



Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39–48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The house (39) .... up suddenly beside him, and his first (40) .... was that it had assumed a strange unreality. There was nothing changed – (41) .... everything was changed. It was smaller and it seemed shabbier than before – there was no cloud of magic hovering over its roof and issuing from the windows of the (42) .... floor. He rang the doorbell and an unfamiliar coloured maid appeared. Miss Jonquil would be down in a moment. He wet his lips nervously and walked into the sitting room – and the feeling of unreality increased. After all, he saw, this was only a room, and not the enchanted chamber where he had (43) .... those poignant hours. He sat in a chair, amazed to find it [a chair], (44) .... that his imagination had distorted and coloured all these simple familiar things.

Then the door opened and Jonquil came into the room – and it was as though (45) .... in it suddenly blurred before his eyes. He had not (46) .... how beautiful she was, and he felt his face grow pale and his voice diminish to a poor (47) .... in his throat...

He said 'Hello', and they each took a few steps forward and (48) .... hands. Then they sat in chairs quite apart and gazed at each other across the room.

Taken from *The Sensible Thing* by F Scott Fitzgerald

39	A appeared	B loomed	C came	D stood
40	A thought	B idea	C mind	D opinion
41	A once	B here	C only	D around
42	A upper	B above	C lower	D attic
43	A seen	B dreamed	C walked	D passed
44	A realizing	B understanding	C remembering	D visualizing
45	A all	B everything	C things	D images
46	A imagined	B seen	C reminded	D remembered
47	A voice	B whisper	C sigh	D sound
48	A shook	B raised	C waved	D touched

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