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USEFUL GIFTS BRING MORE CHEER THAN KNICKKNACKS

The Sweetest Christmas Sentiment can be expressed by giving dear ones things they need. Call and Look over our Goods. You'll like the things we have.

DRESS GOODS

In complete assortment of silk and wool
HOUSE COATS, Of New Design
SWEATER COATS

SUITS AND OVERCOATS

\$15 to \$35

Christmas Special

STEWART
PHONOGRAPH

\$15

Gramm Records

\$50



CHRISTMAS PRICES IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

New Peas, New Corn, New Raisins

Special Candy Sales—50c, 60c, 70c

New California Baked Walnuts

LAING & MOORE

PHONES:
Main Room 52
Delivery Room 127

Task 1

Read the advertisements below. Match choices (A—H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

A presents a new car

B sells computers

C offers special Christmas gifts

D sells new cars

E takes care of digestion

F invites for an old fashioned Christmas party

G supports technology solutions

H informs about floors installations

Task 2 Is there Too Much Violence on TV?

In today's world television plays a major role. Some people call it a magic box as it has a lot of information to provide. But some people think television is just a time-wasting machine. Besides, there is too much violence on television and a lot of programmes are even dangerous for child's development.

These days, just about every time you turn on the TV you are met with a barrage of violent images including explosions, suicide bombings and war casualties. And that is just the news! Many popular television shows – even those in the so-called 'family' time slot of 7-8:30 P.M.- also feature much more violence than shows aired in this time slot just a few years ago.

The fact that too much violence is on the television cannot be denied. The violence presented affects many children in various ways. Studies show extensive viewing of television violence may cause children to become more aggressive and anxious. Children who watch many hours a week of violent TV begin to see the world as a scary and unsafe place.

Indeed, there is too much violence on the television these days, but this is not a reason to stop watching it. Many informative channels like Discovery Channel, National Geographic and History Channel make people aware of the useful information. Television is also a very nice medium to get knowledge and even to remember things, as the visual aids do make you remember a lot. Besides, television also plays an important role in entertaining us by giving some fresh entertainment experience, helps a person to release stress and have a good mood.

Everything has its pros and cons and so is the case with the television. No matter how much violent the television is, it should be our choice to watch what is needed and to avoid what is not.

6. Some people call television a magic box as

- A it provides a lot of information.
- B it performs magic tricks.
- C it helps to practise magic.
- D it helps to waste time.

7. When you turn on the TV news

- A you watch only positive information
- C you release stress
- B you watch a lot of violent images
- D you have a good mood

8. You cannot deny the fact that

- A there is some violence on the television
- B too much entertainment is on the television
- C too much violence is on the television
- D only educational programmes are on the television

9. Extensive viewing of television violence may cause ...

- A positive emotions B aggression C happiness D relaxation

10. Too much violence on television

- A is not a good reason to stop watching it.
- B is a good reason to stop watching it.
- C makes our world to be unsafe place.
- D is dangerous for child's development

Task 3 Read the text below. Match choice (A-H) to (11-16). There are three choices you do not need to use.

Tired of talking to yourself? Are you stuck at home, or feel shy about going out on your own to meet new people? The internet is a great place to shake off your shyness, meet new people from around the world, and form friendships with people who share your interests and passions. It's not hard to learn how to make friends online.

11 _____ When you join an online community, it's smart to browse the forums, comments, and message boards. You can tell from the comment conversations if these people will be ones you can relate to or not.

12 _____ Once you're signed up on a website, it's time to find users you think might make good friends for you. The easiest place to start is identifying others who share your interests. If you see a comment someone left about how much they love soccer or baking, and you love that thing too, you may want to pursue friendship with that person.

13 _____ In addition to private-messaging users you think you'd get along with, you can start commenting on threads already present. This way others will see your interests and may contact you first.

14 _____ Some online communities have introduction message boards. You can type up a couple of brief paragraphs with your name, location, age, gender, and a few interests. This information will provide a way for other users to connect with you.

15 _____ If you want to start relationships with users who have specific interests, but you don't want the bias already present on other message boards, starting your own group or message board might be the way to go. You can attract other users to join this group by commenting about it on similar threads.

