

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 is the purpose of each advert?

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Lost!

A black purse was lost in this bus two days ago. Small, with a long handle and a zip. House keys, credit cards and a driving licence containing the name of Beatrice Smith. An award for returning the linings. Tel. 05674823. Ask for Betty.

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It's a boy!

Martin Games Barton
Born December 23, 2014
6 lbs., 2 oz. — 20" long.

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Attention!

Please, would anyone who knows anything about the broken mirror in the hall report to my office before 3 p.m.?
Mrs Harrods

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Assistance to competitors with disabilities
will be provided upon request.

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Prices have come down at the local hairdresser's.
(Haircuts only — no change for hairdos)

- A To offer a reward
- B To investigate an incident
- C To suggest help
- D To sign up a photo
- E To find valuable belongings
- F To advertise reduction
- G To accompany a sportsman
- H To announce a new baby in the family

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 Sims is a life-simulating strategy video game which was developed by the Maxis team under the leadership of Will Wright, the game designer of *SimCity*. The game was released in 2000 after three years of being developed. At first Wright wasn't supported by the Maxis and the game was supposed to be «a girls' game with walking people». Contrary to all expectations, the game awesomely topped the list of bestselling PC games and got four awards as «the best game of 2000/2001». The

simulator was highly evaluated by the critics for its idea and unusual gaming process. *The Sims* uses a combination of 2D and 3D graphics techniques. The characters of the game are called the Sims and they communicate in a fictional language called Simlish. The characters are influenced by the player to interact with objects or other Sims. They can receive guests, obtain jobs, attend schools and develop skills. Daily needs such as hygiene maintenance and eating can and must also be scheduled. The Sims are not fully autonomous and they are unable to perform certain actions without specific commands. Technically the game has unlimited replay value, so there is no opportunity to win the game. In fact, it's sometimes regarded as more like a toy than a game. As there is no finite objective to the game, it provides states of failure for the characters. A Sim may die, leave and never return, move out or disappear in another way. Since the game appeared it's gained incredible popularity all over the world. In March 2009 it was announced that *The Sims* had sold more than 110 mln copies as a franchise.

22 What kind of game is *The Sims*?

- A** A strategy online game.
- B** A simulating action game.
- C** A game for girls.
- D** A game simulating activities of daily living.

23 Which of the following is true according to the text?

- A** The game was developed by a team of enthusiasts.
- B** The game achieved a surprising success from the very beginning.
- C** The game was released as a toy for girls.
- D** The designer of the game didn't believe in its popularity.

24 What isn't true about the characters?

- A** They speak their own language and interact with each other.
- B** They can decide themselves which actions to perform.
- C** They do work or study.
- D** They are developed with the application of modern techniques.

25 What is special about the game?

- A** The player is unable to win it.
- B** The characters can disappear from the game.
- C** It attracts the player's attention for a long time.
- D** The characters are immortal.

26 Which of the following proves the popularity of the game?

- A** Millions of children all over the world play *The Sims*.
- B** The game has won plenty of awards since 2001.
- C** By 2010 more than a hundred million franchise copies had been sold.
- D** The critics didn't inveigh against it.

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 history of entertainment industry knows plenty of examples of families in which the talent has been passed on from one generation to the next.

27 Jon Voight, an Academy Award winner allowed his daughter Angelina Jolie to grow up in the film industry world. Like her father, Angelina has become an actress who can boast winning an Oscar. She has appeared on top of «the most beautiful» list and «the world leader» list while being a mother to six kids.

28 When Liv Tyler was twelve she found out that her real father was Steven Tyler, the lead singer of «Aerosmith» band. At the age of fourteen Liv began her career in modelling but, after less

than a year, she decided to focus on acting. Tyler achieved international recognition after acting in *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy. Besides, she served as a United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Goodwill Ambassador for the United States in 2003, and as a spokesperson for Givenchy's line of perfume and cosmetics.

29 Jane Fonda is a proud owner of two Oscars. In addition, she's a writer, a former fashion model and, of course, a fitness guru. She's also tried herself as a political activist. Her talents were probably inherited from her father, Henry Fonda, who was popular both on the stage and on the big screen and who dedicated 50 years of his life to showbiz.

30 Will Smith has enjoyed success in television, film, and music industries. Smith has been nominated for five Golden Globe Awards, two Academy Awards, and has won four Grammy Awards. So, it's hardly a surprise that keeping up with the Smiths is pretty hard. Will Smith has three children — Trey, Willow, and Jaden. Trey appeared in his father's music video, acted in a sitcom and took part in TV shows. Willow became a household name herself when she became a singing sensation. Her older sibling Jaden made his debut on the big screen at the age of 6.

