.

4 The best part of the trip to Singapore was...

B a visit to an island.

5 At the end of the trip the students...

C didn't want to go home.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

If you ask many people to name a twentieth-century artist, they will suggest "Picasso".

Although he was born in 1881 and died in 1973, the general public (1) *B still* thinks of his work as modern art. His early paintings look traditional to us nowadays, but his later work is less easy to understand, (2) *D even* seventy years after he did it.

One thing students should (3) *A remember* about Picasso is that he enjoyed a joke.

This is clear when we look at the drawings he made on dishes and pots. When we try to (4) *C judge* the importance of Picasso, we must not forget that he was a clever businessman as well as a great artist. Although poor when young, he was excellent (5) *D at* selling his work and he became extremely rich. He believed he

was a great artist, and he could (6) *A persuade* other people that he was too.

Some people feel that there are other twentieth-century artists who should be (7) *D equally* famous, but this can only be decided in the future.

Test 37

Task 1. You will hear about a person's health. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. Michael J Fox

B started acting as a child.

2. When he learnt about his disease, Michael

C was very shocked.

3. He set up the Michael J Fox Foundation because

A there isn't a cure for the disease.

4 At present, Michael

D is a very successful writer.

5. According to Debi Brooks, Michael

D talks about his health when necessary.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

1 American Indians never experienced pressure from European settlers. FALSE

2 The Indians have lost all their lands. FALSE

3 Modern civilization didn't manage to destroy the Indians heritage. TRUE

4 Europeans taught the Indians how to grow tomatoes. FALSE

5 Today large cities host about 2/3 of the Native Americans. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

How does weather influence the lives of everyone? The climate of any country depends on its position on Earth, its (1) *A distance* from the sea and how high it is.

In countries which have sea all around them, like Britain, New Zealand, winters are mild and summers are cool. There is not a huge change from one season to (2) *B another*.

Countries near the Equator have hot weather all year with some (3) *C heavy* rain, except in deserts where it rains very little. Above the desert there are no clouds in the sky so the (4) *A heat* of the sun can easily warm the ground during the day but it gets very cold at night. People are always (5) *B interested* in unusual weather and pictures of tornadoes, for example, are shown on television. Strong winds and rain can (6) *D cause* a lot of damage to buildings and in spite of modern (7) *C methods* of weather forecasting they can still surprise us.

Test 38

Task 1. You will hear a radio interview with someone talking about natural cleaning products. For each question choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

1. Barbara White is
B a TV presenter.
2. The interviewer is surprised by the use of vinegar as
D a fabric softener.
3. Barbara recommends toothpaste for cleaning
D silver.
4. Lemon peel can be used to clean
A the microwave.
5. To make a carpet smell fresh, Barbara says to use
B baking soda.

Task 2 Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The Aborigines originally came from Europe. FALSE
- 2 They were farmers who settled on the territory for a long time. FALSE
- 3 There is no written Aboriginal language. TRUE
- 4 Europeans destroyed their traditional way of life. TRUE
- 5 No Aboriginal art or artifacts survive. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

The Rocky Mountains run almost the length of North America.

They start in the North-west, but lie only a (1) *C few* hundred miles from the centre in more southern areas. Although the Rockies are smaller (2) *D than* the Alps, they are no less wonderful.

There are many roads across the Rockies, (3) *A but* the best way to see them is to travel by train. You start from Vancouver, (4) *C the* most attractive of Canada's big cities. Standing with its feet in the water and its head in the mountains, this city (5) *B allows* its residents to ski on slopes just 15 minutes by car from the city centre. Thirty passenger trains a day used to (6) *D set* off from Vancouver on the cross continent railway. Now there are just three a week, but the ride is still a great adventure. You sleep on board, which is fun, but travel through some of the best (7) *A scenery* at night.

Test 39

Task 1. You will hear an interview with a stuntman. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The most important thing for stunt performers is safety. TRUE
2. Before he worked as a stunt performer, Johnny took part in many extreme sports. TRUE
3. Applicants are divided into groups based upon their certificates. FALSE
4. Johnny says that the obstacle course is both enjoyable and helps to boost fitness. TRUE
5. In order to become a stunt performer, it is vital to improve communication skills. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B or C.

1. A busker...
B plays a musical instrument.
2. Each busker plays...
B for a limited period of time.
3. On the walls buskers usually write...
C their names and the time when they are going to play.
4. The police...
A make buskers go to another place.
5. The busker mustn't...
C stand close to another busker.

