

Reading Task 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

Tips on travelling abroad

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Make sure that you have all the necessary vaccinations and that you have renewed all important prescriptions. Also, take some key pills with you. Yes, even the most historic European neighbourhood has a drugstore. It might even be marked on the map in your guidebook. But do you want to be running around Germany late at night, looking for aspirin?

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To avoid any problems, double-check the expiration date of your passport. If necessary, renew your passport. Secondly, get it copied. If your passport gets stolen or lost, you want to be sure that you can still get back into the country, or be able to prove your citizenship.

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It's a good idea to have a place to stay booked for your arrival day. Even if you prefer not to plan every day of your trip, it's always good to have a place to go to when you arrive. Also, you'll usually have to write an address down on your customs form, so having your hotel/hostel address is good for that as well.

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Not every place takes credit cards, especially places like trains or buses. Some countries require travellers to pay in order to enter or leave the country. These fees are not included in the price of your airline ticket. So, be ready to have enough money in your pocket, including small change to pay fares.

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Here are some important contacts to store in your phone:

- the nearest consulate or embassy
- local police and fire stations
- nearby hospital or medical centre
- any other contacts you may need in trouble!

- A Keep emergency numbers at hand
- B Take care of your documents
- C Bring guidebooks
- D Check your credit cards
- E Ensure to have local cash
- F Carry a medical kit
- G Make reservations
- H Register with your embassy.

Task 2

Read the text below. For question (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

In 1995, among ice and volcanic ash 20,700 feet high in the Andes, Johan Reinhard discovered a 500-year-old Inca mummy. Reinhard is an explorer at the National Geographic Society. Here's his story in his own words.

I grew up in a small town in Illinois where the possibilities for exciting exploration were limited. But for a young boy, it was still an adventure to go camping along the river that flowed through the town. My father's job as a detective meant that I had a fascination with trying to solve "mysteries" as well. My childhood memories are of using fingerprinting and powder that showed up under ultraviolet light. And fishing and hunting took me outdoors. I read about the adventures of the *Hardy Boys*, then those of modern-day explorers, and I kept wondering why I couldn't do some of the same things. When I turned 16, I joined a railroad line gang, working with Southerners and travelling throughout the Midwest. I learned two valuable lessons: I could earn a living in difficult circumstances simply by working hard, and I was fascinated learning about people with a cultural background different from my own. I used my savings from the line gang to travel alone to Brazil, where I came into contact with jungle tribes. Back in the U.S., I began scuba diving, cave exploring, skydiving, and mountain climbing.

When I began studying cultural anthropology and archaeology at the University of Arizona, I saw unlimited possibilities for combining the outdoor skills I'd learned with anthropology in remote parts of the world. The next step seemed only logical: I decided I'd learn more by studying anthropology in a foreign country, since I'd be "living" anthropology while studying it in a different language. Once I had studied cinematography and learned to analyse unwritten languages, I felt ready for the career I'd foreseen for myself while still a boy: anthropological research.

With anthropology, my desire to visit little-known places could be combined with my interest in understanding other cultures. To me it seemed like I would be solving mysteries. I was fascinated by questions like: Why did people in the past build such unusual structures (such as giant drawings in the sand) in such difficult places (such as mountaintops)?

How can someone become an explorer? It is not necessary to be a great athlete, but it is necessary to be fit and to know how to take care of oneself and others in an emergency. Practical skills, such as mapping and auto repair, are always useful! Key is speaking a foreign language and being trained in a field of science. But perhaps one of the most important necessities is being able to form friendly relationships with diverse people under difficult circumstances (a good sense of humour is critical). Determination and a sense of responsibility may be enough for some expeditions.

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What are Johan Reinhard's earliest memories about?

- A fishing with his father in the local river
- B spending summer holidays in a camp
- C experimenting with detective methods
- D learning about aboriginal jungle tribes

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What was Johan Reinhard's childhood dream?

