Task 1

- **You are going to read an article about the American attitude to holidays. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (1-11) in the text.**
- **Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.**
- **There is one example *(0)* at the beginning.**



THE AMERICAN WAY

A recent study has revealed that on average, American workers receive just 10 days ***(0)*** _____ holiday per year, and last year only used half of their allocated time. And when they **(1)** _____ finally take leave, 61 per cent of them **(2)** _____ to work while they are out of the office. As thousands of US workers fail to **(3)** _____ of their hard-earned time off, a shocking 429 million days of accumulated holiday time went unclaimed last year. And America's children are clearly **(4)** _____ that their parents are workaholics.

MasterCard, **(5)** _____ financed the study, has broadcasted a new television ad featuring children who criticise their parents **(6)** _____ a family holiday. When informed that adults **(7)** _____ 429 million days of accumulated holiday to expire, a little boy says bluntly: 'That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard.'

It doesn't appear that the trend **(8)** _____ this year as only half of Americans have taken a holiday or are planning one in the near future. **(9)** _____ the study, the US is the only developed country in the world where it is not mandatory for employers to reward their employees **(10)** _____ holiday pay; meaning over 28 million Americans do not receive any payment during their holidays. And most American workers are not **(11)** _____ that guaranteed holiday time is common practice in other developed countries.

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0)	**A** to	**B** on	*C of*	**D** at	*0)*	*C*
1)	**A** could	**B** do	**C** should	**D** manage	1)	
2)	**A** keep up	**B** go on	**C** stop	**D** continue	2)	
3)	**A** take a break	**B** have access	**C** take advantage	**D** make an attempt	3)	
4)	**A** not impressed	**B** delightful	**C** not disappointing	**D** realistic	4)	
5)	**A** that	**B** which	**C** when	**D** what	5)	
6)	**A** for not booking	**B** not to book	**C** why having booked	**D** as to book	6)	
7)	**A** let	**B** allowed	**C** refused	**D** kept	7)	
8)	**A** has changed	**B** had changed	**C** did change	**D** was changed	8)	
9)	**A** Despite	**B** Besides	**C** According to	**D** As for	9)	
10)	**A** for	**B** with	**C** of	**D** to	10)	
11)	**A** very keen	**B** ever likely	**C** much capable	**D** even aware	11)	

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Task 2

- **You are going to read an article about an unusual detective. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (12-20).**
- **Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.**
- **There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.**
- **Use only one word for each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**



THE COLUMBO OF CATS: PET DETECTIVE USES HIS ALLERGY AS A 'CAT RADAR'

Being a pet detective isn't a line of work you would ***(0)*** _____ ***(usual)*** associate with extreme danger, however for one animal **(12)** _____ **(investigate)** every day is a dance with death.

Pet detective Tom Watkins is extremely **(13)** _____ **(allergy)** to cats, and a single stroke of a cat's coat can send him into fits of sneezing and even set off an asthma **(14)** _____ **(attack)**. However, Tom has turned his weakness into a **(15)** _____ **(strong)**, and the 40-year-old detective uses his allergy as a 'cat radar' which helps him detect if missing cats are nearby. The former police officer said: 'My allergy hasn't stopped me tracking down a cat yet; in fact, it actually acts as a **(16)** _____ **(six)** sense when trying to hunt them down.'

After leaving the police, Tom, from Hereford, set up Animal Search UK, a company which helps **(17)** _____ **(own)** locate their missing pets. Tom says his severe allergy won't stop him pursuing his dream of **(18)** _____ **(combine)** his investigative skills and his interest in animals.

How does he feel about coming up against his nemeses every day at work? 'Despite my severe allergy, I get lots of **(19)** _____ **(satisfy)** from my job and actually have great **(20)** _____ **(appreciate)** for cats; they're wonderful animals,' he said. Animal Search UK has 15 staff and 30,000 volunteers, and recovers 3,000 missing animals a month.

(www. metro.co.uk)

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Task 3

- **You are going to read an article about an unusual decision. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (21-29) after the text.**
- **Use only <u>one</u> word in each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**



WOMAN GETS FED UP WITH BEING SINGLE - AND MARRIES HERSELF!

If you're keen to get married but just can't find ***(0)*** _____ right person, a young woman could have provided the solution.

Having **(21)** _____ single for almost six years, Grace Gelder decided to marry herself. The young photographer said that after **(22)** _____ single for six years she had built up a brilliant relationship with herself - and creating that bond with someone else seemed like too **(23)** _____ hard work.

Inspired by the Björk song *Isobel*, **(24)** _____ includes the line, 'My name's Isobel, married to myself', the Londoner said the lyric struck a chord with her and it **(25)** _____ then that she decided to walk solo down the aisle.

She even proposed **(26)** _____ herself on a park bench in Parliament Hill, London, last November. Then Grace bought a dress, a ring, rehearsed vows and eventually wed in a farmhouse in rural Devon watched **(27)** _____ her sister and friends - sealing the deal by planting a kiss on a mirror.

Gelder said: "I really don't see it **(28)** _____ any kind of feminist statement, but creating a wedding of this kind **(29)** _____ my own terms felt incredibly empowering. And just because I married myself, it doesn't mean that I'm not open to the idea of sharing a wedding with someone else one day."

(http://www.mirror.co.uk)

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Task 4

- **You are going to read an article about new culinary experiences. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. Either it is grammatically incorrect or it does not fit in with the sense of the text.**
- **Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.**
- **Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).**
- **The task begins with two examples *(0)*.**



DINING IN THE DARK

0)	Many restaurants these days offer some theme or attraction to get	*0)*	✓
0)	warm, paying bodies into seats. One current trend that has been	*0)*	*been*
30)	appeared is having lunch or dinner in total blackness. Many people	30)	
31)	believe in that our senses — especially those related to eating, taste	31)	
32)	and smell — are heightened when the sight is taken away.	32)	
33)	The whole idea might also be a bit of scary, which some customers	33)	
34)	find attractive. Some locations offer it complete darkness, while others	34)	
35)	utilize blindfolds. However, most do not allow for any belongings	35)	
36)	that create light, such as cell phones or cameras, or not smoking.	36)	
37)	Additionally enough, if you don't have plans to visit one of the	37)	
38)	all-dark restaurants, you could look for a local restaurant which	38)	
39)	offers a 'dining in the dark' event. As many restaurants are hosting	39)	
40)	such events every so often to attract few customers. Examples	40)	
41)	include in the 'dark dining' experience at Catharsis, which is	41)	

in Miami, or Camaje Bistro in New York City's Greenwich Village.

(http://www.restaurants.com)

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This is the end of this part of the exam.

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