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

If there's one thing we're good at, it's shopping. We love shopping in the States, and we have huge shopping malls which are designed for two (1) *A aims*: to give us the greatest possible (2) *D choice* of things to buy, and to separate us from our money. But we like to be relaxed when we go shopping, so the staff are there to help us choose if we need it, but they don't usually (3) *B bother* us unless we're (4) *D looking* confused. In fact in small stores, the price is always clearly marked on the product, and that's the price you pay.

Sometimes, like at Christmas, the assistants will (5) *B wrap* our presents in special seasonal wrapping paper, but usually they just put things in a bag. And at supermarkets, grocery assistants don't wrap groceries up individually, they usually put them all in large, brown paper bags, (6) *A strong enough* to take a lot of groceries. The assistants are always friendly and make small talk about the weather and things like that, and then as we (7) *D leave*, they usually say goodbye and "Have a nice day!"

Test 40

Task 1. You will hear an interview about an adventure park. For each question choose the right answer A, B, C or D.

1. The radio host says that people
B lack new ideas of what to do in their free time.
2. The most popular activity at the adventure park is
C zip-lining.
3. A paint ball game lasts
A half an hour.
4. Scott suggests finishing a day at the park
C by playing mini golf.
5. At the adventure park children can't
A go paintballing.

Task 2. Read the article and match the title A-G to each paragraph 1-6 . There is one extra title.

1D, 2B, 3F, 4A, 5E, 6C

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

The tiger can live in almost (1) *A any* natural environment from hot, steamy jungles to snowfields with zero temperatures. A female tiger has her first cubs when she is less (2) *B than* four years old. About half usually die before they become a year old. They kill their first small animals when they are about one and leave their mother a year later. Tigers are good swimmers, can climb trees (3) *A and* eat 23 kilos of meat in a night. They can jump nearly nine metres, which is about the length of a double-decker bus. A tiger depends (4) *C on* its sharp eyes and keen ears. It waits in cover and rushes at the animals it hunts, jumping on (5) *A them*.

If it fails it often (6) *C gives* up because it gets tired very easily. It can go for more than a week without catching anything.

Test 41

Task 1. You will hear Sam talking about a Neighborhood Watch scheme. For each question choose the correct answer A, B or C.

1. Sam started the scheme because
C the police suggested it to him.
2. The main aim of Neighbourhood Watch is
A to prevent crime before it happens.
3. Since Sam started Neighbourhood Watch,
C there isn't as much crime in the area.
4. The first meeting is often held
C at the home of a group member.
5. Finally, Sam suggests that the police
B can do a better job if the community helps.

Task 2. Read the text and decide if the sentences are T (true) or F (false).

- 1 The tourists are going to visit the beautiful town of Brighton. FALSE
- 2 From the top of the mountain there is a lovely view of the river. FALSE
- 3 There is a café near the waterfall on the way to Brampton. TRUE
- 4 Most people come to Brampton to see the University. FALSE
- 5 The tourists will start by taking a guided tour of the museum. FALSE

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

James and Sally held (1) *B hands* as they walked together through the crowded stores of Newberry Mall. It was a cold winter day outside and even though the (2) *B pair* wasn't bathing in riches, they thought it might be fun to "window" shop. James led his girlfriend into an electronics store. He smiled when he (3) *D found* there a huge collection of wide-screen TV's.

"Just (4) *D look at* this!" he said aloud. "This is the right size for our family room! We could invite all of our friends over, put on some DVDs, and serve some drinks and appetizers..." He laughed. Sally laughed with him and added, "We could have an Indiana Jones marathon."

The salesperson asked them if his assistance was needed.

"Nah, we're just (5) *C looking*," James explained.

"Ok. Let me know if you have any questions."

The jewelry store was next. Sally went directly for the emeralds. They were her favourite! Without warning, she caught James by his sleeve and pointed to a sparkling emerald ring on either side. "Look at how gorgeous it is," she said in an excited whisper. "And it's just my size!"

Sally asked the jeweler if she could try it (6) *A on*.

She was right. It fit her (7) *C perfectly*.

Test 42

Task 1. You will hear an interview with an online shopping expert. For questions choose the best answer A, B or C.

1. What is the main advantage of shopping online?

C It isn't necessary to visit the shops.

2. What is the point of auction websites?

A You set your own prices for an item.

3. What is a disadvantage of shopping online?

A It is impossible to inspect the product before purchase.

