

Dear Mum,
I will be back late today. Stopping over at Cindy's to finish up project after school.
Want to talk to you about college applications. Maybe after dinner this evening? Will give "Titanic 3D" a miss. See you.

Love,
Emillia

1 Which of the following will be part of Camilia's day?

- A Going to college
- B Watching a movie
- C Discussing college applications

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2 Which of the following statements is true?

- A The company selects clothing for gifts.
- B The company sells all types of clothing.
- C The company accepts donations of clothes.

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NOTICE

Please be advised that the School Access Centre is currently experiencing a technical issue with the server. There will be no Internet connection until the issue is resolved. Steps are taken by the school technician.

We truly apologize for this inconvenience.

3 The notice to students says that

- A the computers are unable to connect to the Internet at the moment.
- B the students cannot use the School Access Centre.
- C the technician apologizes for the unresolved issue.

Moonflower Murders

by Anthony Horowitz

After being in the publishing world for ages, Susan is enjoying life on a little island. She runs a small hotel and is living the good life. But, when the Trehearnes comes to stay and tells her a mysterious story about a murder and marriage on the same day in an inn on the Suffolk coast, Susan's curiosity is piqued. As much as she enjoys her new life, she knows she won't stop thinking about the case until she finds out what really happened.

4 Which statement best describes Susan?

- A She enjoys living whether it is in the city or on an island
- B She is curious about events happening around her
- C She has determination and wants to know the circumstances of mysterious events.

Virtual runs (VRs) is the current trend in which participants clock their individual progress in a marathon run. They clock their progress using GPS trackers and submit their results to race organisers. VRs are becoming increasingly popular in the running world as substitutes for organized in-person runs as it gives runners the opportunity to participate in events and set goals without having to congregate in large numbers.

Penang Bridge International Marathon (PBIM) was converted to a VR in September. The Kuala Lumpur Standard Chartered Marathon will take place from Dec 5 to Dec 13.

5 Changing the character of marathon

from in- person runs to virtual runs reflects the

- A Enthusiasm of runners and organisers cannot be dampened
- B Acceptance of unforeseen circumstances
- C Importance of staying on one's feet against all odds

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Wow, Julie. I've never noticed it until today that Joanne and you are as thick as thieves.

Oh, we've always been so, Helen.

6 The dialogue says that

- A Helen is envious of Julie
- B Julie and Joanne are very good friends
- C Helen and Julie are close

CLEAN ENVIRONMENT EXHIBITION



Venue: Town Hall

Date: 3rd May 2021

Time: 10.00 am – 7 p.m

The first 100 visitors will be given a free poster each

BALAKONG – Two months ago, the potholes along Jalan Manggis were patched up. Now the road is back to its sad state. Jalan Manggis is the main access road to Taman Bestari, used constantly by heavy vehicles.

A resident, Mr. Wong, said, "Not all potholes were patched up during the last repair job. Now more deep holes have formed. Driving is a bumpy affair. There's a danger of accidents too!" Another resident, Mr. Azmi, said, "The road was repaired a few months ago. But within a few weeks, another contractor began digging the road for a project."

7 Which of the following is true?

- A The amount of rain from tropical storms depends on their speed
- B Additional rainfall increases in both low and high-lying areas
- C Tropical storms and hurricanes only move over land

8 Why are the residents unhappy?

- A The road condition causes poor driving
- B The road is not being maintained properly
- C The road is used by many vehicles

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Video Games are Good for You

For years video games (0) have been criticised for making people more antisocial, overweight or depressed. But now researchers are finding that games can actually (19) _____ us for the better and improve both our body and mind.

Games can help to develop physical skills. Pre-school children who played interactive games such as the ones available on-line have been (20) _____ to have improved motor skills, for example they can kick, catch and throw a ball (21) _____ than children who don't play video games. Vision is also improved, particularly telling the difference between shades of grey. This is useful for driving at night, piloting a plane or reading X-rays.

Games also (22) _____ a variety of brain functions, including decision-making. People who play action-based games make decisions 25 per cent faster than others and are no less accurate, according to one study. It was also found that the best gamers can make choices and (23) _____ them up to six times a second, four times faster than most people. In another study (24) _____ researchers from the University of Rochester in New York, (25) _____ gamers were shown to be able to pay attention to more than six things at once without getting confused, compared with the four that most people can normally keep in mind.

