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READING

Task 1

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

1 **Creative Writing Course**

Find Your Voice in Our Creative Writing Workshop!
Our course is designed for aspiring authors and poets. Through interactive sessions, you'll learn the craft of writing fiction, poetry, and memoirs.
Tuition: $300 (includes a free publishing of your best creation in our writing journal).
Receive personalized feedback on your work and finish the course with a polished manuscript.
Register at www.writehere.com

2 **Moonlight Sushi Bar**

Savor the art of sushi at Moonlight Sushi Bar. Experience the freshest seafood, expertly prepared by our sushi masters.
Moonlight Sushi — where Japanese culinary tradition meets innovation.
Get 50 % off on first order.
Address: 607 Collins Drive, Brunkston

3 **Earth & Clay Studio**

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced potter, our workshop offers you engaging classes. Explore our showroom to buy unique vases, bowls, mugs, and decorative items, each individually crafted and fired to perfection.
This month only, enjoy a 20 % discount on all orders over $100.
More information at www.earthandclay.com

4 **Join Norwood's Reading Club This Month!**

Step into the magical world of Harry Potter, meet fellow fans, discuss your favorite moments, and uncover new insights into J. K. Rowling's magical universe.
Enjoy trivia and costume contests.
Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 PM at Norwood's Library, 654 Maestro Avenue, Norwood. For virtual attendees, join us via Zoom.
Call (329) 812-90-55 for further information.

5 **Yoga for Beginners**

Find balance and relaxation with our Yoga for Beginners course. Perfect for those new to yoga or looking to refresh their practice.
Morning and evening classes available.
Sign up at www.yogaforall.com or call (443) 476-7128.

Which advertisement is about _____?

A a charity organization
B a place offering a discount for initial purchases
C a new Harry Potter movie
D an event for fans of a popular series to discuss the books
E a green tourism company
F a training course designed for those new to the practice
G a place where you can purchase handcrafted ceramics
H a creative session with individualized evaluation of your work

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Task 2

Read the texts below. For questions (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Harland Sanders

Colonel Harland Sanders is a name that many people may not know, but almost everyone recognizes KFC, the famous fast-food chain he started. Born in 1890 in Henryville, Indiana, Sanders faced many challenges in his life. When he was just six years old, his father passed away, leaving him to take care for his younger siblings. This early responsibility made him strong and determined.

Sanders dropped out of school in the seventh grade to work as a farmhand. At 16, he lied about his age to join the U.S. Army, but after a year, he was honorably discharged. He then found work with the railway, but trouble followed him as he was fired for fighting with a coworker. While working on the railway, Sanders studied law but ruined his legal career by getting into yet another fight. This forced him to move back in with his mother and take a job selling life insurance, which he lost due to disobedience.

Despite these setbacks, Sanders did not give up. In 1920, he started a ferry boat company, which was successful. However, when he tried to launch a lamp manufacturing business, he discovered that another company had already made a better version of his lamp. His bad luck continued, but Sanders kept pushing forward.

It wasn't until he was 40 years old that Sanders began selling chicken dishes at a service station. This venture grew, and he eventually opened a restaurant and a motel, which unfortunately burned down. World War II forced him to close his new motel as well. Despite his many failures, Sanders remained determined.

After the war, Sanders tried to franchise his chicken recipe, which had been rejected 1,009 times before anyone accepted it. Finally, his "Kentucky Fried Chicken" became a huge success. Sanders sold the company for $2 million, and today, KFC is one of the largest fast-food chains in the world. His face remains the symbol of KFC, reminding us of his **perseverance** and determination.

6. Which early obligation in Sanders' life shaped his strong determination?

- ☐ **A** Taking care of his mother after his father's death.
- ☐ **B** Working as a farmhand at the age of 14.
- ☐ **C** Looking after his younger siblings.
- ☐ **D** Selling life insurance after school.

7. Why did Sanders lose his job selling life insurance?

- ☐ **A** He was insubordinate.
- ☐ **B** He failed to meet his sales targets.
- ☐ **C** He got into another fight with a coworker.
- ☐ **D** He decided to pursue his own business.

