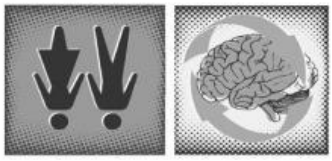
Task 1

- **Read this article about how to think differently and then read the sentences (1-8) following it.**
- **Mark a sentence A if it is true according to the article.**
- **Mark it B if it is false.**
- **Mark it C if there isn't enough information in the text to decide if the sentence is true or not.**
- **Write your answers in the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (*0*).**



FLIP-THINKING – THE NEW BUZZ WORD SWEEPING THE US

A teacher is getting his pupils to do their homework during the day and watch his lectures on YouTube at night – turning standard practices on their head can also benefit business.

In today's classrooms many schoolchildren will see smartboards instead of chalkboards, and they'll turn in their assignments online rather than on paper. But the rhythm of their actual days will be much the same as when their parents and grandparents sat in those same seats back in the 20th century.

During class time, the teacher will stand at the front of the room and hold forth on the day's topic. Then, as the period ends, he or she will give students a clutch of work to do at home.

But one American teacher is taking a different approach. Karl Fisch, a teacher of algebra at a high school in Denver, Colorado, has flipped the sequence. He's recorded his lectures on video and uploaded them to YouTube for his students to watch at home. Then, in class, he works with students as they solve problems and experiment with the concepts. Lectures at home, "homework" in the classroom. Call it the Fisch Flip.

The Fisch Flip offers a lesson in innovation for organisations of every kind. Consider the publishing industry. It is typical for publishers to launch a book by issuing a pricey hardcover, and then, after a year or so, following it up with a less expensive paperback. Flipping the sequence, i.e. putting out a cheap paperback or even an e-book first makes a lot of sense. Readers are more likely to gamble on an unknown author if they can risk just a few pounds. Then, if the book sells well, the publisher could produce a hardcover edition at a much higher price.

Or imagine flipping the sequence in the movie business. Contrary to the current strategy, studios could first issue a low-price DVD to build an audience. If the film proved popular, the studio could then release it to the movie theatres.

Even the human resources department is a candidate for the Fisch Flip. For instance, employees often get a going-away party on their final day with an organisation. But one American software firm does the reverse: the company holds a welcome bash for new employees at 9am on their first day of work.

(The Sunday Telegraph)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0)	*Flip-thinking is becoming a fashionable concept in the US.*	***0)*** ***A***
1)	Reversing accepted procedures can be useful outside schools as well.	1)
2)	Advanced technology in the classroom has changed students' lives completely.	2)
3)	Schoolchildren have more homework to do than their parents and grandparents did.	3)
4)	In Karl Fisch's algebra courses students don't need to prepare for the lessons.	4)
5)	In the publishing industry flipping could mean bringing out a cheap edition first.	5)
6)	Publishers struggle as fewer and fewer people can afford to buy books.	6)
7)	Studios now issue a DVD before they release a new film to the movie theatres.	7)
8)	The software firm referred to in the article gives a party on Monday mornings.	8)

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 2

- **Read this article about some interesting new regulations and then read the half sentences that follow the text.**
- **Your task is to match the half sentences based on the information in the article.**
- **Write the letters (A-K) in the white boxes next to the numbers (9-15) as in the example *(0)*.**
- **Remember that there are <u>two extra letters</u> that you will not need.**

MINISKIRTS TO BE OUTLAWED IN ITALIAN RESORT

The mayor of Castellammare di Stabia, a southern Italian beach town, has ordered police officers to fine women who wear short miniskirts as part of a battle to raise what he describes as the level of public decorum. At a council meeting last night, Luigi Bobbio, the recently elected mayor, won a vote to ban clothing considered "very short" from the town. Police will have the power to hand out €300 fines to offenders.

Explaining what he meant by "very short", Bobbio said officers would target women wearing miniskirts that did not fully cover their underwear. He said he had faith in officers to make snap decisions. "They won't need to carry out checks up close," Bobbio told the Corriere del Mezzogiorno. "One glance will be enough to decide."

