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READING

Task 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5).
There are three choices you do not need to use.

1

Baker Wanted

If you have a love for baking and are eager to work, we want to hear from you!
Work Schedule: Early Morning, (03:00 to 12:00).
We propose:
— competitive hourly wage;
— stable, full-time employment;
— health benefits to ensure your well-being.
If you can't imagine your life without baking, please submit your resume to tastypastry@tea.org

2

Tune Into Melody Music Shop!



Find your perfect instrument with our extensive range of guitars, keyboards, and drums. Our knowledgeable staff is here to help you find exactly what you need.
Free guitar setup with any purchase this week!
Check us out at www.melodyk.com.

3

Capture Life's Moments at Focus Photography Studio!

From family portraits to special events, our professional photographers deliver stunning results. Book a session today and cherish your memories forever.
Exclusive offer: 20 % off on all portrait sessions booked this month!
Contact us at (987) 654-3210.

4

GreenThumb Supplies

Discover premium seeds, tools, and fertilizers to cultivate a flourishing garden. From beautiful blooms to fresh vegetables, we've got everything you need.
This month's special: Buy two bags of soil, get one free!
Shop online at www.greenthumb.com

5

Mediterra Bistro

Experience the flavors of the Mediterranean at Mediterra Bistro. Our menu is a mixture of Greek, Italian, and Spanish authentic cuisine, with dishes like moussaka, fresh seafood, and wood-fired pizzas. Perfect for a romantic evening or a lively family gathering. Mediterra — where every meal feels like a vacation.
Free delivery service available.
145, Green Str, Lewiston, USA.

Which advertisement is about _____?

A free fine-tuning if you buy anything from the shop this week
B a place with a special deal on cultivation supplies
C a place you can visit if you want to try some kinds of European cuisine
D a housing option
E a vacancy with uncommon schedule
F a service offering a discount
G education
H transport company

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Task 2

Read the texts below. For questions (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

How Colours Affect Emotions and Behaviors

Colours are more than just visual elements; they play a significant role in shaping our emotions and behaviors. Understanding colour psychology helps us navigate our environment and make informed choices about colour in various aspects of our lives.

Colours can evoke specific emotions and impact our behavior. For example, bright colours like red and yellow are often associated with high energy and strong emotions. Red can increase feelings of passion and urgency, making it a popular choice for stimulating action. Yellow, on the other hand, is linked to happiness and optimism, though too much can cause anxiety.

Cool colours such as blue and green are known for their calming effects. Blue often creates a sense of tranquility and trust, making it a common choice for professional settings. Green, the colour of nature, promotes balance and renewal, providing a soothing atmosphere. Purple combines the calm of blue and the energy of red, fostering creativity and sophistication.

Neutral colours like gray, beige, and white do not evoke strong emotions but provide stability and balance. They are often used as backgrounds to highlight other colours or create a calming environment.

Two main theories explain how we react to colours: Associative Learning: This theory suggests that we form emotional connections to colours based on personal experiences and **cultural conditioning**. For example, red might evoke excitement because it is commonly used in signs that signal warnings or sales. Ecological Valence Theory: This theory posits that our preferences for certain colours have evolutionary roots. Early humans may have favored colours associated with survival, such as green for vegetation and blue for water.

Cultural context significantly shapes our colour perceptions. For instance, while white represents purity and new beginnings in many Western cultures, it symbolizes mourning in some Eastern cultures. These cultural differences must be considered, especially in marketing and design, to ensure that colours communicate the intended message.

To create a positive environment or enhance your mood, choose colours that align with your goals. For a relaxing space, opt for calming cool colours. To boost energy or motivation, incorporate warm colours like red and yellow. Balancing these with neutral tones can provide stability and focus.

Understanding and using colour psychology can improve your well-being and help you create spaces that reflect your personality and desired atmosphere.

6. How do colours primarily influence human behavior?

- ☐ **A** Colours have no significant impact on human behavior.
- ☐ **B** Colours affect our physical health but not our emotions.
- ☐ **C** Colours can activate particular emotions and influence decisions.
- ☐ **D** Colours only influence artistic and creative fields.

