Task 1

Listen to the speakers.For questions (1-6) choose the correct answer (A,B,C or D). You will listen to the recordings twice.

1. Where does the woman think the keys might be?

A

B

C

2. Where does the man finally decide they should put the new chairs?

A

B

C

3. On which floor is the available flat on Wool Street?

A

B

C

4. Why does the speaker have to move out of the flat?
   A. It is not conveniently located.
   B. The rent went up.
   C. He cannot make repairs.

5. What part of his grandparents' house does the speaker remember best?
   A. the garden
   B. the ground floor
   C. the bedroom

6. What does the caller like about the flat?
   A. the apartment block
   B. the kitchen
   C. the location of the school

Task 2

Listen to the speakers.For statements (7-11) choose T if the statement is true according to the text and F if it is false.

7 The first skyscrapers were built to show that their owners were doing well.

8 The Woolworth Building looks a lot like European Gothic churches.

9 The lift was invented after the first skyscrapers were built.

10 In 1883 William LeBaron Jenney built an office block for firemen.

11 The Empire State Building was built at a speed of one floor a day.

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Task 3

Listen to the speaker.For questions (12-16) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). You will listen to the recordings twice.

12 Dylan Watson was surprised by statistics,according to which
A teens acrry out a lot of household duties nowadays.
B teens carry out almost no household duties.
C teens carry out a lot more duties than in the past.

13 What is the worst consequence of the problem discussed?
A the fact that parents want to cope with all the duties by themselves.
B The fact that teens lack self-reliance.
C The fact that teens have too many skills to learn.

14 According to Dylan Watson, domestic helplessness is caused by..
A teenagers' lack of interest in household duties.
B old-fashioned views on the upbringing of young people.
C parents' inability to enforce certain rules at home.

15 The family mentioned by Dylan Watson
A made their son attend farming lessons.
B changed their lifestyle out of choice.
C expected to make a fortune out of farming.

16 Dylan Watson quotes the story to
A demonstrate how certain skills may unexpectedly become useful.
B criticise parents for teaching their teens unnecessary life skills.
C discourage parents from moving to the countryside with their adolescent children.

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Task 4

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

17 SOFA BED FOR SALE

It can seat three comfortably.
The sofa folds out into a double bed,
big enough for a fully grown adult.
It was bought three years ago for 300$
And is in perfect condition.
We are looking for no less ***than 150$.***

18 CHAIRDRESSERS

Do you have old chair you love and don't want to throw away?
Chardressers fixes or dresses old chairs to make them look brand new.

19 Bristol

We are two students who share a flat in The city centre and we're looking for a flatmate. Your room will have a single bed, wardrobe, desk and desk chair. We will be sharing the kitchen and the bathroom.
We don't allow pets in the flat.
450$ per month

20 Free desk and swivel chair!

I am moving abroad and I am giving away some things that I cannnot take with me.
The desk is an antique that I got from a flea market-it is perfect For those who love old things.

21 *You don't want it?We buy it!*
We buy old sofas,armchaires, coffee tables,
Display cabinets, bookcases,desks, beds,
Carpets,rugs, mirrors,dishes,lamps, ornaments, clothes…
and more!

A *rent a room*
B *buy brand new furniture*
C *sell something*
D *buy something used*
E *shop at mall*
F *renovate your furniture*
G *buy old dresses*
H *spend no money*

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Task 5

Read the text below.For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B,C or D).Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

My Greek Christmas

Family Bonding Takes on New Meaning in My Loud, Loving Family.

Every Christmas, my entire family overstuffs their suitcases and heads over to my grandparents' house for a vacation filled with comfort, food and family bonding. But this is not just any family bonding, this is customary Greek family bonding. Driving up to the house is an experience in itself. On their street we pass about 13 cars all with cleverly titled Greek-themed license plates only to find my Grandpa in the yard, decorating a miniature replica of the Parthenon with blue and white lights. We step inside the door to an overwhelming greeting, and 643 kisses later. Every year, it never fails. I wander around their house in search of a majestic Christmas tree. And every year I find a tall basket of tomatoes standing in for it instead.

After my discovery (or re-discovery) of the glowing tomato "temple", I watch my baby cousins torture the Greek Gods – also known as the cats – Kosta, Aristotle and Athena. The dinner bell has been politely rung, otherwise known as my Grandma banging her spoon against a bowl, and in a matter of seconds there is utter chaos, and there is no other way of describing it. Looking into the kitchen I see four loaves of bread, 40 stuffed tomatoes, a platter of freshly sliced lamb, a massive Greek salad, an equally massive "peasant" salad, giant lemon shrimp, and of course, a beautiful block of feta cheese.

