

TASK 4

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TASK 5

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

ALL-BLACK PENGUINS

As a ship traveled slowly along the coast of an island near Antarctica, passengers stared in awe at what they saw. A large colony of King Penguins — thousands of them — wobbled about the island as the boat passed by. As passengers scanned the scene, a few of them noticed an unusual sight. In a sea of black-and-white, one penguin stood out from the rest. From its head to its feet — front and back — the penguin was all black.

Penguins have no natural fear of humans, so some of the passengers were able to get off the boat. One passenger, Andrew Evans, sat on the ground in front of the penguin and took pictures of it. From his close-up view, the all-black penguin seemed to be in excellent health, Evans said. It seemed to fit in well with the other penguins. It even appeared to have a black-and-white mate.

While some people have reported seeing all-black penguins before, scientists say this is the first proof they have that such birds exist. "This is astonishing," said bird expert Allan Baker when he saw pictures of the penguin. "It's one in a zillion discovery."

So how did this rare penguin come to be? Baker explains that a natural pigment called *melanin* is what makes some of a penguin's feathers black. Penguins can have varying amounts of melanin, Baker says. About one in every 250,000 King penguins can be mostly black, but even those penguins always have patches of white. Until now, that is. This is the first *all black* penguin Baker has ever seen. The penguin must have a very high amount of melanin in its body, he says.

King penguins can be found across a handful of islands in southern parts of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. The islands are located where cold and warm waters mix, which makes them perfect feeding grounds for Kings. Antarctica's South Georgia Island, where the all-black penguin was found, is home to several million penguins.

zillion — величезна кількість

22. ... attracted their attention.

☐ A The island

☐ B A black and white bird

☐ C A black bird

☐ D A white bird

23. One of the travelers managed to ...

☐ A feed the penguins

☐ B to grasp one penguin

☐ C to catch some small birds

☐ D to photograph one of the birds

24. Scientists state that ...

☐ A there are many black birds in the penguin's colony

☐ B there are no black penguins at all

☐ C there's one black bird among the great quantity of penguins

☐ D penguins are very rare nowadays

25. The penguin must have ... of melanin in its body, to be all-black.

☐ A little

☐ B a very great quantity

☐ C not more than 10 %

☐ D less than 1 gram

26. King penguins can be found ...

☐ A in the northern hemisphere

☐ B in the southern hemisphere

☐ C in Africa's savannas

☐ D in the Pacific ocean's water basin

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.

PLACES TO SEE IN VIRGINIA BEACH

27. _____

Virginia Beach Oceanfront

Virginia Beach Oceanfront is a relaxing place, which is just right to spend quality time with your friends and family. Besides the boardwalk and a vast beach, there is lot more to hit upon at Virginia Beach. It's a complete holiday resort, together with an amphitheater, fine restaurants, night clubs, amusement parks, excellent golf courses and unusual events.

28. _____

Mount Trashmore

To be found in the heart of Virginia Beach, Mount Trashmore is crafted out of trash and is partially surrounded by lakes. Here you can see skateboard park, lakes, playgrounds, landform, wildlife, and much more to mention.

29. _____

Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center

Virginia Aquarium holds over 700,000 gallons of water, and is actually much more than just an aquarium. It is principally a sanctuary for rescued animals, including green sea turtle, harbor seals, dolphins, sharks, young humpback whales, stingrays, etc. Here you can witness more than 300 exhibits. Besides them, the other attractions are touch tanks, aviary, curiosity carts, boat trips, 3D IMAX, and much more.

30. _____

Ocean Breeze

Ocean Breeze waterpark has 16 waterslides, an inner-tube course and a million gallon Runaway Bay wave pool. Paradise Pipeline, Hurricane, Coconut Drops, Bamboo Shoots, Jungle Falls, Largo Loop, Mat Slides, Pirates Plummet. Activities and slides for small children too.

31. _____

Motor World

Motor World is your place to race in Virginia Beach. 11 go-kart tracks and 16 styles of go-karts to choose from. The Adult Speed Track is new. Also the Splat Zone paintball fields.

32. _____

Pungo

Just a few minutes from Sandbridge is Virginia Beach's expansive agricultural community known as Pungo. Driving through you'll discover countryside charm while feeling worlds away from the bustling Oceanfront. A few delicious restaurants have popped up recently and many farms offer pick-your-own berries, produce, and flowers for a truly Pungo experience.

In what place can you ... ?

- ☐ A make a seashell house
- ☐ B practise rollerblading
- ☐ C find excellent entertainment
- ☐ D see a concert or a show in a special place
- ☐ E get your adrenaline going
- ☐ F enjoy rural serenity
- ☐ G extend your knowledge about endangered marine species
- ☐ H you're a wildlife lover

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.

OCEANFRONT MUSIC FESTIVAL

The American Music Festival is a celebration of music of all genres. This festival, held annually at various stages along the Virginia Beach Oceanfront and Boardwalk, features three days of music, dozens of vendors, and over 20 national, regional, and local bands. Many of the concerts are free and open to the public.

The sounds of rock, jazz, country, blues, R&B, and more flood the Virginia Beach oceanfront (33) _____ over Labor Day Weekend at the Verizon Wireless American Music Festival.

The largest outdoor music event on the East coast, (34) _____ brings together local, regional, and national acts to play on a gigantic 60-foot wide and 60-foot tall stage on the beach at 5th Street (35) _____ along the beautiful Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Festival goers love the appeal of being outdoors on the beach with the Atlantic Ocean providing the perfect background for some of the greatest live music of all time! Food vendors, beer, and merchandise kiosks enhance the festival atmosphere (36) _____.

Exclusive VIP passes provide separate entrance to the area (37) _____ for viewing Friday and Saturday concerts, access to two free beers or wine, and tickets to both Friday and Saturday concerts. This is the ultimate way for fans (38) _____!

- ☐ A to enjoy the concerts
- ☐ B the Verizon Wireless American Music Festival
- ☐ C along the boardwalk
- ☐ D right in front of the stage
- ☐ E as well as stages in all parks
- ☐ F to swim in the ocean
- ☐ G for three sun-filled days
- ☐ H near the waterfront