NMT Practice 10

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

The Central Bank collection of coins, banknotes and decorations displayed along with related items from the National Museum.
Open daily during office hours or by appointment.

EINHOLT 4, REYKJAVÍK, TEL. 569 9964. MAP 56,E3

2



EICA: RATHO
Edinburgh International Climbing Arena: Ratho
Built around the stunning natural rock, the world's largest indoor climbing arena features the terrifying Aerial Assault, gym, spa, soft play, cafe and over 250 climbing routes to try.
T: +44 (0)131 333 6333
W: eica-ratho.co.uk

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Bo'ness and Kinneil

There's so much to see and do! The highlight of your visit is travelling behind a lovingly-restored historic locomotive - but you'll also be able to visit the Scottish Train Exhibition and relax in our coffee shop.

For timetables and prices visit www.srps.org.uk or call 01506 822298.



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5

Gallery / studio

Gallery workshop. Unusual colours, distinctive texture, attractive designs and woollen knitwear. Printed and painted textiles, linen, veils and pillows on sale (also by order). Mon.-Fri. 12.00-18.00

Which advertisement is about _____?

A transport services
B financial services
C shopping facilities
D a theatrical performance
E a sports competition
F a leisure centre
G a railway excursion
H a numismatic exhibition

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Task 2

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

A Woman Who Saved Hundreds of Animals

"I remember working non-stop and I didn't even have $100 in my account. I lived on veggie noodles," said Caitlin Cimini, who houses about 40 animals of different species. "I just couldn't stop. I didn't stop. I just spent all the money on the rescue farm and surprisingly our team have become self-sufficient as a rescue thanks to all of the good people that support us. It's phenomenal."

Cimini, who spent childhood summers taking horseback riding lessons, and later worked for animal rescues and wildlife rehabilitation projects, has always loved animals. But aside from house pets like cats, dogs, pigs and a horse she owned, she had no real experience with them.

"You know you live in the country when your neighbours give you three chickens for a housewarming present," says Caitlin, laughing. "Those hens were the loves of my life." Then one day, they went missing, and she felt so upset and helpless. A week later, one of the hens returned. "I was so happy I literally fell on the ground. That's when I clearly understood what I should do. I started taking in more and more unwanted animals." Caitlin fostered puppies and kittens from animal shelters, rescued piglets advertised as food, and connected with local rescue organizations to learn how she could help with their new arrivals.

One day in September 2010, Caitlin Cimini rescued a wild mustang. Without a plan in mind, Caitlin bought it from the federal government's Bureau of Land Management for $125. It was a decision that changed her life forever. Any romance of such an adoption was challenged by the reality of training a wild horse. "She was a real test for me," said Cimini. "I had my fingers and ribs injured. I will admit I regretted the adoption at first. I don't think I fully understood how wild she was. I felt so defeated because she was so difficult."

But Cimini kept working with the horse she named Halona, which means "beautiful choice." Halona is now the most affectionate animal on the farm that houses chickens, sheep, and other species. And that's quite a transformation when you consider the horse was emotionally hurt when Cimini rescued her.

Halona is fine now, but the hard work continues for Caitlin and her husband who rescue other animals. The Ciminis invest every penny they receive into their farm. The couple's Can-Do attitude led them to *GoFundMe*, where they raised money to expand their rescue ranch with a 16-acre addition.

"Caitlin is doing incredible, selfless work with animals in need, she's been chosen as latest *GoFundMe* Hero and received a grant," said Rob Solomon, *GoFundMe* director. "As a fellow animal lover, I've been inspired to see how Caitlin has used *GoFundMe* to further her mission of giving abandoned animals the second chance they deserve."

Caitlin said she couldn't stop crying when she found out about the *GoFundMe* recognition and saw donations to her project rise. "It means more than I can ever say," said Caitlin Cimini, who said expenses include $4,000 each month just for feed. "I tell people that if you like what a non-profit does, give them $1. They have no idea how far $1 can go."

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6 Why did Cimini have to live on veggie noodles?

A She was too busy with animals to cook.
B She saved money to help animals.
C She had her bank account frozen.
D She got unemployed and penniless.

7 What did Caitlin do before 2010?

A She gave horseback riding lessons to kids.
B She kept pigs for food on her farm.
C She started an animal rescue homestead.
D She explored wildlife in the neighbourhood.

8 What led Caitlin to realise her mission?

A fostering puppies
B buying kittens
C rescuing piglets
D losing chickens

9 How did she become a mustang owner?

A She got it on an impulse.
B It was her lifetime dream.
C She planned to start a ranch.
D It was a good investment.

10 What is **TRUE** about Caitlin Cimini?

A She raised money by selling 16 acres of land.
B She was given financial support by *GoFundMe*.
C She was employed by *GoFundMe* to adopt animals.
D She gained recognition for training wild horses.

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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

Scripps College

The highly ranked progressive women's college knows how to keep that old school touch alive with their tradition of afternoon tea. Every Wednesday afternoon Scripps holds afternoon tea in the beautiful Seal Court. Surrounded by a fountain and mosaic murals, the Scripps students can relax, chat, and even have one-on-one discussions with professors while sipping on some tea.

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Oak Hills College

The Oak Hills tradition follows that after a classmate's engagement, the groom-to-be is thrown by his classmates into the campus lake. Friends of the fiancé carry him from his dorm to the dock and ask him two questions: "*Do you love her?*" and "*Is she worth it?*". Say "*yes*" to both and your friends will most lovingly throw you into the cold Minnesota lake.