We all sit down to eat, and soon enough, all my great-uncles are screaming at each other about money or Greek politics. (News flash: They have all lived in America for the past 40 years). By the end of dinner Grandma takes out the CD player for a little *tsifteteli* and *kalamatiano*. And then we dance in circles around the kitchen until we can't see straight and return to the table, only to find more food being served for us – watermelon, grapes, cookies and coffee. It is almost three in the morning now and I figure when the Greek alphabet is racing through my mind that I am unable to think and must retire to my plastic-covered couch.

As I lie there, I suddenly realize how truly lucky I am. I was graced with such a vibrant, loving culture and wouldn't change it for the world. Sure, my big Greek family can be overwhelming with their eating and kissing and dancing, but the love they have for each other is so obvious and so comforting. When I spend time with my Greek relatives I feel where I belong. Furthermore, growing up Greek has taught me to appreciate the different cultures that this world has to offer.

I wake up the next morning to find my whole family singing Greek Christmas songs with Santa … dressed in a toga. Merry Christmas, Kala Christouyenna, Feliz Navidad, however you want to say it, and I hope you cherish your family time as much as I do.

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22 What is True of the cars near the house of the author's grandparents?
A They had Greek registration numbers.
B They had specially decorated number plates.
C They belonged to the grandparents' neighbours.
D They blocked the driveway to the house.

23 What did the author say about the Christmas tree in her grandparents' house?
A It was tall and majestically decorated.
B It was standing in the middle of the yard.
C It was replaced by a container of vegetables.
D It was illuminated with blue and white lights.

24 What did the author's grandmother hit her spoon against bowl?
A She wanted to attract the kids' attention.
B She invited everybody to have a meal.
C She tried to handle the chaos in the kitchen.
D She decided to tap traditional Greek music.

25 It can be inferred from the text that *tsifteteli and kalamatiano* are _____
A national customs
B festive dishes
C traditional dances
D local fruit

26 Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?
A Greeks traditionally have close family relationships.
B Knowing one culture helps you respect others.
C Greeks tend to be overweight because of eating too much.
D Family gatherings are a good way to learn national customs.

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Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-31).There are three choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

27 You have to admire his achievements, how quickly he has come from nothing to being one of the most successful people in the country. As they say, the best ideas are the simple ones, as he came up with something that nobody had thought of before. And as soon as he launched it, it took off. Now he's got his enormous empire, and he is always on TV and in the papers. Although he must be able to run things very well, he comes across as being a bit thick. I know he can't be, but when you hear him talk, he can hardly string a coherent sentence together.

28 Personally, I can't see what all fuss is about. Nevertheless, lots of people can, because they buy everything he produces in droves, the minute it comes out. I don't see anything original in any of it, but you have to hand it to him, he has done very well. I think it has been a case f being in the right place at the right time, rather than anything to do with quality. There are lots of people producing better things than his, but he seems to have been very fortunate.

29 People laugh at him because he looks and sounds a bit funny but I think they are missing the point. He is someone who really has ideas and principles. He gives a straight answer to a straight question. Not many of them do that. I get the impression that he means what he says, and that is not just to benefit his career. I'd rather people like him were making decisions that affect all of us, not those ones who just say that they think people want to hear.

30 People don't like him at all. Because they say he is really dull and he hasn't got any real personality. But you can't expect people who do what he does to laugh and joke all the time. People tend not to notice just how good he is. And instead of giving him the praise he deserves, they go on about his personality. He is one of the all-time greats buy people seldom mention that.

31 I like what he does. You have to be able to explain things that are quite complicated in a way that everyone can understand and he has a knack for doing that. The way he does interviews is very good and he always gets a lot out of the people he is talking to. I wouldn't want to argue with him, though, he is quire vicious about some of the people he deals with. It must be quite intimidating to be faced by him.

A scary
B underrated
C amusing
D unintelligent
E weird
F sincere
G lucky
H unpredictable

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Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (32-37). There are two choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Getting our houses in order

Nowadays, more and more cities are facing a shortage of housing. The main reasons for this are a growing population and a lack of land which can be built on. Increases in sea level have not helped matters, and some places are actually **32**___to hold on to areas which are next to the sea.

