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1- READING COMPREHENSION. Choose from the sentences (A–F) the one which fits each gap (36–40). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

How to organise a rock festival

Every summer, people of all ages pack up their tents and wet weather gear and make their way to the music festivals that take place in the UK. They go there to see their favourite music artists and to escape from reality for a few days. The festivals are all shapes and sizes, from tiny events which people put on in their gardens to huge ones for tens of thousands of music fans. Whether it's big or small, the organisers will have been planning and working hard for months to make sure the event is a success. So how exactly do you organise a music festival?

The most famous festival in the UK is the Glastonbury Festival, which has been running for almost fifty years. In that time, some of the most famous names in contemporary music have played on the festival's main stage, from The Rolling Stones to Ed Sheeran. The first Glastonbury festival was attended by around a 1,500 people and, although it was not free, it cost only £1 to get in. (36) Nowadays, it regularly attracts over 130,000 people, with tickets selling for more than £200 each.

Glastonbury was the dream of one man, Michael Eavis, in the early 1970s and he has been involved in its organisation ever since then. However, putting on an event of this size is far too much work for one person. (37) They need to decide what their budget is, how many people to invite and what acts to include. They also work closely with different companies and charities to make sure that the event runs smoothly and safely.

If you include the army of volunteers who help out at the event, thousands more people are involved in the running of the festival. They provide security, medical services in case people get ill, and stewards who help people find their way around. Many of these volunteers work for charities like Greenpeace or Oxfam. (38) This means that everyone gets to benefit from the festival.

Of course, the main focus of a festival like this is the music. Thousands of fans come together to see famous bands, like The Chemical Brothers and The XX. However, Glastonbury is supposed to be a family festival so there has to be something for everyone, from East African folk bands to the gospel choirs. (39) A large part of the organisers' time is spent in booking artists and creating a varied programme of events.

While this is probably the most important job, accommodation is also a priority. Most of the festival-goers will stay on the site for the duration of the festival, sleeping in their own tents. However, setting up a campsite for a few hundred thousand people is no easy task. For example, more than 4,000 portable toilets are provided and specially-built reservoirs, or lakes, supply more than 2,000,000 litres of fresh water. Rubbish is also an important consideration for the organisers, with more than 15,000 litter bins being provided. (40) In 2014, nearly a thousand tonnes of plastic, glass and other materials were separated to be used again.

There are many more things that the organisers have to take into account, such as transport and providing places where people can eat. Every little detail has to be thought of in order for the festival to be a success. Organising a festival is far from easy and requires a lot of hard work, but if it's done properly, people will come back year after year.

- A For that reason, he decided it would be better to organise everything himself.
- B In fact, it takes a team of organisers a whole year to prepare for something like this.
- C Not only that, but there are open-air cinemas, theatres, talks and workshops, as well as play areas for the younger ones.
- D As they are keen for the festival to be eco-friendly, much of this waste is recycled.
- E However, over the years, the popularity, and the price, of the festival has increased dramatically.

F They usually get free accommodation and food and, in return for their help, the festival organisers donate money to their charities.

2- Read the text and complete the gaps with one word only.

Money

Nowadays, many people use their smart phones to pay for their shopping. You can buy anything you want just by touching your phone against a device in a shop. This (1) _____ changed the way we buy things because we don't need to carry money anymore. (2) _____, we haven't always been able to make our purchases as easily as that.

Thousands of years ago, there was no money, so people (3) _____ exchange things they owned for the things they wanted. The things they exchanged were usually either animals (4) _____ crops. Later, they started to use things like stones, (5) _____ could be carried more easily.

Coins, and later paper money, appeared around 3,000 years ago and haven't changed very much since then. Most countries have their own form of money, or currency, such as the pound or rupee. Some currencies, such as the euro, (6) _____ even used by many countries as the main currency.

