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Task 1

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

1

Fresh Farmers Market

Every Saturday

Experience the best local produce at our weekly farmers market. Find fresh fruits, vegetables, and artisanal goods directly from local farmers and vendors.
Market Hours: 8 AM — 2 PM.
Location: Glastonborough Green Space, Market Pavilion.

2

Calling all football fanatics!



Join the ultimate showdown at the Moncton local football tournament! Compete for glory and fantastic prizes. Matches will be held on 15th – 17th June at the Central Stadium.
Gather your team and register now!
Early bird registration is $100 per team until June, 5th.
For details and registration, visit www.monctonfootball.com
Let the games begin!

3

Mexicana

Spice up your life at Mexicana! Experience authentic Mexican cuisine with a modern twist. Enjoy our flavorful tacos, burritos, and refreshing guacamole made right at your table. Mexicana — where every meal is a fiesta!
Order now. Call 565-632-488.

4

The Historic Colonial Hotel

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the elegance and charm of The Historic Colonial Hotel. Lovingly restored from an 18th-century estate, our hotel offers an authentic glimpse into the past.
Enjoy your meal in our gorgeous dining room and explore the picturesque countryside. Experience timeless luxury at its finest.

Further info: (397) 230-64-56

5

Public Speaking Workshop

Boost your confidence and improve your public speaking skills with our interactive workshop. Perfect for professionals and students looking to enhance their presentation abilities.
Workshop Duration: 4 weeks (evening classes).
Start Date: February 3rd.
Tuition: $180 (includes free workbook and practice sessions).

Which advertisement is about _____?

A a training event offering complimentary materials
B a building that was revamped from a manor
C a chance to participate in a nearby competition
D a place to purchase newly harvested regional goods
E a chance to try traditional dishes of some country
F a travelling opportunity
G a horse-riding school
H an art gallery

	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).

Did you know music tourism brings in over $3.5 billion annually? This stunning figure shows how much music influences our culture and identity. Imagine exploring music's rich history by traveling to different places that have shaped it. Join us on a journey to discover musical heritage tourism. See how music can help you explore culture and find out the information about the development of music. Whether you're a music lover or a travel enthusiast, you will get a new perspective on how music helps us understand the world.

Music is a universal language that transcends borders, connecting people and conveying emotions without words. By experiencing different cultures through their music, we gain a deeper understanding of their unique stories and values.

Visiting historical music sites is an exciting way to see how music impacts culture. These places allow us to dive into a location's musical heritage. From famous concert halls to museums about iconic musicians, each place tells a story about music's history. Exploring these destinations deepens our appreciation for music's role in culture. We discover musical traditions and instruments that are unique to each region. It's like traveling back in time to witness music's evolution.

Vienna, Austria, is famous for its classical music scene, with composers like Mozart and Beethoven. In New Orleans, Louisiana, you can discover the birthplace of jazz and experience its vibrant music scene. For rock "n" roll fans, Liverpool, England, is where The Beatles began, with the Cavern Club as a must-visit spot. The Mississippi Delta in the U.S. is the home of blues, with legends like Robert Johnson and B. B. King.

Music travel isn't just about visiting historical sites; it's also about experiencing music live. Going to festivals or local concerts connects us with others and offers unique experiences. These adventures ignite our passion for music and deepen our understanding of cultures, leaving us with **lasting** memories and a greater appreciation for the stories behind the sounds.

These adventures open our eyes, fuel our love for music, and enrich our understanding of cultures. They create unforgettable memories and inspire us to explore more. They tell us the stories behind the music.

If you love music or just appreciate its beauty, traveling for music history is a great way to connect with the world. It deepens our understanding and appreciation for music's role in culture.

6. What is one of the main benefits of visiting historical music sites according to the text?

- ☐ **A** It allows travelers to participate in local music competitions.
- ☐ **B** It helps travelers learn about regional food traditions.
- ☐ **C** It enables travelers to witness the evolution of music.
- ☐ **D** It gives travelers discounts on local music festivals.

7. How does the text suggest that music can help people understand different cultures?

- ☐ **A** By allowing people to experience emotions and stories without words.
- ☐ **B** By translating the lyrics into different languages.
- ☐ **C** By offering free music lessons to travelers.
- ☐ **D** By encouraging people to play musical instruments from different cultures.

