## READING

### Task 4

**Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (17–21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

### HOW TO INCREASE YOUR CHILD'S READING LEVEL AT HOME

**17** ____

Do it often. Studies show parents do not read to their children very much any more, if at all. Leading authorities say a child should be read to at least 30 minutes a day.

**18** ____

Pause to spell them and sound them out as you read to your child. Pause while reading to have him spell out or read a word you previously went out of your way to teach him.

**19** ____

Write them out the letters to a word. Say cat, then let the child turn the letters into a picture of a cat. If she is too young, you can draw the picture for her so it is recognizable. Do this for every letter of the alphabet.

**20** ____

Use for the objects around the house and post them to the appropriate object. For instance, spell out 'refrigerator' or 'door' on a note card then tape it to that object. Your child can help make these or decide what objects he would like to spell. Then every time you or he uses that object, get in the habit of spelling it and pointing to each letter.

**21** ____

Practise reading it over and over again. Let this be his/her very first book to read on his/her own. If a child has memorised the words, as many kids do, it will be even easier for him/her to learn the words.

**A** Have fun with words
**B** Point out words
**C** Write the letters
**D** Read to your child
**E** Find a book the child loves
**F** Make flash cards
**G** Make note of important parts
**H** Start a learning discussion

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## Task 5

**Read the text below. For each empty space (22–26) choose the correct variant (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

### TRAVEL AUSTRALIA WITH US!

*After the Mckays'*

Ever wanted to just leave life behind, pack your family into a motorhome and drive away. We are the Mckay's, and we are inviting you to come along our beautiful continent of Australia, starting by heading north from Brisbane, following the coast and then eventually circumnavigating our way back round the continent to Queensland.

Having lived in Brisbane for years now we've been on countless trips to the Sunshine Coast, a collection of seaside suburbs that begins about an hour and a half north of the Queensland capital. Sunny, surfy and laid back, the Sunshine Coast is the ultimate spot for a relaxing weekend away, and we've made the most of that over the years. But I've never been as excited as I am today to make this short drive north.

This is the start of our travels around Australia, travels that me and my husband Bruce have been planning for months. We kick it all off the little coastal town of Noosa on the Sunny Coast. The kids, Derek, who is 12, and Jenny, who has just turned 10, absolutely love it here, and we got an early start so they could get a full day in at the beach. We will spend the night at our favourite haunt, the Noosa River Caravan Park, before striking out north again. Who knows, maybe we'll stay longer...

My husband has a smug look on his face, as if he's already caught the biggest fish on the Noosa River. His favourite pastime is taking Derek fishing, and they've hired a tinny to take on the river this afternoon. I'm sure when Derek wakes from his early morning slumber that's all he's going to talk about, so I silently prepare myself for the angling conversations! While they fish Jenny and I are going to go shopping for a new swimming costume for her. For such a small town Noosa is something of a shopper's paradise. Sophisticated and relaxed at the same time, it's the perfect seaside shopping experience, and there are lots of quaint coffee shops and eateries to fill empty stomachs and refresh tired legs! As Bruce drives the campervan through Noosa and into the camping ground I start to feel extremely happy about the idea of a bit of bonding with my daughter.

The day pans out perfectly, with the boys catching their fish and Jenny and I shopping till we almost drop. We meet up in the late afternoon, exchange stories and make our way to Noosa Heads to watch the sun set on the first day of what is going to be a fantastic family adventure.

**22** The family was determined to ____.
- **A** have a ride along the coast
- **B** travel round the country
- **C** cross the desert
- **D** visit Queensland

**23** The McKay's travelled ____.
- **A** to the south
- **B** to the north
- **C** to the west
- **D** to the east

**24** The family has been a number of times on holiday ____.
- **A** in the capital
- **B** at the Sunshine Coast
- **C** in the rainforests of the north
- **D** on the Sunny Coast

**25** What was the first stopping place in the motorhome adventure?
- **A** Brisbane
- **B** Queensland capital
- **C** Sidney
- **D** Noosa

**26** The travellers spent the first evening of the trip ____.
- **A** at Noosa Heads
- **B** on the Noosa River
- **C** at the Noosa River Caravan Park
- **D** on the Sunny Coast of Noosa



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## Task 6

**Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (27–32). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

### STUDYING AT THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

**27 Phoenix English Academy**

Phoenix English Academy has introduced an English for Aviators course specifically designed for pilots and air traffic controllers. With the introduction of new ICAO English Language Proficiency Requirements, pilots and air traffic controllers need to improve their ability to communicate on work-related matters in English.

