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 problem of insects in museums

Most of us have spent time at a museum, perhaps on a school trip, looking at and learning about the things on display. But how many of us have ever thought about how these objects are kept in good condition? **16** ☐ They make sure the temperature and light levels are always just right, and that the air isn't too humid.

However, even if the conditions are correct, there are still things that can seriously damage a valuable object – insects. Often these enter the museum inside the object itself. **17** ☐ Once inside the museum, they can quickly move from one object to another, and particularly enjoy eating natural materials such as wood, cotton, silk and wool.

Museum experts say that the older the objects, the more the insects seem to be attracted to them. **18** ☐ People may no longer know the techniques or have the materials required to mend them. As a result, museums will try almost anything to prevent insects from damaging their collections. For example, a new object will be kept separately at first. Then, when staff are sure there are no insects inside, it can be put on display with everything else. If insects are found in a piece of clothing or art, placing it in a freezer is one way of getting rid of them.

But now one museum in the USA has decided to try something new. **19** ☐ Dogs have an excellent sense of smell, and are often taught to use this to help humans look for things. Usually the dog sits down to show that it has found what it's looking for. Staff at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts hope that their dog, Riley, will learn to do this when it finds insects. **20** ☐ However, if Riley can help find insects before they do much damage, other museums are sure to be interested.

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A That's a problem because these things can't easily be repaired.

B That's why insects are the most important things to check for.

C This is something museums put a lot of money and effort into.

D Unfortunately, museums are no longer allowed to use these methods.

E They say that at the moment it's just an experiment.

F It's hoped this will attract more visitors, not more insects.

G They may also by brought in by accident on visitors' clothes.

H They are training a puppy to find insects.

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