

TASK 5

Read and complete the text below.

For empty spaces (23-34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

WORKERS NEED ABILITY TO LEARN THROUGHOUT LIFE

Lifetime (23) is a simple concept: It means (24) yourself to improving your job (25) throughout your career. For a worker, it now is a (26) Studies show that the (27) person now changes careers at least three (28) and jobs an average of 10.5 times over the course of a working (29) Each of these new careers and jobs likely will (30) a person to learn a new (31) of skills.

Just think of some of the jobs that exist today that did not exist 30 years ago, such as computer network administrator and Web site programmer. Think of some of the jobs that now use a(n) (32) different set of tools, such as auto repair or mechanical (33) People who were in mid-career in any of these (34) a decade ago are still in the work force, either doing the same thing in a completely different way or doing something completely different.

For empty spaces (23-34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

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|----|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 23 | A teaching | B schooling | C tutoring | D learning |
| 24 | A devoting | B giving life | C sacrificing | D dedicating |
| 25 | A knacks | B abilities | C skills | D dexterity |
| 26 | A demand | B necessity | C indispensability | D possibility |
| 27 | A average | B medium | C common | D middle |
| 28 | A times | B hours | C occasions | D occurrences |
| 29 | A lifespan | B lifetime | C vitality | D life duration |
| 30 | A need | B require | C want | D necessitate |
| 31 | A series | B kit | C set | D regulation |
| 32 | A fully | B all | C altogether | D completely |
| 33 | A technologies | B engineering | C facilities | D devices |
| 34 | A activities | B professions | C businesses | D operations |

TASK 6

Read the texts below.

For the empty spaces (35-46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM

A mouse looked (35) a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food (36) it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap!

(37) to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, 'There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house.'

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, 'Mr. Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I (38) by it.'

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, 'There is a mouse trap in the house.'

'I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse,' sympathized the pig, 'but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers.'

The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, 'Like wow, Mr. Mouse, a mouse trap; am I (39) grave danger, Duh?'

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone.

That very night a sound (40) throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she (41) that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap (42)

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

She returned home (43) a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the (44) main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. (45) , them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well, in fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral and the farmer had the cow (46) to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

For the empty spaces (35-46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

- 35 A in
C through
- 36 A must
C had to
- 37 A Retreating
C To retreat
- 38 A mustn't be bothered
C cannot be bothered
- 39 A at
Con
- 40 A heard
C had been heard
- 41 A did not see
C haven't seen
- 42 A caught
C had caught
- 43 A from
Cat
- 44 A soup's
C soups
- 45 A Feeding
C To have fed
- 46 A slaughter
C slaughtered
- B out of
D outside
- B should
D might
- B Having retreated
D Being retreated
- B needn't be bothered
D shouldn't be bothered
- Bin
D with
- B hearing
D was heard
- B hadn't seen
D wasn't seen
- B was caught
D did catch
- B with
D about
- Bsoup
D soups'
- BTo be feeding
D To feed
- B slaughtering
D having slaughtered

WRITING**TASK 1**

Read the text below.

Fill in the each gap with the one word which best fits each space (47-50).

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The drive to our destination was punctuated with the mandatory refresher and comfort stops, an early morning breakfast in a highway petrol station that could (47) best described as filling but far from nutritious, the dawning of a new day, coupled with patches of fog, mist and light rain which typifies a winter's morning as you get closer to the snow fields.

As we drove, Simon and I talked a little about his week's break and a host of what may have seemed unimportant and rather minor subjects, (48) , it was great to have this time with him as we very rarely spend five continuous hours in each other's company, other than in the days when we played Saturday afternoon cricket together.

As I left to make the return trip (49) home, I had a strange sense of loneliness which quickly disappeared as I concentrated on driving through some very heavy early morning fog. Within an hour I was through the fog and had a clear open road ahead of me, so I engaged cruise control and spent the next four hours (50) to some of my favourite CD's.

TASK 2

51. A scientific journal has asked its readers to write an article discussing the question 'What should be done to help endangered animals.'

On a separate sheet of paper write an article of 100-120 words for the magazine on this topic.

Mention:

- why so many animals are endangered today;
- what the reasons of animals' extinction are;
- the possible solutions of the problem.

TASK 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-5).

There are three choices you do not need to use.

Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR CHILD'S READING LEVEL AT HOME

Everything Is a Book Waiting to Be Read

1. Do it often. Studies show parents do not read to their children very much any more, if at all. Leading authorities say a child should be read to at least 30 minutes a day.
2. Pause to spell them and sound them out as you read to your child. Pause while reading to have him spell out or read a word you previously went out of your way to teach him.
3. Write them out the letters to a word. Say cat, then let the child turn the letters into a picture of a cat. If she is too young, you can draw the picture for her so it is recognizable. Do this for every letter of the alphabet.
4. Use for the objects around the house and post them to the appropriate object. For instance, spell out 'refrigerator' or 'door' on a note card then tape it to that object. Your child can help make these or decide what objects he would like to spell. Then every time you or he uses that object, get in the habit of spelling it and pointing to each letter.
5. Practise reading it over and over again. Let this be his/her very first book to read on his/her own. If a child has memorised the words, as many kids do, it will be even easier for him/her to learn the words.