The new rules, which were approved by the town council yesterday, drew outrage from local opposition politicians, who mounted a sit-in outside the town hall. "The Bobbio administration is male chauvinist," the organisers of the protest said in a statement. "This town does need decorum, but not the decorum that is measured by a tape measure held against women's clothing."

"By equating women's clothing with urban decorum, this measure implies women are no more than benches or hedges," said councillor Angela Cortese. She said she was equally angered by a local priest, Don Paolo Cecere, who praised the move and claimed it could cut down on sexual harassment. "This turns the clock back years for women and undermines all our victories," she said.

The Italian consumer group Aduc added: "Is Castellammare di Stabia in the province of Naples? No, it's in the province of Teheran."

The miniskirt ban is one of 41 new decorum measures introduced by Bobbio. Swearing in public, kicking footballs in the street, lying on benches, climbing trees and walking a dog with a lead longer than two metres will also be targeted. Bobbio said people would not be allowed to wander off the beach in their swimming costume. "This is not Mallorca," he said.

(www.guardian.co.uk)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0) *It is not advisable to wear a very short skirt in Castellammare di Stabia*

9) The mayor has issued the order

10) Mr. Bobbio is confident

11) Some people object to the new regulations

12) An angry council member thinks

13) The rule has received some praise

14) You may also be fined

15) Mr. Bobbio also said that people will have to wear proper clothes when they leave the beach

A) for using foul language in the street.

B) for letting a dog run free in the park.

~~***C) because you will have to pay a fine.***~~

D) unlike in other holiday resorts.

E) because he needs extra revenues for the municipal budget.

F) that the police will be able to make a quick judgment in each case.

G) that the new rule degrades women.

H) because it may reduce the number of attacks on women.

I) because appropriacy is not a question of size or length.

K) because he wants to improve manners in his town.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 3

- **In this article about a famous London museum some phrases are missing.**
- **Your task is to fill in the gaps (16-24) from the list (A-M) below.**
- **Write the letters into the white boxes next to the numbers as in the example (*0*).**
- **Remember that there are <u>two extra letters</u> that you do not need.**

V&A MUSEUM PLEADS FOR CASH TO SAVE CHARLES DICKENS'S MANUSCRIPTS

When Charles Dickens picked up his quill in 1859 to write the words, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," ***(0)*** _____ , he was setting down some of the most enduring opening lines in world literature. The novelist's striking phrase helped to set the scene **(16)** _____ amid the turmoil of the French Revolution – but the paper on which he wrote *A Tale of Two Cities* might not endure for much longer **(17)**_____ .

This weekend the Victoria and Albert Museum is launching a campaign to raise funds to conserve the original manuscripts of three of Dickens's novels, including *A Tale of Two Cities*. Rescued from the novelist's home **(18)** _____ , the manuscripts came to the V&A in 1876 when Forster, a literary agent, bequeathed his library to the fledgling museum. The V&A now hopes to restore the priceless originals – which are still legible although blotched – **(19)** _____ of the bicentenary of Dickens's birth in 2012.

Written on low-grade blue writing paper, the manuscripts were never "wonderful quality", **(20)** _____ , deputy keeper of word and image at the V&A. But they remain a crucial part of Britain's cultural heritage. "It is an immense privilege to have them **(21)** _____ ," he said. "We have managed to conserve our other Dickens manuscripts, some of which were **(22)** _____ , but the money just ran out."

Meriton suspects that if it hadn't been for Dickens's friend Forster, who edited newspapers as well as penning a two-volume *Life of Charles Dickens* in 1872 and 1874, the manuscripts would have been thrown **(23)** _____ or burned on the fire. 'I don't think Dickens would have kept them at all. He was not that interested."

A Tale of Two Cities was published **(24)** _____ in Dickens's literary periodical *All the Year Round* in 1839.

