

Reading

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.

What event is announced?

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Enjoy «The Helpful Hand» flashmob!
Take some money from the jar if you need it or put some into it if you can.
Thanks to everybody for participating. Let's help each other and make the world better!

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You are invited!
To An Open House & Ribbon Cutting
for the new law practice of Mary Crawford, S.J.D.
at «Waddell and Reed»

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The 3rd students' conference on social rights is held on Wed., 25th March. The event is going to take place at the assembly hall so the number of seats isn't limited unless all the students come. Anyway, the web-based advance registration starts on Mon., 23rd March.

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GREATEST HITS by SHAKIRA
Event date: March 23
Venue: Harrods Stadium
2 tickets on premium level. \$190 for both.
Great seats. Cost me \$230.

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The family and friends of George M. Bright invite you to attend a celebration
in honour of his graduation from Harvard University.
Saturday, June 13th, 8 p.m. The Bright home 143, Franklin Av.

- A A reunion
- B Online conference
- C Educational meeting
- D Formal occasion
- E Charity event
- F Graduation ceremony
- G Live concert
- H Private party

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.

«Titanic» is a hierarchical disaster film in which the scenario of a tragedy unfolds around a love story. There can hardly be found a person who has never seen it. However, only few people know how the film was shot and what was happening at the film location.

It was a documentary on National Geographic that inspired James Cameron, the film director, writer and co-producer, to create «Titanic». But he took the idea seriously after his friend Lewis Abernathy had given Cameron his work on the topic as a birthday present. He spent about seven years to write the script. Cameron himself made a dozen of journeys underwater to explore the legendary ship. The film director spent a lot of time on «Titanic», even more than its passengers in 1912, though the shooting session during each of the journeys lasted for not more than fifteen minutes because of the limited amount of film in the underwater camera. The camera, by the way, had been designed by Michael Cameron, the director's brother. In 1995 «20th Century Fox» expended the first 3 mln dollars for the film creation. Cameron's film studio started making computer animation which was later used in the film. The shooting itself began in September, 1996 at a specially built location in Mexico. The immensity of the shooting was striking. A model of the ship was constructed and it appeared only 38 metres less than the ship itself. The swimming pool which was used contained 4 mln litres. And ten times more water was used to shoot the scene of the sinking ship.

Computer animation was employed greatly. The motion capture technology and other special effects made 40 people of the extras seem 2000. The water, the dolphins, even the iceberg looked natural due to computer effects applied.

The film was released in December, 1997 and by that time the estimated budget had already reached 200 mln dollars (wherein the ship construction cost 100 mln pounds), so «Titanic» can be called the most expensive film of that period. «Paramount Studio» shared the expenses and later the earnings with «20th Century Fox». The film was nominated for fourteen Oscars and won eleven which is also a record number of Oscars for a single film. «Titanic» gained such a success that James Cameron dared to make a 3D conversion of the film in 2012 to commemorate the centenary of the tragedy, and the new version grossed almost 5 mln dollars on the first day of its re-release.

- 22 Why did James Cameron decide to create «Titanic»?
- A He worked for National Geographic.
 - B He had made several journeys to «Titanic».
 - C He got a special gift for his birthday.
 - D «The 20th Century Fox» gave money for shooting the film.
- 23 Cameron's underwater journeys to «Titanic» _____
- A lasted seven years.
 - B lasted for fifteen minutes each.
 - C cost 3 mln dollars.
 - D were done to learn more about the ship.
- 24 The model of «Titanic» which was used in the film _____
- A was almost the size of the real ship.
 - B needed 4 mln litres of water to sail.
 - C was 38 metres long.
 - D was more expensive than «Titanic» itself.
- 25 What isn't true according to the text?
- A 2000 people were employed in crowd scenes.
 - B Computer effects made the episodes look inartificial.
 - C The motion capture technology is a special effect used in film-making.
 - D They started creating computer animation before shooting the film.
- 26 Why did the 3D version of the film appear?
- A James Cameron wanted to gross 5 mln dollars.
 - B The film director made it to honour the 100th anniversary of «Titanic's» disaster.
 - C The original film won eleven Oscars.
 - D «Paramount Studio» shared the idea of creating it with «20th Century Fox».

Task 6

Read the text 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.

«Broadway» theatre is a kind of commercial dramatic art. About forty big theatres are situated in the street with the same name in the middle of Manhattan Island, New York, the USA. «Broadway» theatre quarter has become the symbol of American drama. Let's look at some of its outstanding theatres.

