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 best ways to learn another language

There are thousands of different websites offering advice about the best ways to learn languages. Some of these claim that you can learn the language of your choice in only a few weeks. **16** ☐ Therefore, expecting to be fluent in only a few weeks is clearly not realistic.

The thought of learning a language can be quite frightening, especially as it seems such a huge task. Most people who think of doing so simply never try, as they listen to that voice in their heads that keeps telling them they can't do it because it's too much work. This same problem makes giving up once you've started very likely too. **17** ☐ When you achieve each one, you feel good and this helps to remove any feelings of fear you may have.

Most language experts agree it's better to learn new words and grammar using topics that interest you. Reading long lists of words is definitely not an efficient way of learning new vocabulary. **18** ☐ Reading those same words in an article about a subject that you find interesting, however, won't send you to sleep and is a much better way to remember them.

Many people will happily tell you that you can only learn a language really well when you're young, preferably a child. **19** ☐ Instead, just carry on learning because there's plenty of evidence to show that, although adults learn in different ways from children, they can become just as good.

Learning more about your own language can actually help you when it comes to trying a new language. Learning to use anything well involves gaining understanding of how it works, and languages are no different. **20** ☐ You can then use what you've learnt when trying to develop your skills in the new language.

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A It's of course easier to do this using a language you already know well.

B That's why it's important to break your learning up into small, clear goals.

C Therefore you'll be able to remember these new words forever.

D Most people also find it extremely boring.

E The longer you spend following these steps, the better your understanding will be.

F However, language learning is something that continues for the whole of your life.

G So your first language can actually make this more difficult.

H Don't listen to them because it's simply not true.

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