8. What major setback did Sanders face after he opened a restaurant and a motel?

- ☐ **A** The business was bought out by a competitor.
- ☐ **B** They were destroyed by fire.
- ☐ **C** He had to close due to World War II.
- ☐ **D** His chicken recipe was stolen by another company.

9. Which event marked the turning point in Sanders' pursuit of franchising his chicken recipe?

- ☐ **A** The acceptance after multiple refusals.
- ☐ **B** Selling his first batch of chicken at the service station.
- ☐ **C** The successful launch of his lamp manufacturing business.
- ☐ **D** Opening his first restaurant and motel.

10. What does the word "perseverance" imply about Sanders' character?

- ☐ **A** His constant need for validation.
- ☐ **B** His refusal to give up despite repeated failures.
- ☐ **C** His ability to learn new skills quickly.
- ☐ **D** His desire to work with others in a team setting.

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Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (11–16).
There are two choices you do not need to use.

11 I work as a professional sleeper for a hotel in Finland, testing their beds for comfort. It's a pretty unique job — each night, I sleep in a different bed and write a review about how comfortable it was. The best part is that I get paid to sleep! I enjoy analyzing sleep patterns and testing things like mattresses, pillows, and quilts.
However, it's not all easy. Sometimes I have to use sleep aids and even take sleeping pills for medical trials, which can be uncomfortable. Also, I have to be okay with sleeping while monitoring devices are attached to me. Overall, it's an interesting job with its own set of challenges!

12 I've been working as a dog food tester for a couple of years now, and it's definitely an unusual job. On the positive side, it's pretty interesting to compare different products, like bones, tinned meat, and biscuits, to see how they measure up against rival brands and even human food. I get to work with some big companies, which is cool. You'd be surprised how much I've learned about nutrition and the importance of quality ingredients.
But honestly, it's not all glamorous. Tasting dog food isn't exactly delicious, and the texture can be weird sometimes. I also have to write detailed reports, which can be a bit tedious. Still, I'd say it's a pretty unique experience!

13 If you're looking for a unique job, consider being a snake milker! In this role, you work with venomous snakes to collect their venom, which is used to make anti-venoms and medicines. For example, at the Venom Research Institute in Texas, I worked as a snake milker. My job involved either making the snakes bite a special membrane over a jar or using electrodes to get venom from their glands. I also processed the venom into powder and sent it to research labs. It's a dangerous job, but it's crucial for making life-saving medicines. Good attention to detail and hand-eye coordination are key skills. Moreover, the job usually comes with good insurance benefits. It's definitely not for everyone, but it's quite rewarding.

14 If you've ever thought about getting paid to relax on your couch and binge-watch Netflix, you're in luck! As a part-time "tagger" at Netflix, that's exactly what I get to do. My job involves watching upcoming movies and TV shows and tagging them with detailed descriptions. These tags help Netflix's algorithm recommend shows you might enjoy, like "visually striking movies" or "dramas with a strong female lead."
On the bright side, I love the flexibility—working from home and setting my own hours is fantastic. What is more, I get to watch tons of movies and TV shows. However, it's not all smooth sailing. The work can be repetitive, and analyzing content thoroughly requires a keen eye for detail. Also, maintaining accuracy while watching hours of content can be a bit draining. But overall, it's a dream job for a film enthusiast like me!

15 Working for The Living Statue Company, based in London but covering the entire UK, is quite an experience. My role involves becoming a living statue for various events, from weddings to corporate functions. We use elaborate costumes and makeup to create stunning, lifelike statues that amaze and delight guests.
One of the perks of the job is the creativity involved. We can transform into anything from historical figures to quirky characters, and even living topiary trees. It's always exciting to see how people react to our performances. On the flip side, standing still for long periods can be tiring, and the makeup can be uncomfortable. Also, working on weekends and evenings can be challenging. Still, the smiles and amazement

16 Being a professional wedding guest has its unique ups and downs. I work for an agency in South Korea, where I'm hired to attend weddings and special events, sometimes even multiple ones in a single day.
On the plus side, I get to experience a variety of celebrations and meet many interesting people. I help couples who need extra guests to make their weddings look fuller and more festive. It's satisfying to know that my presence can make a difference on such an important day.
However, the job isn't without its challenges. I often have to fit into different social settings quickly, and sometimes it can be tiring to attend back-to-back events. Additionally, it might feel strange to be a stranger at someone's wedding,

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from the guests make it all worth it.

though it's all part of the role.
Overall, while the job has its demands, it's rewarding to contribute to someone's special day and be a part of their memories.

