# Task 1

- **You are going to read an article about Mona Lisa. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-O) for each gap (1-11) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box.**
- **Each word can be used once.**
- **There are two extra words that you do not need to use.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**



## THE SAD STORY OF MONA LISA

Her famous smile has fascinated millions of art lovers ***(0)*** _____ the woman in the Mona Lisa portrait had a far **(1)** _____ glamorous end. Her remains were **(2)** _____ away on an old rubbish dump, records show. The model painted by Leonardo da Vinci was almost certainly Lisa Gherardini, born in May 1479 in Florence, Italy, experts **(3)** _____ . She became the second wife of silk merchant Francesco del Giocondo and was known as La Gioconda – the official **(4)** _____ of the Mona Lisa painting. After Francesco's death Lisa **(5)** _____ a Franciscan convent and lived with the nuns **(6)** _____ her death at the age of 63. A church funeral record shows that the wife of Francesco del Giocondo was **(7)** _____ at Sant'Orsola in Florence in a crypt. However, the three-storey Sant'Orsola ceased to be **(8)** _____ as a convent in 1810. During building works at the site in the 1980s its crypts were excavated and their **(9)** _____ were dumped on a landfill site. 'Sadly, no thought was **(10)** _____ to the historical importance of the building,' said Mona Lisa expert Giuseppe Pallanti. 'It is sad that the tomb of Lisa Gherardini **(11)** _____ without anyone realising it,' he added.

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*( http://www.metro.co.uk/news)*

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# Task 2

- **You are going to read an article about a strange city council regulation. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (12-20) after the text.**
- **Use only one word in each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**




## SENSE OF HUMOUR FAILURE

**A council has banned staff from using mother-in-law jokes after declaring *(0)* _____ sexist and disrespectful to "family elders".**

Despite surviving from Roman times, this kind of humour is **(12)** _____ longer considered acceptable, according to officials at the London Borough of Barnet. The order **(13)** _____ issued in a 12-page booklet entitled Cultural Awareness. It states: "Humour can obviously be incredibly culture-specific, and is very open to misinterpretation by other cultures. And don't forget when you don't know **(14)** _____ people are laughing, it is very easy to imagine that they are laughing **(15)** _____ you. British mother-in-law jokes, as well as offensively sexist, can also be seen as offensive on the grounds **(16)** _____ they disrespect elders or parents."

Barnet has been accused **(17)** _____ being completely insane by writer John Sessions. Past comedians Les Dawson and Bob Monkhouse **(18)** _____ probably turn in their graves if they heard about the restriction.

The earliest mother-in-law jokes date back to the first century AD, **(19)** _____ Juvenal wrote in Satire VI: "It is impossible to be happy while one's mother-in-law is still alive." By the 20th century Bob Monkhouse's stand-up routine included **(20)** _____ jokes as:

"My wife said 'Can my mother come down for the weekend?' So I said 'Why?' and she said: 'Well, she's been up on the roof for two weeks already'."

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# Task 3

- **You are going to read an article about Chernobyl today. Some words are missing from the text.**
- **Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (21-30).**
- **Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.**
- **There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.**
- **Use only one word for each gap.**
- **There is an example *(0)* at the beginning.**




## CHERNOBYL PLANTS ENDURE RADIOACTIVITY

Scientists have *(0)* _____ *(cover)* mechanisms that allow plants to thrive in **(21)** _____ **(high)** radioactive environments like Chernobyl. They analysed seeds from soybean and flax grown near the site of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor which exploded in 1986. The team says that plants may have an inborn **(22)** _____ **(able)** to cope with high levels of radioactivity. If disaster strikes, plants cannot move to better conditions - they either **(23)** _____ **(adapt)**, or die.

The scientists noted that there were probably historic reasons why it was a lot easier for plants to get used to living in increased levels of **(24)** _____ **(radiate)**. The reasons could go back millions of years. There was a lot more radioactivity on the surface back then than there is now, so when life was evolving, these plants came across radioactivity and they probably developed **(25)** _____ **(survive)** mechanisms.

Then the unbelievable happened. The **(26)** _____ **(explode)** of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was said to be the worst nuclear disaster in human history. Scores of people died, hundreds suffered from terrible **(27)** _____ **(sick)** due to exposure to radioactive materials. The entire population of the **(28)** _____ **(industry)** city of Pripyat that housed the power plant's workforce was evacuated.

Many believed that the area would remain **(29)** _____ **(life)** for generations. Almost a quarter of a century later, Pripyat remains a ghost town. But despite **(30)** _____ **(desert)** streets, the soil is not bare - plants have sprung back to life.

*(http://www.bbc.co.uk)*



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# Task 4

- **You are going to read an article about 3D television. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. Either it is grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text.**
- **Read the text and then copy the extra word in the space provided after each line.**
- **Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓).**
- **The task begins with two examples *(0)*.**



## WORLD'S FIRST 3D TV WITHOUT GLASSES

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| *0)* | The world's first 3D TV you can watch without glasses has hit | *0)* | ✓ |
| *0)* | the market. Toshiba had unveiled the high-definition liquid crystal | *0)* | *had* |
| 31) | display 3D television that does not require of the special glasses. | 31) | |
| 32) | The company hopes this could not be the breakthrough that brings | 32) | |
| 33) | 3D TV to the masses. Whether consumers embrace the new TVs it | 33) | |
| 34) | remains to be seen. Many might be put off by the fact that if they'll | 34) | |
| 35) | have to be very much close to the screen for the 3D effect to really | 35) | |
| 36) | work - not to mention the price. Electronics companies around all | 36) | |
| 37) | the world are looking forward to 3D fuelling a new boom in TV, | 37) | |
| 38) | movies and games. Most 3D TVs on the market today rely well on | 38) | |
| 39) | glasses to deliver separate images to each eye, by which creates a | 39) | |
| 40) | sense of three-dimensional depth. In its new TVs, Toshiba uses a | 40) | |
| 41) | special device for which makes glasses unnecessary. | 41) | |

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**This is the end of this part of the exam.**

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