

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Big Five Personality Traits

If you ever thought about your personality or even did some psychological (39)____, you can label yourself as an optimist or a pessimist, a sanguine or a melancholy person, etc.

Starting a few decades back, personality (40)____ started talking about a model called OCEAN: openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, neuroticism. It is said that each of us has (41)____ aspects of each trait. Typically, it is from low to high levels, but to be honest, it is so rare to have one of the characteristics at the (42)____. Mostly, we have it somewhere in the middle.

The level of development of the trait can change through life. In addition, you can develop whichever you like. Although, you should (43)____ mind that more isn't always better. There is no such thing as an ideal person; each of us has strengths and weaknesses that make us unique.

39	A	quizzes	B	tests	C	forms	D	polls
40	A	scientists	B	investigators	C	researchers	D	inventors
41	A	different	B	optional	C	alternate	D	varied
42	A	top	B	summit	C	best	D	moment
43	A	bring to	B	keep in	C	cross your	D	speak your

«The Wall» by Samsung

At the latest CES 2020, Samsung presented the newest and largest «The Wall» MicroLED TV. This TV is (44)_____ to be 7.4 metres and based on the first screen technology in the decade that delivers optimal black levels and high brightness.

Additionally, the same (45)_____ could be ordered in 3.81 metres with 8K resolution. Imagine the possibilities that are available with the screen like that. There is no more need to go to the cinema to watch a movie when you can do it at home. There is no limit to observing the (46)_____ of the world around through a(n) (47)_____ of documentaries.

However, it's not (48)_____. Samsung just started selling commercial and «luxury» versions of TV sets that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

44	A	questioned	B	said	C	talked	D	asked
45	A	model	B	category	C	sample	D	copy
46	A	charisma	B	looks	C	magnificence	D	glamour
47	A	amount	B	mixture	C	group	D	variety
48	A	cheap	B	expensive	C	economic	D	pricey

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Ignore the Number on Your Clothes

Are you familiar with that horrible feeling when you (49)_____ in the fitting room trying your regular size on, but (50)_____ fits. Maybe the last slice of the gluten-free cake is at fault. Actually, you are not guilty and definitely not the last food you consumed.

The problem is that every manufacturer may have their own size chart. So, it is completely normal to wear mismatched sizes of jeans, sweaters and other clothes.

By the way, you should probably stop (51)_____ yourself looking at these numbers. What good does it bring you? You are wasting your life on being stressed because of diets, calories intake and skipped gym training sessions. Stop bullying yourself. Embrace (52)_____ own self, wear the clothes you like and enjoy life to (53)_____.

49	A	are	B	were	C	being	D	will be
50	A	anything	B	everything	C	something	D	nothing
51	A	judge	B	to judge	C	judging	D	judged
52	A	you	B	your	C	yours	D	yourself
53	A	the fullest	B	fuller	C	full	D	fully

Foreign Languages – No More!

Despite the latest technological innovations, the question (54)_____ is whether there is a need in learning foreign languages.

Most teachers and other educators, whose income depends on the service of (55)_____ language learning, will (56)_____ say «yes».

Regardless, let's take a closer look at the matter. With (57)_____ variety of technologies like Google Translate, Pilot and others, it is quite challenging to give a precise answer. Why spend years mastering your language skills if all you need is to run an app, record an audio of a person speaking, and you have an answer in hand. The same (58)_____ for your replies. So, why bother? The truth remains inconclusive.

54	A	answer	B	answering	C	to be answered	D	to be answering
55	A	providing	B	provided	C	to provide	D	provide
56	A	definite	B	definitely	C	indefinite	D	indefinitely
57	A	a wide	B	wider	C	more wide	D	widest
58	A	goes	B	went	C	go	D	gone