RNE Training	Reading & Grammar Task 1108

10. *Установите соответствие* ***тем 1 - 8 текстам A- G.*** *Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую* ***ЦИФРУ только один раз. В задании одна тема лишняя. Запишите цифры в клетки задания 10***

1. Vegetable fun
2. One is not enough
3. Ritual count
4. Local good luck ritual
5. Clever excuse
6. Ritual drink
7. Reward for kindness
8. Strange mix of characters

A. The Abbots Bromley Horn Dance has been performed at the Barthelmy Fair since 1226. Today the Horn Dance attracts visitors from all over the world. Starting at 8 am, the Horn Dancers comprising six Deer-men, a Fool, Hobby Horse, Bowman and Maid Marian, perform their dance to music provided by a melodeon player at locations throughout the village and its surrounding farms and pubs.

B. On Punkie night, children in various towns in the South of England carve their 'Punkies', (pumpkins) into Lanterns. Once carved the children go out in groups and march through the streets, singing traditional 'Punkie' songs, calling in at friendly houses and competing for best lantern with rival groups. We never did this in my town but we had our own weird traditions to make up for it.

C. Soul Cakes are small round cakes made for "All Souls Day". Children take them door to door and are given gifts of sweets and pennies bringing good luck to the house and themselves. Soul-caking has survived throughout the west midlands, from Coventry to Manchester. The generally accepted date in the UK is November 2nd although some Church traditions have several celebrations through the year.

D. "Swan Upping" happens every July on the River Thames. Since in England, all swans belong to the Queen, they are counted for her by three teams — The Queen's, The Vintners' and The Dyers'. Modern "Swan Upping" is about conservation and making sure the birds are healthy. To the tourists who come to watch it looks incredibly chaotic but the Swan Uppers know what they're doing.

E. In Whittlesea, from when no one quite knows, it was the custom on the Tuesday following Plough Monday (the 1st Monday after Twelfth Night) to dress one of the local youths in straw and call him 'Straw Bear'. A newspaper of 1882 reports that "... he was then taken around the town to entertain by his frantic and clumsy gestures" those who had been generous to the poor.

F. Slaithwaite Moonraking Festival is a Biennial Event. It's a street procession and theatre, based on a village tale about two 19th century smugglers who were collecting barrels of illegal drink from the river. The smugglers hid the barrels and told the police they were trying to rake the moon's reflection out of the river. Thinking they were fools, the police let the smugglers go.

G. The Hare Pie Scramble and Bottle Kicking competition, between the villages of Hallaton and Medbourne, takes place every Easter Monday. Hallaton is a picturesque village with lots of old thatched cottages and set in beautiful countryside. Three small wooden barrels filled with ale are used as "rugby balls" and the village that collects at least two is the winner.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G

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11. *Прочитайте текст и заполните* ***пропуски A — F*** *частями предложений, обозначенными* ***цифрами 1 — 7.*** ***Одна из частей в списке 1 — 7 лишняя****. Занесите* ***цифры****, обозначающие соответствующие части предложения, в клетки задания* ***11 без пробелов и знаков препинания****.*

The Application Form

Mike finished reading the application form and then set it down. It was a nervous moment. He needed this job. It was only a weekend job but it **A**_____ of income during this last term of college. Some of his friends were working three or even four days a week. Mike didn't understand how they could cope with their course work. But a weekend job **B**_____ to study. It was ideal.

He picked up the form again. If successful, he'd have to help with a touring market, selling soap products. He'd travel **C**_____ and work from 5.00 am Saturday until late Sunday night — depending how far away the market was that weekend.

Again, he put the form down, scanned the pages once more, and got his pen ready. He was still anxious. For a start, he only had one copy. If he made a spelling mistake **D**_____. For a moment he considered trying to create a replica form on his computer.

"Why on earth" he pondered aloud "do they use paper and ink for this?" Jim overheard him. "Because it is a real test Mike — everybody faces the same form. Tidy, easily readable handwriting tells an employer quite a lot about the candidate applying for the job. If a form comes in smudged, with too many words **E**_____, mistakes crossed out etc. — an employer will know so much more about who is applying for a job. Online applications all look the same."

"I suppose so" — said Mike, yet again picking up and scrutinizing the form "but it's only a job selling soap in markets — not working for the Civil Service!"