- A to learn how to drive a locomotive
- B to work in a chemical laboratory
- C to follow in his father's footsteps
- D to become a professional explorer

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What did Johan Reinhard spend his first money on?

- A his journey through the Midwest
- B his studies at the University of Arizona
- C travelling to South America
- D learning unwritten languages

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What is NOT important for becoming an explorer, according to the author?

- A to be able to solve mysteries
- B to be in good physical condition
- C to be able to cope with difficulties
- D to get along with different people

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What is **TRUE** of Johan Reinhard, according to the text?

- A He has earned a huge sum of money.
- B He has made a great discovery.
- C He has contributed to cinematography.
- D He has sailed round the world.

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (11-15) to (11-16). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Great Outings

11 Culloden Battlefield

The battle lines have been redrawn at the *Culloden Battlefield*. With the site restored as closely as possible to that seen on that day in April 1746, Culloden now boasts a visitor centre and interactive exhibition. Follow characters who were actually involved in the battle in the exhibition, experience the true horror of the battle in the 360-degree immersive film, take a battlefield tour, and watch the daily *Living History* presentations.

12 New Era Cruises

Eco-friendly boat trips on the *Beauly Firth* from North Kessock. It's a good chance to admire fine scenery plus to see dolphins and other wildlife. The boat admits up to 8 passengers. Duration is approximately 40 minutes. Most days May – September, weather and tide permitting.

13 Hugh Miller Birthplace, Cottage and Museum

Hugh Miller Birthplace Cottage and Museum presents Hugh Miller's many talents, including his being a stonemason, geologist, writer, editor and church reformer through a variety of exhibitions. The 17th century cottage, where Hugh was born in 1802, has an audio tour which tells of its history.

14 Caledonian Gifts and Souvenirs

It's a family-run business offering an eclectic mix of souvenirs and gifts. The best quality off-the-peg kilts are sold at the cheapest price including accessories. Most of the products are exclusive. Make your purchases with confidence as they guarantee, if you find the same item cheaper within 150 miles of Inverness, they will refund the difference.

15 Munlochy Clootie Well

A healing well dedicated to St Boniface. There is said to have once been a chapel on the site. To have your wish granted, you must spill some water 3 times on the ground, tie a rag torn from your clothes and make the sign of the cross and then drink from the well. Legend states that anyone removing a rag will suffer from the misfortunes of the original owner.

16 Groam House

"A hidden treasure, a delightful museum". *Groam House* is an award-winning museum dedicated to the Picts and to displaying and interpreting the stunning examples of their sculptural art found in Rosemarkie. An annual exhibition is also held and there is a museum shop which stocks high quality small gifts with Celtic and local themes. There are activities for children and videos to watch, as well as a suite of interactive computer programmes.

Which advertisement mentions that you can _____?

- A listen to recorded information
- B feel part of a historic event
- C make a sculpture of your own
- D keep little kids entertained
- E help make your dream come true
- F be taught some professional skills
- G buy the least expensive national clothes
- H be stopped by weather conditions

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.

Drinking Water: Bottled or from the Tap?

If your family is like many in the United States, unloading the week's groceries includes (17) _____. On your way to a soccer game or activity, it's easy to grab a cold one right out of the fridge, right?

But all those plastic bottles use a lot of fossil fuels and pollute the environment. In fact, Americans buy more bottled water than any other nation in the world, (18) _____. In order to make all these bottles, manufacturers use 17 million barrels of crude oil. That's enough oil to keep a million cars (19) _____.

People love the convenience of bottled water. But maybe if they realised the problems it causes, they would try drinking from a glass at home or (20) _____ instead of plastic.

Used plastic water bottles are sent to landfills, or even worse, they end up as trash on the land and in rivers, lakes, and the ocean. Plastic bottles take many hundreds of years to disintegrate.

Plastic bottle recycling can help (21) _____, plastic bottles can be turned into items like carpeting or cosy fleece clothing.

