

NMT Practice 9

Reading

Task 1

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

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Which of the advertisements is about ____?

- A a rental offer
- B a job vacancy
- C a volunteering program
- D shopping facilities
- E a sports competition
- F a family-run restaurant
- G vacation activities
- H an educational course

Task 2

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

One Man's Goal: To Travel Around the World

Since Erden Eruc left California in a 7-meter-long boat, he has been rowing across the Pacific Ocean, heading for Australia with only birds, fish, and sharks for company. As if that isn't amazing enough, crossing the Pacific is only a part of his journey. Eruc has decided to go all the way around the world using only his own energy. Oh, and his plan includes climbing the tallest peak on six continents along the way. Eruc will row, bike, walk, and climb the world without the help from any motors at all.

Why would he try to complete a difficult goal like this? He explains that he wants to inspire children to dream their dreams and reach their own goals. He wants to show kids that there might be tough parts along the way, and sometimes they might not even reach that final goal. But they can have great adventures and learn a lot along the way.

Eruc has already faced some disappointments and challenges. For example, because he has to row about 10 hours a day, he brought along an MP3 player to listen to music, audiobooks, and study Spanish to pass the time. Unfortunately, the nearly daily tropical rain for several months has forced him to keep his player packed away where it's safe and dry.

Not only that, but wind and waves keep pushing him westward when he wants to go south toward the Solomon Islands. Unlike big ships with powerful engines, his rowboat and arm power are no match for the winds. Fortunately, Eruc has a dry little cabin to crawl into when the daily rowing is done. He can use his little palm computer to connect to the Internet by way of a satellite phone. "For fun, I do emails and phone calls, read, and write in my journal a lot," he says.

Protein bars give him energy, and he boils water to heat freeze-dried beef on a one-burner stove. A solar-powered machine removes salt from ocean water so he can drink it, but only when the sun shines.

He's not bothered by the hard work or even being blown the wrong direction. Eruc sees the world as a laboratory where there is much to learn. For example, when his trip takes him across land, he enjoys meeting people – especially children. He has already visited dozens of schools and shared his story.

- 6 Which of the following is stated about Erden Eruc in **PARAGRAPH 1**?
- A He has started his world journey in Australia.
 - B He is anxious about the presence of sharks.
 - C He is going to travel in a variety of ways.
 - D He has extensive experience of mountaineering.
- 7 Why did Erden Eruc decide to go on a round-the-world journey?
- A He had been dreaming about it since his childhood.
 - B He was looking for new experiences and challenges.
 - C He aimed to set a world record for solo rowing.
 - D He wanted to encourage kids to achieve their ambitions.
- 8 Why hasn't Erden Eruc listened to his MP3 player yet?
- A He spends almost all his time rowing in the Pacific.
 - B He prefers learning languages to listening to music.
 - C He has left it somewhere he doesn't remember.
 - D He is afraid of damaging it in the wet climate.
- 9 Erden Eruc does everything **EXCEPT** _____.
- A sleeping in his tiny cabin
 - B getting in touch with people
 - C reading books in Spanish
 - D keeping records of his journey
- 10 Which of the following is **TRUE** about Erden Eruc?
- A He used to work at a school laboratory.
 - B He can get fresh water in fine weather.
 - C He has to do without meat during the journey.
 - D He changed his plans because of the weather.

Task 3

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

11

Astor Quest London

Astor Quest is located not far from Hyde Park, Kensington Palace and Whiteley's Shopping centre. We only permit guests between the ages of 18–30 to stay at our hostel, so we are an ideal accommodation for young travellers. Everybody working at Astor Quest is also young and lives here too, so they can give you hints about great places to see in London. We have dormitory rooms with 4 beds per room, and showers and toilets on each floor.

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Travel Joy Hostels Chelsea

Travel Joy Hostels Chelsea is located in London between Pimlico and Chelsea and facing the River Thames. Underneath us lies a lively pub featuring bands from all over the city playing. If you don't feel like going far for a bit of food, we have a Thai restaurant where you can choose from tasty Asian and English dishes here on the premises. Our rooms are clean and comfortable, our staff are hardworking.

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Hoax Hostel Liverpool

Hoax is a luxury hostel situated right in the city centre. Guests can choose from double rooms to dormitory rooms for groups of up to 8. We offer guests a free continental style breakfast. Guests also have the option to upgrade to full English, American and veggie breakfasts! Wi-Fi is free throughout the building on your own wireless device. All guests must provide their ID on check in. All bookings for more than 16 people will not be accepted.

