

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.

- 17 Sale starts Monday, 17th
30 % off trainers for a week
Shop closes Tuesday, 25th
- 18 For sale:
«Smile» acoustic guitar
Asking price: \$70 (cash only)
A great acoustic guitar in perfect condition. Sounds wonderfully. Try and make sure.
Strap and spare strings.
- 19 Dear students!
If you want to get free internet access, use the password. It's changed every day. Today's one is the date of the battle of Trafalgar. Good luck!
- 20 A new coffee shop opens on Sat., at 8 p.m. at the street market. A taste-off, a contest for all coffee experts, a barista show and even more. Don't miss!
- 21 Ever miss the best shot because your battery ran out? With a spare battery ready, there's no need to worry. It is safe to have a SONY genuine battery with your SONY video camera.
- A A used instrument and accessories for it.
B A technology item for a particular purpose.
C Drinks for specialists.
D Shoes at a reduced price.
E Service for knowledge.
F Hot beverage and entertainment.
G A charger for your phone.
H Sports clothes.

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.

Nowadays child labour is considered exploitative by many international organisations. However, in many countries of Europe and America child labour existed up to the first half of the 20th century as an everyday occurrence. Children worked in agriculture, mining as well as at factories and plants. Through most of history the children of peasants, workers and craftsmen used to help their parents in their work. The working conditions for children weren't better than those for grown-ups and children were usually paid less than adults. In pre-industrial societies, especially non-literate ones, there was no need to educate children. With the beginning of the Industrial Revolution the

exploitation of child labour even increased. Children were employed for working long hours in dangerous conditions. In poor families children were obliged to contribute to the family's income together with the parents. They worked the same long hours as adults getting wages which were five times lower. The famous writer Charles Dickens spent his childhood working in a blacking factory while his family was in debtors' prison. Harsh working conditions made a lasting impression on young Dickens and influenced his later works greatly. In the second half of the 19th century the economy of many countries got better, technology and automation improved and so the need for children labour declined. At the same time education began to be regarded more important as new educated specialists were requested. This also helped to reduce the exploitation of child labour. In the 21st century children are still involved in different service activities and most of them are employed by their parents. It is prevalent in countries with a high poverty level and low schooling opportunities, mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America. According to the World Bank the number of children used as workforce worldwide is more than 150 mln.

- 22 What is stated in the text about the world's attitude to child labour today?
- A It's forbidden in most of the developed countries.
 - B A lot of international organisations regard it as exploitative.
 - C It still exists in many countries of Europe and America.
 - D Children shouldn't help their parents at work as it used to be.
- 23 What does the text say about the working conditions of children?
- A Children only had to help their parents.
 - B Children worked in worse conditions than adults.
 - C Adults got more money for the same job.
 - D Illiterate children worked more than others.
- 24 How did the Industrial Revolution change the situation?
- A Children were put into debtors' prison.
 - B The need for child exploitation grew.
 - C The situation with involving children into hard work worsened.
 - D Children worked in better conditions than before.
- 25 What were the reasons of child labour decrease?
- A The growth of economy and developing of the system of education.
 - B Using children as workforce in Asia and Africa.
 - C Demand for educated specialists and updated automation.
 - D Improving technology and the importance of education.
- 26 Why is child labour still considered a problem?
- A Because more than 150 mln of children all over the world suffer from exploitation.
 - B Because children in many countries have low school opportunities.
 - C Because children in African countries are employed by their parents.
 - D Because children do not like to work.

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.

- 27 Universal Studios Japan, located in Osaka, Japan, the first theme park of Universal Studio which isn't located within the USA, has recently become extremely popular among international visitors. The reason of its high popularity is that it has kept a lot of its original attractions, including the Jaws Ride and Back to the Future Ride, which are similar to the ones in the US park that have been shuttered there. They have imported other classical rides from Florida's park, which also helps in gaining appeal. Besides, they renovated the dark ride The Amazing Adventures of Spiderman. Opened in 2012, the park was attended by an estimated 20 mln

visitors during the first two years. The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, a themed area based on the blockbuster film series, opened to the public in 2015.