**28 The Dominion English language schools**

The Dominion English language schools in Auckland and Christchurch are offering an early-bird booking on English courses. Agents who book and send payment for any course before 31 October will pay reduced prices. Dominion are also keen to quote competitive prices for study tour groups for both adult and teen programmes.

**29 Whitsundays College**

English language students at SACE Whitsundays College of English have been enjoying a classroom with one of the best views in the world — on-board a sailing vessel in the Whitsundays. The English & Sailing Course includes four weeks of General English and a one-week live aboard Competent Crew Sailing Course.

**30 Torquay International School**

Among the most popular activities at Torquay International School are the walks and tours of Dartmoor National Park. Every Sunday, amateur photographer and Dartmoor Guide Nick Wotton takes small groups of students aged 16–70 out on Dartmoor to discover its stunning natural beauty and diverse wildlife. The park also has a mysterious atmosphere, which inspired and provided the setting for one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most famous Sherlock Holmes stories, The Hound of the Baskervilles.

**31 The Eastbourne School**

The Eastbourne School of English launched a 15-hour per week mornings only English programme for students wanting to work in the afternoons or looking for a less expensive long-term course. They schedule an English plus Natural Health programme, in which students choose from a range of alternative therapies, relaxation techniques and natural fitness classes.

**32 Kaplan's English School**

Impressive musical heritage is not all you will find in Liverpool: it also boasts two Premier League football clubs, the largest open-air shopping mall in Europe, and has UNESCO World Heritage status thanks to its rich cultural diversity. With the largest collection of museums and art galleries outside of London, internationally renowned landmarks, and a thriving nightlife, students will never be short of something to do.

**Which language school...?**

A has introduced a course for young learners
B includes an impressive marine experience in the course
C starts a course for students who are looking for part-time job
D announces an English course for professional purpose
E provides a unique opportunity for mastering cultural and sporting skills
F launches an incentive scheme
G includes a four-week sailing course
H inspires students to learn English in an enigmatic atmosphere

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## Task 7

**Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (33–38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

### BERMUDA ADVENTURES

*By Candyce H. Stapen*

Bermuda has glorious pink sand beaches, British panache and more golf courses per square mile than anywhere else in the world. Here are some of our favourite Bermuda adventures.

Stroll the beaches: Bermuda's sands — long, pink hued, and sugar soft — are spectacular. Top spots are the south shore's Warwick Long Bay and Horseshoe Bay. A day at Horseshoe Bay comes with all the amenities, **(33)** ____ . As a result, more tourists tan here, but the shore is never blanket-to-blanket bodies. Elbow Beach, fronted by Elbow Beach Hotel, is another spectacular wide stretch of sand edged by turquoise seas.

Dive and Snorkel: Bermuda's more than 350 shipwrecks and the water's visibility from 70 to 100 feet dazzle both scuba **(34)** ____ . Some plunges to dive for include L'Hermanie, a French frigate sunk in 1838 that has canons and a host of sea critters and the Marie Celeste, a paddle wheeler downed in 1964, that features coral twisted around the 15-foot paddle wheel.

We're avid snorkelers. Floating along reefs, pointing out purple fan, yellow brain coral, teal parrot fish, blue tang and scores of spotted and striped beauties **(35)** ____ . And, I have to admit — because snorkelling is easy — it's the only sport in which I can keep up with my athletic children. The reefs start close-in at Church Bay, making access possible from the shore, **(36)** ____ . Tobacco Bay and Horseshoe Bay are also good snorkel spots. Avoid Royal Naval Dockyard's Snorkel Park. On cruise ship days passengers pack the place so you're as likely to get a fin in your face as see a fish.

Discover More Underwater Wonders: At Royal Naval Dockyard's Dolphin Quest, you can get close **(37)** ____ . The encounter delivered some of our best island memories. We stood waist deep in water to pet the friendly beauties, listen to their clicks, command them to jump and to dive and receive a rubbery nose kiss.

For young kids and those who don't want to get wet **(38)** ____ , visit the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo and the Bermuda Underwater Institute. At the aquarium, the 145,000 gallon North Rock coral reef tank holds hundreds of brightly hued fish. Watching the Bermuda Underwater Institute's simulated 'dive,' a video with sound effects, you see submerging whales, schools of toothy sharks, and clusters of floating jelly fish.

**A** but be careful of the sometimes rough water
**B** but do want to see underwater wonders
**C** is a way we share our love of the ocean
**D** to bottlenose dolphins
**E** including a snack shop, umbrella rentals, lifeguards, and lockers
**F** and the views from the ramparts
**G** enthusiasts and snorkelers
**H** catering to the cruise ships berthed here

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