NMT Practice 13

Reading

Task 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use

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Which advertisement is about ___?

A eating out

B hairdressing

C cookery courses

D shopping

E education

F job opportunities

G pet care

H entertainment

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Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D)

Would You Rather Travel with a Big Group of Friends or All by Yourself?

I don't really have an excuse to travel alone any more, and I miss it. I miss the times when I'd check in for a flight and let my eyes wander around the waiting area at the gate, trying to guess who my seat-mate would be. I always hoped I'd make a friend, yet still asked for a window seat, so I could stare through the window instead of having an unwanted conversation if my neighbour turned out to be a bore. The best conversation always turns out to be the dialogue you have with yourself.

When you're alone, every moment is an opportunity for something exciting to happen. The first time I travelled alone, I flew to London and took the *Eurostar* to Paris, where I was studying abroad. It was a two-hour train ride, and when I woke up, it was suddenly snowing and everyone was speaking French. When I ran my belongings through security at the station, I unknowingly dropped my passport, only to have a stranger pick it up for me. The kindness of strangers shines through when you're freed from a set tribe of friends, marking you as one of their own. When you're alone, you belong to everyone.

There are other advantages of being a party of one. Like stopping to take a photograph without making anyone wait. Creating your own route as you fancy. Eating wherever and whatever you'd like without a debate. You can walk away any loneliness and realise that sometimes it's nice to keep quiet and just observe. Who am I, undefined in this foreign environment? Maybe I'm a tourist. Maybe I'm a mysterious passer-by. Or maybe I'm just another person searching for connection. Just like everybody else.

The second time I flew solo, I went to Hong Kong and checked into a hostel. I spent the day wandering around the city. When I returned to my tiny hostel, I found its excited owner, a woman named Miss Kitty, waiting up to tell me with concern that my mother had called. I thanked her and went to my room. When I started to dial home, I realised that it was 3 a.m. back home, so I decided that a few more hours of worrying until a morning call wouldn't kill my mother, and went to bed.

Surprisingly, travelling alone isn't popular. Is it because we so badly need to stay connected, are afraid to be on our own and make our own decisions? Do we need other people to approve of everything we do? Personally, I won't wait for anyone to tell me that it's okay or that they want to go, too, or that they have a place for me to stay. I'll just go.

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6 What does the author say about her travelling alone, according to **PARAGRAPH 1**?

A She had to give up travelling solo.
B She chose seat-mates when checking in.
C She made a lot of friends aboard.
D She had to get into unwanted conversations.

7 What happened to the author in Paris?

A She had trouble with her documents.
B She overslept and missed the station.
C She was stopped by the security officers.
D She had to face the language barrier.

8 What benefit of travelling alone is **NOT** mentioned in **PARAGRAPH 3**?

A taking pictures when and where you like
B choosing places to have your meals at
C being silent if you don't feel like talking
D being able to practise foreign languages

9 Why did the author decide to put off calling her mom till morning?

A because of her feeling tired
B because of the time difference
C because of the poor connection
D because of the broken phone dial

10 What is **TRUE** of the author, according to the text?

A She likes feeling connected.
B She prefers travelling by plane.
C She is an independent person.
D She is a gastronomic tourist.

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Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (11-16). There are two choices you do not need to use

Top Bookshops

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Wild Rumpus

Wild Rumpus is filled with books and... Tilly and Pip are two little rats who live under the floorboards in a glass cage, so you can watch them running around. There are also two chinchillas, three cats, two doves, two chickens, a lizard and a tarantula who goes by the name of Thomas Jefferson. And the bookshop door has a purple, child-sized door built into it, so children can let themselves in!

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Books For Cooks

If you notice a smell when you enter *Books For Cooks*, don't be alarmed. It's the kitchen at the back, for testing the recipes in the books they sell. *Books For Cooks* has more than 8,000 food-related titles on topics such as nutrition, chemistry, sociology, history, art (even foodie fiction and biography) besides an outstanding selection of recipe books. The shop provides free wrapping.

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GW Hurley

A stone's throw from the seafront, *GW Hurley* stands in the middle of the high street, a glass-fronted building you simply cannot miss. The shop started life as a newsagent's in the 1920s and has been in the same family ever since, expanding over time to sell books, toys and sportswear. The bookshop is modern and spacious. The shop has an excellent transport history section.