31 The daughter of one of the most famous musicians in the world — ex-Beatle Sir Paul McCartney — hasn't become a singer. Stella McCartney is one of the top fashion designers. She made her first jacket at the age of thirteen. In March, 1997 Stella was appointed a creative director of fashion house *Chloe*, and in 2001 she launched her own eponymous label.

32 Enrique Iglesias is the third eldest child among his famous father's eight children. However, he was mostly raised by his nanny Elvira Olivares because of his parents' divorce. That was Elvira who supported Enrique's first attempts and ambitions. The son seems to have inherited his father's stubbornness to succeed and today it's difficult to say which of the two musicians is more popular and who has achieved more. Enrique remains close with the majority of his family while the subject of his father is a complicated one. As the young singer once said, that is because they even don't often communicate.

Which text mentions _____

- A somebody who wasn't aware of being a famous person's child for several years?
- B somebody whose child has become famous as a tailor?
- C somebody who gives performances together with the father?
- D a parent and an offspring being winners of Oscar?
- E somebody who has inherited father's talents in fitness?
- F a parent and a child who are distant from each other?
- G a father and a child who met together at the shooting location?
- H somebody whose foregoer spent half a century acting?

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.

In 1987 a family clan in the USA produced (33) _____ — Carhenge. The site was meant to be a memorial to one of the family members, (34) _____. Carhenge looks like Stonehenge having the same features as for the physical size and placement, but (35) _____ is that it's made of used cars, most of them rescued from nearby dumps. The cars are spray-painted grey to (36) _____. At first the people living in Alliance, where Carhenge is located, wanted to tear Carhenge down, but later their unfriendliness passed and now they welcome everybody (37) _____ to such an unusual memorial. More than 60,000 visitors from all over the world arrive each year as well as mass media (38) _____ to the uniqueness and novelty of Carhenge.

- A who wants to have a look
- B what has become a widely known replica of Stonehenge

- C who expresses their wish to come
- D what makes it special
- E whose son led the project
- F whose attention is still drawn
- G look like stones of the initial site
- H and it had been quickly built

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.

A long time ago there existed a country the (39)_____ of which used to put their faith in providence. Before executing a person the (40)_____ offered him a bag with two pieces of paper, one of (41)_____ said «Life» while the other said «Death». The life of the defendant depended on the paper he (42)_____ at random. It so happened that one man was running his business and it brought him prosperity along with enemies. The man's enemies smeared him; he was arrested and later sentenced to death. To make sure he would be executed they (43)_____ the papers in the bag so that both would say «Death». (44)_____, the man had friends, too. The friends knew about the intrigues and advised the man to tell everything to the judges. But the man refused without any (45)_____. Moreover, he begged his friends not to tell anybody about that. The following morning the man was made free. Both his enemies and friends were (46)_____. However, it could be unriddled easily. The man took one piece of paper out of the bag and immediately swallowed it. The judges had nothing to do (47)_____ looking what the other paper said. And as it said «Death», they had to let the man go. Thus, the man's enemies saved him (48)_____ wishing for his death.

	A	B	C	D
39	citizens	nation	men	humans
40	justices	judges	lawyers	jury
41	what	that	which	two
42	chose	change	put	kept
43	returned	replaced	restored	retook
44	In addition	Furthermore	Thus	However
45	explanation	exaggeration	exploration	excitement
46	stressed	shocked	pleased	disorientated
47	instead of	except for	together with	despite
48	instead	despite	except	besides

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.

Alcatraz Island is located in San Francisco Bay. It hosted the first lighthouse on the west coast of the country and it used to be a bird sanctuary. But Alcatraz gained the biggest fame when a prison (49)_____ there. For thirty years it was used as a federal prison (50)_____ as the most

reliable prison from where it was impossible to escape. Some of the notorious prisoners included Al Capone and Mickey Cohen, both (51)_____ to be mobbed up. Of course, there were attempts to escape from Alcatraz. A total (52)_____ thirty-six Alcatraz inmates tried to do that, two of them even twice. As a result, twenty-six were caught, six were killed, two drowned, and five (53)_____ as missing.

	A	B	C	D
49	was built	had built	had been built	built
50	was known	knowing	known	knew
51	to repute	reputed	have reputed	reputing
52	at	in	from	of
53	was listed	are listed	had been listed	listing

Nelson Mandela, (54)_____ South African political activist and a leader of peaceful protests, became the first black president of South Africa in 1994. It so happened, that he grew up (55)_____ the time of apartheid when the white minority ruled his country. Mandela trained as a lawyer and fought for black (56)_____ rights. His actions landed him in prison where he spent almost thirty years before (57)_____ released in 1990. The following year Nelson led the African national Congress and two more years later he won the first elections in which the black people were able to vote. Mandela always (58)_____ racial equality and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.

	A	B	C	D
54	an	the	a	—
55	at	in	on	during
56	people	peoples	peoples'	people's
57	was	being	been	had been
58	supported	has supported	had supported	supports