TASK 8

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

French Fries

The French gave the world the hot air balloon, the sewing machine, and the bikini. They even gave the United States the Statue of Liberty. However, one thing the French cannot claim is the French fry.

(39)_____ its name, the French fry is not French. The origins of the French fry have been (40)_____ to Belgium, where historians (41)_____ potatoes were being fried in the late-1600s.

According to local Belgian lore, poor villagers living in Meuse Valley often ate small fried fish they caught in the river. During the winter months the river would freeze over – making fishing impossible and (42)_____ the villagers to find other sources of food.

The villagers turned to the root plant, slicing and frying it much in the same way they prepared the fish. And just like that, the earliest French fries were born.

American soldiers stationed in Belgium were first (43) _____ to French fries during World War I. As the official language of the Belgian army was French, soldiers nicknamed the delicious fried potatoes "French fries." The name (44)_____, and decades later we're still giving (45)_____ to the wrong country.

French fries are one of the most popular side dishes in the world. When it comes to dipping, fries often find themselves covered in ketchup, mayonnaise, or vinegar, but that seems to be where the universal preference ends.

In Belgium, people prefer to eat French fries with cooked mussels or with a fried egg on top. The United Kingdom is (46)_____ for its "fish and chips." In the Middle East, fries are (47)_____

in pita bread with chicken, and in France they are (48)_____ with grilled steak. Canadians serve up poutine, a dish consisting of french fries and cheese curds, topped with brown gravy!

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39	A	Despite	B	In spite	C	Though	D	Although
40	A	put back	B	taken back	C	traced back	D	returned
41	A	tell	B	claim	C	discuss	D	bring up
42	A	making	B	discouraging	C	suggesting	D	forcing
43	A	offered	B	introduced	C	suggested	D	given
44	A	glued	B	clicked	C	stuck	D	vanished
45	A	advantage	B	debit	C	encouragement	D	credit
46	A	notorious	B	despised	C	respected	D	famous
47	A	wrapped	B	packed	C	packeged	D	turned
48	A	given away	B	served	C	put forward	D	cuddled

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