

31. The _____ is the last item to be stitched on a pair of jeans.
32. After _____ are fastened on the jeans, they are folded and packed.

[8 marks]

PART 5

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below. Eight sentences have been removed from the text.

For 33 to 36, choose from the sentences (A – D) to fit each gap.

For 37 to 40, choose from the sentences (E – H) to fit each gap.

At A New School

Two months ago, I started attending a new school. I wouldn't have been so nervous if it was a normal school. But it was a boarding school. I'd be living here and I wouldn't be able to see my parents and siblings every day.

I've to say the first 24 hours were the toughest. (33) _____ I looked around the school hall and saw a sea of worried faces.

Every student in the hall was embarking on a new journey. I felt some comfort knowing I wasn't the only one who was feeling scared. (34) _____ I'm sure I missed some important information.

Later, we were divided into groups. My group followed a teacher to our accommodation in one of the hostels. Everyone looked at each other awkwardly at first. (35) _____ Soon everyone was contributing to the conversation. Later, we went to the dining hall and had our meal together. The conversation flowed smoothly.

It's only been several weeks since I started here but I've come a long way. (36) _____ There're no more awkward moments among our group members. I feel more comfortable starting conversations with new people that I've even expanded my circle of friends.

- A I listened to many speeches that morning.
- B I feel settled in my new environment but I miss home sometimes.
- C I felt very alone after my family left.
- D One person started talking first.

Benefits of Going to a Boarding School

Boarding schools have been around for decades. Students study and live in the school during the school year.

Studies have shown that 95% of boarding school students reported that they enjoyed their experience. In addition, 78% of them stated that they were more prepared for college or university. So, what makes boarding school special?

First, it offers a 24-hour educational environment. (37) ____ Boarding schools have exceptional facilities such as well-equipped libraries, arts centres, sports courts and computer rooms. These facilities offer students a wide range of subjects and activities. (38) ____ In addition, since students live at school, they have more time to spend on academic-related and extracurricular activities.

Second, boarding schools have more teachers and staff members. Students only have these adults for guidance throughout the day. (39) ____ Teachers not only teach but also mentor and coach them.

Finally, boarding school students have the opportunity to build good character. (40) ____ They learn living skills and to be responsible for their actions. In addition, they also learn to become disciplined so they can take care of themselves properly.

E Therefore, there is more interaction between teachers and students.

F Learning and personal development don't end after school hours.

G Since they live away from home, they have to learn to be independent.

H This allows students to learn a variety of skills.

[8 marks]