

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.

POOL SIGNS

Which notice says this?

- ☐ A This pool is a property.
- ☐ B All kids aren't allowed to be alone here.
- ☐ C Adults aren't permitted here.
- ☐ D You should go to the bathroom if necessary.
- ☐ E Remember that nobody watches the pool.
- ☐ F You cannot swim here today.
- ☐ G You can get the job here.
- ☐ H This pool is only for grown ups.



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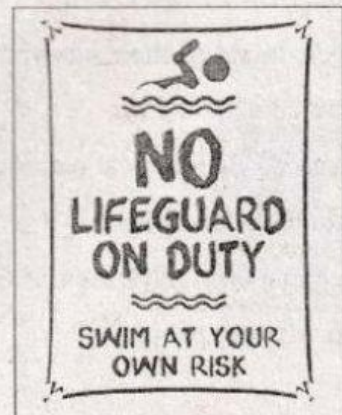
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TASK 5

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.

MARRIED BY A ROBOT

When you think about robots, you probably think of R2-D2 in the "Star Wars" movies or Rosie the Maid in "The Jetsons" cartoons. But robots aren't only in the movies and on TV. One 'real' robot married a couple at a wedding ceremony in Tokyo, Japan not long ago.

Fifty guests stood as the music played and the bride walked down the aisle. Only one guest remained seated — the minister, who happened to be a robot that was bolted to a chair. For this special occasion, the four-foot tall robot named I-Fairy wore pigtails and a wreath of flowers around her head. I-Fairy's eyes flashed coloured lights as she pronounced the couple man-and-wife and asked the groom to kiss the bride. The wedding was the first time a marriage had been led by a robot, according to the company that built I-Fairy.

A robot might seem like an unusual choice to lead a wedding, but if you knew the couple you would think I-Fairy was the perfect choice. That's because the groom teaches robotics at a university and the bride works for the company that built I-Fairy. Besides building robots like I-Fairy, the company has built robotic dinosaurs that you might have seen in museums or on TV.

Japan is one of the world's leaders in the field of robotics. The newly married couple hopes their wedding will encourage more uses for robots. They hope their wedding will give people ideas about ways in which they might use robots to do 'everyday things' in their lives in the near future.

22. How many people were present at the ceremony?

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| ☐ A more than sixty | ☐ C fifteen |
| ☐ B half a hundred | ☐ D forty |

23. Why couldn't one of the guests stand?

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| ☐ A he was crippled | ☐ C he was screwed |
| ☐ B he had a special mission | ☐ D he played the keyboards |

24. How tall were the robots present at the ceremony?

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| ☐ A almost a meter high | ☐ C a meter high |
| ☐ B fifty centimeters high | ☐ D nearly 1 meter 20 centimeters high |

25. What did the robots have on their heads?

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| ☐ A a plait | ☐ C a flower arrangement |
| ☐ B a ring | ☐ D a dinosaur |

26. Who were the married couple?

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| ☐ A a student and an employee | ☐ C two robots |
| ☐ B two workers | ☐ D an employee and a teacher |

TASK 6

Read the text 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.

THE KIDS SHOWS THAT ARE ACTUALLY GREAT

27. _____

StoryBots. In each episode of this Netflix series, the cartoon guide-bots answer a question posed by a real kid. Live action and cartoons are intercut with joyous song breaks, and each episode features a guest star like Snoop Dogg or Tony Hale. My favourite one is “How do people catch a cold?” The bots start out in a doctor’s office — the doctor is played by Wanda Sykes — then journey inside a human body, where they encounter a friendly macrophage. The macrophage eats the virus, creating antigens that kick-start T-cells, which then activate B-cells to help white blood cells attack the cold virus. — *Emily Gould*

28. _____

Beat Bugs. A cast of animated insects in an overgrown suburban lawn embark on adventures modernises to the lyrics of Beatles songs. In the tradition of 21st-century animation, the numbers are reinterpreted by celebrity musicians: Sia does “Blackbird,” Eddie Vedder does “The Magical Mystery Tour.” — *Boris Kachka*