In recent years, though, people have argued that traditional money isn't practical enough for our modern needs. They say we need something (7) _____ secure, which can be used anywhere in the world. By using technology, such as smartphones or tablets, we can securely access all our money at any time. This has led to the appearance of new digital currencies, such as Bitcoin. It's unlikely that notes and coins (8) _____ exist at all in the future.

3- Use the word given in capitals at the end of some lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

The Sumatran Rhinoceros

The Sumatran Rhinoceros is one of the (1) _____ members of the rhinoceros family and measures two to three metres in length. Nowadays, they are only found in the rainforests and cloud forests of Sumatra and Borneo. (2) _____, they are now critically endangered, although they once lived across different parts of Asia.

RARE

This rhino tends to live alone, moving around the hilly forests looking for plants and small trees to eat. It is most (3) _____ early in the morning and in the evening. The rest of the time, it prefers to lie around in mud baths and puddles. In contrast to what some people say, they are (4) _____ creatures and there is little evidence of them fighting each other.

FORTUNE

ACT

PEACE

It is thought that fewer than 100 Sumatran Rhinos still survive in their (5) _____ habitat. Their numbers have decreased (6) _____ in the last few decades due to hunting. Despite that, (7) _____ have been able to carry out various studies. They hope this information will help them to increase Sumatran Rhino numbers in the future.

NATURE

QUICK

RESEARCH

4. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

1- I've never had such a terrifying feeling. EVER

That's the _____ felt.

2- Zidane finds it difficult to ignore distractions. DISCIPLINED

Zidane is _____ ignore distractions.

3- Sean started work in the university café two years ago. BEEN

Sean _____ two years in the university café.

4- We were expecting delivery of dad's new laptop by A1 Computers today, but it didn't arrive. GOING

A1 Computers _____ dad's new laptop today, but they didn't.

5- Not many farmers manage to have a lot of free time. ONLY

There are _____ manage to have a lot of free time.

6- You don't find the job very satisfying when you work as a cleaner. LITTLE

There is _____ when you work as a cleaner.

5. Read the article and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

Ski holidays

When I finish university, I want to travel to Germany or Canada and work as a ski instructor. If you don't

know how to ski, you are missing _____ (1) lots of fun. You get the most amazing views when you

_____ (2) the summit of a mountain. It's really important to get _____ (3) the spirit of things

when you go on a ski holiday. It may be on your third or fourth _____ (4) to stand up and ski that you

finally manage to _____ (5) your goal of skiing without falling over. Once you are no longer a beginner,

you can _____ (6) your skiing skills by _____ (7) risks such as skiing on fresh snow where there

aren't any paths. Of course, that can _____ (8) in a broken leg if you aren't careful. You certainly don't

want that to happen, so remember to take care on the snow!

1- A out of

B out from

C out on

D out for

2- A arrive

B get

C top

D reach

3- A in

B out of

C into

D with

4- A try

B attempt

C endeavour

D experiment

5- A make

B finish

C get

D achieve

6- A increase

B improve

C progress

D raise

7- A doing

B taking

C making

D having

8- A cause

B affect

C result

D bring

6. WRITING. Write your answer to one of the questions in this part. Write your answer in 140–190 words in an appropriate style.

In your English class, you have been talking about voluntary work. Now your English teacher has asked you to write an essay. Choose one of the questions below.

1- Write your essay using all the notes and giving reasons for your point of view.

Some people think that doing voluntary work can be a positive experience for young people.

Do you agree?

Write about:

- 1 helping others
- 2 learning new skills
- 3 (your own idea)

Write your essay in 140–190 words.

2- Read part of an email you have received from an English-speaking friend.

From: Blanca

Subject: My visit

I can't believe I'm coming to see you next week! It'll be wonderful to spend some together and get to know your country.

Can you tell me about what we can do in your town? What sort of clothes should I bring with me?

What's the best way to get to your house from the airport?

Thanks,

Blanca

Write your email in 140–190 words.