

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.

A Former Straight-A Student

I used to be a know-it-all in primary and low secondary schools and my (39) _____ for knowledge made me a straight-A student. I always completed all my assignments (40) _____ hardly any mistakes and passed all tests with flying colours.

But then something happened, and I began playing truant from school and finally fell (41) _____ the class. My parents were worried sick about me and assumed that I would be expelled from school because of my poor attendance and low academic performance. And they were forced to make a hard decision: no financial support till I resit all my tests.

I had a really tough time, studying (42) _____ to catch up and to live (43) _____ their expectations.

39	A	wish	B	will	C	first	D	thirst
40	A	doing	B	making	C	writing	D	getting
41	A	behind	B	below	C	from	D	down
42	A	hard	B	hardly	C	hardlier	D	hardy
43	A	to	B	up	C	up to	D	to up

Summer Jobs

If you're a college student and need some extra money in summer, it's time to look for a holiday job. Lots of companies **(44)** _____ more staff for temporary jobs and that's your chance not only to have additional income but also to **(45)** _____ relevant experience.

Try to get recommendations from your college professors or supervisors from your previous jobs to have better **(46)** _____. Career counsellors advise applying for various vacancies. Sometimes the best jobs come when we least expect them. Be ready to work **(47)** _____ hours, **(48)** _____ errands and have a heavy workload in case you want to get ahead.

And remember that part-time summer jobs are a great option to add a little something extra to your resume and cover letter.

44	A	take in	B	take on	C	take up	D	take over
45	A	take	B	make	C	do	D	gain
46	A	prosperity	B	prospects	C	prospectives	D	perspectives
47	A	long	B	big	C	smart	D	office
48	A	go	B	walk	C	run	D	fly

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.

Choosing a Career

Choosing the right career can be the most important decision I must make this year. For most of (49)_____ school-leavers, it's not a problem at all. But I'm still in two minds.

I see (50)_____ as a famous actor or a singer, but my dad says that neither singing (51)_____ acting will help me maintain my family. He wants me to have a steady job with a future. And it looks like we will never understand each (52)_____.

That's why next week, I'm visiting a career counsellor as I hope she might help me get a better idea about what kind of job suits me. I will definitely listen to her suggestions, but the decision will be (53)_____. And the only thing I know for sure is that if you have a plan for your career, you'll choose jobs that push your skill sets towards your long-term objectives and foster your relationships with key people.

49	A	today	B	todays	C	today's	D	todays'
50	A	my	B	me	C	mine	D	myself
51	A	not	B	nor	C	or	D	but
52	A	other	B	another	C	all	D	and other
53	A	myself	B	myselfes	C	mine	D	my

Floating School

What does your school look like? A typical three-storey building with a large schoolyard? Or a square-shaped one with an interior court? And classrooms with three rows of (54)_____ desks facing the teacher's desk and the blackboard? And would you like to attend a boat school?

Ulushi is a nine-year-old schoolgirl in Bangladesh who has her lessons on the boat deck. Without such schools, she would (55)_____ to take a five (56)_____ walk together with a friend of hers. And she (57)_____ have missed out on her education during last spring's monsoon floods.

It's as plain as day that if schoolchildren can't reach their school, their classroom should go to them. That is why the boat first picks up the students from their riverside stops, and once they have docked, the classes begin.

Around two-thirds of the country's primary schoolchildren study at floating schools on the boats built in the (58)_____.

54	A	two-student	B	two-student's	C	two-students'	D	two-students
55	A	must	B	might	C	have	D	ought
56	A	miles	B	mile	C	miles'	D	mile's
57	A	can	B	might	C	will	D	can't
58	A	1990	B	1990s	C	1990's	D	1990s'