PART 5

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the text.
Choose from the sentences **(A – H)** to fit each gap **(35 – 40)**.

Exploring the World of Music and Instruments

Music, in its myriad forms, serves as a universal language that speaks to the soul, transcending cultural boundaries and stirring emotions. Whether it's the rhythmic thump of a drum, the haunting melody of a flute or the electrifying strum of a guitar, music has a profound impact on our lives. Music shapes our experiences and connects us to one another.

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(35) ____. Instruments are the tools through which musicians bring music to life. From ancient times to the modern era, instruments have played a pivotal role in human history, serving as symbols of culture, tradition and innovation.

(36) ____. From the pulsating rhythms of African djembes to the thunderous beats of rock and roll drum kits, drums have a primal power that resonates with listeners around the world. String instruments, such as the violin, guitar, and piano, evoke emotions with their melodic tones and expressive qualities. Whether it's the soulful strains of a violin solo or the intricate fingerpicking of an acoustic guitar, (37) ____.

(38) ____. Wind instruments like the flute, saxophone and trumpet, produce sound through the vibration of air columns. From the ethereal melodies of a flute to the brassy blasts of a trumpet, wind instruments add depth and colour to musical compositions. (39) ____. From the pulsating rhythms of electronic dance music to the experimental sounds of ambient electronica, electronic instruments have opened new frontiers in musical expression.

(40) ____. In conclusion, music and instruments are integral parts of human culture. Whether as performers or listeners, we all have the opportunity to experience the transformative power of music and instruments in our lives.

A Learning to play an instrument cultivates discipline and perseverance.

B They offer a diverse range of tones and textures.

C Music has the power to transcend barriers and connect souls.

D String instruments captivate audiences with their versatility and beauty.

E They enrich our lives and connect us to our shared humanity.

F Drums, among the oldest of instruments, provide the heartbeat of music, driving rhythm and energy in diverse musical genres.

G In recent years, electronic instruments and synthesizers have revolutionised the music industry, pushing the boundaries of sound and creativity.

H They come in diverse shapes and sizes, each producing unique sounds that contribute to the rich tapestry of musical expression.

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