

# READING

## TASK 4

Read the texts 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.

### PARK SIGNS

Which notice says this?

- A Please, pick up after your dogs.
- B This parking place is not for all.
- C You must limit your speed here.
- D No pets are allowed.
- E Dogs cannot run freely around.
- F You can only walk in this area.
- G No beverages in the park.
- H This is an off-leash dog park.

### PARK RULES

- No glass containers
- Noise ordinance enforced
- No overnight parking or camping
- No littering
- Hunting is prohibited
- Pets must be on leash
- No motorized vehicles except in designated parking areas
- No metal detectors
- No alcohol except in designated areas
- No skateboarding in roadways or parking lots

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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.**

### NEWS ABOUT ANIMALS

A group of pandas in China are adapting well in their new home after the Wolong Nature Reserve was destroyed in that devastating earthquake. NBC's Meredith Vieira reports.

The 44-pound stray cat named 'Prince Chunk' is being adopted by a New Jersey family. Msnbc.com's Dara Brown reports.

TODAY's Meredith Vieira talks to Tom and Allie Harvey, the owners of the zoo where a dog is nursing three tiger cubs abandoned by their mother.

TODAY's Ann Curry talks to the Villacis family about reuniting with their beagle after he went missing five years ago.

Here's the beef: Chilli, a cow in England that stands 6-foot-6 and weighs more than a ton. Animal sanctuary director Jenny Wheadon introduces Chilli to the TODAY hosts.

"Margaritaville" songwriter Jimmy Buffett chats with TODAY's Meredith Vieira about his new novel, "Swine Not?".

AI talks to the owners of Gracie the cat, and the stranger who found her in a pile of luggage after her accidental flight.

22. A group of pandas are kept in a new home ... .

- A for entertainment of the public
- B because their population has become rare
- C because of a natural disaster
- D because their new reserve is being renovated

23. The tigers are being nursed by the dog because their mother ... .

<input type="checkbox"/> A was killed by the hunters	<input type="checkbox"/> C ceased to look after them
<input type="checkbox"/> B was seriously injured	<input type="checkbox"/> D got into a trap

24. The Villacis family reunited with ... that hadn't been home for five years.

<input type="checkbox"/> A another member of the family	<input type="checkbox"/> C the pet bird
<input type="checkbox"/> B their hound	<input type="checkbox"/> D their beloved cat

25. The cow that weighs more than a ton is ... .

<input type="checkbox"/> A on the farm in Chili	<input type="checkbox"/> C in the TV studio
<input type="checkbox"/> B in the field in England	<input type="checkbox"/> D in a nature reserve

26. The cat was found ... .

- A in a pile of clothes in a washing machine
- B in a pile of dishes in a stove
- C in a pile of plates in the microwave oven
- D in the things containing personal belongings for a journey

## TASK 6

Read the passages 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.

### BEST CHILDREN'S MOVIES

27.

This is a classic early school days from 30 years ago. How many children saw it on a Saturday morning, singing a long to the tunes and plenty of them still know the words. Now your grandchildren can see it too. Take your children down memory lane with this latest edition out now. Let your kids take over the remote control and keep rewinding it learning the words to the songs.

28.

The film starts off with Thomas helping to build the brand new Search and Rescue Centre. A special type of wood, called 'Jobi wood', is needed to build it. Diesel tries to take the wood himself, but ends up nearly crashing! Thomas saves him, but all the wood is washed away into the sea. Thomas tries to save it but his raft breaks away from the ship, and he ends up marooned on a place called Misty Island, where he meets three new engines.

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There is so much going on in the film, it's hard to spot everything the first time you watch it. The basic plot is that the monsters are hidden in the closet to scare small children. They do this to provide power to monster city, Monsteropolis. The monsters are as afraid of the kids as much as the kids are of the monsters. Unexpectedly a little baby named 'Boo' escapes into the monster world. It is now up to Sulley and his nervous partner Mike to save the baby, put her back where she belongs.

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Spongebob lives in a pineapple happily at the bottom of the sea in a city. He has a pet snail called Gary and some of the other members. All the characters are peaceful, loving and friendly. Living two doors down from Spongebob is his best mate, Patrick Star a dumb pink star fish that lives under a rock. Squidward Tentacles, the octopus lives between the two and causes havoc for everyone all around.

31.

It is an interactive type of DVD which children should find fun. It teaches the letter names and sounds in a creative way. Leap Frog bring this to life through wonderful characters like Leap, Lily and Tad who sing their songs and go on adventures into the letter factory. This is then reinforced through the catchy songs which will have parents and toddlers all shouting out the letter's names.

32.

It is considered one of Disney's greatest animated musicals, but it does have some scary moments. The most disturbing violence is the death of Simba's father, Mufasa. But despite a few sad sequences and a few evil characters, the overall message is one of hope, love, and family responsibility.

Which movie:

- A has been made to be both entertaining for children as well as educational
- B is about the character who finds himself on an isolated place
- C is about a girl who through a twist of fate meets her best friends
- D is about the creature that causes great confusion or disorder
- E was very popular with the kids' grandparents when they were young
- F shows the characters who must overcome various obstacles
- G is about the kid who gets into the world of large, ugly, and frightening imaginary creatures
- H is a powerful musical king-of-the-beasts blockbuster

## TASK 7

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

### MINT TEA



Mint tea, (33) \_\_\_\_\_, is common to Middle Eastern cultures and other cultures worldwide. The fresh scent of mint makes it an excellent choice in either hot or cold weather, and as a naturally low-calorie drink, it can help reduce your overall calorie consumption, helping you meet your weight-loss goals. To keep mint tea healthy, limit the amount of added sugar you use.

Peppermint tea, made from fresh or dried leaves, (34) \_\_\_\_\_, with only 2 calories per 8-ounce serving. A same size serving of fruit soda has 101 calories, which means that drinking soda in place of tea can increase your total calorie intake by 99 calories. This is roughly 5 percent of your daily calorie amount for those on a 2,000-calorie-per-day diet. In turn, drinking mint tea (35) \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to almost 3 pounds of lost body weight.

Mint tea, especially the type that is brewed in Middle Eastern cultures, often contains a lot of added sugar, as the traditional preparation calls for a very sweet tea (36) \_\_\_\_\_. A diet high in added sugar increases your chances of weight gain as well as obesity, so the American Heart Association recommends no more (37) \_\_\_\_\_. Added sugar offers no nutritional value and is considered to be only 'empty' calories. Instead, choose to sweeten your tea with stevia, (38) \_\_\_\_\_ that is made from the stevia plant.

- A to be consumed at the end of a meal
- B a calorie-free sweetener
- C made from peppermint leaves
- D had strong anti-microbial and anti-viral activities
- E is naturally low in calories
- F in place of soda twice a week for a year
- G than 6 to 9 teaspoons a day
- H when the leaves come into contact with water