

TEST 5  
READING

Task 1  
Read the text below. Match choices (A-G) to (1-5). There are two choices you do not need to use.

A LIMITLESS DAY

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
It was a three-block walk from the bus to the nursery school where Ella had left her little daughter this morning on her way to work. Ella hurried, knowing she was late. The little girl ran toward her as she entered the small playroom in the basement of a private house. Though the house, like others in the area, was old and in disrepair, the school rooms were clean and cheerful — the reason Ella had chosen the school in preference to others, though the cost was higher and it was hard for her to pay.

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
It was obvious from the stillness around that the other children were all gone. Miss Cortesio, who owned and ran the school, came in and looked pointedly at her watch. 'Mrs Ferguson, as a special favour I agreed that Estella could stay after the others, but this is too late... Other parents observe the school's closing time.'

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
'It won't happen again, I promise,' said Ella. 'Very well. But since you are here, Mrs. Ferguson, may I remind you that last month's bill for Estella had not been paid.' 'I really am sorry, Miss Cortesio. It will be paid on Friday. I'll have my pay check then.' The school fees, Ella decided, would have to come out of her pay this week, as she had said, and somehow she must manage until the payday after that. She wasn't sure how.

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Her wage as a teller at the bank was \$83. Out of that there was food to buy for the two of them, Estella's school fees, plus rent of the tiny flat they lived in; also the finance company would demand a payment since she had missed the last.

5 \_\_\_\_\_  
Before Charles, her husband, left her, simply walking out and disappearing a year ago, Ella had been naive enough to sign finance papers together with her husband. He had bought suits, a used car, a colour TV on credit, all of which he took with him. Ella, however, was still paying and the instalments seemed to stretch on into a limitless future.

- A Estella's School Fees
- B Ella is Late for School
- C Miss Cortesio Reminds Ella of Paying the Bill
- D Ella's Financial Troubles
- E Ella at Work
- F Family Relations between Ella and Charles
- G Ella Hurries to the Nursery School

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Task 2

Read the text below. For assignments (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D).

JUANITA'S FAMILY PROBLEMS

It was a three-block walk from the bus to the nursery school where Juanita had left her little daughter this morning on her way to work. Juanita hurried, knowing she was late. The little girl ran toward her as she entered the small playroom in the basement of a private house. Though the house, like others in the area, was old and in disrepair, the school rooms were clean and cheerful — the reason Juanita had chosen the school in preference to others, though the cost was higher and it was

hard for her to pay. It was obvious from the stillness around that the other children were all gone. Miss Ferroe, who owned and ran the school, came in and looked pointedly at her watch. 'Mrs Nunez, as a special favour I agreed that Estella could stay after the others, but this is too late... Other parents observe the school's closing time.'

'It won't happen again, I promise,' said Juanita. 'Very well. But since you are here, Mrs. Nunez, may I remind you that last month's bill for Estella had not been paid.' 'I really am sorry, Miss Ferroe. It will be paid on Friday. I'll have my paycheck then.' The school fees, Juanita decided, would have to come out of her pay this week, as she had said, and somehow she must manage until the payday after that. She wasn't sure how.

Her wage as a teller at the bank was \$83. Out of that there was food to buy for the two of them, Estella's school fees, plus rent of the tiny flat they lived in; also the finance company would demand a payment since she had missed the last. Before Carlos, her husband, left her, simply walking out and disappearing a year ago, Juanita had been naive enough to sign finance papers together with her husband. He had bought suits, a used car, a colour TV on credit, all of which he took with him. Juanita, however, was still paying and the installments seemed to stretch on into a limitless future.

### Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (11-16). There are two choices you do not need to use.

## PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CAN SPEND HOLIDAYS

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Seaview Guest House is just a five-minute walk from the beach. There are five large family bedrooms and two bathrooms on each of the two floors. We give a warm welcome to everyone, but particularly enjoy having families with young children. Unfortunately, we can't accept pets. Our terms include breakfast and a three-course evening meal. Price for accommodation, breakfast and evening meal is 100£ per adult and per children under 20£ per week.

12

Butlers Holiday Camp is designed for fun-loving young people. The camp is on the south coast and enjoys an enviable climate. Even if it does rain, there is plenty going on. Throughout the day you can swim in the pool, join the organised games or take an excursion. In the evening there is always a mass of things to do — discos, talent concerts, karaoke, etc. There is no age limit for this holiday but it is most likely to appeal to people aged between 20 and 35. Price per person per week for full board and entertainment programme is 500£.

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For the dedicated walker, Rangers Mountain Lodge offers the perfect holiday. Situated 1,000 metres above sea-level, the lodge offers wonderful views over the mountains with unsurpassed possibilities for hiking and rock climbing. The lodge is not luxurious but it offers clean and

comfortable accommodation, plentiful meals and, most important of all, bracing mountain air. Price is 50£ per night (breakfast included).

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Sheldon House is a hotel which caters for people who expect quality and are not prepared to put up with second best. The hotel dominates the town and guests can enjoy beautiful views out to sea from our sun lounge. The hotel has a fitness centre and both outdoor and indoor swimming pools for the exclusive use of residents. We provide a full English breakfast and a magnificent five-course evening meal with wine included. Every evening after dinner there is dancing to our resident three-piece band. Gentlemen are requested to wear ties in the dining room. Costs for accommodation, breakfast and evening meal are from 400£ per person daily.

