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Listening

Task 1 You are going to listen to people talking in six situations. For each question, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

1 What was the girl's mum most upset about?



A B C

2 What is the girl going to do now?



A B C

3 Where will the boy be on his birthday just before he goes home?



A B C

4 Which activity doesn't cost anything to do?



A B C

5 What did the girl and her sister do yesterday?



A B C

6 What does the boy enjoy doing the most?



A B C

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Task 2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

7 The boy can ski fast. .....

8 The girl and the boy go to the same judo school. .....

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Task 3 You are going to listen to a talk about a young tennis player. Complete the notes. Write one word in each gap.

Stefanos Tsitsipas
He was born in Greece in the year **(9)** ..... . It's unusual that he plays tennis because the most popular sports in Greece are **(10)** ..... and basketball. His parents also play tennis. His mother, who is Russian, was a junior **(11)** ..... and his father is a tennis coach. Since he started to beat the most **(12)** ..... tennis players, people have noticed him. Stefanos' hobbies are photography and making **(13)** ..... which he uploads to the internet. On his YouTube channel, you can watch Stefanos as he's **(14)** ..... to tournaments.

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Task 4 Is the sentence true (T) or false (F)?

15 Stefanos can speak three languages. .....

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Language

Task 1 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap.

Travel Blog: Places to see

If you are lucky **(16)** ..... to go to Egypt, you must visit the statue of the Great Sphinx at Giza. One thing **(17)** ..... makes it amazing is its size – it's huge! It's a statue of a lion with the head of a human – a creature from mythology. Experts believe the ancient Egyptians built it around 4,500 years **(18)** ..... when Khafre was the king and that it is his face on the lion. There are other statues of sphinxes, but this one is the **(19)** ..... famous in the world. It has attracted visitors **(20)** ..... thousands of years. The statue is close to the pyramids, so you can visit both on the same day. If you want to explore by **(21)** ..... , you can download an app that has a **(22)** ..... of useful information. But if you would **(23)** ..... go with a guide or a tour group, there are many that you can choose from.

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Task 2 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B or C) best fits each gap.

Skateboarding

Skateboarding is a cool sport **(24)** ..... probably started in the 1940s or 1950s. Surfers from California wanted an activity to do on the days when there weren't **(25)** ..... waves for surfing. They had an idea to 'surf' on the streets, so they **(26)** ..... a go and put small wheels on small boards. Skateboarding was born! It has been an important part of street culture **(27)** ..... the late 1990s. These days, in **(28)** ..... towns and cities around the world, there are skate **(29)** ..... where teens can have fun and practise their skills. And, from 2020, the best skateboarders can even **(30)** ..... part in the Olympic Games and win medals.

24 A who	B has	C which
25 A no	B any	C some
26 A had	B did	C gave
27 A in	B then	C since
28 A lots	B many	C much
29 A parks	B places	C centres
30 A get	B have	C take

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Reading

Task 1 Five teenagers are looking for an activity to do in the summer. Read the article and decide which activity would be the most suitable for each teenager. Match the descriptions of the summer activities (A–G) with the people (31–35). There are two descriptions of activities which you do not need to use.

31 Alex enjoys being outdoors and learning about nature. He's a good photographer and likes to put his pictures online. He would prefer to do something with friends that doesn't cost too much. .....

32 Lisa has broken her leg and can't do any sports or go swimming for a while. She wants to do something at home that is interesting and will keep her busy. She enjoys reading and writing and doesn't mind being alone. .....

33 Tom likes to spend his free time with his friends. He prefers not to be indoors and is interested in trying an activity that isn't difficult to learn and can keep him fit. He enjoys competitions and likes winning. .....

34 Ellie is adventurous and she isn't afraid to try new activities. In winter, she goes skiing and she's very good at it. She would like to do a similar sport in the summer and she doesn't mind paying for lessons. .....

35 Andy is a fan of adventure sports. He has tried zip lining and he loved it. His parents want to give him an exciting experience for his birthday and he's looking for an activity that he'll never forget. .....

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Task 2 Read the article again and answer the questions in your own words.

36 Why are some animals in animal shelters?

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37 What reasons are there to have a blog?

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Summer holiday activities

A Surfing

Surfing may look easy, but it's quite difficult to stay on the board! If you enjoy challenging activities, this could be perfect for you. A teacher will show you how to stand up on the surfboard and how to stay on it in the water. There are lots of clubs that teach teenagers and they're not too expensive.

