



Extra Training

Reading Task 728

The questions 1-7 are the sentences with blanks. Below there are four variants of the words to be inserted. Choose the one you think best.

1. When it was time to get up there was fog all around and coming to the window we could hardly see anything situated farther than twenty meters. _____ and hoped that wouldn't rain.
 1. We saw the plane flying high
 2. The sun was rising above the horizon
 3. We were wondering what the day would be like
 4. The weather was not very good
2. Life is not so easy as it seems when you are a child. When you grow up _____ and you have to think of them nearly all the time.
 1. there are many beautiful girls around
 2. more and more problems appear
 3. the teachers ask about the future
 4. the cars rush along the streets
3. When Mary opened the notebook, she couldn't believe her eyes. _____ and she hoped that her work could be much better.
 1. She got only three for the test.
 2. There were too many good words written
 3. There was a \$10 note there
 4. The teacher gave her a five
4. Julia was standing silently when the mother began to shout at her for not coming home on time the previous day. Finally, the mother wanted to make her promise that she would be home before eleven that night. _____, because she knew that they would go to the night disco with Mike and she always promised only what she could do.
 1. The girl agreed to do it
 2. Julia was still keeping silence
 3. Julia was thinking of Tom
 4. The girl smiled and said what she was asked to
5. The place they came to rest to was a real paradise: The flowers in front of the house were like a wonderful carpet with all the colours imaginable. There were two soft armchairs and a small table on the veranda, _____ her breath was caught by the magnificent view of the sea sparkling in the light of the rising Sun.
 1. and kissing Tom gently near the window in the evening
 2. but after the hard night in the kitchen
 3. and looking out of the window at tea-time
 4. and when she woke up and came to the window
6. Molly's family didn't come to that country house for at least three years and when they decided to go they realised that, with nobody living there permanently, they would have to clean it several days. _____ look clean and comfortable.
 1. They opened the door and saw that the house
 2. And Molly did everything possible for her to
 3. They were not mistaken. It took them four days to make the house
 4. But the father objected to all their efforts to
7. It was the question of what road to take when they came to the plain in the forest. The road leading west looked larger, _____, because they wanted to go to some place where fewer people appeared.
 1. but they decided to choose the one less travelled by
 2. and they decided to take it at once
 3. but the eastern road looked like a highway
 4. still, they took the middle one

Part Two. Questions 8-10 refer to the following text:

In 1626, Peter Minuit, governor of the Dutch settlements in North America known as New Amsterdam, had the talks with Indian chiefs for the purchase of Manhattan Island for goods valued at sixty guilders in Holland or about \$24.12, an investment that was worth more than seven billion dollars three centuries later.

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8. In exchange for their island, Indians received
 1. sixty Dutch guilders
 2. \$24.12 U.S.
 3. goods and supplies
 4. land in New Amsterdam
9. New Amsterdam was located _____.
 1. in Holland
 2. in North America
 3. on the island of Manhattan
 4. in India.
10. On which date was Manhattan valued at seven billion dollars?
 1. 1626
 2. 1726
 3. 1826
 4. 1926