Water is good for you, so keep drinking it. But think about how often you use water bottles, and see if you can make a change. And yes, you can make a difference. Remember this: (22) _____ can save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for six hours.

- A going for twelve months
- B recycling one plastic bottle
- C cope with a rising amount of trash
- D carrying water in a refillable steel container
- E drink tap water instead of bottled water
- F recycling actually saves real resources
- G adding 29 billion water bottles a year to the problem
- H carrying a case or two of bottled water into your home

Task 5
Use of English

Read the text below. For questions (23-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Tunnel Vision

More than 100,000 cars travel (23) _____ the *Holland Tunnel* daily. But while some drivers are planning their (24) _____ home, others are planning their next snack. Luckily, Ali Hoblos is there, at the corner of Varick Street and Broome Street, ready (25) _____ hot dogs or warm buns right to drivers' cars.

After 17 years of working at this corner, just one block from the tunnel's entrance, Hoblos knows drivers' dietary (26) _____ well. And he (27) _____ on traffic moving, at least slowly, because "when they're stopped, they don't usually want anything," he says.

(28) _____, Hoblos sells two or three dozen hot dogs and about as many buns each day during his noon-to-eight shift. He says there is no big difference in winter sales (29) _____ summer, and that overall his business has declined in the last year. "I think a lot of people are on diets lately, (30) _____ just after the New Year," Hoblos reports. In addition to his handful of regulars, he says his best customers are parents with kids in the car. The hardest sell is taxi drivers, who almost never buy from him. "I've been doing this a long time," Hoblos says. "You don't get rich, but you make a (31) _____. And sometimes you get a tip if they're in a good (32) _____."

23	A	across	B	under	C	over	D	through
24	A	course	B	route	C	direction	D	track
25	A	to cook	B	to buy	C	to deliver	D	to propose
26	A	likes	B	recommendations	C	flavours	D	habits
27	A	relies	B	insists	C	keeps	D	concentrates
28	A	In comparison	B	On average	C	For example	D	At last
29	A	except	B	since	C	versus	D	with
30	A	especially	B	correctly	C	properly	D	figuratively
31	A	bargain	B	business	C	living	D	loan
32	A	condition	B	mood	C	shape	D	mind

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 Park

In order (33) _____ the Falls in all its glory, you'll need to visit the Park, which (34) _____ in 1934 to preserve the biological diversity of the subtropical rainforest and the breathtaking scenery surrounding the Falls. It was declared a Natural Heritage of Humanity in 1984 and (35) _____ an area of approximately six (36) _____ square kilometres (60,000 hectares). Approximately 400 species of birds, 2,000 species of plants and a world of insects call the Park their home. You'll particularly love the butterflies (37) _____ constantly surround and play with you!

33	A	to have seen	B	to see	C	see	D	seeing
34	A	has been created	B	was creating	C	was created	D	created
35	A	is spanning	B	had spanned	C	was spanning	D	spans
36	A	hundred	B	hundreds	C	hundred of	D	hundreds of
37	A	how	B	what	C	that	D	whom

Chief Priority

In an open (38) _____ over breakfast, Microsoft executives Shane Kim and Chris Satchell (39) _____ that two of the home video game projects which *The Lord of the Rings* director Peter Jackson (40) _____ on with Bungie, an American video game developer, would take the form of episodic series. "Our deal with Peter is not about a film guy who wants (41) _____ video games," Kim reminded the crowd. He also noted that, "The first series will be set in the *Halo Universe*," and that, "we're in the design phase now." The projects were first announced at the video game trade show in Barcelona, and their emergence as episodic series came as something of a surprise, hinting that both projects would have a strong emphasis on the story. It was comforting to know that progress was being made, however slow it (42) _____ be.

38	A	discuss	B	discussion	C	discussing	D	discussed
39	A	has revealed	B	reveals	C	had revealed	D	revealed
40	A	works	B	has been working	C	was working	D	work
41	A	make	B	making	C	makes	D	to make
42	A	might	B	had to	C	ought to	D	should