Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

The Tomatina Festival

The Tomatina Festival takes place every August in the small Spanish town of Buñol. It has been described as the world's biggest food fight, as the most famous part of the celebrations involve 20 000 people throwing tomatoes at each other!

No one is totally sure how the festival began, but it seems to have started in the 1940s. One story tells how some teenage friends started throwing old tomatoes at one another for fun. **16** ☐ Another describes how the crowd at a more traditional festival was so bored by the entertainment, they started throwing tomatoes at the entertainers and then at each other! Whatever the truth is, the event was repeated the following year and its popularity has grown ever since.

On the day of the festival, several large lorries, loaded with over 100 000 kg of soft, ripe tomatoes, appear in the town square. Everyone helps themselves or is given lots of the tomatoes, and once a special signal is given, the tomato fight begins. **17** ☐ After another signal, everyone stops throwing the fruit and the clean up begins.

At one time, over 40 000 people attended the festival (Buñol's population is only around 9000!) but this was felt to be too many, so the organisers decided to introduce a limit. This was set at a maximum of 20 000 people per year. **18** ☐ Without this, you will not be allowed to take part.

The organisers give lots of advice to anyone who is involved in the festival's tomato fight. They suggest that festival-goers only wear things that they are happy to throw away afterwards. **19** ☐ Other advice is to avoid bringing a camera, as unless it is a special waterproof one, it is almost certain to get damaged. People are also asked to make sure that the tomatoes are as soft as possible before they throw them. **20** ☐ But above all, the organisers just want visitors to the Tomatina festival to have fun!

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Question 16: What tense is this paragraph written in? Which options are also written in this tense?

Question 17: The sentence before the gap is the beginning of the tomato fight, and the sentence after is about the end. Which option gives information about between the beginning and end?

Question 18: Does the option with the number in make sense here? The following sentence starts with 'Without this …' Without what?

Question 19: The sentence before the gap is about clothes. Which option gives more information about clothes?

Question 20: Why do you think the tomatoes need to be as soft as possible?

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A They will certainly never be the same colour again!

B That is why they also began throwing the fruit at everyone.

C It generally lasts for about one hour.

D This will hopefully stop them from injuring anyone.

E There were as many as 50 000 visitors that year.

F This seemed so enjoyable that other people joined in.

G For this reason, the organisers stopped people bringing glass bottles.

H So these days, you actually need a ticket to attend.

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