

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.

Joker as a mirror of a troubled society

It is utterly impossible to find a person who (49)___ «Joker» written and directed by Todd Phillips. The story is quite familiar to those who watched films about superheroes, Batman, for instance. It was not the first try to make a story about Joker, but this one gradually (50)___ from all others.

«Joker» tells the story of Arthur Fleck and how the cruelty of society slowly making him (51)___ than he already was. Having not the easiest childhood, Arthur works as a comedian whose performance distinguishes him amongst others through the pain that drops from each of his jokes. The end is well-known; eventually, Arthur leads the way of the criminal, and in the end, he is the symbol of a new movement.

What is worth saying is the magnificence of the performance by Joaquin Phoenix (Joker). His act is truly brilliant, you (52)___ feel and experience all the pain and madness that slowly eating his character alive. You (53)___ even sympathize and feel sorry that he was the one living that miserable life, whilst he could have a happy one.

49	A	hadn't watched	B	hasn't watched	C	didn't watch	D	not watched
50	A	differ	B	is differing	C	differed	D	differs
51	A	crazier	B	crazier	C	craziest	D	crazy
52	A	could	B	must	C	can	D	should
53	A	may	B	can	C	could	D	might

Support, understanding and unconditional love – basics of a happy family

These days, it is essential to have a safe place, where you (54)____ forget about all the troubles that life brings. Family plays a key role in the existence of every human being, we (55)____ our strength there, a possibility to bury all our worries and feel loved and safe. It is questionable whether there is something more valuable than warm hugs from Mom and Dad, a soft smile and a smell that you've accustomed to.

Nobody in the whole world (56)____ you unconditionally as your parents do. No one living soul will support and understand you as those who know you from the very beginning. They (57)____ with you through the worst and the better, they keep your darkest fears, happy and proud of all your achievements. You need to acknowledge that and (58)____ grateful forever. Be good for them, as they will not be with you till the end of the time and give them back unconditional love, support and understanding when they will need the most.

54	A	can	B	might	C	must	D	should
55	A	found	B	have found	C	find	D	will find
56	A	loved	B	loves	C	would love	D	will love
57	A	have been	B	were	C	are	D	will be
58	A	are	B	was	C	be	D	were