

Task 1

- You are going to read a short history of tea. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-N) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.
- There are two extra words that you do not need to use.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



TEA

Perhaps the most famous legend surrounding the (0) _____ of tea is the Chinese story of Shen Nung, the emperor and renowned herbalist.

He was (1) _____ his drinking water when leaves from a nearby tea shrub blew into the pot. He tasted the (2) _____ brew and the beverage of tea was born in 2737 B.C.

Tea arrived (3) _____ Europe at the beginning of the 17th century via Dutch and Portuguese sailors, who had trade (4) _____ with China. It soon became a fashionable drink for the (5) _____ in continental Western Europe. But Britain, always a little suspicious of continental trends, lagged (6) _____. It was the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 (7) _____ proved to be a turning point. She was a Portuguese princess, and a tea (8) _____ , and her love of the drink established tea (9) _____ a fashionable beverage at court and among rich people.

At the beginning of the 18th century, tea became a common product enjoyed by (10) _____ sectors of the population in Europe.

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Task 2

- You are going to read an article about Mr Aydin Onac, the head of an English grammar school, who ate a tarantula. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (11-18) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

HEAD TEACHER SHOCKS PUPILS
BY EATING SPIDER



A head teacher in Orpington, Kent stunned pupils at his school (0) _____ eating a tarantula in front of a packed assembly. (11) _____ some of his pupils delighted at seeing his discomfort during the ordeal, others (12) _____ said to be upset, and at least one parent complained that it set a bad example to youngsters.

Mr Onac said he came (13) _____ with the idea of eating a poisonous spider as a way of raising sponsorship money for a new sports and drama complex.

He explained: “It wasn’t (14) _____ I opened the container and saw how big it was that I started to feel very nervous. As I was eating it I was wondering (15) _____ I would still be alive by break-time. It tasted quite salty, and a little bit like burnt chicken.”

The spider was sourced from Cambodia, (16) _____ they are farmed and eaten by locals as a delicacy. They are usually deep fried and the cooking process negates the effects of any toxins they carry.

A member of the teaching staff said they were full of admiration for Mr Onac’s actions. But not everybody connected with the school (17) _____ in agreement. One parent said: “It’s all very well raising money, but why does he (18) _____ to behave as if he’s taking part in a TV show?”

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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about a bird that steals food by imitating the calls of other animals. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (19-28) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the **white box**.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



drongo

BIRD-MIMICS STEAL MEERKATS' FOOD



meerkat

Drongos in the Kalahari Desert mimic the alarm calls of other species in (0) _____ to steal food, scientists have found.

The birds "play tricks" (19) _____ meerkats in particular, following the little mammals around until they (20) _____ catch a meal. The drongos then make fake alarm calls and cause the meerkats (21) _____ for cover, allowing the drongos to swoop in.

The scientists (22) _____ their work studying meerkats and noticed their reaction to the drongos' alarm calls. When a predator was in the area, the birds made an alarm call and the meerkats immediately dashed for cover. But when the drongos saw a meerkat with a large food item such as a gecko or a scorpion, they made a false alarm call (23) _____ sounded the same as the calls they made at predators, (24) _____ there were no predators around.

The researchers then turned their attention to the drongos. To avoid (25) _____ ignored, the birds appear to deliberately change the type of call they make - to alter the species they mimic - when meerkats stop (26) _____ to their alarm calls.

Although (27) _____ species they impersonated were other birds, drongos even managed a meerkat alarm call. The birds may have learned by trial and error that meerkats are (28) _____ to find their own alarm call "particularly convincing". This is one of the first studies to show that vocal mimicry can have a function.

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9)	A <i>particular</i>	B <i>addition</i>	C <i>order</i>	D <i>response</i>
19)	A for	B at	C with	D on
20)	A will not	B -	C do not	D will
21)	A running	B run	C to have run	D to run
22)	A began	B have begun	C beginning	D have been beginning
23)	A this	B what	C that	D -
24)	A although	B unless	C since	D if
25)	A be	B being	C to be	D have been
26)	A respond	B to respond	C responding	D and respond
27)	A many of	B the most	C most of	D most
28)	A like	B alike	C unlike	D likely

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Task 4

- You are going to read two anecdotes about Ferenc Molnár, the famous Hungarian playwright and novelist. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or 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).



TWO ANECDOTES

0)	While Molnár was living in a hotel in Vienna during the 1920s, a	0)	✓
0)	large contingent of his family relatives came to see him in the hope	0)	family
29)	of sharing with some of the fruits of the playwright's fabulous	29)	
30)	success. They were not prepared for a hostile reception, but to their	30)	
31)	surprise Molnár greeted them kindly, even though insisting that	31)	
32)	they all sit for a group portrait to mark the occasion. When the print	32)	
33)	was ready, Molnár had handed it over to the hotel doorman, saying:	33)	
34)	"Whenever you will see any of the persons in the picture trying to	34)	
35)	get into the hotel, don't let them to come in."	35)	
36)	Molnár was a late riser, while never emerging until 1:00 p.m. On	36)	
37)	one occasion in Budapest, having called as a witness in a lawsuit,	37)	
38)	he had better to present himself at court by 9:00 a.m. The combined	38)	
39)	efforts of his servants got him out of the bed and dressed, and they	39)	
40)	propelled him out of the house at 8:30 into the rush-hour crowd.	40)	
41)	Molnár looked in an amazement at the hurrying workers and	41)	
42)	exclaimed, "Good heavens, who are all these people witnesses in	42)	
	this fool case?"		

(Paw Prints: Anecdotes)

This is the end of this part of the exam.

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