

## Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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MONTH**



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Saturday, 10-22  
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Which of the advertisements is about

\_\_\_\_\_?

- A** an interior designer
- B** an electrician
- C** an estate agent
- D** a job advert
- E** a DIY store
- F** an outdoor furniture website
- G** a soft furnishing shop
- H** a carpenter



## Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### Walt Disney

The godfather of the world-famous Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck was born in Chicago in 1901 and was the fourth child in his family. From early childhood, Walt contributed to the family budget by helping his father with delivering morning newspapers, hating this job with all his heart. It was also in his childhood that he discovered his passion for drawing and started taking drawing classes to be able to do it professionally. As World War I broke out, the young man worked in Europe as an ambulance driver for the American Red Cross. Soon after returning to the USA, Walt chose to create cartoons as his future career path and started conquering the animation industry. Disney's first works in this sphere were limited to producing short commercials that were shown at the local cinema. He even founded a small studio called "Laugh-O-Gram", which, however, went bankrupt in the short run.

Nevertheless, Disney was persistent in pursuing his dream and went on to work on *Alice in Cartoonland* – a series of short films that combined actors' play and animation. After a number of rejections, one of the film distributors consequently spotted Disney's talent and bought his work, so his creativity along with innovation started to flourish and bear fruit. He made the most of the developing animation technology to provide his cartoons with colour and natural motion of the characters. Consequently, speaking characters and music made all of his animated films stand out among the rest. By now, very few adults and children haven't seen the famous *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Cinderella*, *Pinocchio*, *Bambi* and many other amusing animated films by Disney.

In the late 1920s, Disney invented a cheerful and funny character called Mortimer Mouse, now well-known as Mickey Mouse. It's believed that the latter nickname of the iconic character was once suggested by Disney's wife Lillian, who considered "Mortimer" too serious. Thus, the renamed character appeared in *Steamboat Willie* and a series of other episodes, being dubbed by its creator in lots of the early cartoons. Over time, the mischievous mouse stole the show and ended up being even more popular and recognisable than Santa Claus. On top of that, Mickey released a music album (which went platinum twice), won an Oscar and was granted a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame!

However, Disney cartoons are not the only way to escape the daily grind and have a pleasant break from routine. Nowadays, you can hardly find a person who hasn't heard of Disneyland – the place where all Disney characters come alive and take you to the world of fairy tales and pure joy. Although Walt Disney had planned and even launched the construction project of the second huge amusement park, Walt Disney World, he didn't live to see his biggest dream. The holiday resort has been extended several times since its opening in 1971, and now it features four theme parks, two water parks, more than twenty-five themed hotels from reasonably-priced rooms to luxurious deluxe ones and lots of other facilities for great rest and entertainment.

Walt Disney received a large number of awards for his life-long animation work and contribution to the development of the American movie industry. He won twenty-two Academy Awards in total. Disney's

*Steamboat Willie*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Fantasia*, *Pinocchio*, *Bambi*, *Dumbo* and *Mary Poppins* are part of the United States National Film Registry, honoured for their artistic quality and incredibly broad appeal. More importantly, his cartoons have stood the test of time. They remain the ones to be enjoyed by both the present generation and our descendants due to their magic power to make us feel like kids and teach about simple virtues – kindness, love and justice.

**22 What is known about Disney's early beginnings as a cartoonist?**

- A** He expressed no interest in art before the war.
- B** He preferred making commercials to making cartoons first.
- C** His first small business in animation wasn't profitable.
- D** He gave cartoon-drawing classes to contribute to the family budget.

**23 The factors that determined Disney's success do NOT include**

- A** his ability to think out of the box.
- B** his skills in picking fruit.
- C** his goal commitment.
- D** applying emerging technologies.

**24 Which of the following is NOT stated about Mickey Mouse?**

- A** He was famous for his musical talent.
- B** His name didn't match his personality.
- C** He starred in a show with Santa Claus.
- D** He used to speak in Walt Disney's voice.

**25 Which of the following is TRUE about Walt Disney World?**

- A** Its accommodations cater for every taste and budget.
- B** It's the only place in the USA to meet all Disney's characters.
- C** It used to occupy a fairly larger area at the beginning.
- D** Its creator had a chance to see how his vision was realised.

**26 Which of the following is FALSE about Disney cartoons?**

- A** They are cherished for their aesthetic pleasure.
- B** Their value is officially recognised.
- C** They foster basic morality.
- D** There's a decline in their popularity.



## Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### Magnificent Castles

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#### Marksburg Castle

Built around seven centuries ago, the castle was initially called Burg Braubach. It is the only medieval castle on the Rhine River which withstood numerous enemies' attacks due largely to being situated on the high cliff. Throughout the centuries, it was the residence of German nobility, and for some time, the castle served as a prison. Therefore, apart from the ancient furniture and weapons, there are various kinds of torture devices displayed in its dungeons.

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#### Alhambra Castle

It may be somewhat surprising to see the castle that strongly resembles Arabic palaces in style in the Spanish territory. And it won't be quite right to call it just a castle as it is actually a large complex comprising three beautiful palaces, flourishing surrounding gardens, shops, military barracks, and even several mosques! Although most of the buildings of the complex suffered great damage at different times in the past, its beautiful Islamic Medieval architecture is being carefully restored and preserved day by day.

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#### Bran Castle

Like many other old castles all over the world, Bran Castle used to serve different purposes, being the customs point on the Eastern border of Europe, the fortress protecting the lands of Eastern Europe from the Ottoman invaders, and, for a short period, the property of Hungarian kings. According to some legends, Count Dracula himself once stayed in the castle and went hunting in the nearby forests! Whatever the truth, you will be fascinated by its gorgeous Gothic architecture and breathtaking views of the Transylvanian landscapes.

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### Himeji Castle

Located in the centre of Himeji City, Japan, the castle was built in 1333 and expanded gradually until the 1600s. Unlike many massive and gloomy stone fortresses, Himeji Castle looks charmingly airy owing to its delicate architecture. It was constructed merely of wood and covered with a thick layer of white plaster, which reinforces the construction and makes it fireproof. Another interesting feature of the castle is the complicated garden maze around it, designed to protect the fortress from unwanted guests.

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### Bunratty Castle

The castle, constructed in 1425 and restored in 1954, is one of the Irish surviving architectural treasures. Apart from exploring its impressive rooms decorated with ancient furniture and tapestry, everyone can join the legendary Medieval Banquet there and enjoy the traditional Irish food and drinks! What is more, tourists have a great opportunity to travel back in time and experience the atmosphere of the nineteenth-century living village, strolling along the cobbled Irish streets in the Folk Park built around the castle.

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### Kamianets-Podilskyi Castle

According to historical sources, the fortress was built in the fourteenth century. Now, the ancient castle is one of the Seven Wonders of Ukraine and is an officially recognised UNESCO Heritage Site. The fortress boasts seven well-preserved towers, each of which has its own name. The highlight of the tour around the site is a night excursion to the towers and dungeons. As well as that, you can spot the views of the castle watching *Taras Bulba* or *Ivanhoe*!

Which of the castles \_\_\_\_\_?

- A is surrounded by a labyrinth
- B was completely ruined by fire
- C is believed to have hosted a mystical person from the past
- D appears in a film about the famous Transylvanian nobleman
- E stayed well-preserved thanks to its location
- F was used as a filming location
- G offers a walk around an old reconstructed rural settlement
- H has religious buildings nearby

## Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

### Ages and Values

There is a commonly held opinion that people are born with certain fixed personality traits (33) \_\_\_\_\_. Others claim that our character is shaped till we turn thirty. However, the most recent research has shown that our personal growth is a life-long process.

This way, at each stage of our life, we tend to pursue different goals and seek different emotional experiences. For example, we are most vulnerable as kids, expecting warmth, care and love from people around us. And among other things, we have a strong need for entertainment, joy and excitement, (34) \_\_\_\_\_.

As we grow older and get into our teens, friendship and romantic relationships become the main focus. Everything we do is triggered by passion. We often go from one extreme to the other, (35) \_\_\_\_\_. At this age, most teenagers, (36) \_\_\_\_\_, just try to assert their independence and personal views this way.

Having reached adulthood, we face a variety of life challenges and gain more and more experience day by day. On the one hand, this makes us more reserved and cautious; on the other – more mature and brave. Marital status and career begin to matter to us more than ever, and we are doing our best (37) \_\_\_\_\_.

And finally, nearing retirement, we acquire those precious wisdom and patience, (38) \_\_\_\_\_. What is more, we finally slow down and start to see the true value of things in our life.

- A both of which enable us to find common ground with others more easily
- B that determine their behaviour and reactions throughout their entire lives
- C to meet social expectations
- D whose behaviour seems outrageously rebellious and stubborn
- E to avoid responsibility and live life to the fullest
- F viewing boredom as one of our worst enemies
- G both of which cause even more confusion and embarrassment
- H feeling miserable at one moment and jumping for joy the other minute