Use of English

Task 8

Read the text below. For gaps 39-48 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Just like us? Elephants comfort each other when they are stressed out

Elephants have long had a reputation for good memories. Now, **(39)** _____ a new study from Emory University and Think Elephants International, the giant animals are also pretty good when it **(40)** _____ to empathy.

The researchers observed 26 elephants held in an elephant camp in northern Thailand for over a year. They did not try **(41)** _____ to stress out the elephants but rather waited for something stressful to naturally occur (a surprising sound, for example) and then **(42)** _____ what happened next. In short, the elephants were more likely to sympathise during stressful times than during other periods.

Researchers found that elephants are able to sense when other elephants are stressed and will often **(43)** _____ them with a vocal response or physical contact such as a trunk touch.

Lead researcher Joshua Plotnik of Emory University **(44)** _____ Discovery News that the physical gestures "may be sending a signal of 'I'm here to help you, not hurt you.'"

As for the vocal calls, Plotnik told Discovery, "I've never heard that vocalization when elephants are **(45)** _____." He continued, "It may be a signal like, 'Sshhhh, it's OK,' the sort of sounds a human adult might **(46)** _____ to console a baby."

Co-author Frans de Waal said, "With their strong social **(47)** _____, it's not surprising that elephants show concern for others. This study demonstrates that elephants get distressed when they see others in distress, reaching out to calm them **(48)** _____, the same way as chimpanzees or humans embrace someone who is upset."

39	**A**	according to	**B**	despite of	**C**	due to	**D**	because of
40	**A**	goes	**B**	comes	**C**	walks	**D**	moves
41	**A**	firm	**B**	tough	**C**	hard	**D**	strong
42	**A**	watched	**B**	looked	**C**	noticed	**D**	saw
43	**A**	soften	**B**	enjoy	**C**	defend	**D**	comfort
44	**A**	spoke	**B**	said	**C**	told	**D**	talked
45	**A**	alone	**B**	separate	**C**	lonely	**D**	single
46	**A**	do	**B**	make	**C**	have	**D**	get
47	**A**	feelings	**B**	friendships	**C**	bonds	**D**	attachments
48	**A**	around	**B**	out	**C**	off	**D**	down

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 9

Read the texts below. For gaps 49-58 choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Brave house cat chases black bear in New Jersey

(49) _____ June of 2006, Jack, a (50) _____ cat, protected his territory from a black bear by chasing it up a tree when the bear wandered into his yard. After about 15 minutes, the bear came down and tried to escape only (51) _____ once again by a hissing and spitting mad Jack who (52) _____ the bear up the tree once again. Finally, the owner took pity on the poor bear and called her cat indoors (53) _____ the bear could escape.

49	**A**	On	**B**	At	**C**	In	**D**	Since
50	**A**	15 pound	**B**	15 pounds'	**C**	15 pound's	**D**	15 pounds
51	**A**	be chased	**B**	being chased	**C**	to be chased	**D**	been chased
52	**A**	had forced	**B**	forces	**C**	has forced	**D**	forced
53	**A**	after	**B**	so that	**C**	as though	**D**	because

You and your handwriting

According to research, the way someone (54) _____ and the size of their handwriting can (55) _____ you several things about the person. The study, which (56) _____ by the National Pen Company, shows that people with small handwriting tend to be shy and hardworking, (57) _____ people who are more outgoing try to gain attention with larger handwriting. (58) _____ who take things seriously put more pressure on the pen, and light-handed writers are typically empathetic and sensitive.

54	**A**	writes	**B**	write	**C**	is writing	**D**	writing
55	**A**	be told	**B**	to tell	**C**	tell	**D**	be telling
56	**A**	is conducting	**B**	had been conducted	**C**	was conducted	**D**	has conducted
57	**A**	as	**B**	while	**C**	because	**D**	until
58	**A**	They	**B**	That	**C**	Those	**D**	These

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