8. According to the text what unique aspects can be discovered through historical music sites?

- ☐ **A** Current trends in popular music worldwide.
- ☐ **B** The influence of social media on contemporary music.
- ☐ **C** The design of modern concert halls.
- ☐ **D** Regional music practices and instruments that are distinctive to each location.

9. What does the word "lasting" in PARAGRAPH 5 mean?

- ☐ **A** Temporary.
- ☐ **B** Continuing for a specified period of time.
- ☐ **C** Quick.
- ☐ **D** Easily forgotten.

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10. What does the text imply about the relationship between music and cultural identity?

- ☐ **A** Music is less important in shaping cultural identity today.
- ☐ **B** Music tourism only affects the economic aspects of culture.
- ☐ **C** Music is a key element in exploring and understanding cultural identity.
- ☐ **D** Music is primarily an entertainment form with no cultural significance.

Task 3

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

11 In June 2018, after football practice, 12 boys and their 25-year-old coach decided to explore Tham Luang cave in Thailand. They walked into the cave, but a flash flood forced them deeper, and they ended up on a platform four kilometers in. The cave filled with water, trapping them for 17 days. With no food for the first nine days, they drank water from dripping stalactites and took turns digging a hole, hoping to escape.
Finally, some divers found them. It was a long and dangerous journey to bring them out of the cave. The boys had to wear special masks to breathe underwater and hold hands with two divers while they swam through dark, narrow tunnels. Sadly, one rescuer, a former Thai Navy Seal died during that operation.

12 Cindy Busick from Sanford, NC, had a incredible escape from a tornado. The tornado struck her home, tearing it apart and sending her 75 yards away while she was in her bathtub.
"I flew a football field length in a bath tub," remembered Cindy, the survivor. The woman had crawled under the bathtub to stay safe. After the tornado, she found that her belongings were scattered up to 70 miles away. With only a few clothes left, Cindy got emergency help from the Red Cross. Her husband, Kevin, who came back from Africa after the tornado, found his wedding band in the ruins.
Cindy and Kevin are grateful for the help they had received and plan to give back when they can.

13 The Sierra Nevada mountains are a popular destination for tourists and hikers. On August 6, 2014, Mike Vilhauer set out for a day of fly fishing in this picturesque region. After several hours of unsuccessful fishing, he decided to use grasshoppers instead of flies and went to find some. Enjoying the walk, Mike lost track of time and realized it was getting dark. Unable to return to his spot, he spent the night under a pine tree. His phone signal was blocked by the mountains.
Some days he followed a small stream but got even more lost. Then he heard a rescue helicopter but it didn't spot him. Returning to his temporary camp, he finally saw a rescue dog and a search team. They had been looking for him since Friday. Mike was exhausted but otherwise fine.

14 British dairy farmer Dougal Robertson wanted to give his family an adventure, so on January 27, 1971, he, his wife, and their four children set sail on a wooden boat named Lucette. Despite Dougal's background in the British merchant navy, he hadn't prepared much for the trip. The family enjoyed their time sailing until June 15, 1972, when killer whales attacked their boat near the Galapagos Islands, damaging it badly and causing it to sink. With only a lifeboat, a small dinghy, and six days' worth of food, they survived on rainwater and hunted turtles. After 16 days, their lifeboat became unusable, and they moved to the overcrowded dinghy. They were rescued by Japanese fishermen on July 23, 1972. The Robertson family had been lost at sea for 38 days.

15 Aron Ralston's survival story is an example of extraordinary courage. In 2003, while he was hiking alone in Utah's Bluejohn Canyon, a big stone fell and trapped his right arm. With no hope of rescue and limited resources, Ralston faced an impossible decision. After five days of unimaginable suffering, he made the drastic choice to amputate his own arm to free himself. Afterwards, he walked seven miles to his truck and a tourist family found him. Despite the

16 Spending 13 months adrift at sea made José Salvador Alvarenga, a Salvadoran fisherman, the first person known to survive over a year on a small boat at sea. In November, 2012, Alvarenga and a young fisherman Ezequiel Cordoba set out from a fishing village in southern Mexico. They aimed for a short trip to catch sharks and tunas. A severe storm hit shortly after, damaging their boat and radio. The rescue team had no success. The fishermen were believed to die during the storm.

