

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.

Adventures in the air

The first ever balloon flight carrying passengers was made by the Montgolfier brothers in 1783. They used hot air to float the balloon over 1,000 metres up into the sky. Nowadays, people still fly in hot-air balloons but there is also a less well-known sport called 'cluster ballooning'; instead of one big balloon, hundreds of small balloons are used.

Cluster ballooning was invented by a lorry driver called Larry Walters. Larry had wanted to fly using balloons for a long time. **16** It took almost 20 years, however, for his dream to finally come true. One day, Larry decided to do an experiment: he wanted to try flying a few metres above his garden. So he bought 45 balloons, filled them with a gas called helium, and tied them to a chair. He then cut the rope that was holding the chair to the ground. **17** The chair, with Larry sitting in it, floated several kilometres into the sky rather than just a few metres!

The wind was blowing strongly and Larry began to float out towards the sea. Things were getting dangerous. Then, to make matters even worse, the wind changed, and the balloons started to blow towards the local airport. Larry felt very worried. **18** The story of Larry's flight was all over the news and this is how the adventure sport of cluster ballooning was born.

One experienced cluster balloonist, Leo Burns, flew his cluster balloons over the largest range of mountains in Europe – the Alps. This wasn't his first flight, though. Leo had got his pilot's licence several years before, so was already used to flying. **19** According to Leo, there is no better way to fly. 'Cluster ballooning's amazing,' he says. 'The balloons are usually completely silent. **20** They weren't as safe as modern cluster balloons either.'

- A** He knew this would still make him feel very afraid.
- B** The old-fashioned hot-air balloons made a horrible noise.
- C** In fact, he was just a boy when he first started thinking about it.
- D** Luckily, he landed safely after a couple of hours.
- E** They are also much less dangerous.
- F** However, there was an unexpected problem.
- G** But these days, he prefers to use balloons.
- H** Immediately after that, he tried to learn how this would be possible.

Test 2

Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Whale songs

Did you know that a kind of whale, called a humpback whale, sings? In the 1960s it was (21) that humpbacks communicate with each other by making beautiful noises. A record was (22) in 1970 called *Songs of the humpback whale*, which sold millions of copies. People were absolutely amazed to learn that some whales in the deep oceans were so intelligent: in (23) centuries people had thought that whales had simple brains, like fish.

The songs of the whales were so popular that they were (24) in recordings of sounds from our planet which were (25) into space in 1977. The recordings were chosen to show the wide (26) of life on our planet. People hoped that, in the future, they might be found by intelligent creatures far out in space.

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| 21 | A explored | B invented | C discovered | D informed |
| 22 | A appeared | B delivered | C achieved | D produced |
| 23 | A previous | B old | C early | D ancient |
| 24 | A contained | B included | C consisted | D involved |
| 25 | A sent | B added | C kept | D placed |
| 26 | A sort | B difference | C kind | D variety |

Part 6**Questions 27–32**

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

My travel blog

This summer, I travelled to Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, on my own. I am only 20 and to (27) honest, I was nervous about exploring a new city alone. I decided to go on a free walking tour the first day I was there. I hoped the tour would help me to become more familiar (28) the city.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't great, but the tour was still absolutely fantastic! Magnus, our tour guide, knew all about the city's history. We also learnt loads (29) interesting facts about Danish culture. At the end of the tour, he gave (30) all suggestions for the best places (31) eat and visit.

Apart from learning so much, I actually had a lot more fun on the walking tour (32) I'd expected. It was an excellent way to experience the city, and learn about its culture and history.