- A Join the conversation
- B Start groups about your interests
- C Play games
- D Create your online game
- E Introduce yourself
- F Decide on a solid username
- G Scan the website first
- H Identify users who share your interests

Task 4 Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22) as are two choices you do not need to use.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA

We were driving in a car from Switzerland toward the beautiful old Italian city of Verona. Just outside the city we met two boys, who were selling strawberries. My friend spoke to the boys and found out that they were brothers. Nicolo, was 13, Jacopo, the smaller one, was almost 12. We bought their strawberries and continued (16)_____.

The next morning, we saw the two boys again near our hotel in Verona. They were shining the shoes of the men (17)_____. They were very busy, but they said 'hello' to us in a friendly way. 'I thought you sold strawberries,' I said. 'We do many things, sir,' Nicolo answered seriously. In the week (18)_____ we saw Nicolo and Jacopo several times. These two brothers worked all day under the hot sun, shining shoes, selling fruit and newspapers. They always looked very busy.

One morning while Nicolo was shining my shoes I said: 'You and Jacopo work very hard. Tell me, how do you spend your money?' 'We have plans, sir,' the boys said. As we were soon leaving Verona we wanted to do (19)_____ for the boys who were friendly to us. 'Well,' I said, 'can we do anything for you before we go?'

'Every Sunday we go to a village not far from Verona,' Nicolo began. 'We usually go by bus; but tomorrow, sir, may be you will take us in your car.'

On Sunday I took the boys to the village. I stopped my car where the boys asked. It was a lovely big house. The boys promised not to be long and entered the building. I waited a few minutes and then I followed the boys.

'Excuse me,' I said to a nurse who came to the door, 'I just brought two small boys here.'

'Ah, yes,' she said with a smile. 'Nicolo and Jacopo came to visit their sister. They are alone in the world, except for their sister. Their mother and father died before the war. When the fascists came to Verona the boys began to carry (20)_____ to the mountains. When the war ended, they found their sister sick with tuberculosis. They brought her to our hospital. And every week the boys come to pay for their sister.' I thanked the nurse and waited outside. Soon the boys came back to the car. They sat (21)_____, looking serious and proud, these two gentlemen of Verona.

- A which followed
- B died after the war
- C who passed by
- D something pleasant
- E secret messages in their shoes
- F beside me
- G not far from Switzerland
- H our way to Verona

Task 5 Read the text below. For each of the empty space (23-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

FAMILY WORRIES

It was a (22) _____ walk from the bus to the nursery school where Juanita had left her little daughter this morning on her way to work. Juanita hurried, (23) _____ she was late. The little girl (24) _____ toward her as she entered the small playroom in the basement of a private house. Though the house, like others in the area, was old and in disrepair, the school rooms were clean and cheerful — the reason Juanita (25) _____ the school in preference to others, though the cost was higher and it was hard for her to pay. It was obvious from the stillness around that the other children were all gone. Miss Ferroe, who (26) _____ and ran the school, came in and looked pointedly at her watch. 'Mrs Nunez, as a special favour I agreed that Estella (27) _____ after the others, but this is too late... Other parents observe the school's closing time.'

'It won't happen again, I promise,' said Juanita. 'Very well. But since you are here, Mrs. Nunez, may I remind you that last month's bill for Estella (28) _____' I really am sorry, Miss Ferroe. It will be paid on Friday. I'll have my paycheck then.' The school fees, Juanita decided, would have (29) _____ of her pay this week, as she had said, and somehow she must manage until the payday after that. She wasn't sure how. Her wage as a teller at the bank was \$83. Out of that there was food to buy for the two of them, Estella's school fees, plus rent of the tiny flat they lived in; also the finance company (30) _____ a payment since she (31) _____ the last. Before Carlos, her husband, left her, simply (32) _____ and disappearing a year ago, Juanita had been naive enough to sign finance papers together with her husband. He had bought suits, a used car, a colour TV on credit, all of which he took with him. Juanita, however, was still paying and the installments seemed to stretch on into a limitless future.

22 A three-block B three-blocks C three-block's D three-blocks'

23 A know B knowing C had known D knows

24 A ran B run C has run D runs

25 A choosing B choose C had chosen D chose

26 A owning B own C owns D owned

27 A could stay B can stay C will stay D shall stay

28 A isn't paid B wasn't paid C had not been paid D hasn't been paid

29 A come out B to come out C came out D coming out

30 A had demanded B demanded C demanding D would demand

31 A had missed B missed C missing D has missed

32 A walk out B walking out C walked out D had walked