7. What is the general psychological effect of warm colours like red and yellow?

- ☐ **A** They can stimulate energy and excitement.
- ☐ **B** They tend to create a calming and relaxing atmosphere.
- ☐ **C** They are often associated with negative emotions.
- ☐ **D** They have no consistent psychological impact.

8. What does the phrase "cultural conditioning" mean in the context of the text?

- ☐ **A** The process of learning and adapting to a new culture.
- ☐ **B** The biological basis for colour preferences.
- ☐ **C** The influence of society on how we perceive colours.
- ☐ **D** The personal experiences that shape colour choices.

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9. According to the ecological valence theory, what is a primary reason for our colour preferences?

- ☐ **A** Personal experiences and cultural conditioning.
- ☐ **B** Evolutionary processes related to survival.
- ☐ **C** Marketing strategies and brand associations.
- ☐ **D** Seasonal trends and fashion changes.

10. What is the practical application of color psychology?

- ☐ **A** It is primarily used in the art world.
- ☐ **B** It has no real-world applications.
- ☐ **C** It is only relevant to the field of psychology.
- ☐ **D** It can be used to create specific atmospheres or moods.

Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (11–16).
There are two choices you do not need to use.

11 The World's Ugliest Dog Contest, held annually in Petaluma, California, has grown from a small sideshow in the 1970s into a major event at the Sonoma-Marin Fair. Despite its name, the contest is full of love and celebration. Many of the dogs in the competition were adopted from the shelters or rescued from the streets, and their proud owners enjoy the supportive cheers from the crowd.

In 2024, a 14-year-old pug named Rome, who uses a wheelchair for his hind legs, won the runner-up title. Rome, who visits hospice patients and teaches kids about adopting senior pets, was a first-time contestant. His owner, Michelle Grady, was thrilled with their success.

12 The Bee Beard Competition in Clovermead, Ontario, is now a fun tradition that draws crowds who want to see beekeepers cover their faces with bees. Although it might seem dangerous, participants are safe, with organizers assuring everyone that "bees eat pollen and collect nectar, they do not eat people."

But how do they create these bee beards? It's actually quite simple. The beekeeper ties the queen bee in a small cage to their face, and the worker bees naturally gather around her, forming a beard. The winner is chosen by weighing the beekeeper before and after they put on their bee beard. This event shows the strong connection between humans and bees, even today.

13 Extreme Ironing is a unique and thrilling sport that combines the challenge of ironing with extreme outdoor activities. It began in 1997 in Leicester, England, when Phil Shaw decided to mix his ironing chores with his love for rock climbing. This unusual idea quickly caught on, and now people all over the world participate by ironing clothes in daring and unusual places. From ironing on mountainsides and underwater to doing it while skiing or even during free fall, the sport has become a global sensation. Anyone can join in, and there are no official rules — just the excitement of extreme sports combined with the satisfaction of a perfectly pressed shirt.

14 The Tuna Toss, part of the Tunarama Festival in Port Lincoln, South Australia, is known to celebrate the local fishing industry and has been a unique tradition since 1979. Competitors throw a tuna as far as possible, with the most successful using a hammer-throwing technique. Initially, fresh tuna was used, but since 2008, a weighted plastic replica is thrown in the early heats. For the finals, competitors toss a 9–10 kg frozen Southern Bluefin Tuna with a rope handle. The current record of 37.23 meters was set by Australian Olympic hammer thrower Sean Carlin in 1998. The festival was paused in 2023 due to funding issues, but there is hope for a revival.

15 Cheese Rolling in Gloucestershire, England, is a tradition that goes back hundreds of years, with some saying it even has roots in pre-Roman times. Every year in late May, people gather near the village of Brockworth to watch competitors chase a 7-pound wheel of Double Gloucester cheese down a steep hill. The event is so popular that even when the official race was canceled one

16 You might think you've seen some wild nails before, but nothing compares to the creations at Nailympia. This competition features several events, but the most exciting is the fantasy nail category. Here, contestants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild. Participants have one hour to create stunning nail designs and put together an outfit that matches their chosen

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year, locals still held the event. Participants face the thrill of running down a 26-degree hill, risking injuries like broken bones. The winner gets to keep the cheese, making the race both exciting and rewarding.

theme. Some even build detailed backdrops attached to their forearms to highlight their nails. Past themes have included everything from a World War I tribute to an African safari, making these nails look more like mini dioramas than simple manicures. The creativity on display at Nailympia truly takes nail art to a whole new level.

