

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

A Van Gogh painting showing a midday scene of the French (39) _____ under a dreary sky has been discovered to be something much more interesting than some researchers have thought before.

Apparently, the original colours of the painting have (40) _____ over time, but while the colour of the sky now is a coffee-like brown, it was originally a bright pink shade which was much more vivid. The (41) _____ that the paint had faded to this degree was made while the painting was being prepared for an art show (42) _____ on the artist's relationship with Britain.

When researchers removed the frame from the painting, they actually found evidence of the original colour (43) _____ in the areas which had been (44) _____ by the frame – and most noticeably, the dazzling pink shade of the sky.

"It's just amazing, isn't it," said Karol Edwards, the lead (45) _____ of the museum. "The thing that really fascinates me is that he (46) _____ the effect where the sky is lighter than the landscape, but (47) _____ it is still reflected in any water that you can see – lakes, streams, things like that." It was one of the many natural effects which Van Gogh apparently adored.

(48) _____, the discovery fits in with comments which Van Gogh made in letters dated around the time, including one where he wrote: "I've seen the whole sky coloured pink and bright orange."

39	A countryside	B country	C rural	D outsider
40	A faded	B dropped	C decreased	D few
41	A inventio	B discovery	C idea	D notice
42	A talking	B dealing	C focusing	D looking
43	A plan	B scheme	C outline	D detail
44	A covered	B kept	C damaged	D broken
45	A head	B curator	C CEO	D worker
46	A does	B takes	C captures	D indicates
47	A anyhow	B anyways	C somehow	D someways
48	A Unfortunately	B Remarkably	C Understandably	D Basically

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

The dark side of the moon is a myth

In reality both sides of the Moon see (49) _____ of sunlight; however, only one face of the Moon (50) _____ from Earth. This is because the Moon (51) _____ around on its own axis in exactly the same time it takes to orbit the Earth, meaning the same side is always facing the Earth. The side (52) _____ away has only been seen by the (53) _____ eye from spacecraft.

49	A a same amount	B same amount	C the same amount	D same amounting
50	A is ever seen	B is ever see	C seen	D is seeing
51	A is rotating	B rotate	C has rotated	D rotates
52	A faced	B facing	C facially	D face
53	A human	B person	C people	D world

Interesting facts about Canada

Did you know Canadians eat more pancakes than _____ country? It's _____ strange, and nobody really knows why, but this has been confirmed by several companies. It _____ be connected to the fact that 77% of the world's maple syrup is produced in Quebec – you can even find people making candies from maple syrup and snow during the winter! This all just _____ that breakfast food is serious business in Canada – they even have more donut shops per capita than anywhere in the world! I'm not sure many people would know what to do if they _____ their breakfast food!

54	A some another	B any other	C some other	D another
55	A bit	B little	C a bit	D few
56	A might	B will	C can	D mustn't
57	A shows	B is showing	C is shown	D will show
58	A don't have	B won't have	C didn't have	D have

59. You've received a letter from your English pen-friend in which he/she is asking you for advice about a school project. He/she has several group mates, but one of them isn't working well with the others. Write a letter to your pen-friend and say:

- what some possible reasons are that their partner isn't working hard
- how they can motivate their partner to be more helpful
- what other options they have if they cannot motivate their partner

Write a letter of at least 100 words. Do not write your own name, any dates, addresses or other personal information.

Start your letter in an appropriate way.