

Use of English

1. Read the text below. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C).

Dolphins

Dolphins are different from the fish in the sea in many ways. They're part of the family of whales. They're warm, they (1)..... babies which stay with (2)..... mothers for years, and usually swim together in family groups called 'herds'.

People think that dolphins are unusually clever animals. Dolphins 'talk' to one another and understand each other very well and (3)..... dolphins can learn to understand words in our language. They also will (4)..... instructions. They're friendly and enjoy playing games, too. You often see (5)..... swimming near ships at sea.

Dolphins prefer to eat certain kinds of food which they can find even if it's dark, (6)..... they don't need to drink. They get all the water that they need from the fish they eat.

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| 1 A has | B have | C are having |
| 2 A its | B their | C our |
| 3 A many | B any | C a lot |
| 4 A follow | B following | C followed |
| 5 A him | B it | C them |
| 6 A because | B but | C or |

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Miniature paintings

Shammi Banu is a painter (1)..... India. His family have painted very small paintings called 'miniatures' for (2)..... years. Everything Shammi knows about painting was taught to (3)..... by his father. He was a great teacher. Shammi has taught many people to paint (4)..... 1997 and now he has British, American and Indian students in his classes.

Shammi uses things like plants and flowers to make (5)..... the colours he needs for his paints. Making them takes a long time. He breaks the plants into small pieces and (6)..... washes them and puts them in the paint. When he has the colour he wants, he sometimes adds food or blue to the paint to help it stay on the paper.

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| 1 A for | B from | C of |
| 2 A many | B a lot | C much |
| 3 A it | B him | C them |
| 4 A since | B during | C in |
| 5 A some | B all | C every |
| 6 A after | B first | C then |

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Tasmanian devils

Tasmanian devils are about the size of a small dog. They have a coat of dark fur with a few lighter areas on some (1)..... of their bodies. Their heads are large and they have very strong teeth.

In the (2)....., Tasmanian devils lived all over Australia, but today they are only (3)..... on the island of Tasmania in the south-east of the country.

Tasmanian devils are meat-eaters and are active at night. They usually eat animals that are already dead, but also catch (4)..... like snakes, birds, fish and insects. Like many Australian animals, including the kangaroo, Tasmanian devils are 'marsupials'.

This (5)..... their babies are very small when they are born. Their mothers carry them in a special pocket (6)..... a 'pouch' on the front of their bodies until they are big and strong.

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| 1 A pieces | B places | C parts |
| 2 A history | B past | C century |
| 3 A found | B looked | C watched |
| 4 A examples | B things | C ways |
| 5 A means | B decides | C thinks |
| 6 A told | B said | C called |

4. Read the text below. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Brainy Octopuses

In (22) _____, the US Air Force sponsored scientists to study the way octopuses (23) _____ their brains. Some octopuses in laboratories seem to play with objects as if they were toys – a sure sign of intelligence. Others could pick up (24) _____ skills like opening jars. Perhaps the most striking thing about octopuses (25) _____ their ability to change their colour and body pattern. They do this to camouflage (26) _____ and also to communicate with others. They can completely change their appearance in less than a second – a striped octopus can suddenly become spotted.

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| 23 A to use | B use | C using | D have used |
| 24 A complicate | B complication | C complicating | D complicated |
| 25 A is | B are | C were | D has been |
| 26 A them | B themselves | C theirs | D their |

5. Read the text below. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Lady Tarzan

A girl from India knows how to speak to elephants, a skill that comes in (12) _____ more often than you would think. Here is a language you never got the (13) _____ to learn in school! Several years ago, a herd of 11 elephants from nearby forests entered a residential area in the city of Rourkela. Before the wild animals could (14) _____ chaos on the town and its residents, authorities got hold of teenage girl Nirmala Toppo, because (15) _____, she seems to have the (16) _____ to communicate with elephants. Nirmala rushed from her village to a football field in the city where the elephants were temporarily being held. "First I pray and then talk to the herd," the teen told the BBC. "They understand what I say. I (17) _____ them this is not your home. You should return where you belong." The elephants started walking with her. In fact, she walked with them for miles, speaking to them the whole way as she (18) _____ them back to the forest. Elephants in the area's nearby forests frequently invade villages and towns, destroying homes and hurting people. The more their (19) _____ is encroached by humans for activities like mining and cutting down trees, the more likely they are to wander out of the forest. Nirmala, who is (20) _____ as "Lady Tarzan", speaks to the animals in her local tribal dialect of Mundaari. She explains that because tribal people and the elephants (among other wild animals) have cohabited in the same area for ages, the elephants understand their language. Not only does this story show a brave young girl using her skills to help both humans and animals, it (21) _____ that it is possible for two very different species to share a bond and communicate with each other.

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| 12 A clean | B easy | C clever | D handy |
| 13 A variation | B option | C selection | D alteration |
| 14 A cause | B do | C result | D lead |
| 15 A intentionally | B deliberately | C unbelievably | D uncertainly |
| 16 A possibility | B chance | C ability | D case |
| 17 A speak | B tell | C say | D talk |
| 18 A guided | B moved | C fetched | D drew |
| 19 A position | B system | C place | D habitat |
| 20 A said | B named | C called | D known |
| 21 A supports | B proves | C persuades | D convinces |

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An Exciting

Trip Being from a small town, I had (27) _____ been exposed to a large city such as New York, so my trip there was like (28) _____ an entirely new way of life. In the morning of the flight I felt excited as we arrived at the airport and made our way to the gate. I watched through the window the airport with the runway (29) _____ smaller as the plane gained altitude. I felt thrilled as I realised that I would soon be in one of (30) _____ cities of the United States.

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| 27 A ever | B just | C yet | D never |
| 28 A to discover | B discover | C discovering | D being discovered |
| 29 A become | B to become | C had become | D were becoming |
| 30 A most amazing | B the most amazing | C more amazing | D the more amazing |

7. Read the text below. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C).

Life before mobile phones

Today, (1)..... all teenagers have a mobile phone and cannot imagine life without one. But most of their parents did not have a mobile phone when they were young – the (2)..... of one did not even enter their heads.

Twenty-five years ago, young people did not (3)..... to their friends on the phone very much. There were phones in the home, but these were used by the (4)..... family. Instead, young people often met up with their friends and did a variety of activities with them.

Today, many parents are happy for their teenage children to have a phone. They think there are good (5)..... for them having one. For example, if their children are out, they can call them to (6)..... where they are and what time they will be home.

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| 1 A already | B nearly | C easily |
| 2 A idea | B thing | C difference |
| 3 A say | B tell | C speak |
| 4 A whole | B full | C extra |
| 5 A ways | B reasons | C sorts |
| 6 A look out | B go out | C find out |

8. Read the text below. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C).

An unusual holiday

Most people go on holiday to get away from work. But in the beautiful Scottish village of Wigtown, it's (1)..... to rent a flat above a bookshop, and work as the (2)..... of the bookshop for a week. This holiday is very popular with people who love books and who have always (3)..... their own bookshop.

However, this is a holiday, so people staying there don't have to work very hard. They can (4)..... the opening hours of the shop, and they just have a few jobs to do, such as (5)..... the shelves with books.

Guests also get a bike, so they can (6)..... the area when the shop is closed. The holiday is so popular that the flat is fully booked for the next three years.

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| 1 A able | B possible | C available |
| 2 A manager | B colleague | C customer |
| 3 A hoped | B wanted | C decided |
| 4 A think | B find | C choose |
| 5 A putting | B adding | C filling |
| 6 A look | B ride | C explore |