

VARIANT 12**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 Modern Studio Apartment for Rent

Located near downtown, this modern studio apartment features high ceilings, stainless steel appliances, and a rooftop deck.

Monthly Rent: \$1,200 (water and trash removal included).

Available immediately.

Details: (635) 078-90-38.

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Book a table: (765) 901-20-05.

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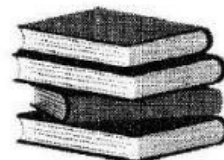
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This week's special: Buy one book, get a second book half off!

BookLovers Centre, 303, Serenity Street.



Which advertisement is about _____?

- A** a job without previous experience
- B** a variety of opportunities to fit your interests
- C** a comfy spot for enjoying your hobby
- D** a discount for accessories
- E** a perfect blend of comfort and delicious food
- F** a venue on the top of the mountain
- G** an opportunity to see the world at a lower price
- H** finding a living space with immediate availability

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1	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Task 2

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

One summer, a local animal rescue center received an urgent call from a family who had been trimming their trees. They discovered a squirrel nest in one of the branches, which was cut down by accident, leaving behind five very young baby squirrels. The family was concerned about the well-being of the tiny creatures and reached out for help.

A dedicated volunteer from the center immediately took the babies into her care. Upon examining them, she found that one of the babies had a broken leg from the fall. She gently set the leg and placed it in a small cast, then spent the night caring for all the baby squirrels to ensure their survival.

The next morning, the family who had cut down the tree called again, informing the center that the mother squirrel was seen circling the base of the tree. They hoped something could be done to reunite her with her babies. It is known that mother squirrels typically have two nests: a primary one for raising their young and an alternate one for emergencies or threats. If the primary nest is damaged, she will move her babies to the alternate

nest.

Understanding this, the volunteer decided to bring the babies back to the tree. She placed all five of them at the base and waited inside to observe. To everyone's relief, the mother squirrel arrived and began collecting her babies one by one, carrying them to her alternate nest. However, she left behind the baby with the broken leg.

The injured baby was successfully cared for by the volunteer and, after recovering, was released back into the wild. This heartwarming story highlights the remarkable instincts of wildlife mothers and the vital role of animal rescuers. The volunteer's quick response and understanding of animal behavior played a crucial part in ensuring the baby squirrels' survival and eventual **reunion** with their mother.

This incident reminds us of the incredible dedication of animal rescuers who go above and beyond to help injured and orphaned wildlife, ensuring that they have a chance to thrive in their natural habitat.

6. **Why did the family contact the animal rescue center?**
 - ☐ A They saw a mother squirrel in distress.
 - ☐ B They unintentionally chopped down a branch with a squirrel nest.
 - ☐ C They found an injured bird in their yard.
 - ☐ D They needed help with a raccoon problem.
7. **What action did the volunteer take when she discovered one baby squirrel had a broken leg?**
 - ☐ A She released all the squirrels into the wild immediately.
 - ☐ B She placed a cast on the broken leg.
 - ☐ C She took the injured squirrel to a veterinary clinic.
 - ☐ D She placed the baby in a separate cage away from the others.
8. **What is a typical behavior of mother squirrels when their primary nest is damaged?**
 - ☐ A They build a new nest elsewhere.
 - ☐ B They abandon their babies.
 - ☐ C They relocate their young to a different nest.
 - ☐ D They leave the area permanently.
9. **In the text, what does the word "reunion" most likely refer to?**
 - ☐ A The volunteer's return to the rescue center.
 - ☐ B The mother's retrieval of her babies.
 - ☐ C The family réuniting with the rescue center.
 - ☐ D The baby squirrels' return to the primary nest.
10. **According to the text, what factor contributed to the volunteer's successful care of the injured baby squirrel?**
 - ☐ A Advanced medical equipment.
 - ☐ B Extensive experience with wildlife rehabilitation.
 - ☐ C Quick response and understanding of animal behavior.
 - ☐ D Financial support from the animal rescue center.

