Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to 17-21. There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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Twilight Zoo

Adopt an animal

The unique way to give someone a gift
Money goes to our own animals
as well as endangered species
across the world.

Included in your adoption pack:

- photo of your chosen animal
- certificate and Fact sheet
- a visit to Twilight Zoo

To choose and adopt your animal, visit our *online shop*.

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Dogs, cats, and guinea pigs need a new home

Trackwood shelter pets are clean and healthy when they go home with you. The love they have to give is endless.



Your promise to us:
- to take care of your pet
- feed it
- train it well
- give back the love ❤

Visit **Trackwood Animal Shelter** online or in person today.

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Brightside Bird Observers Club

We meet one evening a month to listen to a guest speaker, share photos and stories.

More than forty local day trips per year, as well as weekends further away.

All levels of experience are welcome - beginner to expert.

Next meeting: Friday 11th January, 7 p.m.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY PLANTS CORRECTLY?

Our 15-unit course lasts from February to August.

– You will need to go out and find common wild plants.

Designed for those who can identify some plants and would like to improve.

For further information, email: info@plantsidentified.com

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Volunteers needed next weekend

For an urgent clean-up operation

After the recent extreme weather lately, local beaches are covered with waste. Urgent action is needed to prevent damage to wildlife and our coasts.

Make sure you bring strong gloves and wear suitable clothes.



Which of the advertisements is aimed at people who would like to _____?

A help protect wild animals around the world
B help solve a problem that has occurred recently
C have an animal at home
D relax at the seaside
E meet other people with the same hobby
F return animals to their natural habitat
G develop their knowledge of local nature
H take pictures of [illegible]

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the text below. For questions (22-26), choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Volcanoes

Volcanoes are an important part of our planet but they are also dangerous for us and the nature around us.

Volcanoes can be active, inactive or extinct. Extinct volcanoes haven't erupted for millions of years. Inactive volcanoes have not erupted for maybe thousands of years, but scientists can still see signs of activity underground or in the area. Currently, there are active volcanoes on every continent in the world.

When volcanoes erupt, they can be extremely dangerous for several reasons. Lava can travel very quickly down the volcano's slopes and destroy homes and kill people. The air may be toxic to breathe and carry ash, tiny pieces of rocks and volcanic glass.

Scientists constantly monitor volcanoes around the world. There are often earthquakes near volcanoes when there is volcanic activity, and seismometers can watch the size of these. GPS satellites help experts to spot any changes in the surface near the volcano. Robots help to monitor the gases coming out of the volcano's top, and an increase in temperature could also show that the volcano is becoming more active.

During the recent eruption of the volcano on La Palma in the Canary Islands, thousands of volcano tourists travelled to the island on one long holiday weekend. As well as spending time witnessing the volcanic eruption, the visitors said that they wanted to help the local economy by staying at the hotels and eating out in the restaurants. The La Palma authorities provided a free transport service to prevent people from blocking the roads or getting too close to the volcano.

After eighty-five days of activity followed by twelve days' silence, the volcanic eruption was officially declared over on December 25th. Some of the families who had to leave their homes returned home. Others lost their homes, under the rocks and ash. The Spanish government promised to support the islanders with money to rebuild houses and help the economy recover. People from other parts of Spain helped by making donations and sending supplies of food and other items during the crisis. People in areas of La Palma which were not so badly affected offered accommodation to the evacuated residents.

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22 **According to the text, what does it mean if a volcano is inactive?**

- **A** It shows the activity somewhere around.
- **B** It erupted about a hundred years ago.
- **C** It will never erupt.
- **D** It 'sleeps' not but will erupt soon.

23 **According to the text, what do volcanologists use satellite images for?**

- **A** To check for any movements around the crater.
- **B** To study the damage caused by earthquakes.
- **C** To analyse the content of the volcanic gases.
- **D** To record increases in the heat of the volcano.

24 **Which of the signs does NOT indicate volcanic activity?**

- **A** Changes in the size of volcanoes.
- **B** Decreases in the surface temperature near volcanoes.
- **C** Rising in the temperature of gases from the crater.
- **D** Noticeable changes in the surroundings of the volcano.

25 **What did the La Palma government do to prepare for the weekend visitors?**

- **A** They made arrangements with hotels and restaurants.
- **B** They made it easier to access the area of the volcano.
- **C** Rises in the temperature of gases from the crater.
- **D** They organised times to view the volcano in action.

26 **Which of the following is TRUE according to the final paragraph?**

- **A** All the inhabitants of La Palma can now move back into their houses.
- **B** The La Palma volcano eruption lasted until Christmas Day.
- **C** The residents of Spain have been generous to the citizens of La Palma.
- **D** La Palma has received financial aid from national authorities.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the texts below. Match the choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Typical British Symbols

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The red telophone box, a famous sight in Britain, has been in use since the 1920s. It was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. Originally, they were meant to be an improvement to bulky, metal public phone kiosks. The iconic red boxes were a huge success, and during their peak, over 70,000 of them were in use across the UK. They have been replaced by modern, digital phone kiosks, though many of the original red boxes have been kept as historic landmarks.