One city that has decide to give up the fight and go with the flow is Amsterdam. Since 1997, authorities from the Dutch city have been **33**___called Ijburg, which is located to the east of the city centre. Ijburg consists of six man-made islands in the Ijmeer lake, one of which is home to a community of floating houses, but more will be added as long as there is enough interest from people **34**___to the area.

Possible inhabitants of the suburb can rent an area of water for fifty years at a price around 360.000$.They often order their **35**___ and state any preferences they may have, such as the number of rooms or the layout of the interior. The house is built in a factory and when it is complete, it is towed along the river to the area that the owner has rented.

Inhabitants of the floating homes never need to worry about floods or rising waters again. The buildings are fixed at the side of the lake, but are free to move upwards or downwards **36**___of the water.

The area's first residents started **37**____back around 2010, and, so far, their opinions have been very positive.

A floating house
B looking to move
C fighting hard
D becoming difficult
E living in their floating homes
F depending on the level
G keeping areas f land
H building a new suburb

Part Use of English

Task 8

Read the texts below. Choose from (38-51) the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

What can you do with 300 million empty boxes? Well, they are shipping containers, than you can put In **38**___furniture and windows and live in them. Shipping containers make modern, environmentally friendly and inexpensive houses, and empty ones-some **39**____very good condition-can be found at ports all around the world. In some places, they are a source of cheap housing **40**___young people and the homeless. For people who don't like the idea of living in a big box, there are some very beautiful and unusual homes made from containers, and several can be joined to make very spacious flat or house. In warm countries, many make use of the sun for heating and have balconies. Some people are choosing houses like **41**___because of their possibilities and not just because they are green and low cost. There are also those who live in just one container, who say they like living in a small space. One thing for sure, there are **42**___empty containers around and it's amazing what you can do with a big box.

33	**A** a few	**B** many	**C** some	**D** any
34	**A** on	**B** at	**C** in	**D** of
35	**A** for the	**B** to	**C** to these	**D** for
36	**A** those	**B** these	**C** this	**D** it
37	**A** plenty of	**B** lots	**C** few	**D** little

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We **43**___into our new house recently.I had really been looking forward to leaving my tiny room in the old semi- **44**___house and filling the new place with loads of new stuff. We're now in the countryside on the edge of a village and my room is right up in the **45**___.Sounds strange but it's amazing.It's really spacious and **46**__with a skylight and windows that **47**___openfield.
The study **48**__to the balcony with a stunning view. As I am **49**___English nowadays I **50**___a lot of time there .Without any doubts,it **51**___many efforts to deal with Grammar so I have to stay in a cosy place.

43	A changed	B have moved	C went	D have arrived
44	A terraced	B designed	C detached	D farmhouse
45	A attic	B ground floor	C basement	D second floor
46	A airy	B cluttered	Cgloomy	D moody
47	A oversee	B glance	C overlook	D face
48	A takes	B carry	C brings	D leads
49	A study	B studying	C been studied	D studied
50	A give	B spend	C make	D have
51	A takes	B makes	C brings	D gives

Task 9

Read the text below. Choose from (52-58) the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Smart houses
Our homes **52**___have become much smarter latey.We now live in houses which contain **53**___devices that make our lives easier and more entertaining , and in the future they will do even more.
There's good news who hate shopping. In the past fridges were just somewhere cold to **54**___your food.It may sound **55**___, but very soon intelligent refrigirators will be able to automatically generate a shopping list.Then they will arrange a door-to-door **56**__to your house.
Smart showers now offered personalised water flow and a temperature control for each adult family member with additional parental control-perfect for **57**___with teens who stay too long in a bathroom.
Mobile phones and the Internet have already become an important part of our daily routine.It's very **58**___that technology will soon control every aspect of our lives.

52	A have become	B became	C become	D is becoming
53	A efficient	B capable	C easy-going	D well-organized
54	A hold	B store	C load	D bring
55	A unreliable	B irrelevant	C dishonest	D unbelievable
56	A shipment	B connection	C delivery	D passage
57	A working	B cheering	C dealing	D bringing
58	A probably	B predictably	C possibly	D likey

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Частина «ПИСЬМО»

Writing

59 You have got a letter from your English friend in which he/she writes about his/her achievements in Chemistry. Write a letter to your friend in which you tell him/her

- what your favourite subjects were at school and what your teachers did to make the lessons interesting
- how the knowledge of those subjects may influence your future career and why
- give some pieces of advice on how to arrange your timetable to be good at studies

Write a letter of at least 150 words. Do not write your own name, any dates or other personal information. Start your letter in an appropriate way.

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