Раздел 2. ЧТЕНИЕ

10 *Установите соответствие между заголовками 1—8 и текстами A—G. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу. Используйте каждую цифру только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.*

1. Space Research
2. A Touch of Magic
3. Great Expectations
4. M-Learning Revolution
5. Wary Birds
6. Viable Alternative
7. Old Custom
8. Attractive Destination

A. The Hebrides, a group of islands off the Scottish Coast, offers tourists a diversity of wildlife and scenery with few equals in the UK. And in the waters around them you can find not only dolphins but whales and the mighty sea eagle as well. In places it is possible to see such marine animals from the shore, but to have the best views you need to be on a boat.

B. Mostly it's about hot air — for without that, balloons are just big empty bags with baskets on the bottom. The Montgolfier brothers had great hopes when they made the first manned flight. They thought balloons would take off as a viable means of commercial flight. Instead, they have remained the province of sport, adventure and enjoyment. Yet they still retain the essential characteristics which make them so attractive.

C. Many people still think that to get the chance to go to space you have got to try to become an astronaut. Unfortunately, the chances of succeeding are tiny, simply because there are so few astronauts and there is no prospect of a lot more being employed. However, you need not despair because you will be able to go as a visitor. But the first thing you should do is to save up because the demand is expected to be strong and prices will be high.

D. The natural cautiousness is usual in herons. They prefer to spend the day in areas where they can hunt for fish in peace. They seldom allow close approach and are quick to take to the air when they sense humans are about. Such nervousness is understandable, given that they have suffered from persecution from fish farmers.

E. Crop circles are large circular patterns which have been turning up mysteriously in cornfields all over southern England, and in other parts of the world, since the 1980s. Many people believe they could not have been done by human beings — they say only visitors from outer space could have created such circles. Although scientists are trying to solve this mystery, the scientific explanation has not been found yet.

F. Teachers are used to asking students to turn off their mobile phones but soon they could be a major classroom aid for teaching and learning. Three schools in the Richmond area are taking part in an innovative project in which students will use their mobile phones. Students can use the phones to get access to learning materials as more phones nowadays have links to the Internet.

G. Every year, large crowds of people gather at Cooper's Hill to watch the Cheese Rolling Championship. A group of brave people roll a large cheese down the hill, and then run down after it. In theory, competitors must catch the cheese, but as it can reach speeds up to 70 miles an hour, this rarely happens. Cheese Rolling has been going on for hundreds of years and nobody knows for sure when it first started.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G

11 *Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски A—F частями предложений, обозначенными цифрами 1—7. Одна из частей в списке 1—7 лишняя. Занесите цифру, обозначающую соответствующую часть предложения, в таблицу.*

Volcanic eruptions are among the Earth's most powerful and destructive forces. However, they are also creative forces. The Earth's first oceans and atmosphere formed from the gases given off by volcanoes. In turn, the oceans and the atmosphere created the environment **A**_____. Volcanoes have also shaped the Earth's landscape. Many of our mountains, islands, and plains have been built by volcanic eruptions.

The Earth's crust is broken into plates **B**_____. There are 16 major plates. These rigid plates float on a softer layer of rock in the Earth's mantle. As the plates move about they push together or pull apart. Most volcanoes are located near the edges of plates.

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Deep within the Earth it is so hot that some rocks slowly melt and become a thick flowing substance called magma. **C**_____, magma rises and collects in magma chambers. Eventually some of the magma pushes through vents and fissures in the Earth's surface. A volcanic eruption occurs! Magma that has erupted is called lava.

Some volcanic eruptions are explosive and others are not. How explosive an eruption is depends on how runny or sticky the magma is. If magma is thin and runny, gases can escape easily from it. **D**_____, it flows out of the volcano. Lava flows rarely kill people, because they move slowly enough for people to get out of their way. Lava flows, however, can cause considerable destruction to buildings in their path.

If magma is thick and sticky, gases cannot escape easily. Pressure builds up **E**_____. In this type of eruption, the magma blasts into the air and breaks apart into pieces called tephra. Tephra can range in size from tiny particles of ash to house-size boulders.

Explosive volcanic eruptions can be dangerous and deadly. They can blast out clouds of hot tephra from the side or top of a volcano. These fiery clouds race down mountain-sides destroying almost everything in their path. Ash erupted into the sky falls back to earth like powdery snow, but snow **F**_____. If thick enough, blankets of ash can suffocate plants, animals, and humans. When hot volcanic materials mix with water from streams or melted snow and ice, mudflows form. Mudflows have buried entire communities located near erupting volcanoes.

1. that resemble a jigsaw puzzle
2. when plates push together
3. until the gases escape violently and explode
4. that made life possible on our planet
5. because it is lighter than the solid rock around it
6. that doesn't melt
7. when this type of magma erupts

A	B	C	D	E	F

Прочитайте текст и выполните задания 12—18. В каждом задании запишите в поле ответа цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую выбранному Вами варианту ответа.