(www.guardian.co.uk)

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A) in the process of planning, writing and correcting

B) in time for international celebrations

~~***C)*** *at the top of a clean sheet of paper*~~

D) for his celebrated story of love

E) in weekly instalments

F) without urgent intervention

G) according to John Meriton

H) by his close friend John Forster

I) with a future biography

K) in a more stable condition

L) in the wastepaper bin

M) in our collection

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 4

- **Read this article about a young author's first book and then read the sentences (25-30) following it.**
- **Your task is to choose the option (from A-D) that best completes each sentence according to what the text says.**
- **Write the letters in the white boxes as the example shows.**

TWENTY CHICKENS FOR A SADDLE

Robyn Scott's memoirs of her African childhood

Robyn Scott was nearly seven when, in 1987, her parents upped sticks with her younger brother and sister, leaving the gentle green of New Zealand to return to the place they were raised – Selebi, 150km from the borders of South Africa and Zimbabwe on the eastern edge of Botswana. It was a move that would lead to 13 eccentric, broadly idyllic years that Scott describes in her book.

The Scotts converted a shaky cowshed next to the property of Robyn's paternal grandfather, improvising a new floor with varnished brown paper and trying to sidestep the snakes in the laundry.

Robyn's father, Keith, devoted his working day to remote bush clinics, where he might see 100 patients in a day, returning by car or plane red-eyed, exhausted and full of curious tales. Her mother, Linda, insisted on home schooling and wholewheat bread, and filled their days with an array of adventures and botanical expeditions.

The three children sucked it up – growing sensible, upright and untroubled by convention, continuously engaged and endlessly thrilled. Robyn's first youthful commercial exercise was to rescue 20 battery chickens from destruction, producing a free-range egg business whose profits went part-way towards a new saddle for her wild pony. Both she and her sister chose to be vegetarians. They nurtured a vivarium of snakes and cared for just about any animal that presented itself, endlessly rescuing flailing insects from their back-yard pool.

But Keith dreamed of owning a freehold farm in Botswana and returning it to its original beauty, so the family moved on from Selebi after five years to a 2,000-acre farm in south-eastern Botswana. This was an intensely green, watery wonderland, with crocodiles, hippos and antelope, and teamed with bird life.

Molope Farm was thrilling – a "ferocious but fragile" paradise. Tighter schedules, tests and homework came as the children moved on to secondary schools across the borders in Zimbabwe and South Africa. And as the children became increasingly independent, their parents were ever more caught up with their own campaigns – Keith with Aids awareness and alternative therapies; Linda with her nutritional studies and books.

Twenty Chickens for a Saddle is such a bravura performance that it is difficult to believe it is Robyn Scott's first book. It is a confident portrait of a rollicking family that championed laughter and independence of thought and action at every turn.

(telegraph.co.uk)

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0)	C

0) The book *Twenty Chickens for a Saddle* describes
A) Robyn Scott's first seven years.
B) the parents' nostalgia for New Zealand.
C) *the life of Robyn's family in Africa.*
D) the hardships the family faced in Africa.

25) The family's first home in Africa was
A) only fit for cows.
B) less than luxurious.
C) too small for the family.
D) too terrifying for the children.

25) ____

26) Keith, who was a doctor,
A) suffered from a chronic eye infection.
B) went on long expeditions with his children.
C) was often too tired to talk to his family.
D) shared his experiences with his family.

26) ____

27) In Selebi the children's life was
A) exhausting.
B) monotonous.
C) unstructured.
D) unconventional.

27) ____

28) Young Robyn
A) was given a new saddle for her pony.
B) kept various animals in the back-yard.
C) was concerned about animal welfare.
D) was especially fond of reptiles.

28) ____

29) The family moved to Malope Farm in order to
A) fulfill Keith's dreams.
B) live a truly African life.
C) own a larger piece of land.
D) be closer to the children's schools.

29) ____

30) As the children became older,
A) they gradually lost interest in Malope Farm.
B) the parents became more and more attached to the farm.
C) the different members of the family lived their own lives and pursued their own interests.
D) Linda spent most of her time studying plants and writing books on nutrition.

