

Reading

Task 4

Read the texts 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.

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SINGING Audition

Can you sing? Have you ever wanted to join a band?
Now is your chance!
Come to Fred's music studio and try out for our band.
Auditions start at 2.30 p.m. on Friday.
You must fill out an entry form by Tuesday.
Please email your entry form to Fredmusic@studio.com

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No football training today due to bad weather.

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To: all students of class 11B
From: Ms Pauline

The essay I gave you on Tuesday doesn't need to be handed in until next Wednesday; however, Friday 15th is the deadline for this work.
If you need any help or have any questions, I will be in my office on Wednesday from 12 to 12.30 p.m.; you can also email me: Pauline@teachermail.com

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Dance & Pom Teachers, we're looking for you!
Mid-American Studio is looking for skilled & creative teachers to join the team!

Job Description:

- Teach some or all levels of hip hop, tap and/or pompom. Grades K-8th. (Tell us what your specialty is.)
- Choreograph recital routine(s)
- Weekly classes

Session dates: Fall: Aug-Dec Winter: Jan-May
Please forward your resume (references included) to jillian@pompom.com
Mid-American Studio

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(248) 477-5248

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Natalie Soave

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Sale today only
20 % OFF ALL SHOES

What is the purpose of the pieces of writing above?

- A To tell about the date by which something should be completed.
- B To offer an opportunity to become a member of a musical group.
- C To notify that an activity has been called off.
- D To invite a friend.
- E To offer somebody to participate in a song contest.

F To inform about a temporary discount.

G To advertise a job.

H To keep somebody informed about weather conditions.

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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.

Marie Curie was born in 1867. She is one of the greatest scientists ever to have lived. She was a pioneer in the field of radioactivity and discovered the chemical elements radium and polonium. Curie is the only person ever to win two Nobel Prizes in two different sciences. Other achievements include being the first female professor at the University of Paris.

Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland. Her father was a Maths and Physics teacher and had a big influence on Marie's early education. From an early age Marie was an exceptional student with an amazing memory. She often went without food and sleep to study. Her brilliant mind led her to Paris to study and conduct her research.

She met her future husband Pierre Curie at the university. He considered Marie to be a genius and instantly wanted to work with her. They got married and spent most of their time together in their laboratory studying radioactive materials. Their research led to the discovery of radium, for which they were honoured with the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1903.

Pierre was killed in 1906 and Marie was devastated and extremely lonely. She threw herself even deeper into her work and won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1911. She spent the 1920s raising funds for more research with radium. In 1934 she died from a condition caused by decades of exposure to radiation. Before that no one knew how deadly radium could be.

22 What is the best title for this text?

- A The Discoveries in Physics.
- B Marie's Family Life.
- C Marie Curie: the Great Scientist.
- D Marie Curie: the Early Years.

23 Marie Curie _____

- A was one of the greatest mathematicians.
- B studied radioactivity.
- C discovered radianee.
- D was the first female professor at the University of Warsaw.

24 Curie won _____

- A the Nobel Prize in Biology.
- B two Nobel Prizes in Chemistry.
- C two Nobel Prizes in two different sciences.
- D no Nobel Prizes.

25 Who or what influenced Marie's early education?

- A Her Maths teacher.
- B Her father.
- C Pierre Curie.
- D The works of Albert Einstein.

26 Marie and her husband _____

- A studied radioactive materials together.
- B met at school.
- C were honoured with the Nobel Prize for Maths.
- D died in the same year.

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Task 6

Read the texts 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.

There are loads of amazing amusement parks in the world both for children and for adults. Let's have a look at the most popular of them.

27 PortAventura in Spain

PortAventura is Spain's top theme park on the Costa Dorado.

The park has theme zones based on five historic civilizations: Mediterranean, where you can try the Furios Baco — the fastest roller coaster in Europe, Far West, Mexico, China and Polynesia, and one theme area based on Sesame Street which was opened for the 2011 season of the park.

28 Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark

Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Gardens is the most visited theme park in Scandinavia. The park was founded in 1843 and so far has been the second oldest amusement park in the world after Dyrehavsbakken in nearby Klampenborg.

29 LEGOLAND in Windsor, the UK

Even today, in a world of video games and tablet computers, LEGO is still a major brand name, and clearly that name attracts people. In LEGOLAND Windsor you'll find yourself surrounded by sky-high buildings made of LEGO, and with the range of activities and shows on offer; there's not even a need to go on any rides to have a great day out.

30 Futuroscope in Poitiers, France

Futuroscope is one of the most renowned and admired leisure parks in France. And the only one of its kind in Europe!

Located on sixty hectares of picturesque landscapes, Futuroscope is the ideal place to have a rest. On offer are also 25 original experiences like heart-thumping adventures, outrageous thrills, mind-blowing journeys, the fairy-tale evening show and other fascinating attractions.

31 Disneyland Paris

Europe's most famous theme park attracts an incredible number of visitors — 10.5 million in 2015, more than any other amusement park in Europe.

Disneyland Paris has similar rides with many other Disney World's installations, but in many cases this is just in name. The rides in Paris are noticeably larger and more thrill-oriented than, for example, California's version.

32 Ferrari World, Abu Dhabi

Ferrari World Abu Dhabi is a mostly indoors amusement park. It is the first Ferrari-branded theme park and located on Abu Dhabi's Yas Island in the United Arab Emirates. The park opened in November 2010. Its centerpiece is Formula Rossa which the park claims is the fastest roller coaster in the world.

This park _____

- A is very much family-oriented.
- B was founded in the 19th century.
- C is huge and offers a great number of unique experiences.
- D is set in front of a beautiful lake.
- E can boast the world's fastest roller coaster.

F has more adventurous rides than its American counterpart.

G has zones devoted to the world history.

H attracts the visitors with its unusual setting.

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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.

A long time ago there was a farmer (33) _____. One day the farmer could not find him. The farmer was searching for him here and there, but it looked like (34) _____. The farmer was about to give up, when he heard a sound coming from the well. That's the place where the donkey was!

Having considered the situation carefully, the farmer decided that neither the donkey nor the well (35) _____. Instead, he called his neighbours together, told them what had happened, and asked them to help bring dirt to bury the old donkey in the well.

When the old donkey heard that, he was terrified! But as the farmer and his neighbours started (36) _____, he came up with an idea. He realized that it was possible to shake the dirt off and step up!

So he started doing that. «Shake it off and step up... shake it off and step up... shake it off and step up!» he repeated (37) _____. No matter how distressing the situation looked, the old donkey fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up.

It wasn't long before the old donkey, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of that well! What seemed like it would bury him actually helped him... all because of the manner (38) _____.

In fact life is like that. If we face our problems and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity, we manage to deal with them effectively.

- A who had an old donkey
- B was worth the trouble of saving
- C the donkey had disappeared
- D was rather the vital necessity
- E to encourage himself
- F in which he handled his misfortune
- G and yet not solve a single problem for anyone
- H throwing dirt into the well

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