TASK 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-5).
There are three choices you do not need to use.
Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO PACK FOR MOVING DAY TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE

1 ..... Go from room to room. You need to pack room by room so that you don't forget anything. Starting with the smallest room, like a half bathroom, and working towards a larger room, like the basement or kitchen, is the best approach.

2 ..... Do one room per day or one room every other day. It should take you at least an hour no matter what the room size, so don't wait until the last minute.

3 ..... Set them aside. Don't let movers take these items at the risk of them damaging something irreplaceable. Take as much as you can in your own vehicle to the new place.

4 ..... It will be easier to find the rooms that they will be going into in the new house. This will save you a lot of time once you get into your new house because you won't be going back and forth from room to room with boxes. They will already be put in the right room and ready to be unpacked.

5 ..... If you don't think you'll ever use something again, pitch it. This will save you a lot of time in the end because let's face it, buying a new home and moving into it are two immense tasks to take on at once.

A Get rid of items you don't need!
B Do a general cleaning of your home.
C Properly pack fragile items.
D Clean the kitchen appliances!
E Put the items you pack into boxes labelled.
F Give yourself enough time.
G Keep important papers with you during the move.
H Don't get scatter-brained.

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TASK 2

1 **You are going to read a review of a TV programme about homes of the future. For questions 1–6, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

The homes of the future viewed from today

Mark Finchley reviews TV series *Tomorrow's Homes*

Having just watched the whole of Channel 8's TV series *Tomorrow's Homes*, I've been wondering about how anyone can predict the future of domestic life. You'd imagine that if you knew what architects and technology companies were developing now to make life easier, more exciting and more beautiful, you'd have a pretty good idea of what to expect in tomorrow's homes. In reality, it's more complicated, and just as much about what we'll choose to hang on to from **today's** – the things that are 'future-proof'. In the 1950s, people thought that in the twenty-first century household tasks would be done by labour-saving devices or robots – with food pills for dinner. Yet people still wash up and cook, even though the technology exists that makes neither of these tasks necessary.

Tomorrow's Homes, however, dared to make predictions which it turned into reality using an average home belonging to a family called the Forseys. Four miles of cable were installed in the house so that all the electrics, from lights to the fridge, could be controlled via the internet, and various other devices and gadgets were introduced in addition to this. The family were then filmed as they got used to their new home life. Programme presenter Harry Thwaites is also a consultant who spends his work life imagining the future, so testing out his ideas for the programme was a fascinating experiment for him. His approach was to use technology that was not totally brand new, but had only recently become more affordable. CCTV cameras for security have been around for years, for example, but they are no longer only an option for the mega-rich.

The Forsey family consists of a husband and wife with four children and two grandchildren. They appear to be very natural and ordinary on the programme, and it was always interesting to see how they reacted to

the technology they were testing. One example that **sticks** in the mind is when Janine, the mother, enters her reconstructed, all-white home (after successfully unlocking her new front door by using her thumb print as a key), and she immediately bursts into tears – quite understandably it has to be said. A short while later, her husband Ben gets locked out because the skin on his thumb is too rough. As the series progresses, however, they slowly come to accept the technology, and even start to believe it could have some value in their lives.

I was keen to see during the show if anything emerged as potentially future-proof, and there were some great examples. To help Janine deal with various worries, she was provided with a mind-controlled relaxation tool. This was a kind of headband connected to a DVD, which, incredibly, she could control with her thoughts. When she relaxed mentally, she made an image of the sun go down, as it would at night, on the DVD. When she had tried the gadget and achieved the sun set, she was asked how effective the gadget had been. Janine commented, 'Nothing can compare to a nice cup of tea and a good soap opera!'

