Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use.

17

This mill is maintained by the Trust using voluntary contributions to meet the cost of repairs and upkeep.

Please give generously and help *the Trust* to maintain this historic building.

No amount is too small.

18

Sign a petition urging the government to fund wider speech therapy provision.

If you would like to add your name to the petition, visit the Government Petitions page and sign.

10,000 names are required for a government response

GET INVOLVED

19

GREEN SAILING in Ibiza and Formentera

to preserve Posidonia oceanica (seagrass) which

- provides a habitat for a large diversity of species
- helps accumulate and produce sand on the seabed and beaches
- absorbs large quantities of CO_2, fighting against global warming

✓ **anchor on sand**

✓ **bilge water in the ports of Ibiza, San Antoni and Formentera**

✗ **anchor on Posidonia**

✗ **bilge water into sea**

20

STOP WILDFIRES BEFORE THEY START

It takes EVERYONE
to protect EVERYONE

Fact: *More than 80 per cent of wildfires are started by humans.*

Human-caused wildfires are caused by

- *unattended campfires*
- *discarded cigarettes and matches*
- *equipment failure*
- *engine sparks*

PLEASE TAKE EXTREME CARE
Sun County Colorado

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Help wildlife

Become a habitat steward: 18/10, 25/10, 1/11 18.00 – 21.00
Field trips: Saturday 4/11 & 11/11

National Wildlife Foundation & Hawthorne Trust are offering a 24-hour training program
Learn about: rain gardens · gardening for wildlife · habitat restoration

Scholarships available

Register now at:
www.hawthornetrust.org

Which advertisement is about

_____?

A support for an official request
B guidelines for boat users
C a job vacancy
D a short course
E preventing a man-made disaster
F advice for making a fire
G a request for financial donations
H a letter to the government

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text below. Match each task (1–6) with the corresponding letter (A–G) and title. Write down the letter next to the task. There is one extra letter (title).

SIGN LANGUAGES

We have all seen deaf people talking to each other using gestures. Very few of us, however, ever bother to find out how sign languages work. As a result, we often hold false views about them.

1.

One of many myths about sign languages is that they are the same in every country around the world. It is true that they share some common features, such as certain visual and spatial ways in which words are expressed, but they all have their own unique rules and vocabularies.

2.

Another commonly heard theory that is completely false is that sign languages cannot refer to abstractions. In fact, it is quite the opposite: not only can you tell jokes that have double meaning but you can also create sophisticated poetry. Sign languages have signs for all the abstract concepts found in spoken languages.

3.

Furthermore, sign languages are not just visual representations of the words of a spoken language. For example, deaf people do not draw a tree in the air with their hands when they want to say 'a tree', nor do they mime the act of sleeping when they talk about sleeping. There are a lot of gestures which are specific to sign languages only and cannot be easily interpreted.

4.

Besides, it's not only simple gestures with the hands that make up a sign language. Equally important are facial expressions, which are an integral part of communication and can change the meaning of your sign. For example, when a user of American Sign Language makes his or her facial expression intense when signing the word "quiet", he or she means "very quiet".

5.

Therefore, learning a sign language is not as easy as it may look. It is just like learning any other foreign language: it takes time and requires a lot of patience. The beginnings can be difficult because there are a lot of signs to learn and many of them are similar to each other. Also, like any other living languages, sign languages are developing all the time.

6.

Finally, it is not true that sign language is only for deaf people. Researchers have shown that teaching it to hearing children helps their language development. Even when they are still not able to produce vocal speech, babies can often communicate with their parents by using gestures! So it seems quite logical to teach them sign language.

A. More Than Gestures
B. Easy To Learn
C. More Than A Visual Representation Of Speech
D. No Limits For Creativity
E. International Differences
F. Another Benefit
G. Similar Processes

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Want to Save the Environment? Eat a Bag!

Nowadays, the Earth is greatly suffering from a myriad of environmental problems, one of which is plastic pollution. Unfortunately, with the invention of plastic, no one considered all the disastrous consequences of its use we would have to face at present. Over the recent years, mankind has been trying to reduce the harm from plastic products, since the damage they are causing to the natural world is incredible.

Let's consider plastic bags and their negative effects on the environment. First, dumping old plastic bags significantly decreases soil fertility. Plastic does not degrade for a long time, and its toxic chemicals can remain in the soil for more than 450 years, making it totally barren. Secondly, the threat plastic bags pose to fauna goes far beyond the rubbish bin in your kitchen. The continents and oceans are getting polluted with them at an alarming rate. As a result, lots of animals, marine species in particular, get either poisoned or choked to death, mistaking plastic bags for food. And finally, recent studies have discovered plastic in human organs, which is a direct and inevitable consequence of consuming polluted food and water.

A growing number of countries all over the world are now actively trying to stop plastic pollution. For instance, over 15 countries, including France, Morocco, India and Rwanda, have already banned plastic bags and are gradually replacing them with paper packages in shops and supermarkets. Moreover, a large number of environmentally aware people recycle plastic bags and campaign for this idea on local and global scales.

Among other things, Ukrainian scientists from Sumy have recently invented edible bags. Though it may sound a little bit off-putting and surprising, they can be used as both carrier bags and food since they consist of natural proteins. However, their greatest value is in being biodegradable. Thus, the experiment conducted by the BBC journalists showed that it takes around a month for the bags to dissolve in the soil, at the same time serving as a natural fertilizer. As well as that, the bags invented by the young scientists can endure both low and high temperatures, which is another undeniable plus.

