Part 4

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Cooper's Hill Cheese Chase

Over the past few weeks we've been looking at the strange, sometimes dangerous festivals that take place around the world. [16] It's here that every year, locals visit Cooper's Hill and prepare to chase a huge wheel of cheese down a very steep hill.

The event is based on an old **tradition** that goes back hundreds of years, with records of it taking place as far back as the fifteenth century. Some people argue it started following the need of farmers to be able to give their animals access to land. [17]

People crazy enough to take part chase a 4kg Double Gloucester cheese down the almost **vertical slope** of the hill. The cheese can travel at over a hundred kilometres an hour and, as the organisers let it go a few seconds before the runners start, the runners have very little chance of catching it. The hill is so steep that competitors find it impossible to keep control of their run. [18]

After worries about people taking part safely, both the runners and those watching, the cheesemaker who provides the cheese for the event was warned they could get into trouble. [19] And for one year the cheese was replaced with something else, although the event now continues to use the real thing. [20] They are told that they are responsible if they get injured during the race.

If you are brave enough to try the event, all you need to do is arrive on the day and go to the top of the hill. There are a few races for men and women, as well as a children's race which goes up hill.

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A The police told them they could be breaking the law if anybody was injured.

B So it is often shown on TV.

C Others believe it was a way of welcoming the beginning of spring.

D On the other hand, most people who enter are younger.

E Almost immediately they all start falling to the bottom.

F Because of issues like these, organisers make sure runners understand the dangers.

G This week we're visiting England, to a place called Gloucestershire.

H However, the cheese is made locally.

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