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1. The writer makes the point in the first paragraph that predicting how homes will be in the future
   - **A** requires detailed study of architectural trends.
   - **B** is impossible if you only look at new developments.
   - **C** has been very difficult until now.
   - **D** is made easier by programmes and articles about them in the media.
2. What does 'today's' refer to in the first paragraph?
   - **A** current ideas
   - **B** the present reality
   - **C** the homes we currently live in
   - **D** modern architecture
3. According to the second paragraph, the technology installed in the Forseys' house
   - **A** was chosen to match the specific needs of the family.
   - **B** was previously only used by a limited section of the population.
   - **C** was still too expensive for anybody except the wealthiest.
   - **D** was tried out by experts before the family used it.
4. What does 'sticks' mean in the third paragraph?
   - **A** blocks something
   - **B** remains there
   - **C** corrects an error
   - **D** highlights something
5. According to the third paragraph, how did the family members react to the new technology?
   - **A** Their attitude towards it became increasingly positive.
   - **B** Some of them adjusted more quickly to it than others.
   - **C** The parents struggled with it throughout the series.
   - **D** Some of their responses to it were surprising.
6. How did Janine feel about the mind-controlled relaxation tool?
   - **A** She was amazed at what it was capable of.
   - **B** She thought it would work if used with other things.
   - **C** She found it totally useless.
   - **D** She preferred more traditional methods of relaxation.

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Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—15). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

(11) The Junipers
Inverness-shire
Sleeps: 2, bedrooms: 1.
No smoking.
Short breaks available.
Pet-friendly.
It is a charming cottage on the edge of the Highland village of Tomatin, 16 miles south of Inverness «Capital of Highlands» and 14 miles north of the Cairngorm Mountains Conservation.
Extremely well-furnished and equipped it makes a comfortable «home from home» for any season of the year.

(12) Holly Cottage
Aviemore
Sleeps: 6, bedrooms: 3.
No pets.
No smoking.
Short breaks available.
This is a charming, newly-built cottage on the outskirts of the popular holiday centre of Aviemore in the heart of the Highlands. There is so much to see and do in the area that a week will never be enough, and it is therefore the ideal choice for a holiday which will please all ages and interests.

(13) Knappach Cottage
Lynaberack Estate
Sleeps: 6 (8), bedrooms: 4.
No smoking.
Short breaks available.
Pet-friendly.
This is a very attractively-sited conversion of two old stone cottages standing on its own, on rising ground, within a large Country Estate just a few miles east of Kingussie and the fast A9 and about one hour's drive north of Pitlochry. It has a lovely view of the Cairngorm Mountains beyond the historic ruins of Ruthven Barracks.

(14) Finchwood Boat of Garten
Kingussie
Sleeps: 8 (10), bedrooms: 4.
No smoking.
Short breaks available.
Pet-friendly.
This beautifully appointed holiday home has a secluded position backing on to woodland in the little Highland village of Boat of Garten, right in the centre of the Cairngorm National Park. The hotel is an ideal base either for a family holiday or for parties of sporting enthusiasts.

(15) Lynaberack Lodge
Inverness-shire
Sleeps: 14 (16), bedrooms: 8.
Short breaks available.
Pet-friendly.
Live like a laird for a week on your own 11,000-acre Highland estate! Lynaberack Lodge is most beautifully situated just 60 yards from the shallow River Tromie, with magnificent views along the glen, where deer often come to graze in the evenings. This spacious and comfortable house is perfect for people wishing to relax in peace and privacy.

This holiday cottage _____

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A gives you a chance for a quiet rest in isolation.
B has comfortable furniture and all facilities for a rest in any season of the year.
C is perfect for a traveller who wants to spend more time in the centre of a city.
D was rebuilt of two old stone cottages.
E offers a spectacular mountain view.
F is a dog-friendly hotel, closed for adolescents.
G provides perfect opportunities both for a family holiday or for parties of sporting enthusiasts.
H allows ample opportunities for people of different ages and interests.

TASK 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-21). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

GET SOME GREEN, RAISE YOUR SPIRITS

The more green space where you live, (17) ..... – and some surprising new statistics prove it.

When satellite data were compared with a survey of 2,500 Wisconsinites in 229 neighborhoods, it revealed that people (18) ..... were much more likely to feel depressed, stressed, and anxious.