- 28 Disney California Adventure Park opened in 2001 and appeared to be a huge disappointment for Disneyland fans who had long looked forward to a second California park debut. The park was criticized heavily. Among the weak points the theme and the lack of major attractions were mentioned. After the Twilight Zone Tower of Terror and Toy Story Midway Mania attractions had been added the situation improved a little, though the park still remained the poor clone of the original Disneyland. In 2007 Disney announced a major expansion of the park and it was virtually completely rebuilt at massive expense. Construction lasted for five years and culminated with opening Cars Land in 2012. Two years later it was considered the 10th most visited theme park in the world that year.
- 29 Europa Park is situated in south-western Germany, in the city of Rust. It was first opened in 1975 by Mack Rides who aimed to show off its newest ride models. As its array of attractions has increased in number over the preceding decades, the park has transformed into a multi-day destination resort, and now it's home to five hotels and dozens of restaurants. It is also the site of Euro Dance Festival, an annually held four-day festival which is best known for its wide range of music and dancing styles. Among other features, in 1990 the park installed a monorail system, which was partially extended in 2016 in order to provide additional space for development in 2017.
- 30 Sea World Orlando is situated in Florida's theme park hotspot. It's both a theme park and marine zoological park. Sea World Orlando combines marine live shows and exhibits with a selection of major theme park rides. In order to be able to compete with such giants as Disney and Universal, the park installed multi-million dollar roller-coasters Kraken and Manta in 2000 and 2009 respectively, as well as the Journey to Atlantis water coaster in 1998. Its main draw, however, remains its Shamu shows, which have been held since 1984 and which are constantly pulling in massive crowds.
- 31 Islands of Adventure is Universal Orlando's second theme park. It appeared to be something of a break in tradition for the chain, being the first Universal park which isn't based around a movie studio. As an alternative, it aims to place visitors into the movies themselves. The park originally boasted six themed zones called «islands» built around the central lagoon. In 2010 the seventh zone, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, officially opened. It's regarded as the Universal's largest investment since opening. An expansion of the land opened in 2014, adding a Hogwarts Express train. Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey, which employs cutting-edge technology in order to bring the fictional world to life, is often mentioned as one of the best rides in the world.
- 32 Ferrari Park Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates has a host of Ferrari-themed attractions and rides which are specially designed for those with an appetite for velocity and force. It's better to plan a visit to the park for the whole day as beneath its iconic red roof there are more than 30 record-breaking thrill rides. The park boasts the world's fastest roller-coaster Formula Rossa, which can reach the speed of more than 200 km/h in less than 5 seconds! Another star attraction is Flying Aces which features the highest ever roller-coaster loop. The biggest Ferrari Store and a range of authentic Italian dining options will please each and every visitor. The park is open 365 days a year and it's a unique experience for Ferrari fans of all ages in a refreshing indoor climate-controlled environment.

Which of the theme parks _____

- A is based on the Harry Potter book series?
- B is situated outside the country of its origin?
- C boasts having a system in which vehicles travel on a single rail?
- D has a conception different from that used by the other ones of the chain?
- E attracts people with performances of sea animals?
- F is the oldest in the USA?
- G was a failure from the start?
- H is dedicated to a famous brand?

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.

Every tourist who comes to Lanzarote, one of the Canarian islands, must visit the Timanfaya National Park. The incredible volcanic landscape, (33)_____, was created by volcanic eruptions which lasted for over six years in the 1730s. The eruptions took place almost 300 years ago but Lanzarote's climate preserves (34)_____. This is why the place is still in favour with numerous tourists. Timanfaya National Park wilderness, (35)_____, is a space that impresses with the peculiarity of its forms and (36)_____. The visitors centre offers several attractions to those who come there. For example, you can witness demonstrations of intense heat (37)_____. The local restaurant called *El Diablo* uses this heat for cooking which is another Timanfaya Park attraction. While you won't be allowed to roam around, you will be shown the park's stunning views from one of the coaches (38)_____.