The effects are not always so positive, however. Indiana University researchers (26) _____ brain scans on young men and found evidence that violent games can alter brain function after as little as a week of play, affecting regions in the brain associated with emotional control and causing more aggressive behaviour (27) _____ the player. But Daphne Bavelier, one of the most experienced researchers in the field, says that the violent action games that often worry parents most may actually have the strongest beneficial effect on the brain. In the future, we may see many (28) _____ for physical and neurological problems which incorporate the playing of video games.

Adapted from : <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/upper-intermediate-b2-reading/video-games-are-good-you>

0	A. has	B. have	C. having	D. had
19	A. adjust	B. revise	C. change	D. modify
20	A. show	B. shows	C. showed	D. shown
21	A. good	B. better	C. best	D. excellent
22	A. benefit	B. gain	C. aid	D. help
23	A. act up	B. act as	C. act for	D. act on
24	A. for	B. by	C. in	D. from
25	A. veteran	B. experienced	C. competent	D. mature
26	A. carried out	B. carried away	C. carried off	D. carried on
27	A. for	B. on	C. at	D. in
28	A. surgeries	B. analysis	C. treatments	D. cure

Asian Carp

The United States has a lengthy history of going to war. It is a nation born from war. Pick any year since 1776, and the odds of America being involved in at least one war is over 90%. Every US President has faced war. Still, it may surprise you to hear that the US government is at war with a fish.

Asian carp were introduced to American waters during the 1970s. Southern fish farmers began importing them to help clean their ponds. Asian carp are phenomenal cleaners. Unfortunately, it didn't take too long for them to escape from these ponds, perhaps from flooding, and get into the Mississippi River. From there they have followed their natural tendency to swim upstream. This tendency may lead them into the Great Lakes and Canada, a nightmare scenario for fisherman.

Asian carp are large fish. One species, the silver carp, can grow to be 100 pounds. But despite their size, they feed from the bottom of the food chain. That means that they eat plankton and algae. A one hundred pound fish can eat an awful lot of sea scum, and some of it is toxic. The carp are resistant to the toxins, but we aren't. Some Asian carp are hazardous to eat because they have so many algal toxins in their systems. They also have lots of tiny bones in their meat, which makes them difficult to prepare. Asian carp is not a popular delicacy.

Introducing the Asian carp into waters that have not known them can be devastating. Beneath the surface of the water is a unique ecosystem. This system rests delicately on a balance that has evolved over millions of years. Then along come these big, hungry bottom feeders to mess up everything. They breed rapidly and densely populate the waters. Worse still, they compete with the native bottom feeders. The native bottom feeders are smaller. Larger, tastier fish like salmon eat them. The native bottom feeders are an important part of the ecosystem. When the Asian carp outperform them, the whole food chain suffers, all the way up to the people.

Not only do Asian carp mess up the food chain, they mess up people. Seriously. An Asian carp will bust you in head. Remember that silver carp can be 100 pounds.

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There is a reason why they are also known as "flying carp." This particular species of Asian carp has a tendency to jump when frightened. They can jump up to ten feet in the air, and the sound of boat motors frightens them. Watch out watersportists! In 2003 a woman jetskier collided with one and broke her nose and a vertebra. She almost drowned. In 2008 a teenager broke his jaw on one while tubing. Many others have been injured by these flying logs. Asian carp pose a serious threat to water skiers and boaters.

In 2007 the U.S. Department of the Interior declared all silver carp to be an injurious species. In 2010, the State of Michigan passed the \$30 million CARPACT. In 2012 Congress approved the "Stop Invasive Species" act, legislation written solely to protect the Great Lakes from Asian carp. The government has been on the offensive against these large-bellied invaders.

But Asian carp are difficult to catch. Since they eat from the bottom, they do not go for lures or baits like most large fish. The best way to stop them is to keep them out. The Great Lakes are connected to the Mississippi River through the 28-mile Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. For Chicagoans, it is the final point of resistance.

