Task 1

- **You are going to read an article about the Channel Tunnel, which was recognised as one of the "Seven Wonders of the Modern World" by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-M) for each gap (1-8) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.**
- **You can use each word only once.**
- **There are three extra words that you do not need to use.**
- **There is one example *(0)* at the beginning.**

THE CHANNEL TUNNEL

The Channel Tunnel is 31.4 miles long, ***(0)*** _____ it the 11th longest tunnel in **(1)** _____ . It has the longest undersea portion of any tunnel in the world (23.5 miles). There are actually three tunnels down there - two for trains and a smaller service tunnel **(2)** _____ can be used in emergencies.

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Construction **(3)** _____ six years (1988-1994). Englishman Graham Fagg and Frenchman Phillippe Cozette **(4)** _____ out the ceremonial breakthrough on December 1, 1990. They didn't quite meet in the middle – the English side tunnelled the greater distance. Eleven special machines were used to **(5)** _____ the tunnel. Each of them was as long as two football pitches. One from the British side remains **(6)** _____ under the Channel. Another was sold on eBay for £39,999 in 2004.

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In 2014 a record 21 million passengers were transported between Britain and France **(7)** _____ the tunnel – up from 7.3 million in 1995, its first full year in operation. A pet travel scheme introduced in 2000 has **(8)** _____ more than one million dogs and cats travelling through the tunnel.

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(www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations)

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Task 2

- **You are going to read an article about an ancient Irish festival called Bealtaine, the Celtic Fire Festival. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (9-17) after the text.**
- **Use only one word in each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**

BEALTAINE

It is believed that ***(0)*** _____ ancient Irish had four major festivals, as **(9)** _____as a number of smaller festivals. When Christianity came to Ireland around 1500 years **(10)** _____ , the priests and monks Christianised some of the Pagan festivals and because of that, some of the ancient Irish festivals **(11)** _____ still celebrated in Ireland today.

Bealtaine signals the start of summer. Anyone who speaks Irish will **(12)** _____ familiar with this word, **(13)** _____ Bealtaine is also the Irish word for the month of May, along with the festival on the first day of that month. The word *beal* may have meant 'bright light' and the second part means 'fire'. This festival is strongly connected **(14)** _____ fire in Irish tradition. Until a hundred years ago, people in some country areas of Ireland still followed the custom **(15)** _____ building two great fires in a field on this day and driving their cattle between the fires to protect them from disease. According to a text from the 10th century, the Druids used **(16)** _____ do the same during the Pagan era hundreds of years before that. When an Irish speaker is confused or unsure **(17)** _____ to do, they often use the phrase "I am between two Bealtaine fires about it".

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Task 3

- **You are going to read an article about the origins of the name of Wall Street. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (18-25).**
- **Then write <u>the appropriate form</u> of these words on the dotted lines after the text.**
- **There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.**
- **Use only <u>one</u> word for each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**

WHY IS IT CALLED 'WALL STREET'?

Wall Street, an actual street by that name, is located in Lower Manhattan in New York City. The street is the epicenter of the city's ***(0)*** _____ ***(finance)*** district.

The name of the street originates from an actual wall that was built in the 17th century by the Dutch, who were living in what was then called New Amsterdam. The 4-meter wall was built to protect the Dutch against **(18)** _____ **(attack)** from pirates and various Native American tribes, and to keep other potential dangers out of the town.

The area near the wall became **(19)** _____ **(know)** as Wall Street. Because of its **(20)** _____ **(locate)**, the road developed into one of the busiest trading areas in the entire city. Later, in 1699, the wall was demolished by the British colonial **(21)** _____ **(govern)**, but the name of the street stuck.

The financial industry got its **(22)** _____ **(office)** start on Wall Street on May 17, 1792. On that day, New York's first stock exchange was established by the **(23)** _____ **(sign)** of the Buttonwood Agreement. The agreement, so-called because it was signed under a buttonwood tree which early **(24)** _____ **(trade)** and speculators had previously gathered around to trade **(25)** _____ **(informal)**, gave birth to what is now the modern-day New York Stock Exchange.

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