TEST 1- PART 4 - QUESTIONS 16-20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

At home together

Taimi Taskinen is an 83-year-old woman who lives in a care home called Rudolf House in Helsinki, Finland. A care home is a place where old people can live and be looked after if they don't live with their families. At Rudolf House, there are lots of stairs, so there are some rooms which elderly people can't access easily. As a result, the city council decided to rent these spare rooms to young people. They called this new housing programme 'The House that Fits'.

When Taimi heard about the council's plan, she wondered how it was going to work. She couldn't imagine (16)..... what she'd have in common with young people who weren't family members. Then, one morning a few days later, a young man appeared outside her room.

(17)..... 'Hi! I'm your new neighbour,' the young man said. 'My name's Jonatan Shaya. Mind if I come in?' 'Please do,' she replied, immediately curious. 'I'll make coffee,' he announced, going into her tiny kitchen. 'Why don't you tell me about yourself?' he asked, as he brought their drinks to the table.

(18)..... She also told him about her family and how much she loved making art.

In turn, 20-year-old Jonatan told Taimi he'd been living in Helsinki with his mother and younger brother until they moved away. He was in the middle of a Gourse in the city, training to become a chef.

(19)..... That's when he heard about 'The House that Fits' on social media. The council's post resulted in over 300 young people applying to live at Rudolf House. They had face-to-face interviews and wrote short essays about why they wanted to live there. (20)..... And that's how the unlikely friendship between Taimi and Jonatan began.

A. Surprising herself, she talked about growing up in a lakeside town in eastern Finland.

B. Therefore, he needed to find somewhere to live.

C. As a result, she wasn't sure whether the young people had arrived.

D. She'd left the door open, as she always did in the morning.

E. In the end, three of them, including Jonatan, were chosen.

F. Because of this, Jonatan has to be a good neighbour and spend 30 hours a month with Taimi.

G. It would be the first time that anything like this had happened at Rudolf House.

H. Instead, they just talked, as if they'd known each other forever.

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EX. 2

Adventures in the air

The first ever balloon flight carrying passengers was made by the Montgolfier brothers in 1783. They used hot air to float the balloon over 1,000 metres up into the sky. Nowadays, people still fly in hot-air balloons but there is also a less well- known sport called 'cluster ballooning", instead of one big balloon, hundreds of small balloons are used.

Cluster ballooning was invented by a lorry driver called Larry Walters. Larry had wanted to fly using balloons for a long time. (16)…….. It took almost 20 years, however, for his dream to finally come true. One day, Larry decided to

do an experiment: he wanted to try flying a few metres above his garden. So he bought 45 balloons, filled them with a gas called helium, and tied them to a chair. He then cut the rope that was holding the chair to the ground. (17)…….. The chair, with Larry sitting in it, floated several kilometres into the sky rather than just a few metres!

The wind was blowing strongly and Larry began to float out towards the sea. Things were getting dangerous. Then, to make matters even worse, the wind changed, and the balloons started to blow towards the local airport. Larry felt very worried. (18)…….. The story of Larry's flight was all over the news and this is how the adventure sport of cluster ballooning was born.

One experienced cluster balloonist, Leo Burns, flew his cluster balloons over the largest range of mountains in Europe — the Alps. This wasn't his first flight,

though. Leo had got his pilot's license several years before, so was already used to flying.

(19)…….. According to Leo, there is no better way to fly. 'Cluster ballooning's amazing,' he says. 'The balloons are usually completely silent.

(20)…….. They weren't as safe as modern cluster balloons either.'

A. He knew this would still make him feel very afraid.
B. The old-fashioned hot-air balloons made a horrible noise.
C. In fact, he was just a boy when he first started thinking about it.
D. Luckily, he landed safely after a couple of hours.
E. They are also much less dangerous.
F. However, there was an unexpected problem.
G. But these days, he prefers to use balloons.
H. Immediately after that, he tried to learn how this would be possible.

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