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.

The drought in India has become so severe **(17)** ..... in many regions of the country, even murdering each other over the precious substance.

Northern India is in the grips of a drought so severe that in Bhopal, the City of Lakes, the government has been forced to ration water use **(18)** ..... . Nearly two million people live in this massive city, where the 1,000-year old artificial Upper Lake has shrunk from 38 square kilometres (15 square miles) to a mere five square kilometres (two square miles).

Almost 100,000 Bhopal residents live without water hookups of their own, **(19)** ..... that travel throughout the city. Fights are common when the tankers arrive in a slum, with people jostling each other for the best chance at the limited water supply. In unregistered slums, water tankers never arrive and residents may have to hike two kilometres **(20)** ..... .

It was in one such unregistered slum that the Malviya family drilled a hole into a municipal water pipe, and travelled there shortly before the water began flowing one night, **(21)** ..... . The family was confronted by a group of neighbours, including a local man named Dinu who accused them of blocking the pipe and cutting off water farther down the hill. Dinu slapped Gyarasi Malviya, and when her son Raju tried to interfere, one of the people gathered drew a sword. In the ensuing clash, all the Malviyas were hacked to death.

The situation in Bhopal and across northern India may offer a glimpse of the world's future. The United Nations has warned that by 2050, four billion people will find themselves living in areas **(22)** ..... .

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Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22).

There are two choices you do not need to use.

A or more to the nearest pumping stations

B were too afraid to do anything

C with an insufficient water supply

D that people have begun literally fighting over water

E to half an hour once per three days

F didn't want them to take any water

G relying on water tankers

H to collect the liquid in whatever containers they could get their hands on

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TASK 5

Read and complete the text below.

SHOULD HE BITE ME?

One time a large stone fell upon Snake and covered her so that she could not rise. A white man, it is said, came upon her and (23) ..... the stone, but when he had done so, she wanted to bite him. The White Man said, 'Stop! Let us first go to someone (24) ..... .' They went to Hyena, and the White Man asked him, 'Is it right that Snake should want to bite me, even though I helped her so much?'

Hyena (who was looking for his own (25) ..... of the White Man's body) said, 'If you were bitten, what would it matter?' So Snake thought that (26) ..... it, but the White Man said again, 'Wait a little, and let us go to (27) ..... wise people, that I may hear whether this is right.' They went and met Jackal, and the White Man put the same question to him.

Jackal replied, 'I don't believe that Snake could ever be so (28) ..... by a stone that she could not rise. (29) ..... I saw it with my two eyes, I wouldn't believe it. (30) ..... me to the place where you say it happened so I can see for myself whether it can (31) ..... be true.'

They went together to that place, and Jackal said, 'Snake, (32) ..... down, and let yourself be covered.' Snake did so, and the White man covered her with the stone; and (33) ..... she tried with all her strength Snake couldn't get up. Then the White Man wanted to let Snake go again, but Jackal stopped him saying, 'Don't lift the stone. She wanted to bite you, (34) ..... , let her get up and lift it herself.

Then they both went away and left Snake there, just as before.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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

23	A broke out	B lifted	C rose	D got up
24	A complicated	B wise	C intelligent	D cunning
25	A share	B halve	C divide	D part
26	A organized	B made	C established	D settled
27	A another	B the other	C other	D the others
28	A overcrusted	B covered	C overlaid	D veiled
29	A Unless	B If	C When	D Nevertheless
30	A Follow	B Lead	C Show	D Take
31	A even	B possibly	C however	D although
32	A lie	B lay	C sit	D slide
33	A however	B although	C because	D as soon as
34	A as though	B thus	C as if	D therefore

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TASK 6

Read the text below.
For the empty spaces (35-46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).
Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

STONE AND THE FLOWER

'You have hardened', said the flower, (35) ..... her petals downward toward the half stone at her roots. 'These rains (36) ..... you, made you more fertile and receptive to the seeds of the fields; but no. You (37) ..... minerals and have become more silent and full of calcium. Why do you stay here? Why do you resist the brook that (38) ..... us water?' The stone said nothing.

A number of clouds passed by, the sun set and the night arrived with an immense bronze-coloured (39) ..... moon with acne scars upon her worn face and in this manner reflected down upon the silent stone which still (40) ..... . The flower, by now, had tucked-in her petals and slept profoundly, and at this time the stone began to answer: 'I stay here because your roots (41) ..... me yours. I stay here because it is no longer about my feeling the earth rather because I (42) ..... part of that which functions as a support of your stem which (43) ..... the wind and the rain. Everything changes, my sweet flower', said the stone, 'but I stay here because love is that microscopic space between your feet and my (44) ..... skin. You would only be able to feel it if destiny were ever to separate the two of us.'

