

Part 5

You should spend about 20 minutes on this part.

Read the text below. Six sentences have been removed from the article.

Choose from the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (35 – 40).

Try Again

Glancing over the first page, I smiled confidently while quickly filling in the answers. As I turned to the next page, I smiled again and continued answering until I reached the last question. (35) I read the question over and over again, but I could not understand it.

As I read the question again, I tried to remember what I read last night. I knew I had been reading my notes until I had fallen asleep but I could remember nothing. I glanced up at the clock, I had fifteen minutes and this question was very important. I had to get it

right so that I could get an A for the Science test. (36) I thought really hard for an answer to the question. Soon, time was up. Miss Agnes, my Science teacher, was ready to collect our papers. I submitted my paper with a heavy heart.

After the test, I packed my things and made my way home. When I reached home that afternoon, I couldn't focus on my homework. (37) I was sure that I would score lower than my brother. He had done so well that he had secured a scholarship to a world-class university.

(38) He would have had no problem answering all the questions in the Science test. I felt so tired of trying to live up to my parents' expectations.

I sat at my study desk, staring at the same question for an hour. Suddenly, it started to rain. I stood up to close the window. (39) As it rained, I started to think.

I told myself, "It rained yesterday, it is raining today and it might rain again tomorrow". Then, I realised something. (40) I might not have done well in the test that day, but that did not mean I couldn't do better next time. I went to bed promising to do my best in the next test.

- A It was a day that I will always remember.
- B I kept thinking about the test.
- C It was silly of me to be sad about that one test.
- D My mind went blank.
- E I looked out the window at the empty street outside.
- F Meanwhile, I was struggling to live up to my brother's high standards.
- G I was calm despite knowing that I did badly in the test.
- H I had to earn a better score than my elder brother.

[6 marks]