Which event _____?

- **A** makes the public vote in online polls to decide who wins
- **B** offers participants to do chores in the most unusual places
- **C** had to stop because of money shortage
- **D** weighs contestants before and after they take part to determine the winner
- **E** dates back to ancient times
- **F** highlights the importance of adoption and celebrates the uniqueness of its contestants
- **G** turns survival skills into a dangerous sport
- **H** encourages participants to use their imagination and creativity to produce unique design

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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12	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
13	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
14	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
15	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
16	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Technologies in Smart Hospitals: Transforming Healthcare

A smart hospital uses advanced technologies **(17)** _____. For example, electronic health records (EHRs) replace paper records, making patient information easily accessible to doctors and nurses across different departments. This helps to improve care and avoid mistakes. Another example is innovative devices, like smart sensors and connected equipment, monitoring patients' health in real-time, so **(18)** _____.

Telemedicine allows patients to have video consultations with doctors without needing to visit the hospital. This is especially useful for people living in remote areas or those who have trouble moving around. Artificial intelligence (AI) analyzes **(19)** _____. Surgical robots help doctors perform less invasive surgeries more accurately. Digital labels replace **(20)** _____, giving real-time updates and reducing errors.

Extended reality (AR and VR) technologies are used for improving the precision of surgeries. AR can show digital information during surgeries, while VR can help distract **(21)** _____.

Using these technologies in smart hospitals improves patient care, makes hospital operations more efficient, and helps patients manage their own health better. **(22)** _____, they are modernizing healthcare and improving results for everyone.

- **A** large amounts of health data
- **B** healthcare providers can quickly respond to changes in a patient's condition
- **C** offer numerous benefits to everyone involved
- **D** old paper tags
- **E** as more hospitals adopt these innovations
- **F** to improve medical care and hospital management
- **G** patients during painful treatments
- **H** has also become a crucial technology

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
17	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
18	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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20	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
21	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
22	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23–27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

The Mandela Effect

The Mandela Effect is a fascinating phenomenon where many people collectively remember events, facts, or details **(23)** _____ from how they actually **(24)** _____. **(25)** _____ the widespread but false belief that Nelson Mandela died in prison in the 1980s, despite his passing only in 2013, this effect challenges our understanding of memory and **(26)** _____.

Such collective false memories can be intriguing and unsettling, showing how easily our minds can be influenced or **(27)** _____. Whether it's a misquoted movie line or an incorrect memory of a historical event, the Mandela Effect continues to capture the curiosity of many, reminding us of the fallibility of human memory.

23 ☐ **A** differently ☐ **B** similarly ☐ **C** likewise ☐ **D** otherwise

24 ☐ **A** explained ☐ **B** extended ☐ **C** suggested ☐ **D** occurred

25 ☐ **A** Contrary ☐ **B** Named after ☐ **C** Named by ☐ **D** However

26 ☐ **A** reality ☐ **B** theory ☐ **C** history ☐ **D** behavior

27 ☐ **A** rewarded ☐ **B** ignored ☐ **C** misled ☐ **D** related

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (28–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

A study shows that stone tools discovered in western Ukraine, **(28)** _____ over 1 million years old, could be the oldest evidence of human presence in Europe. The chipped stones, made from volcanic rock, **(29)** _____ in Korolevo in the 1970s. New dating methods show they date back more than 1 million years. This is the earliest dated evidence of any type of human in Europe. These tools were likely used **(30)** _____ meat.

The tools might be **(31)** _____ as 1.4 million years. Rick Potts from the Smithsonian noted that this Ukrainian site is significant for its northern location, showing early humans' **(32)** _____ to different environments.

28 ☐ **A** seems to be ☐ **B** are ☐ **C** thought to be ☐ **D** were

29 ☐ **A** founded ☐ **B** were found ☐ **C** have found ☐ **D** were finding

30 ☐ **A** for cutting ☐ **B** cutting ☐ **C** with cut ☐ **D** cutting up

31 ☐ **A** older ☐ **B** as old ☐ **C** much older ☐ **D** quite old

32 ☐ **A** adaptability ☐ **B** adapt ☐ **C** adapting ☐ **D** adaptation

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