28

A double-decker bus is a popular form of public transportation. It is a bus with two levels, usually with the upper level having open windows and the lower level having closed windows. They are most commonly found in the United Kingdom but are also found in other parts of Europe, Asia, and North America. Double-decker buses are generally used to transport large numbers of people, but also provide an interesting way to explore a city. With the upper level, you can get a bird's eye view of the area and enjoy the sights.

29

The Union Jack or Union Flag is the national flag of the United Kingdom. The white cross on a blue field, called saltire, represents the cross of Saint Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland. The red saltire of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, combines with the white flag of Saint George, the patron saint of England. This combination of symbols is a powerful visual statement of the unity of the United Kingdom.

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The Elizabeth Tower is a tower located in London, United Kingdom. It is part of the Palace of Westminster, the home of the British government. The tower is the tallest building in the complex, standing at an impressive 96 meters tall. It was designed by Augustus Pugin and built in 1859. This famous Clock Tower is a popular tourist attraction, and its bells can be heard throughout the city. It is an iconic symbol of British culture and a reminder of London's rich history. In 2012, the Clock tower was renamed The Elizabeth Tower in honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

31

The London Eye is a giant observation wheel located on the banks of the River Thames in London. It stands at a height of 135 metres, making it the tallest tourist attraction in Europe. It consists of 32 capsules, each of which can hold up to 25 people. It takes approximately 30 minutes to make one full rotation, offering wonderful views of the city. It has become an iconic landmark of modern London and is one of the most popular sightseeing spots in the city.

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Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument located in England. It was built around 3000 BC. It consists of a ring of standing stones. It is believed that Stonehenge was used for religious ceremonies and astrological observations. Its mystery and beauty have made Stonehenge a popular tourist attraction, visited by millions of people every year. Scientists are still debating the purpose of Stonehenge and how it was built. Despite this, Stonehenge is an impressive structure that has stood the test of time and continues to captivate visitors.

Which of the symbols is _____?

A the red postbox

B a newly-named monument

C the symbol commonly known as Big Ben

D a popular viewing spot

E mysterious ancient tourist attraction

F a combination of nations

G well-known kind of vehicle

H the statue of Jack London

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the texts below. Match the choices (A-H) the one which best fits each space (33-38). There are two choices you do not need to use

What an Achievement

A century ago, women used to stay at home with their families, and men went to work. Women certainly didn't go exploring the world much, **(33)**____! At the end of the XIX century, Annie moved to Boston in the US; at that time, she was only 18 years old. After a while, she married an intelligent man and had three children.

Once Annie heard the conversation of two rich businessmen who were discussing **(34)**____ everything a man could. One of them claimed that Thomas Stevens had cycled around the world in 15 months and earned 5,000 dollars. The other responded that he was sure a woman could do the same. Hearing this, Annie declared that she was ready for the challenge. Both of them **(35)**____, as it was very unusual for a woman to embark on such a journey in those days. Nevertheless, Annie took on the challenge, leaving her children at home with her husband and setting off on her journey.

The bicycle company had given Annie a bike, and people paid her to put advertisements on it. Soon Annie decided to change her bicycle **(36)**____. Additionally, she made her husband buy her a pair of pants because it wasn't comfortable to ride a bike wearing a dress, **(37)**____. Back in New York, Annie carried her bike onto a ship, and travelled across the Atlantic Ocean to France, and eventually made her way to Japan. During the journey, she got people to give her money, and she made some extra money by selling photos, scarves and handkerchiefs. After 15 months, she returned home to Boston with over 5,000 dollars. This trip was hailed in a New York newspaper **(38)**____.

A whether a woman could do

B as she needed a lighter one

C asked her to find out

D but Annie Londonderry decided to do that

E which was typical women's clothes

F as 'the most extraordinary journey ever'

G were surprised

H that was strange enough

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answers (A, B, C or D)

A Sweet Treat

It's a nice warm summer day. You are out of the city walking in the field. You hear a buzzing noise. What is it? They are bees who are flying from flower to flower and collecting nectar to make honey. Do you know that people have been **(39)**____ honey for 10,000 years? Thousands of centuries ago they noticed bees in the **(40)**____ and understood that these **(41)**____ could become useful.

It's also interesting to know that a modern way of collecting honey is connected with a Ukrainian, Mykhailo Petrovych Lesiv. He invented a new type of beehive frame called the Lesiv frame. It allowed **(42)**____ to study their colonies more easily and to harvest honey faster than ever before. Moreover, the frame was designed so that it could be removed from the **(43)**____ without damaging the bees. It has been used all over the world.

