Include the information:
- **what sort of newspapers or magazines you prefer;**
- **why you enjoy reading these newspapers or magazines;**
- **what information you usually expect to find in them;**
- **what advice you can get from press.**

Complex Test 2

READING

Task 1

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

HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT GIFT

1. _____.

Playing Secret Santa to a co-worker you don't know well can be tricky, and buying a gift for that special someone after you've just started dating is no picnic. Even buying a gift for mom and dad can be a chore. After all, you've been exchanging gifts with them for years, and nothing's going to top your elementary school handiwork in their eyes. Fortunately, there are a few simple things you can do to hone in on the perfect gift no matter who the recipient might be.

2. _____.

When it comes to gift-giving, it really is the thought that counts. A great gift demonstrates that you've given some thought to a person and his or her interests. If you're not sure where to start, try the following:

3. _____:

The best gifts are the most thoughtful gifts. Consider the person on your list. What does he or she like? What will make that person feel like he or she is appreciated and not just a holiday chore to cross off a list? Consider the following areas of interest: Films, Books, Music, Travel, Food, Hobbies, Sports, etc.

4. _____:

Check out the gift recipient's MySpace or Facebook page. Does the person have an Amazon wish list or Netflix queue? Snoop around to find out what he or she likes.

5. _____:

If you're playing Secret Santa and don't know what to give, ask the person's closest friends and colleagues what he or she might like.

A Go snooping online.
B Make Your Gift.
C Understand that gift-giving isn't an easy thing.
D Do Cool Things with Photos.
E Find out what the person is interested in.
F Pay attention.
G Brainstorm Gift Ideas.
H Ask a third party.

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Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on a separate answer sheet.

ALBRECHT DÜRER

Dürer was born on 21 May 1471, third child and second son of his parents, who had between fourteen and eighteen children. His father was a successful goldsmith, originally named Ajtysi, who in 1455 had moved to Nuremberg from Hungary.

Dürer's godfather was Anton Koberger, who left goldsmithing to become a printer and publisher in the year of Dürer's birth. He quickly became the most successful publisher in Germany, eventually owning twenty-four printing-presses and having many offices in Germany and abroad. His most famous publication was the Nuremberg Chronicle, published in 1493 in German and Latin editions. It contained an unprecedented 1,809 woodcut illustrations.

After a few years of school, Dürer started to learn the basics of goldsmithing and drawing from his father. Though his father wanted him to continue his training as a goldsmith, he showed such a precocious talent in drawing that he started as an apprentice to a leading artist whose name was Wolgemut at the age of fifteen in 1486. A self-portrait, a drawing in silverpoint, is dated 1484 (Albertina, Vienna) "when I was a child," as his later inscription says. Wolgemut was the leading artist in Nuremberg at the time, with a large workshop producing a variety of works of art, in particular woodcuts for books. Nuremberg was then an important and prosperous city, a centre for publishing and many luxury trades. It had strong links with Italy, especially Venice, a relatively short distance across the Alps.

6. Dürer's family comes from ...
- **A** Asia
- **B** Europe
- **C** America
- **D** Australia

7. When Albrecht Dürer was born, his godfather was
- **A** a goldsmith
- **B** a publisher
- **C** an illustrator
- **D** an apprentice

8. Nuremberg Chronicle was famous for
- **A** the quality of publication
- **B** the number of languages it was translated into
- **C** the wonderful portraits it contained
- **D** publishing the drawings never existed before

9. Dürer started to learn the basics of goldsmithing and drawing
- **A** from his school teachers
- **B** from a leading artist
- **C** from his siblings
- **D** from his father

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10. Dürer created his self portrait, a drawing in silverpoint,

A when he was a child
B when he was a teenager
C when he studied at school
D when he was a leading artist

11. At that time Nuremberg ...

A was a rich and successful city
B was a centre of fashion
C was known for its architecture
D had strong links with many countries

Task 3

Read the passages 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

TOP FIVE CHILDREN'S BOOKS

12. _____

This children's book is about the tragic fate of the imaginary town of Chewandswallow. It's a place where there are no grocery stores, because all the food the people ever need falls from the sky! But the people of Chewandswallow soon find out that there really can be too much of a good thing. From gigantic meatball storms to tomato tornadoes, the weather just keeps getting worse, until the townsfolk are forced to make a difficult decision.

13. _____

This delightful book tells the story of a tattered, stuffed teddy bear named Corduroy. He explores his surroundings at night as he waits in the department store for someone to come and buy him. At the end, the lonely bear gets a new home, a new friend, and a new button for his overalls.

14. _____

This is a wonderful book to read to children as old as six or seven, but it's also a great book to read to a baby. The text is simple, the story is about a caterpillar's transformation into a butterfly. The story itself is only 14 quick pages long. The artwork, however, will have parents and children alike adoring the pages for much longer.

15. _____

This could be the one children's book that everyone remembers clearly from their childhood. It is certainly a classic. Written in the characteristically zany rhyming verse style that made Dr Suess one of the best loved children's writers of all time, this book is illustrated in full color artwork that is, well, a little creepy, but also one of the many things Dr Suess fans love about his work.

