

Task 27

Amy

It was Christmas Eve. Amy had never before felt such a powerful energy on such an **32** _____.

Standing in the living room of the ranch house, Amy **33** _____ where Paul Chadwick really lived, since it was apparent he did not live there. Paul and Anna had not put much of a mark on the apartment, Amy reflected. The apartment was handsome but impersonal. She knew that the places where he was supposed to live were too tidy, too sleek, they **34** _____ like hotel suits. He had an office in the Towers apartment and one here, and in those she could see some marks of the man; but she saw none in the living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms.

The décor was resolutely Western, its furnishings assembled to **35** _____ the effect. Only one item said something. Above the huge smoke-stained fieldstone fireplace here was a small photograph, a snapshot, actually, of a grim, solid man in his sixties. He wore a no-nonsense expression, glaring disapprovingly at the world but not at the photographer. If you knew what you were looking **36** _____ in the picture, or used a magnifying glass, you could identify a bottle of bourbon on the desk. On a table at his side were two candlestick telephones. That was Paul Chadwick the First. Amy **37** _____ to John and his sister Emily and said, “Your father is not what I imagined he would be.” Amy had seen pictures of Paul Chadwick, so his appearance was no surprise. What she had not seen in his newspaper and magazine pictures was that he was aggressive, beyond doubt, but **38** _____ that he was easily, naturally charismatic.

Task 28

Dirty Job? Oh Yeah!

“You couldn’t pay me to do that job!” Have you ever said that? Some occupations are so unpleasant that most people would never be **32** _____ to do them.

Jeff Biggs has a job like that, but he likes it. He’s the kind of guy who, as a kid, loved to play around in mud after a rainstorm, the kind of kid who loved squeezing oatmeal **33** _____ his fingers.

Bigg’s dirty job is being a sewer inspector. He inspects city sewer pipes that carry household wastewater and storm-drain runoff to water treatment plants. “Believe me,” says Biggs, “unpleasant doesn’t come **34** _____ to describing it. I creep, sometimes swim, through sewage all day.” **35** _____ to the unpleasant smells that he encounters, sewer tunnels are **36** _____ to creatures such as cockroaches and rats. And those creatures aren’t shy.

What is it like to do a really disgusting job day after day? “Someone has to do it,” says Biggs. “I seriously can’t imagine sitting in an office all day, and I earn a good salary. At the end of my workday, I’ve **37** _____ something, and I’ve helped to keep our city’s water clean and drinkable.”

And after work? “I don’t walk into the house right **38** _____,” explains Biggs. “We installed the washing machine in the garage and put a shower stall in there too. I toss my clothes into the washer, take a shower, and dress in clean clothes. Then I greet my family. Of course, sometimes the clothes go into the trash, not the washer.”

Task 29

Searching for a New Programme

A healthy lifestyle can vastly improve your well-being. This is a lifestyle designed for those who wish to feel more certain about their health and more in control of what the present and future will bring them in that important **32** _____ of existence. None of us wants to be sick. None of us enjoys the idea that we may become a medical statistic. This is a simple, easy-to-follow health-style that can enable you to get cards very much in your **33** _____. The doctors were fortunate enough to come into **34** _____ with a field of study that brought them to healing and well-being that they so desperately needed. They personally have **35** _____ thousands of people improve their health using only a small part of information. Many more people begin to improve their health now. Embracing the most current information from many health-related fields, the programme of healthy lifestyle gives you an understanding of the impact of exercise, breathing, sunshine, sleep and much more on your health. In order for this programme to work for you, you have to be willing to apply at least some part of it. Some change will be **36** _____. And as you make those first modest changes, you will get positive results that encourage you to do more. Changing is fun. And if you realize that your new healthy lifestyle **37** _____ the making of new habits, not the **38** _____ of old ones, you will feel very positive about what the future holds for you.

Task 30

To the North of London

The Aldenham Country Park is a large and pleasant area easily reached if you are travelling north out of London. It is worth visiting if you want a quick breath of fresh air and a reasonably attractive place for a brief picnic. The most important point of the park is Aldenham Reservoir. It was built in 1796 to **32** _____ the water level in the river **33** _____ by the newly constructed Grand Union Canal, and more recently has been used as a reserve public water supply. Not far from there lies the busy town of Watford which can be recommended for a brief visit. And in any **34** _____ much more interesting stretches of the canal are met further north. And if you make your way through the town you can visit the Watford Museum in the High Street which has materials on printing and paper-making on **35** _____. The picture gallery has changing exhibitions of works by artists who lived or painted in the area. Another attraction of the neighbourhood is a fascinating complex of Roman buildings, the **36** _____ of a great city, once the third largest centre of Roman Britain. The private houses were impressive, many of them furnished with mosaic floors. The beauty of the mosaics can hardly be described on paper, and it is best **37** _____ by standing and looking for a while. The other principal Roman site to be visited is a long stretch of the city wall which **38** _____ back to the 3rd century.