The moon followed the fade of the stars. Dawn gave a yawn as the sun began (45) ..... its horizon on the lower lip of the mouth of a new day. The flower awoke and extended her beautiful petals. 'Good morning', she said, 'I dreamt that you (46) ..... to me. How foolish of me, don't you think?'

The stone said nothing.

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Read the text STONE AND THE FLOWER.

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

35 A having bent B was bending
C bending D to bend

36 A should soften B have softened
C had softened D should have softened

37 A accumulated B have accumulated
C had accumulated D have been accumulated

38 A gives B is giving
C give D is given

39 A freckling B freckled
C freckles D freckle

40 A haven't fallen asleep B didn't fall asleep
C hadn't fallen asleep D wasn't falling asleep

41 A make B have made
C made D will make

42 A became B am becoming
C had become D have become

43 A resists B resist
C will resist D is resisting

44 A salt B salted
C salty D salting

45 A burn B to burn
C to have burned D to be burning

46 A were singing B have sung
C had sung D sing

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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.

LOOKING FOR DIAMONDS

Albert Einstein said, 'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.' Once discovered, such opportunities are (47) ..... valuable diamonds hidden in the sand.

Several years ago I spoke at church about how we are surrounded by 'diamonds,' if we could only recognize them. A man stopped by to see me. I remembered him as somebody who had suffered through a painful divorce and was examining his life's priorities. His outstretched hand contained a small, plastic gem stone.

'I stepped on this gem stone (48) ..... I was leaving church last Sunday,' he explained. 'It became lodged in the sole of my shoe. You had spoken about recognizing opportunities — diamonds. I put the plastic stone in my pocket to remind me to look for those diamonds that I need.'

'I (49) ..... been trying to sell my business,' he continued. On Monday morning, a man stopped by who seemed interested in purchasing some of my stock. I thought, 'Here's my diamond — don't let it get away!' I sold the entire stock to him by noon.

'Now,' he said through a broad smile, 'my next diamond is to find a new job!' Not long afterward, he did find a new — and better — job. He resolved to keep his gem stone with him from then on as a reminder to look for diamonds as he digs through the difficulties of (50) ..... .

TASK 2

51. On a separate sheet of paper write (100-120 words) about a memorable experience when you met an interesting person. Write about:

- who you met;
- where it was;
- why the person was interesting;
- why meeting this person was memorable.

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TEST 7

READING

TASK 1

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

HOW TO MOTIVATE YOURSELF TO WAKE UP EARLY AND WORKOUT

1. ..... You set your alarm for 6 a.m. each night and correspondingly jump into the shower when the buzzer goes off. You do this because you know that you have to be at work! You can't just hit snooze 3 days a week and just skip work! So, why not be the same about your exercise routine? For starters, try placing your alarm clock on the other side of the room. Turn the volume up full blast so that when you wake up to it, you actually wake up! The рифове of placing it on the other side of the room is so that you physically have to get up and turn the alarm off.

2. ..... Buy a pair of great jeans that are your ideal size. You don't have, to spend a lot of money but you want to have something to motivate yourself towards. Or, if you can't afford to spend money on clothing, find something in your closet that once fit you but is now to snug. Hang the new or vintage article of clothing in front of your workout equipment. This will help push you to see what you're really motivating yourself toward.

3. ..... Make sure you have a day to sleep in! Whether it's Wednesday or Saturday, make sure to give yourself a reward. If you are devoting yourself to making a healthy change, then you must give yourself credit for working hard.

4. ..... Put your workout equipment in your bedroom or as close to your bedroom as possible. If your bedroom is on the top floor of your home and your exercise equipment is in the basement, then you may feel it's too exhausting to go all the way to the basement!

5. ..... If you choose to workout at a gym, still leave your alarm on the other side of the room, but also wear workout clothing to bed. Wear comfortable shorts, a sports bra if you are a woman, and a T-shirt. Or, lay out your workout attire the night before so that you can wake up and change quickly. The drive to the gym will actually help to wake you up. Make a CD or playlist on your iPod with upbeat songs to listen to while driving to the gym to wake you up.

A Have some energy drink!
B Wake up!
C Keep your outfit close.
D Choose a day for healthy change!
E Stretch and work out!
F Do purchasing to motivate you forward!
G Conquer your day!
H Prepare suitable clothes for training!

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