

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.

HOW THE INTERNET HAS CHANGED BUYING AND SELLING

As the world population gets larger and technology keeps (39) _____, more people are able to do more things that they couldn't do before. The Internet is an excellent example of this. You can buy and sell just about anything over the Internet.

Anyone with a computer can sell stuff, and anyone else with a computer can buy that stuff. The Internet knows no geographic (40) _____. It's probably not practical to buy oil and gasoline over the Internet, but you can buy a car that way.

People are selling (41) _____: stuff they don't want, stuff they would normally throw away. You can buy almost anything you need (and plenty of stuff you don't) on these online auctions sites.

Many people buy books, CDs, movies, furniture, cars, and (42) _____ houses online. The sites that are selling these things are not necessarily auction sites. They are online shops.

Amazon.com is a good example of a business that is totally Internet-driven. You can buy or sell all kinds of things using Amazon.com, and you'll never (43) _____ in a store. Amazon has warehouses where they store the goods they sell, and they have offices where their (44) _____ work and where their servers rest. But you won't see an Amazon.com 'store' around the corner from where you live.

(45) _____ businesses have websites to help their traditional sales. You can go to the store in person, or you can check out the store's website. (Some stores use their websites only to showcase their merchandise; others allow you to buy online.)

(46) _____, it seems, can sell anything, as long as they can get their hands on enough supply to make the business work. For example, you could live nowhere near the things you're selling and still be successful, provided that you can guarantee the shipment of whatever it is you're selling to the people or companies that are buying from you.

If you lived in the middle of Ukraine and you really wanted to buy and sell African alligator eggs, you could do it using a computer. You'd just need to guarantee yourself a supply and a demand and make all the necessary (47) _____ using your computer and the Internet.

Computers are constantly changing the way people do business in very exciting ways. Stay (48) _____!

39 A advancing

B moving

C going

D improving

40 A borders

B boundaries

C lines

D edges

41 A anything

B something

C nothing

D everything

42 A also

B too

C even

D as well

43 A set foot

B set feet

C sit foot

D sat feet

44 A employers

B employees

C employs

D employments

45 A Others

B Another

C Other

D The others

46 A Someone

B No one

C None

D Anyone

47 A deals

B arrangements

C works

D steps

48 A turned

B tune

C turn

D tuned

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.

TREEHOUSES OF HAWAII

If you want to look down on the world, (49) _____ in a treehouse. Through Treehouses of Hawaii you can book a treehouse on the Hawaiian island of Maui, or you can choose the more exotic 'Big Beach in the Sky' treehouse on the island of Hainan in the South China Sea. Stay in this treehouse, made of exotic woods, and you can slide down a sand dune into the sea, where (50) _____ hundred yards (51) _____ is a statue of the Buddha Goddess of Compassion Guanyin, eight meters (52) _____ than the Statue of Liberty. Tariff for the treehouse, which (53) _____ four- to six people, includes entry to the Nashan Buddhist Culture Zone. You can get here via Hong Kong or China.

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| 49 | A overnighting | B overnight | C overnighied | D overnights |
| 50 | A a little | B a few | C few | D little |
| 51 | A along | B farther | C longer | D away |
| 52 | A taller | B tall | C tallest | D the taller |
| 53 | A hold | B holds | C holding | D held |

SCUBA DIVE TO JULES' UNDERSEA LODGE OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA

Your overnight starts with a dive (54) _____ a tropical mangrove habitat in Emerald Bay to reach the lodge, which is 21 feet below the ocean's surface off Key Largo, Florida. Jules' Undersea Lodge (55) _____ originally an underground research laboratory off Puerto Rico but today it's an overnight guesthouse (56) _____ visitors can view tropical angelfish, parrotfish, barracuda and (57) _____ creatures on the watery side of the windows. The Jules' Undersea Lodge has two bedrooms, hot showers and a communal area. Dinner and breakfast (58) _____ to you. An umbilical cable delivers fresh air, water, power and communications from a control centre staffed 24/7.

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| 54 | A through | B along | C away | D across |
| 55 | A is | B were | C are | D was |
| 56 | A where | B when | C how | D what |
| 57 | A others | B another | C other | D the other |
| 58 | A brings | B is brought | C brought | D are brought |