- 27 «Broadway», one of the most spacious theatres of the Big Apple with its more than 1500 seats, was first opened for spectators on Christmas, 1924. It was then called «B. S. Moss's Colony Theatre» and used to perform shows and demonstrate films. In November, 1928 the opening night of the first «Walt Disney» sound animated film «Steamboat Willie» took place in what was then called «Universal's Colony Theatre».
- 28 «Ambassador» met its first visitors in February, 1921 with the first night of «The Rose Girl». From 1935 the theatre was used as a cinema and television studio for NBC and DuMont Television Network. The things changed back in 1956 when «Ambassador» returned to legitimate use only. In January, 2003 the theatre started distributing one of the most famous Broadway musicals «Chicago» which is still being performed there nowadays.
- 29 «Majestic» has traditionally released major musical theatre productions. Such noteworthy shows as «Carousel», «South Pacific» and «Camelot» have been premiered there. For almost thirty years «Majestic» has housed the world-famous «The Phantom of the Opera». It can be considered the longest-running production in the history of «Broadway» theatre.
- 30 «Richard Rodgers» got its name in order to honour the composer though it was originally called «Chanin's 46th Street Theatre» by the name of its designer Irwin Chanin. The theatre boasts of having won the largest number of Tony Awards, namely The Best Plays and The Best Musicals, which is more than any other of the «Broadway» theatres has ever won.
- 31 The legendary «Studio 54» was originated as «Gallo Opera House» in 1927. It had been used as a theatre up to 1943 when it was refit and started serving as a television studio. But world-wide fame came in the late 1970s when «Studio 54» evolved into a nightclub. Strict face-control rules made the club the most wanted-to-get-in venue. Plenty of celebrities made it their constant party destination.
- 32 «The Samuel J. Friedman Theatre» has an exciting history. During the Great Depression «The Biltmore», as it was called then, was lost to the Federal Theatre Project. The shows for entertainment were replaced with shows for news content. Later it was bought by a film studio, leased for use as a TV and radio studio, and became a legitimate theatre again. After a fire in the 1980s it stood dark for years, and eventually reopened in 2003 and renamed in 2008.

This theatre _____

- A has been named after a person who didn't design it.
- B became partially legitimate in the second part of the 20th century.
- C used to be a TV studio and a cinema.
- D has faced a disaster.
- E is well-known all over the world as a place which wasn't easy to enter.
- F hosted a premiere of a cartoon.
- G has a record of performing the same show for more than twenty years.
- H has been visited by more celebrities than any other «Broadway» theatre.

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (33—38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The term «charity» means the humanitarian act (33)_____. It doesn't matter what exactly is donated — food, money, clothes, the giving is absolutely voluntary. People can donate directly or (34)_____, which are multiplying throughout the world. As a rule charity helps to provide people's basic needs like food, healthcare and clothes. However, some other forms of charity also exist. Different social movements, educating or visiting orphans, attending penitential establishments or donating blood (35)_____.

Not only rich people donate for charity, but every person can participate (36)_____ and thus help making someone's life better. You don't need to have much (37)_____. The main thing is willingness to help others. The famous phrase «Giving to someone never made anyone poor» is absolutely true. While helping another person you (38)_____, so your life will become better, too.

- A by doing his or her own bit
- B can make the world a little bit better
- C of giving to those who are in need
- D can be examples of giving to charity
- E by helping via the internet
- F is what anyone can do
- G by means of a charitable organization
- H if you want to become a part of the charitable community

Use of English

Task 8

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

In February, 2004 a sophomore of Harvard University sitting in his dorm room (39)_____ a new website, which soon managed to transform into one of the five most popular sites in the world. The student's name was Mark Zuckerberg and the site he created has grown into a (40)_____ networking service. It should be noted that Mark and his friends had to hack into protected areas of the University's computer network to accomplish their (41)_____. The Harvard authorities even intended (42)_____ Zuckerberg for that. At first only the students of Harvard could use the site which was then called «The Facebook», but later the opportunity to join (43)_____ to all universities of Boston. Mark didn't think a lot while choosing a name for the site. In the college there was a tradition of publishing a book containing photos of (44)_____ students, their addresses and phone numbers. The book was called «The Photo Address Book», but young people used (45)_____ the name. After Zuckerberg had purchased the domain name *facebook.com* «the» was dropped from the site's name. Since September, 2006 Facebook has become (46)_____ for everybody who's older than 13 and who uses a valid e-mail address. The Facebook (47)_____ became its first user who was (48)_____ under number four because the first three were test ones. Now more than 1.5 billion people all over the world live active virtual life with the help of the most popular social network.

	A	B	C	D
39	rose	visited	launched	applied
40	social	scientific	students	youth
41	deal	project	bargain	agreement

	A	B	C	D
42	to dismiss	to delete	to check out	to cancel
43	expanded	explained	stretched	widened
44	elder	adult	senior	upper
45	to abbreviate	to shorten	to change	to exchange
46	available	possible	popular	valuable
47	creation	creator	creature	creativity
48	fixed	activated	registered	signed

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.

According to the latest data, the cat population in Cyprus has reached (49)_____ animals, with more cats than humans (50)_____ the island. Recently, a €75,000 grant (51)_____ for sterilization of stray cats, which is still not enough to slow (52)_____ the growth of population. It is stated that a specialized programme is going to be created for a (53)_____ period.

	A	B	C	D
49	1.5 millions	1.5 million	1.5 million of	1.5 millions of
50	inhabits	inhabited	to inhabit	inhabiting
51	has been approved	have been approved	was approved	have approved
52	away	off	down	up
53	five-year	five years	five year's	five years'

Virtual reality glasses or «goggles» (54)_____ extremely popular nowadays. These glasses enable the wearer (55)_____ three-dimensional images which give (56)_____ illusion of depth of perception. For example, if you are using such glasses for sightseeing purposes, they (57)_____ it possible for you to walk around the site and view it (58)_____ different angles.

	A	B	C	D
54	became	has become	becomes	have become
55	see	to see	seeing	sees
56	a	of	the	—
57	will make	made	would make	is making
58	in	on	at	with