TEST 9

READING

TASK 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (1—5). There are three choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO BE ORGANIZED

1 For those unfamiliar with the term "big rocks", basically it refers to the major things you want to achieve during the week. I try to plan my week ahead of time (usually Sunday evening) by placing these "big rocks" first. For example, my health is a priority for me, so yesterday I looked at the week ahead and placed the "big rocks" relating to exercise into my schedule.

2 It is one thing to make rules, but they are worthless if you lack the discipline to stick to them. In fact, this is probably worse as then you just feel guilty about not sticking to them. One of my favorite quotes says that "the price of discipline is always less than the pain of regret". This is a great quote to memorize and repeat to yourself.

3 The power of "no" is just as important. I am a fairly sensitive person, so I hate telling people "no". But in recent times I have had to develop this skill to ensure that I am not overwhelmed by various commitments. And in most cases I find that as long as I am polite about it, people respect my answer.

4 I spend a lot of time on the computer. I realize, though, that it is incredibly important to have plenty of time "unplugged". Just yesterday we went for a nice long walk in Stanley Park in Vancouver, and it left me feeling incredibly clear-headed and at peace. Later in the evening when I did jump on the computer, I got done in 1 hour what would often take 2+ hours. I'm sure the fresh air and being in nature had a lot to do with this.

5 I owe a big thanks to all my online friends who help me out. I'm a big believer that if I want something, I should just ask for it. For this reason I was not shy in asking for a hand, but at the same time I like to think I help my friends out just as much as they do me.

A Change your old boring daily routine
B Turn to people for support
C Improve your health and fitness level
D Rank your actions in order of importance
E Attend groups specifically for teenagers
F Find time for fun and relaxation
G Be strong enough to refuse sometimes
H Force yourself to do the planned things

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TASK 2

Read the text below. For questions (6—10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Many flamingos live around hot volcanic lakes. The very name flamingo is associated with fire and brings to mind the mythical firebird, the phoenix. In both Greek and Egyptian mythology, the phoenix was a bird as large as an eagle with bright scarlet and gold feathers and a melodious cry. Every morning the phoenix would bathe in the cool water of a nearby well and sing a song so beautiful that the sun god would stop his chariot to listen.

There was only one phoenix in the world at any given time and it lived for at least 500 years. When the phoenix felt death coming, it would build a nest of aromatic twigs, set it on fire, and be consumed by the flames. A new phoenix would then miraculously emerge from the funeral nest. In one version of the legend, it would embalm its ancestors' ashes in an egg made of myrrh, then fly to the City of the Sun (Heliopolis) to lay the egg on the altar of the sun god Ra. Egyptians associated the phoenix with immortality, an idea that carried on through Roman times. The Romans thought that Rome would last forever. In fact, they called it the Eternal City. The image of a phoenix appeared on Roman coins as a symbol of undying Rome.

In 1965 Jimmy Stewart appeared in a wonderful film called *The Flight of the Phoenix*. In the film a cargo plane crashes in the Libyan desert during a fierce sandstorm. Although the twelve men survive the crash, they know that search planes will not find them, and they are short of food and water. One of the men, a designer of model airplanes, proposes that they rip off the one undamaged wing and use it as the basis for an airplane that they will build to fly them to an oasis 200 miles away. They succeed, and the new plane emerges from the wreckage of the old, just as the phoenix arises from its own ashes.

Some say that the phoenix represents the ability to leave the world and its problems behind while flying toward the sun in clean, clear blue skies. Not a bad idea at all.

6 Which of the following is **TRUE**, according to paragraph 1?

A Flamingos like cold water.
B Flamingos are mythical birds.
C Flamingos have a beautiful voice.
D Flamingos have a habitat in warm places.

7 What is **NOT** stated paragraph 2?

A Phoenix knew when he would die.
B Phoenix made the place to die.
C Phoenix used ancestors' eggs.
D Phoenix burned himself down.

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8 What is phoenix, according to the text?