15

The Walton Club welcomes people who want an active holiday in the countryside. Situated in the middle of rolling hills 30 kilometres from the city, the club welcomes anyone from the age of 21. Every day we organise a wide variety of activities including golf, hang gliding, horse riding, canoeing, dancing and walking. Accommodation is in twin-bedded rooms, all with shower and WC. Cost is 350£ per week covering accommodation and full board (activities extra).

16

Swallow Cottage provides a self-catering holiday, perfect for anyone wanting to get away from it all and have a peaceful break in the heart of the English countryside. The cottage is in a valley surrounded by gentle hills. The area is perfect for anyone who wants to do a little gentle walking or to go fishing in the nearby river. For those who prefer to stay in their cars, there are many possibilities for delightful journeys around the country lanes and surrounding villages. The cottage consists of a dining area, kitchen, two bedrooms, and bathroom. Rental is 400£ per week.

Which holiday would you recommend for \_\_\_\_\_

- A two couples who enjoy country walks and touring in their cars?
- B a couple who like organised activities, preferably in the countryside?
- C a single man with plenty of money who enjoys going to plays?
- D a couple with two children aged 4 and 8?
- E a couple who like comfortable surrounding and enjoy dancing?
- F a man without much money who gets bored on normal holidays?
- G a man who likes mild climate.
- H a strong independent-minded girl who enjoys hard walking?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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#### Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

#### VEGETARIANS

The word 'vegetarian' was coined in about 1840 to mean people who lived (17) \_\_\_\_\_, either for moral or health reasons, or both. But the practice is (18) \_\_\_\_\_. Greek philosophers recommended vegetarianism and famous people who have practised it in the past include Leonardo da Vinci, Tolstoy and Voltaire, Milton, Newton and Bernard Shaw. Surely this proves that mental activity does not depend on (19) \_\_\_\_\_. What are the arguments that might stop us from eating meat?

Man's body is more like those of (20) \_\_\_\_\_. (such as our 'cousins' the apes) than like those of flesh-eating animals. For millions of years man must have lived on fruit, nuts and leaves and so developed a (21) \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps the more we move away from this diet towards meat-eating, the less likely we are to be healthy. Cancer, tuberculosis and heart disease are certainly more common in meat-eating communities. Man may have started eating the flesh of animals during the Ice Age when most of the vegetation was destroyed.

A diet of vegetables, fruit, grains and nuts together with a few dairy products can give us all the vitamins and minerals we need. By eating meat we are getting (22) \_\_\_\_\_ after they have been digested by the animal. It is worth considering how wasteful meat-eaters are with land. A meat-eater needs about three times as much land to support himself and his animals as a vegetarian does. For every 45 kilos of dry food eaten by cattle only 1.8 – 7.3 kilos come back as food for us humans — an expensive method of producing food.

- A fruit-eating animals
- B flesh products
- C without killing for food
- D much older than that
- E the basic food elements secondhand
- F digestive system
- G flesh foods
- H vegetable-eating animals

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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#### USE OF ENGLISH

##### Task 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23–27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

##### JUAN IN BRITAIN (Part 1)

Juan wanted to go to Britain to speak English with (23) \_\_\_\_\_ English people. His sister's husband was an English doctor and when Juan wrote to her, his sister, whose name was Rosa, invited him to stay with her. She met him at the airport in her English car and (24) \_\_\_\_\_ spoke Spanish all the time. 'Never mind', he thought, 'the husband speaks English'. But this Englishman spoke Spanish and he liked Spanish food and a Spanish (25) \_\_\_\_\_ when he came home in the evening. Juan's sister had only Spanish friends and Juan did not speak a word of English. One morning about nine o'clock he (26) \_\_\_\_\_ the milkman who was putting two bottles of milk on the doorstep.

He (27) \_\_\_\_\_ opened the door and said 'Good morning'.

23	A certain	B real	C sincere	D true
24	A naturally	B absolutely	C normally	D typically
25	A air	B spirit	C atmosphere	D tone
26	A assailed	B attacked	C invaded	D charged
27	A suddenly	B abruptly	C unexpectedly	D swiftly

### Task 6

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (28–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

#### JUAN IN BRITAIN (Part 2)

The milkman said 'Good morning' and walked away. (28) \_\_\_\_\_, his big day came. One of Rosa's friends had a party and invited Juan. At last he was going to meet real English people of his (29) \_\_\_\_\_ age. He wanted to go up to people but could not. Suddenly a very (30) \_\_\_\_\_ girl came up to him and said, 'How (31) \_\_\_\_\_ you are Spanish, I'm having a Spanish exam soon. I can practise on you.' And she invited him to dance in Spanish. From that moment he (32) \_\_\_\_\_. And two months later he went home quite happy.

28	A definitely	B lastly	C finally	D decisively
29	A private	B individual	C personal	D own
30	A beautiful	B handsome	C appealing	D fair
31	A lucky	B successful	C fortunate	D prosperous
32	A stopped	B gave up	C capitulated	D abandoned