

Task 4

Read the texts below. For questions (22–30) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

New Sentinel Satellites to Check the Earth

Contracts (22) _____ with industry to produce spacecraft that can provide information on a range of parameters – from the extent of Arctic sea-ice to the condition of soils in dry regions of the world.

The new satellites are expected to be launched towards the decade's end. This depends, however, on sufficient (23) _____ funding being identified.

While a number of commercial concerns are launching larger numbers of satellites to map the Earth, none is investing in (24) _____ range of high-fidelity sensor types. What's more, all the data from the *Sentinels* is free and open, including to users outside Europe.

The first *Sentinel-6* satellite is due to (25) _____ in November. This is a radar altimetre that will measure very (26) _____ the height of the world's oceans. It's data that is critical for understanding sea-level rise.

	A	B	C	D
22	announced	have announced	are announcing	have been announced
23	the furthest	the farthest	further	farther
24	so a wide	such a wide	such wide	so wide
25	launched	be launched	have launched	be launching
26	precisely	precise	precision	preciseness

Learn from Mistakes

Thomas Edison tried two (27) _____ different materials in search of a filament for the light bulb. When none worked satisfactorily, his assistant complained, that all their work was in vain, and they had learned (28) _____. Edison replied very confidently, "Oh, we have come a long way and we have learned (29) _____. We know that (30) _____ so many elements which we cannot use to make a good light bulb."

	A	B	C	D
27	thousands	thousands of	thousand of	thousand
28	nothing	anything	something	everything
29	a lot of	many of	a lot	many
30	these are	it is	there are	here is