30) ____

This is the end of this part of the exam.

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 1

- **You are going to read a short history of tea. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-N) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.**
- **There are two extra words that you do not need to use.**
- **There is one example *(0)* at the beginning.**

TEA

Perhaps the most famous legend surrounding the ***(0)*** _____ of tea is the Chinese story of Shen Nung, the emperor and renowned herbalist.

He was **(1)** _____ his drinking water when leaves from a nearby tea shrub blew into the pot. He tasted the **(2)** _____ brew and the beverage of tea was born in 2737 B.C.

Tea arrived **(3)** _____ Europe at the beginning of the 17th century via Dutch and Portuguese sailors, who had trade **(4)** _____ with China. It soon became a fashionable drink for the **(5)** _____ in continental Western Europe. But Britain, always a little suspicious of continental trends, lagged **(6)** _____. It was the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza in 1662 **(7)** _____ proved to be a turning point. She was a Portuguese princess, and a tea **(8)** _____ , and her love of the drink established tea **(9)** _____ a fashionable beverage at court and among rich people.

At the beginning of the 18th century, tea became a common product enjoyed by **(10)** _____ sectors of the population in Europe.

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(www.tea.co.uk)

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 2

- **You are going to read an article about Mr Aydin Onac, the head of an English grammar school, who ate a tarantula. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (11-18) after the text.**
- **Use only one word in each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**

HEAD TEACHER SHOCKS PUPILS

BY EATING SPIDER

A head teacher in Orpington, Kent stunned pupils at his school ***(0)*** _____ eating a tarantula in front of a packed assembly. **(11)** _____ some of his pupils delighted at seeing his discomfort during the ordeal, others **(12)** _____ said to be upset, and at least one parent complained that it set a bad example to youngsters.

Mr Onac said he came **(13)** _____ with the idea of eating a poisonous spider as a way of raising sponsorship money for a new sports and drama complex.

He explained: "It wasn't **(14)** _____ I opened the container and saw how big it was that I started to feel very nervous. As I was eating it I was wondering **(15)** _____ I would still be alive by break-time. It tasted quite salty, and a little bit like burnt chicken."

The spider was sourced from Cambodia, **(16)** _____ they are farmed and eaten by locals as a delicacy. They are usually deep fried and the cooking process negates the effects of any toxins they carry.

A member of the teaching staff said they were full of admiration for Mr Onac's actions. But not everybody connected with the school **(17)** _____ in agreement. One parent said: "It's all very well raising money, but why does he **(18)** _____ to behave as if he's taking part in a TV show?"

(www.bbcnews.co.uk)

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 3

- **You are going to read an article about a bird that steals food by imitating the calls of other animals. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (19-28) in the text.**
- **Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.**
- **There is one example *(0)* at the beginning.**

drongo

BIRD-MIMICS STEAL MEERKATS' FOOD

meerkat

Drongos in the Kalahari Desert mimic the alarm calls of other species in ***(0)*** _____ to steal food, scientists have found.

The birds "play tricks" **(19)** _____ meerkats in particular, following the little mammals around until they **(20)** _____ catch a meal. The drongos then make fake alarm calls and cause the meerkats **(21)** _____ for cover, allowing the drongos to swoop in.

The scientists **(22)** _____ their work studying meerkats and noticed their reaction to the drongos' alarm calls. When a predator was in the area, the birds made an alarm call and the meerkats immediately dashed for cover. But when the drongos saw a meerkat with a large food item such as a gecko or a scorpion, they made a false alarm call **(23)** _____ sounded the same as the calls they made at predators, **(24)** _____ there were no predators around.

The researchers then turned their attention to the drongos. To avoid **(25)** _____ ignored, the birds appear to deliberately change the type of call they make - to alter the species they mimic - when meerkats stop **(26)** _____ to their alarm calls.