Mykhailo Lesiv's invention is a great example of Ukrainian innovation and creativity.

39	**A**	harvesting	**B**	making	**C**	producing	**D**	creating
40	**A**	free life	**B**	wild	**C**	shelter	**D**	wilderness
41	**A**	beasts	**B**	birds	**C**	reptiles	**D**	insects
42	**A**	bee people	**B**	beekeepers	**C**	bee hosts	**D**	bee housers
43	**A**	homes	**B**	hives	**C**	houses	**D**	huts

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The Forest Man Of India

Jadav Payeng is an Indian environmental activist and forestry worker from the state of Assam, India. He is also known as the Forest Man of India for his **(44)**____ to plant and care for trees on the Majuli island of Assam. Jadav Payeng was inspired to start planting trees when, as a teenager, he found large numbers of snakes on the sand after the water receded after **(45)**____. The snakes had all died due to a lack of shade and shelter from the scorching sun. He decided to start planting trees in order to prevent further soil erosion in the area.

This led him to take it upon himself to plant and grow trees. For 40 years, Jadav Payeng has managed to create a 1300-acre forest **(46)**____. This forest, named Molai forest, is home to several species of plants, animals and birds. It is also a habitat for numerous rare **(47)**____ snakes. Jadav Payeng is an example of how one person can make a difference. His story has inspired many to take up the cause of **(48)**____ and spread awareness about preserving the environment. He has been awarded several honours, including the Padma Shri, by the Government of India.

44	A	exercises	B	works	C	efforts	D	acts
45	A	tornados	B	floods	C	droughts	D	earthquakes
46	A	handicapped	B	hand-made	C	single-handedly	D	handcrafted
47	A	venomous	B	danger	C	harmless	D	mean
48	A	protection	B	control	C	conversation	D	conservation

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch

By 2010, scientists **(49)**____ that the Great Pacific Garbage Patch had at least 79,000 tons of plastic. Nowadays, it contains plastic and other waste that **(50)**____ by ocean currents in the North Pacific Ocean. It covers an area twice the size of Texas and is one of the most visible examples of how human activities have impacted the environment during the last century.

This patch is a result of ocean pollution and is primarily composed of discarded plastic items such as bottles, bags, and containers. In addition, chemicals and other pollutants can cause harm to marine life, birds, and other wildlife. What's more, the patch is continually growing, as more garbage **(51)**____ into the ocean. It is estimated that the garbage patch **(52)**____ in size within the next ten years if we continue to pollute the ocean at the current rate.

To help the ocean it is important to reduce the amount of plastic falling into the ocean to tackle this issue. This can be done by **(53)**____ the use of single-use plastics and through improved waste management. Some initiatives and campaigns aim to clean up the garbage patch and the surrounding ocean.

49	**A**	were estimated	**B**	have estimated	**C**	had estimated	**D**	are estimated
50	**A**	had been trapped	**B**	was trapping	**C**	have been trapping	**D**	had trapped
51	**A**	had been dumping	**B**	is dumping	**C**	dumped	**D**	is dumped
52	**A**	is going to double	**B**	doubles	**C**	is doubling	**D**	must double
53	**A**	reduce	**B**	reducing	**C**	to reduce	**D**	reduced

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Crazy House

Crazy House in Vietnam is an architectural masterpiece located in Da Lat City. It is a unique structure that looks like it was taken out of a fairy tale. The house was built in 1990 by architect Dang Viet Nga. It is made up of **(54)**____ curved and straight lines intertwined with a variety of organic forms. It's been designed **(55)**____ you think of nature and the natural environment.

(56)____ room has been designed with its own theme, from a giraffe-shaped bedroom to an elephant-shaped lounge. If you had the choice to sleep in the 'Kangaroo Room', 'Bear Room', 'Tiger Room' or 'Ant Room', which **(57)**____ you choose? You can choose an animal room and stay overnight, but the house becomes an attraction for tourists during the day, so you have to get up before opening time!

Visitors can explore its winding pathways, climb up and down staircases, and even crawl through a giant spider's web. The house also has a restaurant, offering both traditional and modern Vietnamese cuisine. **(58)**____ the exterior nor the interior of the house are like anything else, making it a truly one-of-a-kind experience. Whether you are a fan of architecture or art or simply looking for something different, Crazy House in Vietnam is definitely worth a visit.

54	**A**	both	**B**	every	**C**	all	**D**	none
55	**A**	making	**B**	to make	**C**	shall make	**D**	in order make
56	**A**	Each	**B**	Every	**C**	No	**D**	None of
57	**A**	used to	**B**	must	**C**	will	**D**	would
58	**A**	Either	**B**	Neither	**C**	Nor	**D**	No

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