

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.

THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

The Garden of Earthly Delights is one of the most complex, ambitious paintings you are (39) _____ to ever see. Technically, it's a triptych (three separate panels) painted by Netherlandish (40) _____ Hieronymus Bosch sometime between 1490 and 1510. The left panel depicts Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The middle panel shows a rich panorama (41) _____ with characters, both human and animal, engaged in various activities. The right panel shows a darker, hellish world.

At first (42) _____, Bosch is clearly depicting heaven, Earth, and hell, possibly even as a warning (43) _____ all of life's temptations. That's usually the general consensus among art historians, but his artwork is so (44) _____ with intricate and abstract imagery that we are still (45) _____ new things about the painting 600 years later. For example, music plays a large role in the triptych, and (46) _____ characters are depicted playing musical instruments in unconventional ways. Musicologists at Oxford have (47) _____ the instruments and tried to play them, only to discover that they sound horrible.

There's more to Bosch's music, though, as only recently have we discovered that a character in the hell panel has sheet music printed on his rear end. Of course, it was only a (48) _____ of time before we transcribed and recorded the '600-year-old butt song from hell.'

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| 39 A seem | B likely | C happen | D aware |
| 40 A host | B landlord | C master | D owner |
| 41 A filed | B included | C involved | D loaded |
| 42 A glance | B time | C rate | D attempt |
| 43 A from | B against | C off | D of |
| 44 A poured | B flooded | C swept | D filled |
| 45 A inventing | B discovering | C seeing | D finding |
| 46 A large | B number | C numerous | D plenty |
| 47 A created | B recreated | C made | D forged |
| 48 A matter | B case | C thing | D stuff |

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.

WONDERS OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD

Some 60 years ago the world (49) _____ into one of the greatest wars known to man. Not so many years after that we were thrown in to the cold war. Who (50) _____ that before the end of the 20th century, countries that were bitter enemies for the larger part of the century (51) _____ together to create a space station? The countries (52) _____ at present are the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada, and numerous European nations. The Space Station (53) _____ us to learn that we can work together peacefully, especially in the pursuit of scientific knowledge.

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| 49 A plunged | B was plunged | C had been plunged | D had plunged |
| 50 A believed | B believes | C would have believed | D has believed |
| 51 A would join | B will join | C join | D joined |
| 52 A participate | B are participating | C participating | D participated |
| 53 A have enabled | B has enabled | C had enabled | D enables |

Linux has (54) _____ on the list for the very fact that it truly opened the door to Open Source software to (55) _____ people than any other open source project. The very fact that (56) _____ many people can work together without meeting face to face (57) _____ together such a complex project as an operating system — and to make it good enough to compete with the giants in the industry, is a wonder in (58) _____. The project started as the brain child of Linus Torvalds.

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| 54 A being | B to be | C to been | D to being |
| 55 A most | B many | C more | D the most |
| 56 A such | B such a | C like | D so |
| 57 A to bring | B bring | C brought | D was brought |
| 58 A it | B itself | C its | D it's |