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YHA London Oxford Street

A quiet hideaway from the bustle of the busiest street in the world, YHA Oxford Street allows you to relax and have this fabulous city at your fingertips. We offer private 2-bed, 3-bed or 4-bed rooms and family prices for all of them. We operate a key card system throughout the hostel so you can get in and out whenever you like. Please note, due to our location we are a very busy and vibrant hostel and would not recommend families bring children under the age of 14 here.

15

Wombats City Hostel London

We're located only minutes away from the Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and the City Hall. Not only is the location awesome, the building itself is breathtaking. Formerly a seamen's hostel, the six-storied building was converted to an astonishing travellers' place. All our rooms come with comfy wooden beds, private shower, toilet facilities and lockers for your belongings. You'll get our self-made city map with all essential information about the going-ons in town.

16

Astor Hyde Park London

Astor Hyde Park is located in South Kensington. Interesting places in the area include the Natural History Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Science Museum. You will enjoy modern living in a traditional recently restored English accommodation. The wonderful wooden staircase maintains the Victorian style character. Our 33 guestrooms are decorated with modern designs and are comfortably spacious. A stainless steel kitchen, 2 lounges and a large dining area are all available for guest use.

Which of the hostels _____?

- A has a limit on big group reservations
- B used to be a place for sailors
- C admits guests for no more than two weeks
- D has guests and the staff of the same age
- E enables guests to enter or leave the hostel freely at any time
- F provides separate rooms for boys and girls
- G offers guests to listen to live music in the hostel building
- H was redecorated not long ago

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

How Does Your Body Move?

How does your body move? Does the brain send it messages? And in return, (17) _____ what they see, hear, and smell? The answer is your nerves!

Nerves are thin, threadlike structures (18) _____. Nerves run down your spine and branch out all the way to your fingers and toes. This system of nerves controls your body, tells your muscles to move, and (19) _____. Nerves are a part of your nervous system, (20) _____.

Your nerves are made of cells called neurons. Neurons send and receive messages between your brain and the other parts of your body (21) _____.

Messages flash from neuron to neuron along your nerves and inside your brain. Signals from your eyes (22) _____. The brain then sends signals that move very fast from cell to cell making sense of the message. Then the brain sends signals back down to the nerves connected to your leg muscles to say, “Run to the bus stop!”

- A might tell the brain “There is my school bus”
- B which carry messages between your brain and the rest of your body
- C lets you experience the wonderful world around you
- D which also includes your brain and spinal cord
- E how we think, dream, reason and experience emotions
- F by sending alternating electrical and chemical signals
- G might convert signals that carry information to the brain
- H how do your eyes, ears, and nose tell your brain

Use of English

Task 5

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

Egg-and-Spoon Race

Egg-and-spoon race originated at the end of the 19th century in the United Kingdom. The objective of the race is very (23) _____, to carry an egg on the spoon and cross the finish line as fast as (24) _____. Each competitor is (25) _____ a spoon and an egg. At the starting line, all competitors line up with the eggs positioned on the spoon. When the start signal is set off, competitors run at full speed, holding the spoon with just one hand. Holding the spoon with two hands, or touching the egg with hands is not allowed. If a competitor drops it, they have to (26) _____ the egg, put it back on to the spoon and balance it before they can resume running. Though mostly eggs are used for races, they have also been (27) _____ in some instances with potatoes, tomatoes, lemons or synthetic eggs.

23	A	simple	B	light	C	basic	D	natural
24	A	comfortable	B	convenient	C	possible	D	necessary
25	A	fond of	B	known for	C	adjusted to	D	provided with
26	A	pick up	B	pick at	C	pick out	D	pick on
27	A	changed	B	replaced	C	removed	D	balanced

Task 6

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

Andrea Bocelli

Blinded at 12, Bocelli cannot see (28) _____ work of art – except in memory. But perhaps it is this memory of community that has seen him succeed, becoming one of (29) _____ tenors in the world and selling over 150 (30) _____ records. Celine Dion, with whom he once (31) _____ a duet, said that “if God had a singing voice he (32) _____ like Andrea Bocelli”.

28	A	such	B	any	C	no	D	some
29	A	a most famous	B	more famous	C	much famous	D	the most famous
30	A	millions of	B	millions	C	million	D	million of
31	A	sang	B	sings	C	has sung	D	sung
32	A	would sound	B	sounded	C	will sound	D	sounds