"Whatever!" laughed Jim. "My advice is to photocopy the form and do two or three practice runs. You need this job right? Ok — then take time **F**_____ ".

1. would be his only source

2. would leave him enough time

3. packed into a given space

4. to provide them enough money

5. to do the job properly.

6. to a different town each weekend

7. there was nothing he could do

A	B	C	D	E	F

12-18 *Прочитайте текст и выполните задания* ***12-18*** *отметьте на карточке вариант, соответствующий номеру выбранного вами варианта ответа.*

A Change of Plan

Sarah stood in the cold scanning the large display board at Victoria station. Nearly all the trains were delayed. She wanted to get to Portsmouth. The plan was to spend the weekend with her sister Clare before going to Southampton on Monday morning for her interview.

It looked bad. A few trains were scheduled in the next hour or so for Brighton and Eastbourne but there were no connecting trains posted for Portsmouth. As a minimum she could probably get as far as Haywards Heath and if there were no more trains from there, she might get a bus or even a taxi. Then again, the roads might be flooded and she could get stuck.

The problem was heavy rain — the heaviest rain there had been in Southern England for 20 years. Some of the routes had serious problems with flooding. Even her journey on the underground had been affected. There were almost no trains running on the Northern Line. She had been diverted all the way round the Circle Line to eventually reach Victoria.

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Since no trains were expected to run for at least 30 minutes Sarah went into WH Smiths to buy an evening newspaper and then up the escalator to a small gallery of shops and eateries where she bought a coffee.

Then followed an amazing coincidence. She was hoping to study mathematics at Southampton University the following September and she had already been to an "open day" and a first interview. Sitting at the next table to hers', also drinking coffee and reading a newspaper was Tom — a boy she'd met at both the open day and when she went for the interview. Tom also planned to study at Southampton.

"Tom? It is Tom isn't it? I'm Sarah — we met at Southampton"

"My goodness! Sarah! Well hello — what a complete surprise! But wait a minute — you are not heading for the second interview, are you?"

"I am but I don't know if I am going to make it because of all this flooding. I'm planning to spend the weekend at my sister's place but there are no trains at the moment.

For a while they chatted about their impressions of the University and how they both wanted to study there. Then Tom went quiet for a moment then left the table to make a phone call. A moment later he returned.

"Sarah — this might seem a bit improper but" he looked a little embarrassed but continued. "I am planning to spend the weekend in Brighton with my uncle's family. I just called him and told him about you. He said that if you can't make it to Portsmouth, you'd be welcome to stay with us. He actually works in Southampton and provided the roads are clear — he can give us a lift by car on Monday morning"

It took her two seconds to decide — she thought Tom was a nice guy as well as being seriously good looking! After wandering off to check the trains and call her sister, she sat down again.

"Tom it is very kind of you to help me — not least because I am almost a stranger. But because we might well be studying together next year, I'd love to accept your...I mean your Uncle's invitation. I just checked the display board again. There are still no trains to Portsmouth but one leaves for Brighton in about ten minutes. Finish your coffee and let's go".

12. Sarah had been planning to spend the weekend in___

1. Southampton.
2. Eastbourne.
3. Portsmouth.
4. Brighton.

13. Sarah had reached Victoria by___

1. Bus.
2. the London Underground.
3. intercity train.
4. taxi.

14. Sarah went for a coffee because___

1. she wanted to sit down with a newspaper.
2. it was still raining.
3. wanted to meet Tom.
4. no trains expected to leave for 30 minutes.

15. The amazing coincidence was___

1. that she sat down next to Tom.
2. she was going to study at Southampton.
3. that Tom was drinking coffee and reading a paper.
4. Sarah and Tom both studied maths.

16. Sarah thought she might not get to her sisters because___

1. train timetables are so unreliable.
2. Brighton seemed a better option.
3. of all the flooding.
4. of engineering works on the line.

17. Tom's uncle would take them to Southampton because___

1. he owned a car.
2. he worked there.
3. it would be better than going by train.
4. he was a kind man.

18. Sarah decided to accept the invitation since___

1. a train was leaving for Brighton soon.
2. her sister agreed with the change of plan,
3. she might be studying with Tom next year.
4. it was the uncle's invitation and not Tom's.

