

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.

The Most Ukrainian Dish

What is borsch? The most famous Ukrainian dish that is easily recognised for its deep red colour? The hearty soup with meat and a (39) _____ of vegetables like cabbage, beets, potatoes and even beans? For Ukrainians, it's a superfood and a meal in itself.

You can (40) _____ find the family that dislikes this nutritious dish and every Ukrainian woman has her own (41) _____.

Cooked with peeled and grated or diced ingredients, it's served with sour cream and dill. If you haven't cooked it yet, (42) _____ or later you will make the first try and then you will fall in love with this (43) _____ dish with Ukrainian soul.

39	A	tin	B	jar	C	loaf	D	variety
40	A	hard	B	hardly	C	mostly	D	ever
41	A	recipe	B	meal	C	cuisine	D	receipt
42	A	earlier	B	sooner	C	never	D	better
43	A	yucky	B	disgusting	C	mouthwatering	D	genetically modified

Ride or Die

We all need this special person in our life with whom we can share our happiest and even our craziest days – our Ride or Die. Someone who is always by your side and will never let you **(44)** _____. They have your back no matter what. They **(45)** _____ a bullet for you and stay with you **(46)** _____ thick and thin.

You can have hard times, fall out and even split up. But the sooner you **(47)** _____ up with your friend, the better. Now and then we get acquainted with those who only pretend to be our friends but don't **(48)** _____ the test of time, and disappear when life gets tough. That is why it is crucial for all of us to have our Ride or Die.

44	A	out	B	down	C	off	D	up
45	A	catch	B	make	C	shoot	D	take
46	A	in	B	over	C	through	D	during
47	A	have	B	make	C	do	D	go
48	A	stand	B	fail	C	manage	D	drop

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.

The Age of Rage

Being a teenager, I (49)_____ things that my parents were always complaining about. And the more they lectured me, (50)_____ I behaved.

My eating habits were a complete disorder, as I could have (51)_____ cups of coffee or just grabbed a bite of junk food instead of home-cooked meals. Once, I (52)_____ with my friends all night long until I saw 20 missed phone calls from my dad. And my habit of talking back made him even think of sending me to a military-style teen boot camp as the only option to straighten me out.

But I'm genuinely grateful for their endless patience despite my eye-rolling, door slamming, refusing to attend school and lots of other annoying habits.

Now, I'm experiencing the same things with my own children, who are (53)_____ as I was! It seems the universe has a sense of humour.

49	A	used to do	B	had done	C	have done	D	had to do
50	A	much worse	B	worse	C	the worse	D	the worst
51	A	few	B	a few	C	little	D	a little
52	A	hung out	B	was hanging out	C	had hung out	D	had been hanging out
53	A	nasty	B	nastier	C	the nastiest	D	as nasty

British Cuisine: Now and Then

British food has now become a melting pot of diversity in cuisine. Although today's British cuisine is (54) _____ varied than centuries before, it still suffers from the image of being (55) _____ between dull and inedible! However, it (56) _____ multicultural, influenced first by the Romans – who brought game, vegetables and nuts, later by the French – who encouraged the drinking of wines. And finally, one of the benefits of having an empire was enriching its national cuisine with various exotic spices like saffron, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and pepper shipped from the colonies.

Unfortunately, during the two world wars, the British diet was facing a couple of serious (57) _____ because of the short supplies of goods to the island. As a result, (58) _____ journeys were made by ships importing foodstuff as they had to travel in convoys. That caused the decline of British cuisine in the 20th century, since the priority for British cooks was not pleasure but survival. And that can be at the root of the long-lasting reputation of British cuisine.

54	A	the more	B	the most	C	far more	D	far most
55	A	somewhere	B	anywhere	C	nowhere	D	everywhere
56	A	always was	B	was always being	C	had always been	D	has always been
57	A	crisis	B	crises	C	crisises	D	crisis'
58	A	a little	B	a few	C	fewer	D	less