29. _____

Great British Baking Show. There is little mention of winners or losers on the show, no monetary prize at the end, no cruelty. The judges are gentle with their criticism and sentimental with their praise; the contestants support each other. Everyone seems to cry at some point, but they are crying about a fallen cake or because their pie has a soggy bottom. — *Meaghan O’Connell*

30. _____

Phineas and Ferb. I love Phineas. He never stops talking. Phineas is really cool, and I can’t believe how he manages to find all the material for his inventions. Like, you never see him buying it. Ferb doesn’t say much, but he also helps. They create inventions that should take a year, and it takes, like, only one day. Phineas and Ferb also have a pet platypus named Perry. He is actually a secret agent, flies around with a jet pack, and has a secret lab underneath their house. — *Eddie Rice*

31. _____

Shaun the Sheep. For toddlers, Shaun the Sheep works because of its simplicity and brevity. Stories are only five to seven minutes each, and because the show is nearly wordless, the narrative plays out in big, silly, visual ways. For older kids, Shaun is a font of humor, often playing on small-scale dramatic ironies and big broad payoffs — there’s a lot of generous slapstick, and the stakes stay pretty low. — *Kathryn VanArendonk*

32. _____

Stranger Things. The year my son was in fourth grade, it seemed like everyone in his class had seen Stranger Things, a show about kids being actively terrorized by otherworldly creatures. This was not true. But like all matters in which peer pressure is involved, it felt true. When he came home and asked if he could watch, I did what parents and caregivers do more often than they’re willing to admit: I made an impulsive decision. I told him yes, but we would watch together, and if he felt scared or nervous at any time, we could turn it off. — *Jen Chaney*

Which episodes:

- ☐ A invite the kids to do their own inventions
- ☐ B enable the kids to listen to famous musicians’ performance
- ☐ C let the contestants not compete for the cash prize
- ☐ D give the viewers an opportunity to watch a mute series
- ☐ E are not advisable for kids because they show violence
- ☐ F help the kids learn much from the curious inventors
- ☐ G invite kids to become real participants of the show
- ☐ H are attractive because they are short and brief

TASK 7

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

ZEALANDIA: IS THERE AN EIGHTH CONTINENT UNDER NEW ZEALAND?



We were taught at school that there were nine planets, but now there are eight (scientists said Pluto is not a planet). Now we may have to change our thinking about how many continents there are. We are taught there are seven continents — Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia. Geologists, (33) _____, now say there is an eighth continent — Zealandia. This is a huge, largely underwater landmass in the southern Pacific Ocean. Six per cent of this landmass is above water and is what we know as New Zealand and New Caledonia. Around 94 per cent of it is under the ocean. In total, it measures five million square kilometres, which scientists say (34) _____.

The main author of the article, (35) _____, said scientists have been researching data to make the case for Zealandia for more than two decades.

“The scientific value of classifying Zealandia as a continent is much more than just an extra name on a list,” the researchers explained. They wrote a research paper and published it (36) _____. They argue that the land does not have to be above water for it to be a continent. They said four different points make Zealandia a continent. It is a lot higher than the surrounding area, it has a unique geology, it is easy to find the shape of the continent, and it is a lot thicker (37) _____. Nick Mortimer said it would be easy to understand that Zealandia is a continent, “if you could pull the plug on the world’s oceans” and let the water out. However, Zealandia will face an uphill battle in obtaining the same popular name recognition (38) _____. Whatever it is called, Mortimer says, studies of Zealandia should help biogeographers to better understand how New Zealand’s endemic plants and animals arose — and give geologists a boost in learning how continental crust can be reshaped.

- ☐ A is big enough to be a continent
- ☐ B than the ocean floor
- ☐ C people who study the land and the earth
- ☐ D in the Geological Society of America’s Journal
- ☐ E New Zealand geologist Nick Mortimer
- ☐ F they have decided to show it
- ☐ G as Eurasia, Africa, Antarctica, Australia and North and South America
- ☐ H at the lessons of geography