For freshers, facing the first interview is nothing less than having bittersweet feelings. Not only are we too excited but also very nervous before those one-on-one interview rounds. The mixed feelings can be overwhelming and they either leave you speechless or you end up blabbering things you regret later. Even if you have given many interviews, your first job interview experience will remain as a memorable one forever. For some of you, it will be a positive experience and for others, a negative one. As for me, it was a turning point experience and it has changed the way I look at interviews.

On a Wednesday morning, being in desperate need of a job, I met my best friend. He told me about a job vacancy for a safety officer, with an interview to be held two days later. I hardly knew a thing about industrial or company safety, let alone the job responsibilities of a safety officer. However, with my friend's encouragement, I decided to give it a go. I had two days to customize my template fresh graduate resume to focus on the safety job specification, to submit it and prepare for the interview.

My resume got to the company the next day as a late entry and my application was accepted. I got a phone call to come for the interview the following day. My friend offered his help to prepare me for the interview, but I felt that the Internet was the right place to go, so I went to the nearest internet cafe, and did some intensive research on Google. I educated myself on the company safety policies, precautions and the required knowledge of a safety officer. I printed every article I found useful until I was sure to have acquired substantial information for the interview with the CEO (chief executive officer).

The next day, I was simply dressed in my shirt, trousers and a tie. **(I was completely broke** so I did not take my suit to a dry-cleaner.) I was at the reception with about 18 other well-dressed gentlemen, some rehearsing their safety manuals and others waiting to have a good time with the interviewer. The job position was for two safety officers, so about 17 of us were destined to be disqualified. However, I was super excited and sure to give the interview my best shot.

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My much-awaited interview slot finally arrived and I entered the CEO's spacious room. As soon as I came in, I saw he was casually seated on his chair with his legs on top of a desk. He was watching cricket on TV, which was on mute, though. The CEO greeted me and asked me to sit down. Then he asked whether I felt comfortable with him sitting like that and watching cricket. Although I was not very comfortable with his behaviour, I said, "Yes, I am quite comfortable and I don't mind you watching cricket." The CEO smiled and said that I might leave. The whole interview lasted 2 minutes.

The next day, I was informed that I could not make it to the final list of selected candidates. I analyzed the whole interview and understood the mistake I had made on that day. I should have shown my disapproval of the way the CEO was sitting in the interview. I realized that the interview etiquette should be followed by both parties, not just by a job applicant.

This experience has left a long-lasting impression on me! Now, whenever I go for an interview, I make sure that I say 'No' if I don't like anything, say 'don't know' if I am not aware of anything, and I'm straightforward and honest as much as possible! The best candidate is not the one with the best academic qualifications but the one with the right attitude. I wouldn't advise any applicant to approach the interview like it's a do-or-die affair. A failure in an interview is not the end of your career. A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn.

(*Adapted from 'My First Job Interview Experience' by S. Reddy*)

12 Why was the first interview memorable for the author?

1) The interview left bittersweet feelings.
2) The author was speechless in the interview.
3) It was an eye-opening experience.
4) The author's emotions were overwhelming.

Ответ: _____.

13 When the author learned about a job vacancy for a safety officer,

1) he knew nothing about this area of employment.
2) he was looking for a job in this field.
3) he has already had a proper resume for this job.
4) it was too late to submit his resume.

Ответ: _____.

14 How did the author prepare for the interview?

1) He took a two-day course in customizing his resume.
2) He prepared for the interview with the help of his friend.
3) He read Internet articles concerning a safety officer job.
4) He studied the company documents on safety policies.

Ответ: _____.

15 The expression "**I was completely broke**" in paragraph 4 ("**I was completely broke** so I did not take my suit to a dry-cleaner.") is closest in meaning to...

1) I was extremely worried.
2) I didn't have any money.
3) I was hopelessly absent-minded.
4) I didn't know what to do.

Ответ: _____.

16 How did the author feel when he saw other job applicants waiting at the reception?

1) He felt nervous and frustrated.
2) He thought he had no chances to be accepted.
3) He was determined to make as much effort as possible.
4) He felt he was not dressed well enough for the interview.

Ответ: _____.

17 Why did the author fail the interview?

1) He did not answer the CEO's questions correctly.
2) He did not follow the interview etiquette.
3) He did not feel comfortable in the interview.
4) He did not object to the CEO's behaviour.

Ответ: _____.

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18 What should the applicant NOT do at the interview?

1) Follow the interview etiquette.
2) Be straightforward and honest.
3) Regard the interview as a do-or-die affair.
4) Have the proper approach to the interview.

Ответ: _____.

По окончании выполнения заданий 10—18 не забудьте перенести свои ответы в БЛАНК ОТВЕТОВ № 1! Запишите ответ справа от номера соответствующего задания, начиная с первой клеточки. При переносе ответов в заданиях 10 и 11 цифры записываются без пробелов, запятых и других дополнительных символов. Каждую цифру пишите в отдельной клеточке в соответствии с приведёнными в бланке образцами.

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