Although **(27)** _____ species they impersonated were other birds, drongos even managed a meerkat alarm call. The birds may have learned by trial and error that meerkats are **(28)** _____ to find their own alarm call "particularly convincing". This is one of the first studies to show that vocal mimickry can have a function.

(www.bbcnews.co.uk)

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0)	**A** ***particular***	**B** ***addition***	**C** ***order***	**D** ***response***	***0)***	***C***
19)	**A** for	**B** at	**C** with	**D** on	19)	
20)	**A** will not	**B** -	**C** do not	**D** will	20)	
21)	**A** running	**B** run	**C** to have run	**D** to run	21)	
22)	**A** began	**B** have begun	**C** beginning	**D** have been beginning	22)	
23)	**A** this	**B** what	**C** that	**D** -	23)	
24)	**A** although	**B** unless	**C** since	**D** if	24)	
25)	**A** be	**B** being	**C** to be	**D** have been	25)	
26)	**A** respond	**B** to respond	**C** responding	**D** and respond	26)	
27)	**A** many of	**B** the most	**C** most of	**D** most	27)	
28)	**A** like	**B** alike	**C** unlike	**D** likely	28)	

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 4

- **You are going to read two anecdotes about Ferenc Molnár, the famous Hungarian playwright and novelist. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text.**
- **Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.**
- **Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).**
- **The task begins with two examples *(0)*.**

TWO ANECDOTES

0)	While Molnár was living in a hotel in Vienna during the 1920s, a	*0)*	✓
0)	large contingent of his family relatives came to see him in the hope	*0)*	*family*
29)	of sharing with some of the fruits of the playwright's fabulous	29)	
30)	success. They were not prepared for a hostile reception, but to their	30)	
31)	surprise Molnár greeted them kindly, even though insisting that	31)	
32)	they all sit for a group portrait to mark the occasion. When the print	32)	
33)	was ready, Molnár had handed it over to the hotel doorman, saying:	33)	
34)	"Whenever you will see any of the persons in the picture trying to	34)	
35)	get into the hotel, don't let them to come in."	35)	
36)	Molnár was a late riser, while never emerging until 1:00 p.m. On	36)	
37)	one occasion in Budapest, having called as a witness in a lawsuit,	37)	
38)	he had better to present himself at court by 9:00 a.m. The combined	38)	
39)	efforts of his servants got him out of the bed and dressed, and they	39)	
40)	propelled him out of the house at 8:30 into the rush-hour crowd.	40)	
41)	Molnár looked in an amazement at the hurrying workers and	41)	
42)	exclaimed, "Good heavens, who are all these people witnesses in this fool case?"	42)	

(Paw Prints Anecdotes)

This is the end of this part of the exam.

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TASK 1

- **In this section you will hear an interview with Jen Shaffer, the author of a new book.**
- **Your task is to decide whether the following statements are true, false or we do not know because the text does not say, and write the appropriate letter in the boxes on the right. Write A if the statement is true, write B if the statement is false, and write C if the text does not say.**
- **First, you will have some time to look at the task, and then we will play the whole recording in one piece.**
- **Then, after a short pause, you will hear the recording again, but this time we will play the text in shorter sections to give you enough time to write down your answers.**
- **A= TRUE B= FALSE C= THE TEXT DOES NOT SAY**

✓ *Jen says that her new book does not contain stories from the London Olympics.* ***B***

1. Her book is about the achievements and attitudes of some outstanding athletes.
2. She says that Olympians are special, because they are more talented than others.
3. Betty Robinson was the only one to survive the 1931 plane crash.
4. It was only at the hospital that they realized she was still alive.
5. She was unconscious for months after the crash.
6. It took her more than a year to learn to walk again.
7. She not only participated in the 1936 Olympic Games, but also won a gold medal.
8. Fujimoto didn't tell anyone that he had broken his knee during the floor exercise routine.
9. He received a better score for the rings than for the pommel horse exercise.
10. He was so determined that he didn't feel any pain either during or after the rings.
11. When asked later, he said that if it were necessary, he would do the same thing again.

That is the end of TASK 1.

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