

READING

Task 4

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (17–21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO STAY HEALTHY AND HAPPY

17 _____

Apple is rich in fibre which is very good for digestion. Grapes and berries have high antioxidants. Orange is rich in vitamin C which is believed to be very effective especially if you have a cold or flu.

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Don't eat foods that contain trans fatty acids, which could cause clogged arteries. Such foods include spreads, margarine, packaged foods and fries and chicken from fast foods that are deep fried.

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Learn to control your appetite, like for instance a cereal and a juice for breakfast, a chicken pasta for lunch and a salad for dinner. In between have some fruits for snacks.

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Always make it a point to include exercise on your daily regime like for instance walking every morning. Walking is a good aerobic exercise. Aside from that you can also do stretching exercises for your neck and low back.

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Sleeping for 7–8 hours a day is considered to be the best relaxation after all day's work, especially if you had a good sleep.

- A Stay away from junk foods
- B Look forward to the day with a smile
- C Get enough slumbering
- D Do drills every day
- E Think positively
- F Eat five times a day in moderation
- G Eat any kind of fruits every day
- H Try joining a club

Task 5

Read the text below. For each empty space (22–26) choose the correct variant (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

STOP EATING PROCESSED AND FRIED FOODS

There's a drugless and side effect-free way to reduce inflammation in the body, restore the body's natural defence system, lose weight, possibly increase lifespan and improve or prevent diabetes, cardiovascular disease and kidney disease. The claims come from mainstream science — researchers from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, to be exact.

Their findings conclude there's a simple, inexpensive dietary intervention that could control weight even without changing caloric intake and help make people healthier in a host of ways. The key? Stop eating processed and fried foods.

According to the study, these foods, which are abundant in Western diets, are loaded with harmful toxins called Advanced Glycation End products (AGEs). AGEs are produced when foods are heated, pasteurized, dried, smoked, fried or grilled. Then, once consumed and inside the body, AGEs adhere to tissues and oxidize them, causing inflammation which can result in numerous diseases. In fact, a long list of animal studies have previously shown the dangers of AGEs. The oxidative stress from high oxidant levels and inflammation increase the risk of diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and other chronic diseases.

The new clinical study, conducted in collaboration with the National Institute on Ageing (NIA), this time looked at what people ate and how it affected their bodies. The researchers studied 325 healthy adults and 66 with chronic kidney disease. A subset of 40 healthy participants and another 9 with kidney disease were randomly assigned to follow a regular Western diet full of AGEs or to follow a diet with only one-half the amount of AGEs typically found in the American style of eating. Research subjects in the 'AGE-less diet' group were advised to avoid grilling, frying or baking their food. Instead, they were told to eat food that was poached, stewed or steamed. There was no change in calories or nutrient intake during the time of the study.

After four months on the low-AGEs eating plan, the scientists checked the blood of the healthy research subjects. They found that AGE levels, declined by as much as 60%. What's more, a similar reduction was found in the kidney patients after only one month on the AGE-less diet.

After even a short period of not eating AGEs loaded fried and processed foods, the number of AGER1 gene copies was restored to normal levels among patients with kidney disease. That means by simply adjusting the diet to avoid processed and fried foods, the body was rebuilding its healthy defence system.

22 The studies claim that it is possible to reduce inflammation in the body ____.

A by using certain drugs

C by keeping to a diet

B by taking supplements

D by losing weight

23 People can control weight when they ____.

A change caloric intake

C eat poached, stewed or steamed food

B keep to an inexpensive diet

D restore the body's natural defence system

- 24 According to the studies Advanced Glycation End products don't _____.
A decrease the risk of numerous diseases C cause inflammation of the tissues
B stick to the tissues and oxidize them D cause various chronic illnesses
- 25 The number of participants who were assigned to follow a diet which contained AGEs was _____.
A 325 C 40
B 66 D 49
- 26 As a result of keeping to a diet avoiding processed and fried foods _____.
A the AGE levels increased C the receptors were severely suppressed
B the body's defence mechanism was exhausted D the body was restoring its natural defences

Task 6

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (27–32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