- A Have fun with words.
- B Point out words.
- C Write the letters.
- D Read to your child.
- E Find a book the child loves.
- F Make flash cards.
- G Make note of important parts.
- H Start a learning discussion.

TASK 2

Read the text below. For (6-11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D).

TRAVEL AUSTRALIA WITH US!

Ever wanted to just leave life behind, pack your family into a motorhome and drive away like you had no worries? Well that's what my husband, our two kids and I have done! We are the Mckay's, and we are inviting you to come along with us as we traverse our beautiful continent of Australia, starting by heading north from Brisbane, following the coast and then eventually circumnavigating our way back round the continent to Queensland. So watch this space for updates on the adventure of a lifetime, travel advice and general hints on campervan living! This is my first lens, and it kickstarts our journey as well as provides invaluable advice on travel in Australia for local and international travellers. In it I do my best to persuade you to come and visit our magnificent country, it's something you won't regret. Australia has 7.69 million square kilometres to it, so there's a lot to explore out there! If you never make it, well hopefully my lens can be the next best thing!

Having lived in Brisbane for years now we've been on countless trips to the Sunshine Coast, a collection of seaside suburbs that begins about an hour and a half north of the Queensland capital. Sunny, surfy and laid back, the Sunshine Coast is the ultimate spot for a relaxing weekend away, and we've made the most of that over the years. But I've never been as excited as I am today to make this short drive north. Looking out from the passenger seat of our motorhome, the rainforests seem greener and full of promise, and the blue ocean we occasionally glimpse to our right looks more inviting than ever before.

This is the start of our travels around Australia, travels that me and my husband Bruce have been planning for months. We are stoked to see all our hard work come together, and can't think of a more beautiful spot to kick it all off than the little coastal town of Noosa on the Sunny Coast. The kids, Derek, who is 12, and Jenny, who has just turned 10, absolutely love it here, and we got an early start so they could get a full day in at the beach. We will spend the night at our favourite haunt, the Noosa River Caravan Park, before striking out north again. Who knows, maybe we'll stay longer... that's the beauty of a self drive holiday!

My husband has a smug look on his face, as if he's already caught the biggest fish on the Noosa River. His favourite pastime is taking Derek fishing, and they've hired a tinny (a small aluminium boat for you non-Australians!) to take on the river this afternoon. I'm sure when Derek wakes from his early

morning slumber that's all he's going to talk about, so I silently prepare myself for the angling conversations I cannot contribute to!

While they fish Jenny and I are going to go shopping for a new swimming costume for her. For such a small town Noosa is something of a shopper's paradise, and the main drag known as Hastings Street is a heaven of specialty shops. Sophisticated and relaxed at the same time, it's the perfect seaside shopping experience, and there are lots of quaint coffee shops and eateries to fill empty stomachs and refresh tired legs! As Brace drives the campervan through Noosa and into the camping ground I start to feel extremely happy about the idea of a bit of bonding with my daughter.

The day pans out perfectly, with the boys catching their fish and Jenny and I shopping till we almost drop. We meet up in the late afternoon, exchange stories and make our way to Noosa Heads to watch the sun set on the first day of what is going to be a fantastic family adventure. Being our first day on the road we treat ourselves to dinner at a restaurant, and as usual the fine Noosa cuisine doesn't let us down. The seafood doesn't get much fresher than here, and we return to our motorhome satisfied and tired. I think the decision is as good as made, we're definitely going to stay another night!

6. The family was determined to
 - A have a ride along the coast
 - B travel round the country
 - C cross the desert
 - D visit Queensland
7. The McKay's travelled
 - A to the south
 - B to the north
 - C to the west
 - D to the east
8. What stimulated the start of the travellers' journey?
 - A The valuable advice of their friends.
 - B The desire to leave life behind.
 - C The adventure of a lifestyle agency's advice.
 - D The fact of purchasing a campervan.
9. The family has been a number of times on holiday
 - A in the capital
 - B at the Sunshine Coast
 - C in the rainforests of the north
 - D on the Sunny Coast
10. What was the first stopping place in the motorhome adventure?
 - A Brisbane
 - B Queensland capital
 - C Sidney
 - D Noosa
11. The travellers spent the first evening of the trip
 - A at Noosa Heads
 - B on the Noosa River
 - C at the Noosa River Caravan Park
 - D on the Sunny Coast of Noosa