16. _____

This just might be the very best children's book to read at bedtime. The illustrations are beautiful, but they are rendered in a way that makes each scene look like a bedroom that is dark and ready to be slept in. The text is intentionally repetitive, and is one child's nightly ritual of saying goodnight to everything he can see. This is a great book for a child who needs calm, quiet, and minimal distractions at bedtime.

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Which book:

A has lines that can be listened again and again.
B only takes a couple of minutes to read aloud.
C is about a cute toy character that finds a new friendly home.
D is written in a form of comic poems.
E is too scary for the kids to read at bedtime
F tells about an imaginary place where people have a bad destiny.
G tells about a boy who has an incredibly bad day
H is about an imaginative little boy who colors his world exactly the way he wants it.

Task 4

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

WHAT IS ACID RAIN?

Acid rain is a result of air pollution. When any type of fuel is burnt, (17) _____ _____. The smoke that comes from a fire or the fumes that come out of a car exhaust don't just contain the sooty grey particles that you can see – (18) _____.

Power stations, factories and cars all burn fuels they also contains lots of invisible gases (19) _____. Some of these gases (especially nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxide) react with the tiny droplets of water in clouds to form sulphuric and nitric acids. The rain from these clouds then falls as very weak acid - (20) _____. The release of sulphur dioxide can also occur naturally when a volcano erupts.

Acid rain can be carried great distances in the atmosphere, not just between countries but also from continent to continent. The acid can also take the form of snow, mists and dry dusts. The rain sometimes falls many miles from the source of pollution but wherever it falls (21) _____. In the 1970s the effects of acid rain were seen at their worst.

Forests all over the world are dying. in Scandinavia the fish are dying; lakes were crystal clear (22) _____. Many of Britain's freshwater fish are threatened, their eggs are damaged and deformed, fish are being hatched. This in turn leads to fish-eating birds and animals also being affected.

A it can have a serious effect on soil, trees, buildings and water.
B acid rain can cause trees to grow more slowly.
C seems to have more effect in some areas than it does in others.
D but now contain no living creatures or plant life.
E that is why it is known as "acid rain".
F that can be even more harmful to our environment.
G and therefore they all produce polluting gases.
H lots of different chemicals are produced.

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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.

TRAVEL STORIES ALTIPLANO ADVENTURES

In just under three weeks Brett (partner/husband), Ryan (20-year-old son) and I travelled (23) _____ three countries, flew on six different planes, walked up to (24) _____ of 4,300m and had the experience of a lifetime.

We arrived in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, and (25) _____ we were impressed by the architecture, (26) _____ we found Buenos Aires a (27) _____, dirty, bleak and depressing city. The fact that we were stuck at Buenos Aires Airport on the way to Bolivia for hours and hours during the night after a (28) _____ flight with no announcements in English and no boards to let us know what was happening could be forgiven....nearly! But the fact that we were nearly stuck there again on our way home because Aerolines decided to (29) _____ our flight to Australia by two hours with no notice threw panic into our hearts. To be stuck in Buenos Aires for up to (30) _____ week with no money, no accommodation and the expense of the Argentinian peso matched to the US dollar was unforgivable!

We had a (31) _____ of days in Buenos Aires before moving on. Buenos Aires, like New York, never shuts down. Traffic goes all night. Drivers sit with hands (32) _____ glued to horns. Food in BA is delicious – and heaps of it. As stated before, fabulous architecture but most buildings need (33)_____. The Retiro, Buenos Aires's main railway station, for example, has a net attached to the roof, to catch the masonry falling off it. After spending more days in Buenos Aires than we should've we flew an antiquated 737 into Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Slept all the way due to no sleep the night before and still (34) _____ from Australia.

	A	B	C	D
23	over	cross	through	above
24	elevations	altitudes	eminences	hills
25	otherwise	however	moreover	although
26	overall	general	particularly	together
27	miserable	grimy	cold	dismal
28	forbidden	corrected	cancelled	closed
29	bring up	bring out	bring about	bring forward
30	other	another	others	the other
31	. pair	two	couple	several
32	permanently	lastly	temporarily	eventually
33	establishing	restoring	building	designing
34	long-legged	three-legged	jet-black	jet-lagged

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Task 6

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

When the first Harry Potter movie (35) _____ ten years ago, it was a perfect (36) _____ movie. But over the years the movies, (37) _____ the books, (38) _____ more and more grown up. (39) _____ film in the series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, is so dark and scary that the little ones might want to stay at home, or (40)_____ cover their eyes.

This is (41) _____ part of a two-part finale for the series. In the film, Harry (42) _____ and destroy mysterious dark objects (43)_____ as Horcruxes, which (44) _____ Lord Voldemort his power. The only problem is that Harry has no idea (45) _____ the Horcruxes are, where to find them, or (46) _____ to destroy them. Find out if Devan and Dale plan to go Horcrux-hunting with Harry.

	A	B	C	D
35	had come out	has come out	came out	have come out
36	kid's	kids	kid	kids'
37	as	so	same	like
38	has become	have become	became	had become
39	The newest	Newest	Newer	The newer
40	at last	at least	finally	eventually
41	first	one	the first	ones
42	had found	has to find	found	have found
43	know	knew	known	have known
44	give	gives	gave	given
45	when	what	which	how
46	what	why	how	who

Writing

Write an essay (100-120 words) and put the case for and against on the topic: "Can man and society live in harmony with nature?"

Complex Test 3

READING

Task 1

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

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