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19-24. *Прочитайте приведённый ниже текст. Преобразуйте, если необходимо, слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами в конце строк, обозначенных номерами* ***19-24,*** *так чтобы они грамматически соответствовали содержанию текста. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию из группы. (ПЕЧАТНЫМИ ЗАГЛАВНЫМИ БУКВАМИ, без пробелов и знаков препинания!)*

	John and Joan	
19	John and Joan Lane are fond of _____ in the garden. Each Saturday and Sunday, without fail, they devote to gardening.	**WORK**
20	_____ ability to grow especially large and delicious vegetables is held in high regard by their neighbours.	**THEY**
21	The Lanes are also very generous and can often _____ dropping off packets of vegetables on their neighbours' door steps.	**SEE**
	They have a large garden divided into three equal parts: for fruit trees, vegetables and astonishing colourful flowers. Neighbours joke that you need sun glasses to look at their flower garden in spring.	
22	Unfortunately, John _____ several times by bees and developed a dangerous allergic reaction to bee stings since then.	**STING**
23	If he _____ Joan's advice he would have avoided gardens (and the danger of bees) and take up sailing or swimming.	**FOLLOW**
	But John is set in his weekend gardening routine and a fear of bees is not going to stop him. His love of gardening	
24	is _____ than his fear of hospitals	**GREAT**

25-29. *Прочитайте приведенный ниже текст. Преобразуйте слова, напечатанные заглавными буквами после номеров* ***25 - 29*** *так, чтобы они грамматически и лексически соответствовали содержании) текста. Заполните пропуски полученными словами. Каждый пропуск соответствует отдельному заданию из группы* ***25-29.***

	Dangerous routines	
25	There is no question now about how _____ the development of computer games has changed our world.	**DRAMATIC**
26	New games and systems are marketed so aggressively that although TV viewing hours are stable, _____ "playing hours" continue to grow noticeably.	**ADD**
	There is widespread agreement among experts that the new generation is developing new routines that might prove really dangerous.	
27	Lack of physical exercise is a major outcome of the new screen culture. Unless kids are _____ about football or some real (rather than virtual) game, they might face serious health problems.	**PASSION**
28	Another drawback of screen led routine is that homework suffers. It has reached the stage that even the _____ is worried. There is clearly no easy answer.	**GOVERN**
29	But we need to convince the kids of today to create _____ and healthy routines or the future will not look too good for them.	**HELP**

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***30-36**. Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами **30-36**. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям **30-36**, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов.*

Christmas

As a small child I loved almost everything about Christmas. The excitement of Christmas Eve was almost unbearable. We'd go from house to house singing Christmas carols and be given hot mince pies and other **(30)**_____ .

Before bed our parents would read us stories and eventually put us to bed with warnings that Santa Claus would not come if we stayed awake. Before **(31)**_____ into bed we would leave out a mince pie for Santa and something for his reindeers as a "thank you": For me Santa was the great hero and I never **(32)**_____ that he would come down our chimney to deliver my presents.

I loved, as I mentioned before, "almost everything". Immediately after Christmas I was told by my parents that I had to write "thank you letters". As a six your old, writing **(33)**_____ one letter was a task, but several made a mountain — pressing down on my small world. "Why" I argued to my Mum "should I write to grandparents, aunts and uncles? Santa brought me all my presents".

And my mother would lie to her son. **(34)**_____ lies of how Santa helped Granddad choose my toy car and with the help of elves and reindeer delivered it for Granddad — but that still I should thank Granddad for the small part he played in it. The following year her lies were even more devious as she tried to **(35)**_____ me convinced. As I eventually solved this annual mystery, I, of course, lost all **(36)**_____ for not writing the "Thank you letters" as the realisation dawned that Granddad had managed everything by himself.

(30)	1) surprises	2) treats	3) presents	4) souvenirs
(31)	1) getting	2) going	3) putting	4) lying
(32)	1) hesitated	2) suspected	3) mistrusted	4) doubted
(33)	1) only	2) yet	3) even	4) still
(34)	1) Vague	2) Elaborate	3) Complete	4) Formless
(35)	1) hold	2) stay	3) keep	4) remain
(36)	1) reasons	2) defenses	3) motives	4) excuses

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