A series of multimillion-dollar electrical barriers have been built along the canal. The barriers are effective at keeping adult carp at bay, but some fear that baby carp may pass through. The United States Army Corps of Engineers has been deployed along with EPA. In 2009 they poisoned the entire canal with rotenone, a chemical that kills fish. The \$3 million operation netted over 90 tons of dead fish, and a single carp.

Some think that Great Lakes must be cut off from the Mississippi River. The Michigan Attorney General sued to have the canal closed. The Ontario government and some Great Lake states have also taken legal action. But the courts have been persuaded by the value of the canal as a shipping conduit thus far. In the meantime, the barriers continue to hold, but how long can they? The carp have the Great Lakes under siege. Is this a war that we are destined to lose?

Adapted from:

<https://www.ereadingworksheets.com/worksheets/reading/nonfiction-passages/asian-carp/>

19 Which statement best expresses the main idea of the second paragraph?

- A Asian carp were brought to America during the 1970s to assist Southern fish farmers.
- B Asian carp are remarkable cleaners, which makes them highly desirable fish to have.
- C Asian carp were supposed to clean ponds but they escaped and are headed north.
- D Asian carp are excellent at swimming upstream and cleaning up plankton.

20 Which is not a reason why Asian carp is an unpopular menu item?

- A It is hard to prepare because of all the little bones.
- B They are a very fattening fish.
- C Some of them are toxic and unsafe to eat.
- D They are bottom feeders.

21 Which statement would the author most likely disagree with?

- A Asian carp outperform many native bottom feeders.
- B Asian carp could disrupt the ecosystem in Lake Michigan.
- C One species of Asian carp is the silver carp.
- D Asian carp are disliked because they eat salmon.

22 Which best describes the text structure of the fourth paragraph?

- A Chronological order
- B Cause and effect
- C Compare and contrast
- D Problem and solution

23 Which person would be most threatened by silver carp in a local water source?

- A A waterskier
- B A chicken farmer
- C A bungee jumper
- D A beachgoer

24 Which best describes the word *resistant* as it is used in the third paragraph?

- A To be allergic to something
- B To be unaware of something
- C To be unaffected by something
- D To be attracted or drawn to something

25 According to information in the article, which event happened **last**?

- A Asian carp escaped from southern fish farms.
- B The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal was poisoned with rotenone.
- C A teenager broke his jaw on a silver carp while tubing.
- D Congress approved the "Stop Invasive Species" act.

26 Which of the following statements is **false**?

- A Silver carp have been declared an "injurious species" by the government.
- B Silver carp are also known as "flying carp."
- C Silver carp can grow to be 100 lbs.
- D Silver carp can jump up to twenty feet in the air.

You are going to read a story about a girl and her grandmother. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to H the one which fits each gap (27 to 32). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Write your answers in the space given.

A Beloved Grandmother

Sneha had been taken care of by her paternal grandmother since she was a newborn. Her mother had passed away while giving birth to her. Her grandmother was loving and caring but was also firm when Sneha needed to be disciplined. Sneha rarely saw her father as he often had to go overseas for business.

Soon it was time for Sneha to go to college. 27 She was excited to go to college but at the same time she felt sad to leave her grandmother. She promised she would come and visit her as often as she could.

One day during her semester break, Sneha went back home. 28 Grandma was very glad to see her. She was so busy chatting with Sneha that she forgot about the cake which was in the oven. The cake was burnt. Grandma was very angry with herself. She then confessed this was not the first time that she forgot she was baking something and the food got burnt. 29

During the next visit, Sneha's grandmother looked confused when Sneha greeted her. 30 Sneha felt worried. Her father was home at that time and so she told him her worries about Grandma. Her father too had noticed that she was no longer her usual self. They decided to take her to a doctor.

The doctor pronounced that Sneha's grandmother had Alzheimer's and at the moment there was no cure. Sneha broke down and cried. She never expected this to happen to Grandma. Her father decided to get a caretaker for her. Sneha told him that they did not need a caretaker, 31

Sneha's father agreed to her coming back home but he still wanted her to continue her studies. He said Sneha could go to a college in her hometown. She agreed to his decision. Sneha and her father then got a caretaker for Grandma. 32 Whenever Sneha went to college or was busy studying, Flora would take care of Grandma. However whenever Sneha was free, she herself would take care of her.

