

TASK 5

Read the text below. For questions (23-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

GET SOME GREEN, RAISE YOUR SPIRITS

The more green space where you live, the (23) you are – and some surprising new statistics prove it.

When satellite data were (24) with a survey of 2,500 Wisconsinites in 229 neighborhoods, it (25) that people living in areas with less than 10% “tree canopy” were much more likely to feel depressed, stressed, and anxious.

Amazingly, the results weren’t skewed by wealth: Poorer residents in greener areas were, in (26) , happier than richer ones in treeless areas, says the study in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. “Nature can (27) relief from our daily need to complete tasks, providing us with something inherently fascinating that (28) our attention without our having to work at it,” says study co-author Kirsten Beyer, Ph.D. Plus, she adds, the outdoors also (29) physical activity and social interaction – both known stress (30) If there isn’t much (31) around your crib, don’t panic: Related studies also show you’ll feel happier and healthier if you have live plants in your indoor spaces – so (32) up your home or office (see left) and start chilling out. [32]

23	A	luckier	B	happier	C	healthier	D	best
24	A	completed	B	gathered	C	related	D	compared
25	A	disclosed	B	opened	C	revealed	D	discovered
26	A	general	B	contrast	C	comparison	D	all
27	A	provide	B	support	C	ensure	D	encourage
28	A	brings	B	holds	C	distracts	D	pays
29	A	does	B	promotes	C	sets	D	suggests
30	A	reliefs	B	proofs	C	relievers	D	helpers
31	A	air	B	leaves	C	trees	D	foliage
32	A	green	B	cool	C	give	D	take

TASK 6

Read the texts below. For questions (33-42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE THAI-BURMA RAILWAY

Those tracks of history (literally!) that made a huge impact on (33) rest of the world were also known as the Death Railway because some 130,000 men perished building the railway in appalling conditions. Spanning 415 kilometres over mountainous jungle, it (34) using only hand tools and dynamite in just 12 months between 1942 and 1943.

After Japan (35) war on the United States in 1941, the Japanese exploited its alliance with Thailand and (36) the railway built to maintain their stronghold in Burma. Orders were to build the railway from both ends (37) the same time from Thailand and Burma to meet somewhere in the middle. [28]

33	A	a	B	an	C	-	D	the
34	A	built	B	has built	C	was built	D	has been built
35	A	declared	B	was declaring	C	has declared	D	had declared
36	A	set	B	had	C	got	D	was
37	A	in	B	on	C	at	D	for

The infant was asleep. Pink-cheeked and practically bald and covered with a white blanket. She had that sweet, milky baby smell that Colin remembered and, as he looked (38) her, she waved one tiny, curled fist in the air and then opened her eyes, which were the exact same blue (39) her mother’s.

‘Hello,’ Colin said. He wanted to add, ‘I come in peace,’ but he was pretty sure that (40) freak Dave out. Dave (41) into the cot with pride.

‘Is she awake, Dad?’

Dave, pick her (42) so Dad can hold her.’ [33]

38	A	at	B	for	C	through	D	over
39	A	so	B	as if	C	as	D	just
40	A	had to	B	needed to	C	would	D	must
41	A	looked	B	was looking	C	had looked	D	has looked
42	A	off	B	on	C	out	D	up