A a flamingo
B a large eagle
C an immoral bird
D an immortal bird

9 Why didn't the twelve men die in *The Flight of the Phoenix?*

A They constructed another plane.
B A terrible sandstorm stopped.
C They found food and water.
D They repaired the plane.

10 According to the text, Phoenix symbolizes the ability _____.

A A to sing nice songs
B to be close to god
C to live for 500 years
D to forget about troubles

TASK 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—16). There are two choices you don't need to use. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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Doddington Place. Tel: (01795) 886101. Beautiful landscaped gardens covering ten acres. Fine examples of lawns, avenues and clipped hedges. Spectacular woodland garden with magnificent azaleas and rhododendrons. Edwardian rock garden and formal sunken garden. Open: May-Sept: Sundays 2pm – 6 pm; Wednesdays and Bank Holiday Mondays 11 am – 6 pm. = Teynham - 4 miles.

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Nash Court, near Boughton. Tel: (01227) 51144. Spend a wonderful day! Enjoy the animal area, & see traditional and rare breeds of farm animals, birds of prey and shire horses. Exciting farm trails, museum, refreshments. Opening times 1 March – 1st November. Winter groups by appointment.

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Faversham Churches. Second largest in Kent. In the sanctuary are murals by famous illustrator Edward Ardizzone. At St. Catherine's Church, Preston Lane, the Boyle Tomb of 1629 provides links with Robert Boyle, discoverer of 'Boyles Law', familiar to physics students

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Air Power Park
With its collection of authentic vintage jets, missiles, and rockets, the rarified atmosphere of air and space comes to life for visitors on this 15-acre site in Hampton. Admission is free to the park. Open 8 am to 4:30pm daily. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25 and Jan.1. 727-1163.

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Throwley, near Faversham. Tel: (01795) 02. Late 18 century country mansion set in beautiful parkland. Seat of Harris family since 1801, it contains many interesting mementos of the family's connections with India. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Guided tours 2pm – 5 pm. Last admission 4.30 pm.

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The Custom House
As the first control point for commerce in America, this 1720 facility is considered "the cradle of the American tariff system." A historical attraction operated by the Compte de Grasse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Open summers. Free admission. Call 890-2806 for hours.

A You'll see a collection of aircraft
B It invites you to out-of-doors shows
C You will know more about trade
D You'll see exhibits, including Oriental ones
E A well-known scientist was buried here
F It has open spaces for children to play
G In some seasons you must book in advance
H You will enjoy a wonderful view

TASK 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (17—22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

WHAT MAKES SLED DOGS RUN?

There is one main reason why sled dogs run. They love it! Although they all love to run, they have to be **(17)**_____. How well they learn to perform in a team depends on their driver, who is called a "musher."

Although **(18)**_____, the two most popular breeds are the Alaskan malamute and the Siberian husky. The Alaskan malamute is a large dog, weighing 75 to 85 pounds, and is used for pulling heavy weights. The Siberian husky is faster and smaller, weighing 35 to 65 pounds. The huskies were originally

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(19)_____. Other popular sled dogs are the samoyed, laika, and American Eskimo breeds. They are all large and powerful dogs with thick coats and great stamina. A team of such dogs **(20)**_____.

The use of sled dogs goes back thousands of years. They **(21)**_____ but also for protection, hunting, and companionship. Famous polar explorers such as Byrd, Peary, and Amundsen all used sled dogs. Around 1873, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police used dog-team patrols, and other dog teams delivered mail throughout Alaska and Canada.

In some areas of the world, dog teams are still used for transportation, but most of them **(22)**_____.

A can pull a sled and person for hundreds of miles
B used for herding reindeer, pulling loads, and other tasks
C are now engaged in the sport of sled dog racing
D were used not only for transportation
E almost any large dog can be trained to pull a sled
F were the best sled dogs in the world
G trained to run harmoniously as part of a dog team
H kept the breed pure for hundreds of years

TASK 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty spaces (23—32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Although the first typewriter was patented in 1714 in England, the inventor never **(23)**_____ to actually build a machine and the details of his design have been lost forever. It was almost 100 years later when Pellegrino Turri invented and built typewriters in 1808. None of his machines has **(24)** _____, but some documents created by them still exist.