Even though Grandma got progressively worse later and did not even know who she was, Sneha still felt glad that she was taking care of her. Her grandmother had done so much for her. Sneha felt it was time she repaid her beloved grandmother for everything.

A She found her grandmother baking in the kitchen.	E The caretaker was a nice lady called Flora.
B Instead, she would come back home and take care of Grandma.	F She only recognised Sneha after a long time.
C Sneha helped her grandmother bake a cake.	G The caretaker liked taking care of Sneha's grandmother.
D Her hometown was in Johor Bahru while her college was in Kuala Lumpur.	H Sneha did not think anything of it and assumed it was just normal forgetfulness due to old age.

Read the following poster and answer the questions that follow.

A. The Haunting Fear

Synopsis: Mariska has always loved watching zombie movies. Never in her life did she think she would be living in a world where zombies were real. Now, she finds herself on the run with her family trying to reach a safe haven from the zombie apocalypse. Will she make it? Starring Rebecca Linz and Michael Ketton.

B. Happy Family

Synopsis: Getting family to reunite can be challenging, especially if majority of your family members are egoistic, paranoid and stubborn. Join the James family as they try to manoeuvre their way to their crazy relatives and make it through a weekend of craziness. Introducing Gwen Flade as Swen James, the eldest son of the James family.

C. Reaching Dreams

Synopsis: Imagine the chance of a lifetime falling right into your lap. Suzie had always wanted to be a ballet dancer. Follow her journey as she fights and claws her way to the top after getting a full scholarship to the Royal Ballet Academy. Share in her laughter and tears. Starring Julia Marsten as the determined Suzie Denver.

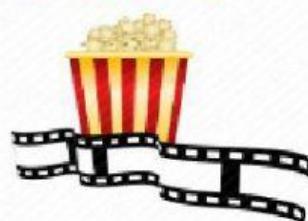
D. Magical Touch

Synopsis: Welcome to Havem, where dragons, noble knights and sorcerers live in harmony, or so they think. Little do they know, a new enemy is forming. Only together, can they defeat this new power. With an A-star cast, this movie is looking to be one of the best fantasy movies to hit the screen this year.

E. Knives Out

Synopsis: Detective Greg is the best detective in the city. His skills are put to the test as he tracks down a serial killer who is terrorizing the city. There seems to be no pattern to his victims. The only link is that he leaves a red rose next to them at every crime scene. With the help of his team, Detective Greg has to get into the head of this psychopathic serial killer to stop him. Starring Hugh Larrie as the charming, sarcastic Detective Greg.

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Which paragraph (A- E) describes the synopsis of the movies?

Write your answers on the space provided.

No	Statements	Paragraph
33	A movie about a ballet dancer clawing her way to the top.	
34	A movie about family reunion.	
35	A serial killer leaving a red rose at every crime scene.	
36	A family struggling to survive from zombies.	

Question 37 – 40

Farisha has sent an email to her friend, Norra, asking her what movie they should watch for the coming weekend. Complete the email using information from the text. Choose no more than one word from the passage for each answer.

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To: nor17@zeemail.com
From: Fish01@zeemail.com
Subject: What should we watch this weekend?

Dear Norra,

As planned, I found a poster advertising five of the hottest movies that are screening right now. Let's decide on what we should watch.

Firstly, I thought we could watch **Magical Touch** as I know that you love (37) _____ movies just as much as I do. The movie is set in a world where knights, dragons and sorcerers living in harmony, though little do they know, a new enemy is forming.

Besides, we could also watch **The Haunting Fear** as it stars your favourite actor **Michael Ketton**. It is about a family trying to survive a zombie (38) _____.

If you are in the mood for something fun and entertaining, we consider to watch **Happy Family**. The James family is trying to get through a reunion with their (39) _____.

Lastly, we could perhaps try out the thriller movie, **Knives Out**, which is about Detective Greg who is trying to hunt down a serial killer that has no patterns to his victims. The only lead the (40) _____ has is a red rose left behind the scenes.

Which of these movies do you think we should watch? I look forward to your reply.

Your friend,
Farisha