- A where everyone will be placed
- B which covers a quarter of the whole island
- C its wild nature of a Martian-like appearance
- D that carefully thread their way around the narrow road
- E which reaches 277 °C at a depth of only 10 centimeters
- F that spectacular volcanic landscape relatively unchanged
- G that make all the living creatures disappear
- H which seems to belong to another planet

Use of English

Task 8

Read the text below. For questions (39—48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

An ice bar is a drinking (39)_____ mostly made of ice. In ice bars, just about everything is made of ice — tables, chairs, walls, the bar and even the glasses. The bars also (40)_____ ice sculptures and other formations. The typical temperature inside is about 23 °F (−5 °C) to hinder melting. The places are hermetically sealed to (41)_____ the temperature where it needs to be. Mostly a (42)_____, ice bars have become a popular tourist attraction. Guests are given (43)_____ coats, boots, hats and gloves before entering. Visitors enter for timed stays and even staff work time-limited (44)_____. The recommended length to stay in an ice bar is about 40 minutes. The first ice bar appeared in Sweden. There ice bars are (45)_____ as in countries with (46)_____ climatic conditions. The ice bars are built with ice harvested locally at the beginning of winter and left to melt in spring. Though ice bars are common for colder regions as it's easier to keep the ice (47)_____, they have been gaining popularity all around the world, including such warm places as Las Vegas, Tokyo, Barcelona and even Dubai as the cost of upkeep can be sustained by its patrons. Nowadays an ice bar can be found on five continents. You no longer have to head to the Arctic Circle to experience a bar made entirely (or sometimes mostly) out of ice. Choose any in Europe or America to cross off your list — if you can (48)_____ the cold. Grab your coat, put on your warmest clothes and chill out in some of the world's coolest bars!

	A	B	C	D
39	university	event	establishment	hall
40	gather	contain	invite	build
41	keep	hold	catch	carry

	A	B	C	D
42	news	new	novelty	novel
43	hot	ice	thermal	new
44	jobs	portions	works	shifts
45	seasonal	seasoned	seasoning	seasonable
46	usual	similar	same	habitual
47	indifferent	stable	tough	together
48	sit	see	stand	jump

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49—58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

For the first time the Paralympic Games (49)_____ in 1948 by Sir Ludwig Guttman. They were organized for people with (50)_____ spinal cord disability. Sixteen disabled soldiers took part in those games and the only sport was archery. Nowadays the Paralympics are a multi-sport event for athletes with all types of disabilities which (51)_____ be physical, mental or sensory. In 1960 in Rome the world welcomed its first (52)_____ international Paralympic Games. 400 sportsmen from 23 countries competed in nine events. Since then these games (53)_____ place every four years, the same year as the Summer Olympics.

	A	B	C	D
49	had been held	were held	held	were holding
50	an	—	the	a
51	can	should	had to	must
52	Olympics' style	Olympics style	Olympic-style	Olympic's style
53	took	has taken	take	have taken

Cricket is a bat-and-ball game which is played between two teams of eleven players each. The teams take it in turn to hit the ball (54)_____ a bat from opposite ends of the pitch. The ball must be hit hard enough to allow the batsman (55)_____ to (56)_____ side of the pitch and score a run for his team. The other (57)_____ aim is to stop him from scoring a run by retrieving the ball and getting it back to the bowler before the batsman (58)_____ to reach his destination. The winning team is that with the highest number of runs at the end of the match.

	A	B	C	D
54	with	by	at	on
55	running	run	to run	runs
56	other	others	the other	another
57	team's	team	teams	teams'
58	will manage	manages	managed	would manage