

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.

Who are the warnings addressed to?

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Attention!

There could be traffic jams on the roads in the city centre tomorrow. Be sure you don't hurry or better choose another way of getting to the place. If possible use underground or walk.

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No angling allowed in the river during the spawning season. \$400 fine.

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Attention!

We'll remain closed because of worsened weather conditions. Visit the Green Hill Educational Establishments website for further information.

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Standing while on move forbidden.

Please wait until the bus stops before leaving your seat.
\$30 fine.

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Avalanches possible in the area!

Climbing without a local instructor strictly forbidden!

- A Internet users
- B Tourists and alpinists
- C Metro users
- D Passengers in public transport
- E Swimmers
- F Drivers of vehicles
- G Schoolchildren and their parents
- H Fishermen

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.

The European Union is a political and economic alliance of 28 European states. Aimed at regional integration the Union was regularised by the Maastricht Treaty in 1992. The official institutions of the EU are the European Council, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank and some others. A single EU market has been developed according to a system of laws which is standard for all member countries. The so-called Schengen Area has no borders within and therefore doesn't demand any passport controls. The goal of this policy is to make sure the goods, people, capital move free

giving the possibility to maintain common politics in regional development. In 1999 a common unit of currency was established and called «euro». Since then 19 member states have used it as their legal tender. The first step towards the formation of the EU was made in 1951 when six countries of Europe: Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France and Italy signed a treaty for the establishment of ECSC (European Coal and Steel Community), the aim of which was to unite European sources of steel and coal production. A year later the treaty came into effect. Willing to deepen economic integration, in 1957 the same six states established the European Economic Community. In 1973 the first three countries to join were Denmark, Ireland and the UK. During the next forty years 19 countries followed them. Nowadays several more countries are recognised as candidates for membership. There exist three different agreements which reflect different degrees of integration within the EU. They are the membership in the EU, the membership in the euro zone and participating in the Schengen Treaty. Not a single state has left the Union though Greenland being an autonomous province of Denmark withdrew in 1985. However, the procedure and conditions of leaving for a member are provided by the Lisbon Treaty.

22 What is true about the European Union?

- A** It's an organization of all countries of Europe.
- B** It became a regional integration in 1992.
- C** It's an association of separate countries according to particular principles.
- D** It's an official institution of the most developed independent European countries.

23 The laws of the Schengen Area _____

- A** are the same for all countries of the world.
- B** prescribe a special currency for each of its members.
- C** give its members an opportunity to avoid passport controls while travelling within.
- D** have been developed individually for each country.

24 The EU formation started when several European countries _____

- A** decided to establish a common unit of currency.
- B** created a community to unite coal and steel industries.
- C** signed the Maastricht Treaty.
- D** ensured other states that people and goods move free within the euro zone.

25 Among the first members of the EU there were _____

- A** Italy, France and Sweden.
- B** Ireland, the UK and Italy.
- C** Luxembourg, Belgium and Ireland.
- D** Germany, the Netherlands and France.

26 What can be said about the member countries of the EU?

- A** Their stages of integration in the EU are different.
- B** They aren't able to leave the Union.
- C** They all use the same money.
- D** They have limited the number of candidates for membership.

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.

The capital of the United Arab Emirates has become one of the most popular shopping destinations in the world. The city accounts for more than forty shopping centres. Let's get acquainted with the top five of them.

27 Dubai Mall is the biggest shopping and recreation centre in the world. It's situated next to Burj Khalifa skyscraper. Besides a number of shops the territory of 1.2 mln square kilometres

contains a lot of amazing objects. An enormous skating rink, an artificial waterfall, an aquarium with more than 33,000 marine creatures and a cinema complex of 22 screens impress greatly. «Fashion Avenue» — a gallery comprising 70 boutiques of elite brands and «The Golden Market» with its 220 shops can't leave anybody untouched.

28 Mall of the Emirates is another iconic shopping place. It suggests a huge amount of shops as well as overwhelming entertainment for all the family. Inside the mall there is a cinema, a bowling centre, several playgrounds and both low-budget and up-scale shops. The highlight of the Mall is Ski Dubai — an artificial ski resort which gives you an opportunity to ski, sledge or play snowballs in the city where the average winter temperature is +25° C.

29 Burjuman Centre is not only the heart of the capital but also the centre of all designer boutiques. One of the most popular malls of Dubai has been reconstructed recently and now is a real paradise for shopaholics. Such brands as *Dior, Prada, Kenzo, Cartier, Tiffany & Co, Ralph Lauren* and many other present their collections here. Burjuman Centre is the site of *Dubai Trade Festival* which gives a chance of buying plenty of things to each and every demanding customer.

30 Deira City Centre is a giant mall which contains more than 200 shops, a *Carrefour* hypermarket, 11 cinema halls, a bowling centre and a recreation centre for kids called *Magic Planet*. Deira City Centre is the most affordable mall of all in Dubai.

