

USE OF ENGLISH

Task 8

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (39–48) choose the correct variant (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

LEONARDO DA VINCI

Leonardo da Vinci was born on 15 April 1452 near the Tuscan town of Vinci, the (39) _____ son of a local lawyer. He was apprenticed to the sculptor and painter Andrea del Verrocchio in Florence and in 1478 became an independent (40) _____. In about 1483, he (41) _____ to Milan to work for the ruling Sforza family as an engineer, sculptor, painter and architect. From 1495 to 1497 he (42) _____ a mural of 'The Last Supper' in the refectory of the Monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Milan.

Da Vinci was in Milan until the city was (43) _____ by the French in 1499 and the Sforza family were forced to (44) _____. He may have visited Venice before '(45) _____ to Florence. During his time in Florence, he (46) _____ several portraits, but the only one that survives is the famous 'Mona Lisa' (1503-1506).

In 1506, da Vinci returned to Milan, remaining there (47) _____ 1513. This was followed by three years based in Rome. In 1517, at the (48) _____ of the French king Francis I, Leonardo moved to the Chateau of Cloux, near Amboise in France, where he died on 2 May 1519.

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| 39 A illegal | B illegitimate | C lawful | D illegible |
| 40 A student | B teacher | C master | D host |
| 41 A moved | B walked | C wandered | D roamed |
| 42 A fixed | B produced | C enjoyed | D worked |
| 43 A imprisoned | B caught | C struggled | D invaded |
| 44 A fly | B flee | C freeze | D fight |
| 45 A retreating | B returning | C appearing | D restoring |
| 46 A scribbled | B carved | C drew | D painted |
| 47 A until | B from | C in | D for |
| 48 A begging | B invitation | C prompting | D challenge |

Task 9

Read the text below. For questions (49–58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

CHOCOLATE-EATING FISH FORCED TO GO ON DIET

By Ben Lee

A fish (49) _____ eats chocolate wafers is being forced (50) _____ a diet after being deemed overweight.

The 8.8lb giant gourami was only fed English confection Kit Kats by his previous owner before being donated, (51) _____ The Sun.

New owners at the Sea Life London Aquarium grew (52) _____ that the fish, named Gary, was outgrowing his tank and tried (53) _____ him healthier food, but Gary initially refused it.

Rebecca Carter, who (54) _____ the fish, admitted: 'I've never heard of a fish (55) _____ chocolate, let alone brought up entirely on the stuff.'

'Gouramis usually eat a diet of fruit but Gary doesn't appear (56) _____ ill effects. Most fish wouldn't be able to survive on Kit Kats, but gouramis are very (57) _____.'

'However, we would not recommend (58) _____ fish confectionery of any kind.'

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| 49 A who | B whom | C which | D whose |
| 50 A in | B under | C of | D on |
| 51 A reports | B report | C reported | D to report |
| 52 A concerning | B concerned | C to concern | D have concerns |
| 53 A to food | B feed | C feeding | D to feed |
| 54 A looks after | B looked after | C looks for | D looked for |
| 55 A been fed | B fed | C being fed | D have fed |
| 56 A having suffered | B to have suffered | C to suffered | D to have suffering |
| 57 A hardly | B hard | C hardy | D hardened |
| 58 A feeding | B food | C fed | D has fed |