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physical and mental trauma, Ralston survived. Nowadays, he continues to climb mountains and is an inspiration to many through his unbelievable story.

Without supplies, the men survived by eating raw fish, turtles, and jellyfish, and drinking rainwater and turtle blood. Cordoba fell ill and died after months at sea. Alvarenga was alone for nine more months before spotting an island and swimming to shore. He was found by a local couple in the Marshall Islands, having been in the sea for over 438 days.

A The man didn't mean to make such a long voyage alone.
B An unusual way was found to get saved from the cavern
C That woman lived alone in a temporary camp for two years.
D The voyage was interrupted by marine animals.
E The expedition was too dangerous for these scientists to move on.
F That person had to injure himself to survive
G That person had a short flight in an unusual vehicle.
H That person got lost looking for some insects.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
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14	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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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 the Olympic Games

The first Olympic Games are traditionally dated to 776 BC and were held every four years at Olympia in ancient Greece **(17)** _____. Thousands gathered **(18)** _____, and the pentathlon, pay respects at a giant statue of Zeus, and witness the sacrifice of 100 oxen. Athletes won a wreath of leaves for their efforts.

The Games lost popularity after **(19)** _____ in the 2nd century BC and ended around 394 AD when Theodosius I banned pagan festivals. The modern Olympics were revived by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, a French educator. In 1894, he founded the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the first modern Games **(20)** _____ in 1896.

The early Games were small and chaotic, but innovations like **(21)** _____ helped them grow. The Berlin Games in 1936 marked a significant moment in the Games' history. Hitler's propaganda was overshadowed by African-American sprinter Jesse Owens, who defied the notion of Aryan supremacy by winning four gold medals.

Despite their impressive spectacles and rising popularity, hosting the Olympics remains costly. The term "winner's curse" reflects the financial burden, with many host cities facing **(22)** _____.

A to watch events like running, boxing
B the photo finish and the Olympic flame
C took place in Athens
D as part of a religious festival for Zeus
E Greece was conquered by Rome
F have grown into a global event
G high costs and economic challenges
H and the 1850 Wenlock Olympian Games

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

Online and offline gaming can offer social and recreational **(23)** _____, and most gamers do not face serious issues. Mental health experts are concerned when gaming becomes a prolonged habit that negatively **(24)** _____ a person's life, including their relationships, education, or career goals. Gaming disorder is diagnosed when gaming **(25)** _____ with other life aspects for a year or longer. Signs include an inability to control gaming, **(26)** _____ it over other interests, and continuing despite negative consequences. Studies show that about 1.4 % of gamers may be addicted, though the majority don't have this issue. For children, understanding their gaming habits and setting healthy boundaries is **(27)** _____.

23 ☐ **A** expectations ☐ **B** benefits ☐ **C** relaxation ☐ **D** reduction

24 ☐ **A** impacts ☐ **B** controls ☐ **C** spoils ☐ **D** corrupts

25 ☐ **A** interferes ☐ **B** enhances ☐ **C** resolves ☐ **D** monitors

26 ☐ **A** prioritizing ☐ **B** neglecting ☐ **C** forgetting ☐ **D** avoiding

27 ☐ **A** minimal ☐ **B** unnecessary ☐ **C** essential ☐ **D** unbelievable

Task 6

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

Benefits of Exercise

At the National Air Guitar Championships, Mia felt a mix of excitement and nerves. After **(28)** _____ for months, she finally stepped onto the stage. The crowd roared as she pretended to strum her **(29)** _____ guitar, losing **(30)** _____ in the music. The competition was fierce, but she loved every moment of it. "I felt like a rock star," she said. "It was amazing **(31)** _____ my passion with others who love air guitar just as much as I do." **(32)** _____ not winning, Mia walked away with great memories and new friends. The experience made her even more excited for the World Finals in Oulu.

28 ☐ **A** practicing ☐ **B** practiced ☐ **C** been practiced ☐ **D** practice

29 ☐ **A** imagine ☐ **B** imaginary ☐ **C** imaginative ☐ **D** image

30 ☐ **A** her ☐ **B** herself ☐ **C** them ☐ **D** themselves

31 ☐ **A** share ☐ **B** sharing ☐ **C** to share ☐ **D** have shared

32 ☐ **A** Despite ☐ **B** Even though ☐ **C** Although ☐ **D** Regardless

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