Whereas some other countries like India have succeeded in developing similar biodegradable bags, the promising Ukrainian invention has already been appreciated for its unique combination of low-cost production and carrying capacity. According to their inventor, Dmytro Bidiuk, lots of manufacturers and entrepreneurs in Ukraine use organic bags to make their products and services eco-friendly and trendy. What is more, foreign and local environmental campaigners and investors got interested in funding the project and further research. Hopefully, it will be one of those ground-breaking inventions that will contribute to making our planet a better place.

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22 **Which of the following is TRUE about plastic pollution?**

- **A** People used to make efforts to prevent the damage from plastic.
- **B** The impact of plastic on the natural world isn't considerable.
- **C** People didn't expect that plastic pollution would become so serious.
- **D** Plastic pollution is the main environmental issue on our planet.

23 **Plastic bags seriously harm the environment in a number of ways EXCEPT**

- **A** threatening people's health.
- **B** endangering wildlife.
- **C** causing soil infertility.
- **D** littering dwellings.

24 **Which of the following was NOT mentioned in the text as a way of fighting plastic pollution?**

- **A** using paper bags instead of plastic ones
- **B** reusing plastic bags
- **C** utilising plastic bags for producing new things
- **D** prohibition on plastic bags

25 **Which of the following is FALSE about the edible bags in PARAGRAPH 4?**

- **A** They can be easily damaged by extreme temperatures.
- **B** They can contribute to the improvement of soil quality.
- **C** They are multifunctional.
- **D** They are made of organic material.

26 **Why is the Ukrainian invention competitive in the world market?**

- **A** No other countries have offered a similar product yet.
- **B** It is proven to be safe for the planet.
- **C** It looks trendy due to its unique design.
- **D** It is both durable and cheap.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38).

Saving Bees to Save the World

What is your first thought when you hear the word "bee"? A jar of sweet and sticky honey? Noisy and annoying buzzing on a summer day? Sudden painful stings left by the insect? Whichever association enters your mind, it's worth noting **(33)**_____. In fact, bees are essential for the environment as the existence of most crops and animal species depends on them, as well as human lives.

So why does the survival of the human race depend on these tiny creatures? The answer is *pollination* – the activity performed by bees, **(34)**_____. Namely, bees actively participate in the reproduction of plants, which, in turn, make life of most creatures on Earth possible. As you understand, even carnivorous species, **(35)**_____, become endangered.

Why is the situation so worrying? Because the bee population has been steadily decreasing over the recent decades. And the major reasons for that are the use of pesticides and unstable weather conditions **(36)**_____, with ever-present diseases and parasite attacks adding to the problem.

The use of chemicals for protecting crops and boosting their growth has already raised an opposition between bee-keepers, ecologists and farmers, **(37)**_____. Big farming industries keep denying their guilt for this environmental problem, as well as no legal action is being taken to solve the issue.

Though the number of campaigns aimed at saving the bee population has not reached its peak, it's definitely on the increase. And hopefully, the protests will result in the vital changes that are so necessary **(38)**_____.

A who have been carelessly using pesticides for years and years

B who claims that beekeeping isn't as profitable as growing crops

C that have greatly changed due to global warming

D which involves transferring pollen of flowers from the male stamens to the female pistils

E to stop the bee extinction

F that the importance of these hard-working insects is incredible

G to put other species at risk

H which are closely dependent on other animals that eat plant food

LIVEWORKSHEETS

California Condor

From prehistoric times, the great condor is one of our largest and most impressive birds – and one of the rarest. They are easily recognised for their huge black wings, incredible eyesight and an inquisitive intelligence. Their natural **(39)**_____ is open grasslands and oak savanna foothills with populations of large **(40)**_____ like cattle or deer.

There used to be thousands of California condors in the USA and Mexico. However, last century, they were almost on the brink of **(41)**_____. Early reasons included shooting and also many condors died in traps or at poisoned carcasses put out to kill large predators. In 1980s, only two dozens of them survived worldwide.

Once all remaining wild condors were caught for **(42)**_____ breeding, a program was launched to help save the California Condor from extinction. The program has turned out to be surprisingly successful, and **(43)**_____ of released condors are surviving in several areas of California and in the region of the Grand Canyon.

39	**A**	reserve	**B**	habitat	**C**	resource	**D**	disaster
40	**A**	birds	**B**	reptiles	**C**	mammals	**D**	amphibians
41	**A**	extinction	**B**	evacuation	**C**	preservation	**D**	conservation
42	**A**	captive	**B**	renewable	**C**	environmental	**D**	endangered
43	**A**	parliaments	**B**	herds	**C**	schools	**D**	flocks

Body-worn Cameras: Pros and Cons

Body-worn cameras (BWCs) are devices with the potential to transform policing for the better by creating video records of the incidents that officers encounter and how they respond to those incidents. It was claimed that BWCs **(54)**_____ better relationships with the communities the police serve by promoting organisational transparency and accountability.

And indeed, the reports of the last three years confirmed that the recordings **(55)**_____ policing by making police work, including misconduct and police violence, more visible.

However, little **(56)**_____ about the body camera footage that wasn't made public. And one of the patrol officers confessed that he himself would never provide his personal information like driver's license numbers or address to a police officer with a camera, as it all could end up **(57)**_____ the Internet.

Though the goal of BWCs is to make police officers accountable for their actions, the effectiveness of their usage **(58)**_____.

54	**A**	build	**B**	will build	**C**	have built	**D**	would build
55	**A**	improve	**B**	improved	**C**	have improved	**D**	had improved
56	**A**	we know	**B**	we will know	**C**	did we know	**D**	will we know
57	**A**	on	**B**	in	**C**	at	**D**	from
58	**A**	has still questioned	**B**	still questions	**C**	is still being questioned	**D**	is still questioning

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