31 Ibn Battuta Mall consists of six courts each representing a country which once was visited by the Arabic traveller Ibn Battuta. All the courts are decorated according to the styles appropriate for those countries in the 16th century, and every court suggests particular goods. For example, India Court contains top-brands shops and kids' wear shops, while Persia Court represents plenty of department stores for the whole family and China Court houses a giant cinema with 21 halls, Imax and the top-class restaurants of the mall.

32 Sitting on the shores of the marina, Dubai Marina Mall offers his visitors a casual family shopping experience. It houses a variety of international retailers with an emphasis on affordable high-street fashion and beauty services. Besides, there are lots of food stalls, cafés and restaurants for lunch, most of them with outdoor seating along the water's edge.

This mall _____

- A sells goods from different countries.
- B suggests an entertainment unusual for the UAE.
- C is designed in a variety of styles.
- D is located close to the most famous building in Dubai.
- E is a low-budget mall with a place to entertain children.
- F is a place to satisfy the most exacting customers.
- G is the closest to the sea.
- H offers designers' clothes at low prices.

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.

«A Song of Ice and Fire», a well-known epic fantasy series by G. R. R. Martin, takes place in an imaginary, (33)_____. Westeros is full of details and such kind of density can even alienate a casual reader. Sometimes (34)____ can trace all the ties and connections not speaking about the names! The character names in «A Song of Ice and Fire» would definitely (35)_____.

Thanks to HBO, the book adaptation, «Game of Thrones», has been shown to millions of people around the globe. It has become (36)____ and appeared to be the most awarded TV show after (37)_____.

The story might seem pure fantasy but it still is based on some historical events (38) — a real conflict between the two noble families of the York and the Lancaster.

- A having won 38 Emmy Awards
- B probably the most complicated fictional world ever built
- C situation which inspires and influences
- D put an elephant's memory to test
- E as battles and wars
- F it seems that only the creator
- G like the War of the Roses
- H an emotional roller-coaster for plenty of fans

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.

Once (39) a time there lived a wise old teacher. He tried to teach his pupils everything he knew and what was even more important, he taught them thinking and making (40). One day the teacher took a scroll which contained (41) of performing a tea ceremony and handed it to the pupils. «Today your task is to study the ceremony of making tea», he said. After that the teacher left and spent the whole day in the park praying and meditating. The pupils did their best in order to (42) the task. By the time the teacher came back the pupils had managed to discuss and learn everything written on the scroll. They proudly started (43) the teacher what they had known about the subject. The first pupil said, «A white crane is washing his head — it means — (44) the teapot with boiling water.» Another one went on, «Bodhisattva is entering the palace — it means — put tea leaves (45) the pot». The third pupil added, «The flow heats the pot — it means — pour boiling water.» (46), one by one, the pupils told the teacher all the twists and turns of the tea ceremony. But there was a pupil who said nothing. (47), he took a teapot, brewed tea according to all the rules and treated his teacher to the fresh-made tea. The teacher said to him, «You did better than the others. You've made (48) tea and you've learnt an important thing — speak about what you've understood, not about what you've read.» Somebody noticed that the pupil who the teacher liked most hadn't said anything at all. «Your deeds always speak louder than your words», replied the teacher.

	A	B	C	D
39	upon	over	before	ago
40	expression	conclusions	thoughts	reflection
41	entrance	technologies	content	nuances
42	cover	create	fulfil	repeat
43	telling	talking	saying	speaking
44	wash	spill	splash	rinse
45	into	in	inside	within
46	Thus	Therefore	That's why	Those
47	In spite	Despite	Instead	Besides
48	well-shaped	delicious	good-looking	prosperous

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.

«Noughts and crosses», also known (49) _____ «Tic-Tac-Toe», is a great game to encourage the development of logical thinking. Everything the two players need is just a piece of paper and a pen or a pencil. After (50) _____ a grid which consists of nine squares, the players take turns filling the squares with crosses and noughts. The winner is the player who manages to fill three squares (51) _____ a row, either down, across or diagonally. For those who prefer (52) _____ online, there's plenty of computer-based games of a kind, which (53) _____ them play both against the computer, or still against each other.

	A	B	C	D
49	as	like	similar	for
50	draw	drawing	have drawn	drew
51	in	on	at	for
52	play	playing	to be played	played
53	give	allow	let	make

Are carrots really able to improve your vision or is it just one of the (54) _____ tricks to make kids eat useful vegetables? Well, (55) _____ certain conditions, eating carrots (56) _____ help. The fact that carrots are rich in vitamin A, essential for good eyesight, (57) _____ since (58) _____. However, vitamin A is not limited to this «rabbit food». It can be easily found in milk, egg yolk, cheese and other products as well.

	A	B	C	D
54	parents	parents'	parent's	parent
55	for	with	under	in
56	have to	should	can	would
57	was known	knew	has known	has been known
58	the 1920s	1920th	1920s	the 1920th