

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

House with Chimaeras

Though most homes are designed to fit properly into the urban style, there are a few (39) _____ who prefer standing out. One of them was Vladyslav Horodetskyi, with his famous House with Chimaeras built on a very steep hill in the (40) _____ of Kyiv, within walking distance of the capital's main street – Khreshchatyk.

The building received its name because of mythological sculptural ornaments and hunting trophies on the (41) _____ which look down on us from above.

From the one street, the house has three floors, from the other side – six! And the number of rooms varies from one floor to another.

The house was (42) _____ in accordance with the movement of the sun across the sky. The windows of cooks and waiters' rooms are in the southeast façade, as the servants had to wake up with first light. And on the balcony, the owners could admire the (43) _____ view of the sunset.

Nowadays, the House with Chimaeras, being opposite the office of the President of Ukraine, is open for the public.

39	A	builders	B	artists	C	architects	D	architectors
40	A	heart	B	suburbs	C	countryside	D	outskirts
41	A	outside	B	roof	C	porch	D	lawn
42	A	decorated	B	designed	C	equipped	D	maintained
43	A	damp	B	run-down	C	functional	D	picturesque

(Un)attractive

I noticed Jason once I entered the hall. Tall, handsome, well-built with a flawless complexion, he gave the impression of being supremely (44) _____. His sense of humour made him stunningly attractive, and I knew lots of people who looked up (45) _____ him. To tell the truth, I used to be one of those who longed for his attention.

Jason always had a (46) _____ circle of friends, but what he also had was a tendency to be cruel, even ruthless at times, when he was (47) _____ sorts. He never hesitated to (48) _____ his mind, which led to our total misunderstanding. Well, appearances can really be deceiving.

44	A	devastated	B	confident	C	embarrassed	D	humble
45	A	at	B	on	C	of	D	to
46	A	wide	B	big	C	round	D	huge
47	A	of	B	out	C	of out	D	out of
48	A	say	B	tell	C	speak	D	talk

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.

Authentic Penfriendship?

Can our penfriends become our real friends one day? I (49)_____ to find the answer to this question for a couple of years. Still, no success.

On the one hand, we need someone to share our ongoing life stories with. In my case, that's Andrea, a 25-year-old housewife from Croatia. I really enjoy our penpalship as I can tell her about different marvellous moments like my jeep trip (50)_____ the Sahara or my voyage around (51)_____ Canary Islands. And from time to time, we (52)_____ so many personal aspects of our lives that real friends have no chance to know.

However, we have no intention to meet each other one day and have real communication. I know it can sound (53)_____, but one cannot show their genuine self through penpalling alone. So, how authentic can penfriendship be?

49	A	try	B	am trying	C	tried	D	have been trying
50	A	along	B	across	C	over	D	into
51	A	a	B	an	C	the	D	-
52	A	share	B	shares	C	are sharing	D	is sharing
53	A	strange	B	strangely	C	more strange	D	more strangely

A Flat to Rent

You have just entered the university and are now planning to rent a flat. Before you set off on your journey, find out several things you need to know.

Become Sherlock Holmes for a while, as what you should do is some serious property detective work. Any noisy neighbours who play (54) _____ harp on Sunday mornings? Any smell of mould in the bathroom? What's the water pressure like in the shower? Do the locks work well, and when (55) _____ the last time they were replaced? What kind of flatmates (56) _____? How affordable is this accommodation?

(57) _____ photos of every broken object before taking up a place. They will come in handy when your contract ends. In case you have very firm (58) _____ about some issues, declare them as soon as possible.

And make your stepping into adulthood trouble-free!

54	A	a	B	an	C	the	D	-
55	A	is	B	was	C	has been	D	had been
56	A	do you prefer	B	are you preferring	C	have you preferred	D	are you preferred
57	A	Not to take	B	To take	C	Take	D	Do not take
58	A	belief	B	beliefs	C	beliefs	D	believes