

Task 8

Read the texts below. For question (39–48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

What Is the Weather Like in Australia?

Australia has temperate weather for most of the year but the climate can vary (39) _____ the size of our continent. The northern states (40) _____ have warm weather much of the time, with the southern states (41) _____ cooler winters. Australia is also one of the driest continents on earth with a(n) (42) _____ annual rainfall of less than 600 millimetres. (43) _____ 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.

39	A	due to	B	together with	C	apart from	D	except for
40	A	partially	B	typically	C	totally	D	widely
41	A	expecting	B	experiencing	C	spending	D	forecasting
42	A	seasonal	B	oceanic	C	heavy	D	average
43	A	Like	B	Including	C	Similar	D	Corresponding

Mother Bears Aren't Afraid of Tourists

Noisy ecotourists may unexpectedly (44) _____ brown bears in the wild. Human visitors to remote natural areas often (45) _____ with animal behaviour, sometimes with disastrous results. However, researchers studying brown bears in Canada found that while adult males (46) _____ the tourists, the presence of people didn't bother mothers and cubs, who seemed to use the noise of buses as a (47) _____ that dangerous males had left the area. Even when males had left the area altogether, females didn't appear until the tourists did. Mother bears evidently take advantage of the opportunity to dine without the (48) _____ of males attacking their cubs.

44	A	improve	B	benefit	C	serve	D	raise
45	A	interfere	B	involve	C	mix	D	interrupt
46	A	faced	B	blocked	C	ignored	D	avoided
47	A	note	B	sign	C	mark	D	symbol
48	A	panic	B	warning	C	threat	D	alarm

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49–58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Sleeping with a Phone in Your Bed Is the Worst Idea Ever

This might just be the (49) _____ thing you'll read today. Recent Twitter public service has drawn attention to falling (50) _____ with your cell phone in bed with you. While it may be convenient to sleep with your phone under your pillow, or to charge your phone next to you while you (51) _____ a rest, you'd better not. It may cause a fire.

When you keep your phone under your pillow, it causes the already hot batteries to heat up further and (52) _____ lead to your cell phone catching fire. Your phone has the potential to burn you if you (53) _____ it anywhere in your bed.

49	A	scary	B	scarier	C	scariest	D	much scarier
50	A	asleep	B	sleepy	C	sleep	D	sleeping
51	A	have had	B	had	C	are having	D	will have
52	A	must	B	should	C	could	D	need
53	A	has left	B	leave	C	were leaving	D	were left

Bottlenose Dolphin

Bottlenose dolphins send messages to one (54) _____ in different ways. They squeak and whistle and use body language. Dolphins also produce (55) _____ frequency clicks, which act as a sonar system telling (56) _____ 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 (57) _____ lower jaw to its inner ear and then (58) _____ to the brain for analysis.

54	A	another	B	other	C	the other	D	others
55	A	high	B	heighten	C	highly	D	height
56	A	their	B	they	C	them	D	themselves
57	A	dolphin	B	dolphins'	C	dolphin's	D	dolphins
58	A	are transmitted	B	is transmitted	C	transmitted	D	transmits