(25) _____ to 1860 none of the typewriters had keyboards. They had a selector dial for choosing a letter and a lever that was pulled to **(26)** _____ the impression on the paper.

Christopher Latham Sholes invented a typewriter with a keyboard. Typists using the newly invented keyboard used either two or four fingers, **(27)** _____ the keyboard, and used the "hunt-and-peck" system to find the letter they **(28)** _____ to type. Mrs. M. V. Longley had a better idea and **(29)** _____ an "all-finger" method. This idea led to the invention of the "touch-typing" system by Frank McGurrin. In 1888 McGurrin competed with Louis Taub, the champion four-finger typist. McGurrin easily won, and his new touch-typing system soon **(30)** _____ throughout the country and the world.

Typewriters have come a long way since then. Yet with all of the **(31)** _____, we are still using the same keyboard design that was invented in the 1860s. In spite of many attempts to **(32)** _____ the keyboard layout, it is still the same.

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23	A	dreamt	B	bothered	C	annoyed	D	irritated
24	A	lived	B	lasted	C	continued	D	survived
25	A	Prior	B	Previous	C	Former	D	Earlier
26	A	do	B	shape	C	make	D	build
27	A	looked over	B	looked through	C	looked at	D	looked for
28	A	wanted	B	saw	C	knew	D	searched
29	A	began	B	grew	C	started	D	developed
30	A	applied	B	spread	C	reached	D	distributed
31	A	advances	B	news	C	approaches	D	offers
32	A	shift	B	change	C	replace	D	convert

TASK 6

Read the texts below. For each of the empty spaces (33—42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW MANY MOVIES ARE MADE ANNUALLY IN HOLLYWOOD?

There hasn't been a movie **(33)** _____ in Hollywood since 1911, when, fed up with ramshackle sets and the chaotic influence of hordes of actors and crews, **(34)** _____ town tossed out the Nestor Film Company and wrote an ordinance **(35)** _____ the building of any future studios. Even so, the magic of the name **(36)** _____, and so the industry we call Hollywood grew up around that little town in **(37)** _____ places as Burbank, Santa Monica, and Culver City—but not in Hollywood.

33	A	was made	B	making	C	made	D	to make
34	A	a	B	the	C	an	D	–
35	A	forbidding	B	forbidden	C	forbids	D	forbade
36	A	has established	B	was established	C	established	D	is established
37	A	so	B	as	C	such	D	both

THE BUSINESS OF BETTERING THE WORLD

Most companies and businesspeople **(38)** _____ they want to make the world a better, cleaner, and safer place. Anita Roddick, founder of The Body Shop, actually built her business around these values. Before Roddick opened the first Body Shop in 1976, the British native traveled widely. She **(39)** _____ to many interesting locally grown products. Her first store in England **(40)** _____ only a handful of personal-care items, which used ingredients such as aloe vera and cocoa butter.

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(41) _____ by Roddick, The Body Shop also supported a number of causes. In March 2006, The Body Shop was bought by L'Oréal. Some people were worried that the new owners **(42)** _____ the way The Body Shop was run. But Roddick remained confident that the "green" company she created would stay true to its values.

38	**A**	said	**B**	had said	**C**	say	**D**	were said
39	**A**	introduced	**B**	had introduced	**C**	was introduced	**D**	introduces
40	**A**	sold	**B**	has sold	**C**	was sold	**D**	had sold
41	**A**	Lead	**B**	Led	**C**	Leading	**D**	Leaded
42	**A**	change	**B**	would change	**C**	will change	**D**	have changed

WRITING

43 You have a part time job in a students' canteen. The manager wants to make this place more popular and asked you to write a report with the recommendations of your own. Write your report dwelling on the following questions:

- explain the purpose of your report
- give examples and say why the canteen is not always popular with young people
- briefly describe two dishes which are not popular with young people
- recommend your menu, entertainment, interior.

Write a letter of at least 100 words.

Do not write any dates and addresses.

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