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 origins of trains can be traced back to ancient times. One of the earliest known causeways, the Post Track, was built in England around 3838 B.C. In ancient Greece, people and animals pulled wheeled vehicles across grooves in limestone, guiding wagons along designated routes — a concept similar to modern railways. These early innovations laid the groundwork for what would eventually become the railway system. However, the true origins of the modern train began in the early 1800s with wooden rails in England. The first train was born from an argument between engineer Richard Trevithick and a mine owner in Pennydarran, U.K., marking the start of intercity and intercontinental travel by rail.
- 12** The bus is one of the most widely used public transport vehicles, serving both urban and intercity routes. Depending on the type, buses can carry anywhere from 30 to 300 passengers. Common variations include double-decker buses, which offer additional capacity, articulated buses for larger loads, and smaller options like midibuses and minibuses. Intercity buses cater to longer distances. The evolution of buses began with horse-drawn versions in the 1820s, followed by steam buses in the 1830s and electric trolleybuses in 1882. The first motorized buses appeared in 1895. Today, reflecting global trends in sustainable transportation, there's a growing shift towards environmentally friendly options like hybrid electric, fuel cell, and compressed natural gas buses.
- 13** The metro is a high-capacity public transport system commonly found in urban areas, designed to efficiently move large crowds. Unlike buses or trams, metro systems typically operate on private railways that are inaccessible to pedestrians and other vehicles, often running through underground tunnels or high-speed lines. The London Underground, the world's oldest metro system, opened in 1863 and introduced its first electrified line in 1890. Today, the Shanghai Metro holds the title for the world's longest metro network, spanning 803 kilometers and boasting the highest annual ridership with 2.83 billion trips. Meanwhile, the New York City Subway has the most stations, with 472, and Mexico City operates the second largest metro system in North America.
- 14** A cable car is a unique transportation system where cabins are suspended from steel ropes, offering a thrilling ride to high places, whether in mountainous regions or cities. Unlike elevators, cable cars can reach great heights, crossing valleys much like helicopters. The Norsjö Cable Car in Sweden holds the title of the world's longest cable car line. Established in 1942, it stretches 13.2 kilometers (8.2 miles) between the settlements of Örtrask and Menstrask. The journey takes about 1.5 hours, providing spectacular views and a smooth ride through Sweden's scenic landscapes. Cable cars not only offer a practical solution for challenging terrains but also a breathtaking experience.
- 15** A ferry, or car ferry, is a versatile mode of transport used in seas or lakes to carry passengers and vehicles, including cars and even railway vehicles, across water. Unlike cruise ships, ferries serve a more practical purpose, similar to buses or trains, by providing essential transportation between cities, islands, and across bodies of water like the Western Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Baltic Sea. However, some ferries also cater to the leisure industry, transporting vacationers between destinations, such as from the UK to France or Spain, or among the Greek islands. These vessels offer a vital link for travelers and commuters alike, balancing utility with the occasional touch of adventure in regions rich with waterways.
- 16** Trams, a key component of rail systems, are known for carrying large numbers of passengers. They come in both high-speed and low-speed varieties, and unlike trains, tram rails can be laid on streets, allowing other vehicles to share the road. Most trams are powered by electricity, though horse or petrol-powered versions also exist. The evolution of electric trams is fascinating. The first street tramway appeared in New York in 1832, followed by New Orleans in 1835, where it still operates today. Electric trams became possible after Werner von Siemens developed a practical dynamo in 1879, leading to the world's first electric tramway in Berlin in 1881. By 1883, the United Kingdom had its first electric lines, including the still-operating Volks Railway in Brighton.

According to the text which transport _____?

- A uses metal ropes to navigate tough terrains in cities and mountains
- B is a kind of water bus
- C owes its modern reinvention to an argument
- D runs on private track, frequently below ground, unlike buses or trams
- E behaves more like a fixed-wing aircraft
- F is now shifting towards eco-friendly models
- G evolved from animal-drawn vehicles to flying machines
- H still operates historic lines

	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.

The History of Fast Food

Fast food has become a global phenomenon, but its roots (17) _____. While McDonald's is often credited with popularizing fast food, White Castle, founded in 1921 in Wichita, Kansas, is considered the first fast-food chain. At that time, hamburgers were seen (18) _____ from questionable meat. White Castle's creators wanted to change this belief by designing restaurants that focused (19) _____. Their success helped improve the reputation of hamburgers across the United States.

However, McDonald's changed the fast-food industry with its "Speedee Service System" when it reopened in 1948. This assembly-line system set the standard for fast food and while some chains like KFC and Carl's Jr. were around before McDonald's innovation, (20) _____.

The fast-food industry has grown massively, with McDonald's leading the charge as the world's largest fast-food chain. However, (21) _____ hasn't always been smooth. McDonald's has faced protests worldwide. Protestors have accused McDonald's of selling unhealthy food, aggressive marketing and undermining local values and culture. Despite this, fast food, symbolized by the iconic drive-through, (22) _____, shaping dining habits globally.

- A as low-quality food made
- B the global expansion of fast food
- C remains an integral part of modern life
- D on cleanliness and visible food preparation
- E give hamburger meat a better reputation
- F trace back to early 20th-century America
- G they soon adopted similar methods
- H imagine fast food without drive-through windows

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
17	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
18	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
19	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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).

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly becoming a part of our daily lives, performing a wide (23) _____ of tasks. From writing texts and answering questions to suggesting routes and enhancing business management, AI is everywhere. But how is AI transforming the world of art?

Recently, AI-powered tools that can create digital art have gained significant attention. These tools allow artists to push the boundaries of creativity and (24) _____ new forms of expression.

With AI, artists can (25) _____ with machines to develop unique art forms. Techniques like GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks) and computer-aided drawing tools are helping artists create diverse and complex pieces more efficiently.

As AI continues to evolve, it opens up new (26) _____ in the art world, expanding what we consider possible in artistic expression. However, it's crucial to remember that AI is a tool, not a replacement for human creativity, (27) _____ rather than replacing the artist's vision.

- 23 ☐ A range
☐ B space
☐ C variability
☐ D level

- 24 ☐ A look up
☐ B manage
☐ C explore
☐ D replace

- 25 ☐ A join
☐ B collaborate
☐ C aid
☐ D connect

- 26 ☐ A possibilities
☐ B chances
☐ C hazards
☐ D occasions

- 27 ☐ A improving
☐ B magnifying
☐ C enhancing
☐ D lifting

Task 6

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

Leona, like many teens, found herself (28) _____ the complex world of social media. After her experience with meeting her friend from (29) _____ country online, she noticed the ups and downs of digital connections. While social media allowed her (30) _____ in touch and explore her creative side, it also brought some stress. Leona often felt overwhelmed by the drama and pressure to post perfect content. Her personal experience matched a recent survey which showed that while social media (31) _____ connections and support, it also comes with challenges like feeling left out and (32) _____ online drama.

- 28 ☐ A navigating
☐ B navigate
☐ C to navigate
☐ D navigation

- 29 ☐ A others
☐ B another
☐ C an other
☐ D otherwise

- 30 ☐ A stay
☐ B staying
☐ C to stay
☐ D having stayed

- 31 ☐ A deep
☐ B can deepen
☐ C can deep
☐ D depths

- 32 ☐ A cope with
☐ B due to
☐ C dealing with
☐ D dealing out