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Stanfords

Stanfords is the world's largest specialist travel bookshop. It was set up by Edward Stanford in 1853. Arthur Conan Doyle wrote about it in *Hound of the Baskervilles.* After more than 100 years in its former home, the bookshop relocated to its current site just around the corner at 7 Mercer Walk, where customers can find the same selection of travel stock. Now, it welcomes thousands of prospective explorers who come to browse their huge collection of maps, globes and travel guides.

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Dulwich Books

Light, airy and modern, with an active presence on Twitter and Facebook, *Dulwich Books* could be a model for the future of independent bookselling. Internet orders are handled by the "shop locally online" service, while friendly and knowledgeable staff are in store to offer the personal approach. Established 30 years ago, it regularly holds evening talks, signings and kids' activities.

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Kenilworth Books

This bookshop has a strong children's section, with activity books, annuals and fiction titles selling particularly well. Hardback novels are popular with adults. *Kenilworth Books* has a large area devoted to fiction, cookbooks, travel guides, maps and books on local history. Every year the shop also arranges a number of cookery demonstrations. It also sells classical and jazz music.

Which of the shops _____?

A was mentioned in detective fiction

B gives you a chance to save on packaging

C used to be a place for travellers' stay

D offers a diverse event programme

E sold magazines and papers

F has a special colourful entrance for kids

G gives you a chance to buy a pet

H organises culinary shows

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Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (17-22). There are two choices you do not need to use

Polar Bears Listed as Threatened

Polar bears have been added to the list of threatened species **(17)** _____. In his statement, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne noted **(18)** _____ is the greatest threat to the bears.

Polar bears live in the Arctic and hunt seals and other fatty marine mammals from sea ice. They also travel, mate, and sometimes give birth on the ice. But sea ice is melting as the planet warms, **(19)** ____ for several more decades. Because polar bears are influenced by this loss of habitat, they are likely to become endangered in the predictable future, Kempthorne said.

Although many scientists say **(20)** _____ for the melting sea ice, the new polar bear protections will not change U.S. climate policy.

Scott Bergen, a landscape ecologist, noted **(21)** _____ will depend on international cooperation. Permanent sea-ice habitat is likely to remain in areas outside of the U.S., particularly in Canada and Greenland.

Scientists view these areas as safe places **(22)** _____ over the long term and repopulate the Arctic if temperatures decrease and sea ice returns.

A and it is predicted to continue to do so

B that could allow some polar bear populations to survive

C and will receive special protection under U.S. law

D if they don't take immediate actions

E that saving the polar bear

F that the decline of the Arctic sea ice

G and helps to solve the problem

H that human activity is directly responsible

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Task 5

Read the texts below. For questions (23-27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D)

Providing the Right Conditions

I think more teachers and students need to **(23)** _____ a real connection to each other. School should be a space where we can meet eye to eye and understand where everyone **(24)**_____. Growing up and life aren't easy, no **(25)**_____ what someone's age, gender, or race is. More people need a crash course on being in someone else's **(26)** _____. Classes like this should be more widespread. We all **(27)** _____ the chance to learn in a safe and supportive environment. We are not just a statistic. We are real people with real issues. We need teachers who care.

23	**A**	do	**B**	experience	**C**	survive	**D**	select
24	**A**	comes from	**B**	comes off	**C**	comes over	**D**	comes up
25	**A**	fact	**B**	sense	**C**	matter	**D**	thing
26	**A**	boots	**B**	steps	**C**	feet	**D**	shoes
27	**A**	deserve	**B**	produce	**C**	offer	**D**	win

Task 6

Read the texts below. For questions (28-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D)

Crazy Barbershop in Tokyo

If you fancy **(28)** _____ a new look with a difference this party season, head to Japan where one hairstylist is offering free cuts, providing he can do **(29)** _____ he wants to your hair.

It's a bold move but the barber in Tokyo is offering impressive makeovers for those daring enough **(30)** _____ the cut.

"It's the Christmas season and many of our customers say they want to cheer up their parties or make themselves **(31)** _____ out from the crowd."

While being **(32)** _____ can be fun, it might not be so great if you get fired, as many companies in Japan have rules regulating certain hairstyles.

28	**A**	get	**B**	getting	**C**	to be getting	**D**	to get
29	**A**	whatever	**B**	however	**C**	wherever	**D**	whenever
30	**A**	have taken	**B**	taking	**C**	to take	**D**	being taken
31	**A**	stand	**B**	standing	**C**	to stand	**D**	stood
32	**A**	difference	**B**	differently	**C**	differ	**D**	different

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