

USE OF ENGLISH

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.

OATMEAL COOKIES

Oatmeal cookies have been around (39) _____ the late 1800s. They originated in England, and evolved (40) _____ the savoury oatcake. In the Middle Ages, soldiers (41) _____ oatcakes with them in case they needed a quick (42) _____ of energy during battle. Although our modern-day version is (43) _____ sweeter, oatcakes and oatmeal cookies share many of the same ingredients including spices, nuts, and raisins.

Oats are an excellent (44) _____ of iron and fibre, which explains why oatmeal cookies are the healthiest type of cookie! They are one of the sweet treats many of us have been (45) _____ since childhood, eventually baking batches of our own. There are subtle (46) _____ from recipe to recipe, producing cookies with varying textures, levels of sweetness, and spice.

There's quite a selection when it comes to choosing oats. Steel-cut, whole oats, and quick oats all make a nice hearty breakfast each in their own way, but when it comes to cookies, there's one variety that (47) _____ supreme: old-fashioned whole rolled oats are what you want to use. These flat, rounded discs (48) _____ their shape really well during baking and bring the desired 'chew' to these chewy oatmeal cookies.

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| 39 A for | B hence | C since | D such |
| 40 A from | B of | C around | D between |
| 41 A worn | B dressed | C took | D carried |
| 42 A boost | B raise | C decrease | D arouse |
| 43 A little | B still | C over | D much |
| 44 A spring | B source | C well | D per cent |
| 45 A understanding | B enjoying | C amusing | D entertaining |
| 46 A examples | B species | C batches | D variations |
| 47 A possesses | B administers | C reigns | D denies |
| 48 A take | B hold | C give | D build |

Task 9

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

Sympathetic to the Confederate cause, actor John Wilkes Booth murdered President Abraham Lincoln

April 14, 1865 at Ford's Theatre in Washington D.C. After (49) _____ Lincoln in the head, Booth jumped onto the stage, raised a knife into the air and shouted, 'Sic semper tyrannis' ('Thus always to tyrants') which was a line attributed to Brutus during (50) _____ assassination.

With the help of other conspirators, Booth (51) _____ part of a failed plot to kill Lincoln's successors. After the assassination, Booth escaped (52) _____ horseback where he was eventually found hiding out in a Virginia barn. Refusing to surrender, he (53) _____ by a Union soldier and died.

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| 49 | A shot | B was shooting | C shooting | D was shot |
| 50 | A Caesar's | B Caesars | C Caesars' | D Caesar's' |
| 51 | A also was | B had also been | C has also been | D also has been |
| 52 | A on | B in | C with | D by |
| 53 | A shooting | B shot | C had been shot | D was shot |

With his leadership and use of peaceful protest in (54) _____, Mahatma Gandhi helped India achieve independence from Great Britain. However, Hindu nationalist Nathuram Godse believed Gandhi (55) _____ the country by being too accommodating to Muslims and other minority groups. On January 30, 1948, while Gandhi went (56) _____ his nightly walk in New Delhi, he approached the leader and shot him three times in the chest (57) _____ a pistol. On November 8, 1949 Godse (58) _____ to death, and despite Gandhi's sons pleading to spare Godse's life, he was executed by hanging a week later.

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| 54 | A 1920s | B 1920's | C the 1920s | D the 1920s' |
| 55 | A was weakening | B weakened | C had been weakening | D had weakened |
| 56 | A off | B on | C about | D in |
| 57 | A by | B to | C with | D towards |
| 58 | A sentenced | B had been sentenced | C has sentenced | D was sentenced |