

COMPLEX TEST 8

READING

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

IDEAS FOR FAMILY VACATIONS

1. _____ If you and your family love water then there is nothing more royal than spending your vacation on a ship. There are ready-made packages provided by the travel companies and cruise lines. Interests of all age group members are taken into consideration and ensures that everyone has fun on the ship.
2. _____ All members might not be pleased with the idea of a cruise, for them you can have a resort option. Kids and youngsters would enjoy seaside, as there are numerous activities that can be done. One can do jet skiing, surfing, play beach volleyball, cruising or simply sunbathing. In resorts, little kids can have pools and slides to play.
3. _____ Trips can be very exciting especially if you do them with your family. Going on a nature trip with your family can be both fun and educating at the same time. There are many trips like sailing, hiking, trekking through jungles, canoeing, hunting, camping, and kayaking. One can also enjoy cycling tours with proper gears and safety.
4. _____ It is an adventurous and happy vacation idea. Some families are regular backpackers, who love to live their lives hiking into the wilderness and staying in tents or living in cars or trawlers. Children are fascinated by the sights, smells and sounds of outdoors, and learn a lot about new life skills.
5. _____ Exploring new culture is always fascinating and enchanting. Each place has a distinct way of living life, celebrating festivals, wearing clothes, culinary styles, sports, and social mores. One can experience, learn and adapt to new cultures as well as appreciate one's own culture.

A Camping

B Theme Parks

C Beach Vacation

D Cultural Vacation

E Cruise Vacation

F Lifestyle Vacation

G Snow Vacation

H Adventure Vacation

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, 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

6. The travelers ... looking at the lots of penguins.

- A admired
- B panicked

- C feared
- D anticipated

7. ... attracted their attention.

- A The island
- B a black and white bird

- C a black bird
- D a white bird

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (12–16). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

PLACES TO SEE IN VIRGINIA BEACH

12. _____

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.

13. _____

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.

14. _____

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.

15. _____

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.

16. _____

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.

In what place can you ...?

A make a seashell house

B practice rollerblading

C find excellent entertainment for children

D see a concert or a show in a special place

- E get your adrenaline going
- F enjoy people-watching
- G extend your knowledge about endangered marine species
- H act as a guide

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The sounds of rock, jazz, country, blues, R&B, and more flood the Virginia Beach oceanfront (17) _____ over Labor Day Weekend at the Verizon Wireless American Music Festival.

The largest outdoor music event on the East coast, (18) _____ 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 (19) _____ 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 (20) _____.

Exclusive VIP passes provide separate entrance to the area (21) _____ 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 (22) _____!

- 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

Task 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23–34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Always maintain a smile; it (23) _____ the beauty of your face. However, (24) _____ excessive or unnecessary smiling and laughing, it can give people an (25) _____ that you have escaped from a mental (26) _____. Look at people with (27) _____ and maintain a good eye contact. Don't look down while talking, (28) _____ you have done something wrong or (29) _____ the person something. Maintain

a good eye contact when you (30) _____ with people. Remember, (31) _____ is perfect and each of us has our (32) _____ of problems. But a person who (33) _____ himself knows how to resolve matter and rise even after falling down. Note down that a confident person can (34) _____ with anything.

	A	B	C	D
23	decreases	increases	makes	stimulates
24	ban	rid	put	avoid
25	impression	expression	emotion	exertion
26	shelter	refuge	sanctuary	asylum
27	spirit	heart	reliance	uncertainty
28	least	but	unless	although
29	lend	owe	borrow	charge
30	talk	say	discuss	converse
31	everyone	nothing	anyone	nobody
32	part	kind	sack	share
33	believes on	believes in	believes at	believes of
34	get in	get round	get away	get from

Task 6

Read the texts below. For each of the empty space (35–46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Video games aren't just for kids. Each video game console that comes out (35) _____ as having the best graphics and amazing game play. Several of the games (36) _____ now are for mature audiences, making video games (37) _____ with adults than ever before.

Video game (38) _____, who play (39) _____ games for a living, are the first people outside of the (40) _____ to see the new games. Video game testers preview the games before they (41) _____ the last stages of development. They (42) _____ to the company on how well the game plays, and their thoughts on the game. Testers check for bugs, and analyze the game for details that regular gamers might not even notice.

There are a lot of people who would love to become a video game tester. Because of this, it can be a difficult job (43) _____. The best place to start is by (44) _____ a lot of video games. Learn how to work your consoles, and start analyzing games you already own. Notice details you might (45) _____ the first time through. Get active in online forums and in online gaming communities. Also, start reading up on what (46) _____ of video game testers.

	A	B	C	D
35	advertise	advertised	was advertised	is advertised
36	made	having been made	being made	was being made
37	popular	more popular	most popular	much popular
38	test	tests	testers	testing
39	it	that	those	these
40	company	companies'	companies	companion
41	to reach	reaching	reaches	reach
42	report back	report down	report about	report with
43	to get into	to getting into	to gets into	got into
44	played	playing	being played	was played
45	has missed	have missed	had missed	is missed
46	is required	are required	will be required	are being required

COMPLEX TEST 9

READING

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

TIPS FOR MAINTAINING WEIGHT AFTER DIETING

- _____ Don't relax your weight loss regime completely, just because you have reduced the pounds you wanted to. You can't loosen up after getting the desired result. However, it is always better to get into the habit of usual drill, than to continue dieting. Exercise will keep you active and you will also be able to eat all those food items that had been avoided during your diet period, though in moderation. Just ensure that you burn those extra calories through regular workouts.
- _____ After getting good results, try to eat those delicious desserts in moderation. People have a habit of splurging on food after dieting. The whole purpose of keeping yourself so much restrained in the past will be lost, if you simply get back to your normal eating habits. Take care not to eat too much, but don't deny yourself anything as well.
- _____ There is nothing better than having a healthy and nutritious food in the morning. What you eat in the morning is digested quickly. So, you can afford to have a stomach-full early meal without any fear of putting on