SCHOOLS OF ENGLISH AROUND THE WORLD

- 27 Cambridge international college of Canada is the oldest and most respected school in Toronto for international students. Unlike most other private schools CICC is located in a proper school building with library, science labs, gymnasium, cafeteria, computer science lab, swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball field, soccer field, basketball court and beautiful residence. Public transportation is right at their doorstep. 97% of the graduates gain successful entry into universities and most of them on scholarship.
- 28 Glasgow School of English opened a sister school, Global School of English, in Edinburgh in July 2010. GSE — Edinburgh offers the same English language course programme as the Glasgow School of English. The new boutique school has six classrooms, a large student common room and free WiFi access. It is situated in a building that has recently been renovated and retains many original features. Edinburgh is a lively city with many historic sites, as well as wide choice of local bars, pubs, restaurants and clubs and a world-famous summer cultural festival.
- 29 GenkiJACS Japanese language school in Fukuoka has partnered with Willing Workers On Organic Farms Japan to offer students the opportunity to do volunteer work in Japan after finishing their studies. Students can choose from more than 300 volunteer destinations in Japan, including farms, restaurants, art galleries, workshops, and more, and can volunteer for up to a year. GenkiJACS arranges the application, and helps students to contact hosts about placements. Students gain valuable experience working, as well as improving their Japanese, and in turn are given board and lodging free of charge.
- 30 IALC's newest Italian member, A.L.C.E. Associazione Lingue e Culture Europee, is offering a scale of discounts for short-term Italian intensive courses (22 hours per week): 2 weeks — 20 % discount, 3 weeks — 25 % discount, 4 or 5 weeks — 30 % discount (plus 10 % discount on the cost of a student house). The offer usually runs from 28 August to 3 November.
- 31 Eight Tour — Italian On The Road. This unique and exclusive programme with A.L.C.E. combines the opportunity to see some of the most beautiful cities of Italy with daily classes 'on the road'. Students can study for one or more weeks in Bologna before embarking on a one-week road trip.
- 32 Any student registering for the Summer Intensive Course in the KAI Japanese language school in Tokyo by 30 June qualify for discounted tuition fees. Full details of the special offer are on the KAI Japanese language school website. The start date for KAI's General Course Autumn Term has been announced as 6 October. Agents wanting to find out more should visit the KAI website for details on this and all other courses.

What language school should you choose if you want...?

- A to combine language learning with technical tuition
- B to combine studying with doing sports
- C to see a lot of wonderful sights in an old place
- D to combine learning a language with travelling round the country
- E to get hands-on experience in your gap year
- F to have a last-minute special offer for summer
- G to book a cheaper course in summer
- H to combine language courses with advanced art learning

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (33–38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SEAGRASS

As critical for ocean life as coral reefs but less well known, seagrass beds around the planet are also in sharp decline, according to a study (33) _____, Spain and the United States, and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

‘Seagrass beds are at least (34) _____ as tropical forests or coral reefs,’ said co-author James Fourqurean of Florida International University.

Seagrass meadows provide important habitat and nurseries (35) _____, which in turn draws larger marine life to these areas to feed. They also help prevent coastal erosion by stabilizing sediments on the ocean bottom, and filter out many of the wastes that flow into the ocean from the land.

Yet according to the study, the rate of annual seagrass decline has leaped from 1% per year before 1940 to 7% per year today. An estimated 58% of all seagrass meadows around the world (36) _____. Since 1879, a full 29%, or 19,690 square miles, of the meadows have disappeared.

‘Globally, we lose a seagrass meadow the size of a soccer field every thirty minute,’ said co-author William Dennison of the University of Maryland.

Development has been the primary driving force behind sea grass destruction. 45% of the world’s population lives along the coast, and the industrial revolution led directly to sea grass declines in North America and Europe (37) _____ and outright dredging of sea grass meadows. The major areas of sea grass decline are now along coasts of the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Global warming is expected to exacerbate sea grass decline (38) _____ and rising sea levels.

- A for large numbers of shellfish and fish
- B conducted by researchers from Australia
- C due to ocean warming
- D as economically and ecologically important
- E protected from large storm waves
- F due to water pollution
- G because they live in the same kind of environments
- H are currently in a state of decline