4. What does Betty say about using debit cards online?

C It is not the best way to pay for something.

5. Why should people check their credit card statements?

A To spot extra charges.

Task 2. Read the article and match the title A-F to each paragraph 1-5 . There is one extra title.

1C, 2F, 3D, 4A, 5B

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Nick Gillard earns a living working as a stuntman on films and TV shows but his first *(1) A experience* of show business was trick-riding circus horses. Four years later he got the chance to perform in his first film. "I really enjoyed working on the film," Nick remembers, "so I started asking what I should *(2) B do* to become a stuntman."

To do this he had to reach instructor *(3) B level* in six sports including skiing, riding and gymnastics. Since qualifying *(4) C at* the age of 19, Nick has worked on many movies and has doubled for some of the biggest stars in Hollywood.

Safety and timing are all-important for stunt professionals — they plan everything down to the tiniest detail. "We take the utmost *(5) B care*. It's not like being an actor where you can take the shot again if it goes wrong. It's got to work first time."

Nick has *(6) A done* some terrifyingly dangerous stunts. For one film he jumped across a bridge in a speed boat, and in Alien 3 he was set on fire, without air, for more than two minutes. Filming on location takes him all *(8) D over* the world, often for months at a time.

Test 43

Task 1. You will hear people talking in different situations. Listen and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. The girl needed the extra cash and helped her fellow classmate. TRUE
2. She decided to become a photographer to fulfill a lifelong ambition. TRUE
3. The girl feels nervous before she competes. TRUE
4. Being out on the football pitch is so boring for girls. FALSE
5. The backpacker travelled to the top of the mountain by tour bus. FALSE

Task 2. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

1. When was Blarney Castle built?
B over 500 years ago
2. What was the author's complaint about the stairs in the castle?
B they weren't wide enough
3. How did the soldiers defend the castle?
A by pouring hot water or tar on them
4. Which statement is true?
C the use of the castle has changed over time
5. How did the author learn to kiss the Blarney Stone?
C he watched other people kiss it
6. Which word best describes how the author felt about the visit?
B puzzled

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

Oscar Wilde once remarked that he disliked arguments as they were always vulgar and often convincing. What, then, is the difference between an argument and a quarrel? Look the word "quarrel" up in a dictionary and you will find it defines it (1) *A as an "angry argument"*. It seems that "angry" is the key word here. Both quarrelling and arguing involve disagreements, but it is only during the former that we become angry or upset.

We may raise our voices or even display aggressive behaviour when quarrelling, (2) *C whereas* in an argument, we maintain a level tone of voice and refrain from physically threatening our (3) *B opponent*.

Consequently, should we forget the differences in content. An argument is a discussion or debate in which two or more people put forward different or opposing (4) *B views*.

Evidence and logic may be used (5) *A in order* to support the speaker's point of view and possibly to convince the other(s).

Knowing that there are hot-tempered people around, they may get carried away in an argument so that it degenerates into a quarrel, but it should, (6) *A generally speaking*, be a dispassionate exchange of views rather than a shouting match.

Test 44

Task 1. You will hear doctor Matthew Belmont. For questions choose the best answer A, B or C.

1. What does Dr Belmont study?

C Cities.

2. Which was not mentioned by Dr Belmont as a specific topic of his talk?

A Healthcare.

3. Where do people live longer?

C Both in the cities and in the country.

4. What is the difference in number of mobile phones snatched in Manchester in 2003 compared to 2002?

A 400.

5. What should people do to improve the environmental situation, according to Dr Belmont's talk?

B People shouldn't bring their cars into city centres.

Task 2. Read the article and match the title A -F to each paragraph 1 -5 .

There is one extra title.

1D, 2E, 3F, 4A, 5B

Task 3. Read the text. Choose one of the variants A, B, C or D.

The English like (1) *C growing* flowers. it's a useful occupation because it doesn't harm anyone. In winter the most romantic thing (2) *B for* some people is to pick up a seed catalogue and look at the brightly (3) *C coloured* pictures of summer flowers. Even people with a tiny patch of ground in towns like growing plants, and people who (4) *D have* never seriously tried to speak any foreign language carefully learn the Latin names of the flowers they plant, so that they can tell their friends.

If you (5) *D want* to please an English person, be very polite about his garden. He will probably tell you about his garden. So you listen and say, "How (6) *A interesting!* How clever of you!"

The English gardens are internationally famous. Some of them are very beautiful, especially the big (7) *B ones* that are open to the public.