B Play games

If you can't go to the beach in the summer, don't worry. There are lots of other fun activities to keep you happy. Try doing quizzes and puzzles or playing board games. You can have a competition with your friends to find the best player and give small prizes to the winners. It's a lot of fun! It's even better when you make tasty snacks for everyone to enjoy.

C Explore a forest

This is an excellent activity for anyone who is interested in the environment. It doesn't cost anything and all you need is a notebook and pen, a camera and good walking shoes. Organise a day trip with your friends and be amazed by the beautiful plants and animals that live there. Don't forget to take plenty of water and some food, too.

D Volunteering

Become a volunteer at an animal shelter. Shelters always need people to help them take care of the animals. The animals don't have homes because they're lost or their owners can't look after them. Many of them feel lonely, scared or sad. You'll feel great about doing something important, and the animals will show you how much they love you.

E Beach volleyball

If you love team sports and being by the sea, you should try playing beach volleyball. It's the perfect summer sport and if you have played volleyball before, you already know the rules. Get your friends together, make two teams, and start playing. It's a fast game that will make you feel hot. At the end of the match, jump into the sea!

F Skydiving

If you're afraid of being up high, don't do this! Many people think it's too scary, but others love it. So, if you aren't afraid to jump out of a plane, give it a go. It isn't cheap though – each jump costs a lot of money, so it's best to do it as something special that you'll never forget.

G Blogging

Is there something you're very interested in, like a sport, fashion, TV or books? Why not share your interest with others? You can start a blog to write about your favourite hobby or free time activity. Blogs are a great way to practise and improve your writing. You'll also have fun reading the comments other people leave on your blog.

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Task 3 Read the article. Choose from the sentences (A–H) the one which fits each gap (38–42). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

A The chess player moved the pieces on his own board.

B In the future, they will certainly be able to do more.

C During that time, chess wasn't a very popular game.

D On top of it there was a chess board.

E They were right and they finally discovered the secret.

F So it was difficult to move the desk to another place.

G They wondered how it was possible for a machine to play chess.

H It was a robot chess player that looked like and could move like a real person.

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Task 4 Read the article again and answer the questions in your own words.

43 How did the machine get its name?

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44 Which famous people played chess against the machine?

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45 What was the truth about the machine?

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Total: ___/50

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The story of 'the Turk'

Robots can do many jobs that people do, especially boring jobs in factories. **(38)** ..... But did you know that people have been excited by the idea of robots for hundreds of years? Nearly 250 years ago, in the 1770s, an inventor called Wolfgang von Kempelen presented his newest invention. **(39)** ..... People called it 'the Turk' because it wore long clothes and a cap on its head, as people did in Turkey.

The machine sat behind a big wooden desk that was closed on all sides like a box. **(40)** ..... The Turk played chess against anyone who thought they could beat it, but they usually lost. This included Napoleon Bonaparte and Benjamin Franklin – the scientist who was famous for his experiments with electricity.

When the Turk arrived in the USA in 1826, many people went to see it. Thousands of others read about its amazing skills in the newspapers. **(41)** ..... They were also interested in the Turk because machines were starting to do work in factories.

However, there were people who thought it was a trick. None of them believed the Turk was a machine which could think. **(42)** ..... The desk under the chess board was big enough to hide a man. Sitting inside, he had a way to control the arms of the Turk and move the pieces on the board. How did the Turk win so often? Its owner paid chess champions to work the machine.

End of Year Test: Writing Test

Choose ONE of the tasks below. Write your answer in approximately 100 words in an appropriate style. Write your answer on a separate answer sheet.

Task 1 Read the email from your English-speaking friend Tom, and the notes you have made.

From:	Tom
Subject:	Cinema

Hi,

Guess what? My aunt works at a cinema and she gave me two free passes to see a film. Do you want to come with me?

Of course!

We can go any day this week. When would you like to go?

Say which day

There's a new action film. Would you like to see that?

Let's get something to eat after the film. Where should we go?

Suggest

No, because ...

Write back soon,

Tom

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Write an **email** to Tom, using **all** the **notes**. Write your answer in approximately **100 words**.

Task 2 Your English teacher has asked you to write a story. Your story must begin with this sentence:

I felt nervous when I held the envelope.

Write your **story** in approximately **100 words**

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