Amazingly, (19) ..... : poorer residents in greener areas were, in general, happier than richer ones in treeless areas, says the study in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. "Nature can provide relief from our daily need to complete tasks, providing us with something inherently fascinating (20) ..... ," says study co-author Kirsten Beyer, Ph.D. Plus, she adds, the outdoors also promotes physical activity and social interaction (21) ..... . If there isn't much foliage around your crib, (22) ..... : Related studies also show you'll feel happier and healthier if you have live plants in your indoor spaces – so green up your home or office and start chilling out. *[32]*

A. the happier you are
B. both known stress relievers
C. the results weren't skewed by wealth
D. whose houses sank in the greenery
E. don't panic

F. that holds our attention without our having to work at it
G. living in areas with less than 10% "tree canopy"
H. the healthier you turn out to be

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Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23—32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

COULD A «TINY HOME» BE THE HOME FOR YOU?

Maybe you think that your bedroom is too small for all of your clothes, books, and toys. But some people are now choosing to get rid of a lot of their **(23)** _____ and live in houses no bigger than the **(24)** _____ bedroom.

To **(25)** _____ money, some people are moving into «tiny» houses, some of which are about 100 square feet in **(26)** _____. Even though the houses are small, many of them still **(27)** _____ a living room, kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. Some «tiny home» owners **(28)** _____ a ladder to get to the bedroom on the second floor of their home.

When business **(29)** _____ for Bill Kastrinos, he and his wife, Sharon, moved into a tiny house. The house cost only $15,000 to build and the Kastrinos's pay $15 a month for utilities. Their home also has **(30)** _____ so they can take it with them if they decide to move.

Jay Shafer owns Tumbleweed Tiny House Company. He builds tiny houses, and he lives in one too. His home is 8 feet wide and 12 feet long. Shafer said he built a tiny house because he did not want to **(31)** _____ a lot of rooms and he wanted to conserve energy. He gave away a lot of his things when he moved into his tiny house. He says he doesn't **(32)** _____ the extra books or the clothes that he never wore.

Shafer knows that tiny houses will not work for everyone. He recently got married and there is not enough room in his house for his wife. That's why he is building her a tiny house right near his home.

	A	B	C	D
23	possessions	riches	effects	goods
24	regular	average	medium	common
25	protect	earn	save	preserve
26	dimension	length	size	measure
27	possess	involve	combine	include
28	rise	go	bring	climb
29	slowed up	slowed down	slowed in	slowed at
30	wheels	discs	rings	circles
31	clean	clear	scrub	purify
32	avoid	miss	escape	regret

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Read the texts below. For questions (33—42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A BIG QUIET HOUSE

There was once a man who wished his small, noisy house was larger and (33) _____. He went to the wise old woman of the town and explained his need. She said, «I can solve your problem. Just do as I say».

The man agreed.

«If you (34) _____ a chicken, some sheep, a horse, and a cow», she said, «bring them into the house with you».

«That's a silly thing to do», thought the old man. But he did it anyway. Now his house was already small, and with all those animals in it, there was (35) _____ room at all. He returned to the old woman and cried, «I need more room! The animals are so noisy I can't think!»

«Take all those animals (36) _____ of your dwelling», she replied.

When he (37) _____ all the animals comfortably back in the barn, the man went into his house. To his amazement, it suddenly looked remarkably bigger! Without the animals inside, his house was now quiet, too!

	A	B	C	D
33	quieter	quiet	more quiet	quietest
34	has	will have	had	have
35	no	any	never	nobody
36	in	to	out	onto
37	has put	had put	put	be put

Location Location Location

There are many, many homes around the world (38) ..... after Pickersleigh Road, but now here's a unique opportunity for Morgan fans to live the lifestyle of the ancestral Morgan family.

For a smidge under half a million pounds, you (39) ..... own a taste of the Morgan life at the family seat of The Rectory, in Hereford's Stoke Lacy. Whilst the family once (40) ..... the entire property, it now (41) ..... been divided into two semi-detached homes set in two and half acres. One of the homes has now been put on the market. (42) ..... is the family graveyard. *[52]*

38	A	were named	B	had named	C	named	D	naming
39	A	are able	B	should	C	must	D	can
40	A	has owned	B	owned	C	owning	D	was owned
41	A	has been divided	B	is being divided	C	had been divided	D	was divided
42	A	the other	B	another	C	others	D	other

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