Which profession _____?

A stays in the place of a fake scarecrow, and always chases away the birds
B offers hugs and snuggles to people who need them
C entails helping to make some events look fuller and more festive
D involves reviewing various types of bedding for comfort
E requires being immobile for long periods and performing at events
F requires great concentration and can be extremely hazardous
G requires writing feedbacks on the quality of specific food products
H requires working remotely and watching content to identify key features

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
11	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
12	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
14	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
15	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
16	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Task 4

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

The Benefits of Learning a New Language

Learning a new language **(17)** _____ and benefits. Whether your goal is to enhance your career, travel more easily, or embrace a new challenge, learning another language offers a wealth of advantages. One of the most immediate benefits is the ability to connect with people from different cultures. Speaking another language allows you to build friendships and relationships **(18)** _____. Even minimal language skills can encourage conversations when you're on the road.

Another significant benefit is **(19)** _____. Navigating a second language with its unique structures, grammar, and vocabulary sharpens your problem-solving skills, enhances concentration, boosts memory, and improves multitasking abilities, as learners often juggle listening, speaking, and understanding all at once. Moreover, learning a new language has been shown to delay **(20)** _____ like Alzheimer's and dementia, keeping your brain younger for longer.

Career prospects also improve significantly with language skills. Employers value the ability to communicate across cultures and handle international negotiations, leading to higher salaries and **(21)** _____. Additionally, learning a new language builds self-confidence and encourages open-mindedness.

Thus, the benefits of learning a new language are vast, impacting your social, intellectual, and even physical well-being. Whether **(22)** _____, the rewards are both profound and long-lasting.

A better job opportunities
B the improvement in brain power
C age-related diseases
D that would otherwise be out of reach
E it's your first or fifth language
F which are either philosophical
G opens doors to countless opportunities
H and boosts attentiveness

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
17	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
18	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
19	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
20	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
21	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
22	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23–27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Many teenagers are not getting the recommended 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Approximately 60 % of middle schoolers and 70 % of high schoolers fall short of this **(23)** _____ on school nights. This **(24)** _____ of sleep can significantly impact their mental, emotional, and physical health. Inadequate sleep affects academic performance, mood, and overall well-being. It also **(25)** _____ the possibility of risky behaviors and accidents. Ensuring that teens get **(26)** _____ rest is crucial for their development and safety. Parents and schools can help by **(27)** _____ healthy sleep habits and addressing factors that contribute to sleep deprivation.

23 ☐ **A** balance
☐ **B** target
☐ **C** policy
☐ **D** program

24 ☐ **A** absence
☐ **B** lack
☐ **C** removal
☐ **D** recreation

25 ☐ **A** increases
☐ **B** reduces
☐ **C** eliminates
☐ **D** limits

26 ☐ **A** inadequate
☐ **B** poor
☐ **C** sufficient
☐ **D** plenty

27 ☐ **A** discouraging
☐ **B** sponsoring
☐ **C** assisting
☐ **D** promoting

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (28–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Some time ago archaeologists dug up a rare stash of Viking treasures in Denmark, including several ancient silver bracelets. One bracelet, which dates back to the ninth century, **(28)** _____ by Ukrainian designs, **(29)** _____ others had a Scandinavian style that **(30)** _____ influenced bangles in Ireland. According **(31)** _____ historian Kasper Andersen, the early findings give us clues about how Vikings worked globally, from Asia to the North Atlantic. The discovery was made earlier this year by a 22-year-old student who **(32)** _____ the treasure with a metal detector.

28 ☐ **A** inspired
☐ **B** was inspired
☐ **C** was inspiring
☐ **D** had inspired

29 ☐ **A** whose
☐ **B** while
☐ **C** when
☐ **D** where

30 ☐ **A** later
☐ **B** later on
☐ **C** later to
☐ **D** later than

31 ☐ **A** with
☐ **B** from
☐ **C** to
☐ **D** on

32 ☐ **A** came across
☐ **B** came into
☐ **C** came round
☐ **D** came up with

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