13

Washington University in St. Louis

Walk In Lay Down, usually referred to as *WILD*, is a concert in the Brookings Quad every fall and spring. The tradition gets its name from the fact that students dragged sofas and couches into the quad (square) so they could listen in comfort. The concert usually features local bands as well as one or two nationally known groups or artists. The Say "*Hi*" Tradition requires all students to say hello to students and faculty that they meet on campus on this day.

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Smith College

Whether you are going to come to the college for a lecture, to visit the award-winning Smith College Museum of Art, take a campus tour, stop in at one of the libraries, attend a performance or simply stroll the grounds to enjoy the beauty of Smith's botanic gardens, come on *Mountain Day* and you'll find a campus filled with energy and enthusiasm. Since 1877, the women's college in Northampton, Massachusetts has taken part in a strange but lovely tradition called *Mountain Day*. On a beautiful autumn day, Smith College's president rings the college bells to give students an unexpected but welcomed break from classes so that they can hike up the mountain and pick apples.

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Bucknell University

Starting with New Student Orientation, your first days at Bucknell immerse you in scholarship, learning and tradition what it means to become a member of the campus community. For example, during the first week of their second semester, first-year students serenade the president of the university. During their first and last weeks on campus, students gather in a circle in the college campus overlooking the hills at sunset for a class candle-lighting ceremony.

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Rollins College

Fox Day is an annual tradition established by Rollins' 10th president, Hugh McKean, in 1956. Each spring, on a day "too pretty to have class," the president cancels all classes, providing undergraduate students with a surprise day off. A statue of the Rollins fox is placed on Tars Plaza early in the morning. A free pancake breakfast is offered and fun activities are planned throughout the day.

According to the tradition of which college or university do students _____?

A climb to the top of the hill and gather fruit

B attend a performance in the local museum

C play a trick on a man who has decided to marry

D help themselves to a morning meal at no cost

E sing songs to the head of their institution

F invite a popular singer for a fox hunt

G enjoy live music in the campus yard twice a year

H meet once a week for pleasant informal socializing

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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.

Rattlesnake Removers

When Heather Ramirez of Auburn, California, went to the dentist recently with her husband Len, **(17)** _____. She and her husband are professional snake removers. They were there to catch and return to the wild a rattlesnake **(18)** _____.

Studies show these snakes generally only bite people **(19)** _____. Keeping your distance prevents bites, which are serious but not usually fatal with today's medicines. A rattlesnake can even give a loud warning that says, "I am here, stay away" with the rattles located at the tip of its tail.

"We find rattlesnakes everywhere," says Ramirez. "In houses, in yards and woodpiles, under decks." She says **(20)** _____ – it's the other way around: "These animals were here first, and we humans came in and built houses. We are living in their territory."

Many people are frightened when they see a rattler and call for help right away. When the Ramirez' phone rings, the couple drops whatever they are doing and rushes to work, **(21)** _____.

The team is good at catching snakes **(22)** _____. A tool that looks like long spaghetti tongs allows them to handle snakes without harming them. Heather Ramirez and her husband relocate more than a thousand snakes a year, letting them go far away from human activity.

A that had slithered indoors
B that the snakes aren't invading human homes
C that the snake cannot reach them to bite
D she wasn't there to have her teeth cleaned
E never touching a snake with their hands
F that has gone into hiding
G often leaving a meal half-eaten on the table
H who are trying to catch or kill them

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Use of English

Task 5

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

What Is the Weather Like in Australia?

Australia has temperate weather for most of the year but the climate can vary **(23)** _____ the size of our continent. The northern states **(24)** _____ have warm weather much of the time, with the southern states **(25)** _____ cooler winters. Australia is also one of the driest continents on earth with a(n) **(26)** _____ annual rainfall of less than 600 millimetres. **(27)** _____ all countries in the southern hemisphere, Australia has seasons that are opposite to those in the northern hemisphere. December to February is summer; March to May is autumn; June to August is winter; and September to November is spring.

23	**A**	due to	**B**	together with	**C**	apart from	**D**	except for
24	**A**	partially	**B**	typically	**C**	totally	**D**	widely
25	**A**	expecting	**B**	experiencing	**C**	spending	**D**	forecasting
26	**A**	seasonal	**B**	oceanic	**C**	heavy	**D**	average
27	**A**	Like	**B**	Including	**C**	Similar	**D**	Corresponding

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Task 6

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

Bottlenose Dolphin

Bottlenose dolphins send messages to one **(28)** _____ in different ways. They squeak and whistle and use body language. Dolphins also produce **(29)** _____ frequency clicks, which act as a sonar system telling **(30)** _____ the shape, size, speed, distance, and location of the object. They also have a sharp sense of hearing. Scientists believe that the sounds travel through the **(31)** _____ lower jaw to its inner ear and then **(32)** _____ to the brain for analysis.

28	**A**	another	**B**	other	**C**	the other	**D**	others
29	**A**	high	**B**	heighten	**C**	highly	**D**	height
30	**A**	their	**B**	they	**C**	them	**D**	themselves
31	**A**	dolphin	**B**	dolphins'	**C**	dolphin's	**D**	dolphins
32	**A**	are transmitted	**B**	is transmitted	**C**	transmitted	**D**	transmits

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