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Task 1

Read these two articles from a British daily and then read the statements (1-8) that follow. Your task is to decide if the statements are true or not according to the article. Mark a statement **A** if it is true according to the article. Mark it **B** if it is false. Mark it **C** if, on the basis of the article, it cannot be decided if it is true or false. Write the letters in the white boxes as in the example (0).

THE NEW STYLE MARY POPPINS REALLY PACKS A PUNCH

A knowledge of self defence, the ability to drive at high speed and the ability to get rid of potential kidnappers are accomplishments that should figure on any self-respecting bodyguard's CV – but they are also among the new skills being taught to trainee nannies. Once it was enough for a nanny to be able to push a pram and settle the kids with a bedtime story, but students at the famous Norland College, Bath, are finding they need a new skill-set to prepare them for the 21st-century childcare environment. The £36,000, three-year BA Honours degree course features Tae Kwon Do lessons as well as driving instruction on a skid pan so the nannies will be able to safely escape pursuing photographers. Famous for the brown uniform, felt hat and white gloves worn by graduates, Norland College has been training since 1892. Many go on to work for celebrities and other high profile families. Lecturer Claire Burgess believes founder Emily Ward would approve. She says: 'When Emily set up Norland, it was forward-thinking, and I think she'd love the idea we're now moving it even more forward.' And so would Mary Poppins.

SLUMDOG MAKES TOP 50

In any list of great films, it is the ones left out that cause excitement. So when film critic Barry Norman last month published his top 49 British films and left it to Radio Times readers to pick the 50th, more than 3,000 piled in with over 500 suggestions. And one stood out as clear favourite—Slumdog Millionaire which Mr Norman claims he—took off his original list. The film, which won eight Oscars and seven Baftas, is the story of a Mumbai teenager winning the Indian version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? Mr Norman said: "When I was asked to do the list, Slumdog Millionaire was on there. I excluded it partly out of curiosity to see what kind of reaction it might get. Slumdog doesn't have a phoney feel-good ending, but there is a sense of hope which runs throughout the film, which is great. "

- 0) *The first headline refers to a character in a children's story and ends with a play on words.*A.....
- 1) Some skills nannies need these days are not different from those necessary for bodyguards.
- 2) Norland College has dropped some traditional skills from its programme to make way for new ones.
- 3) The College has had to invest in a skid pan for the new-style driving lessons.
- 4) It is common for nannies graduating from the College to be employed by wellknown personalities.
- 5) Emily Ward supported the idea of modernising courses to meet 21st-century challenges.
- 6) Film critic Barry Norman received 500 nominations for the 50 best British films.
- 7) Slumdog Millionaire is popular with both critics and ordinary cinemagoers.
- 8) Barry Norman struck Slumdog Millionaire off his list because he didn't like the ending.

Task 2

Read how the writer of this article remembers a rather unusual teaching job and then read the sentences (17-21) following the article. Your task is to choose the option (A-D) that best corresponds to what the article says. Write the appropriate letters against the numbers in the white boxes. There is an example (0) for you.

NO MORE OF THIS After 14 years teaching in prison, Alan Smith explains why he has given it up "You OK? " said Casey. "Yeah, fine. I'm all right," I said, but I wasn't. I knew that I had lost the stomach for the whole damned business. In 14 years, I had never excluded anyone, no matter how difficult they were. But now, my confidence had gone and I wanted to get under the duvet and stay there. Casey gave me a hug: "Retire, man. You don't need all this." I suppose it had all been creeping up on me for a while. What I had to face up to was that I was becoming increasingly indifferent. I had always tried to avoid this. Failure begins with indifference. There were moments now, more and more of them, when I didn't care about the things that happened, who they happened to. And so it was time to go. I couldn't just walk away. I offered the men a deal. I would stay as long as they did. Sue, the education manager, finally agreed to let the class run down, no more new faces. By that time there were only four members in the group and, out of the blue, there was a run of golden, other-worldly mornings when we read Chaucer. Chaucer. They couldn't get enough of the Canterbury Tales, that lovely run of characters. The men's enthusiasm reassured me that I hadn't wasted my time. What, after all, does education offer to people if not a greater sense of being human? When we don't know about history and art and society we are adrift, lost. Many of the men I taught were ignorant of just about everything, and as grown men they felt this keenly. Education was a relief, a route to self-respect. Then three of the men were released and it was just me and Casey. We decided to do quantum physics, and for a few months we followed a course of lectures on CD. I found it hard going, but in fact his maths turned out to be better than mine and he helped me to understand things. I know that I tried his patience, making him go over things three or four times, but he was a good teacher. One afternoon, Sue rang me up. "Casey was released yesterday." And I was finished.

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A) When Casey asked him, Alan said he was exhausted.

B) Alan didn't really know what was wrong with him.

C) Casey told Alan not to worry about things.

D) Casey said Alan should quit teaching.

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9)

A) Alan's problems had started quite suddenly.

B) People soon noticed Alan was caring less and less.

C) Alan felt he was gradually losing interest in his work.

D) Alan thought he had failed too many times to try again.

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10)

A) Alan was told he couldn't just stop teaching and walk away.

B) Sue didn't want any new inmates to join Alan's classes.

C) Alan promised his students that he'd carry on until they left prison.

D) With only four members left the group was not easy to teach.

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11)

A) Alan read out Canterbury Tales as they didn't have enough copies.

B) Chaucer's language was a source of great attraction to the men.

C) Blue skies and golden sunshine always put Alan in a good mood.

D) The men's attitude proved that Alan's efforts had not been wasted.

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12)

A) The study of history and art is irrelevant for most people.

B) The men thought Alan's classes were a waste of time.

C) The men were unaware of how ignorant they were.

D) The men welcomed their chance for education.

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13)

A) Alan had a CD on quantum physics so he and Casey decided to listen to it.

B) In the new quantum physics course Casey did more teaching than Alan.

C) Alan and Casey soon realised they didn't have the patience for physics.

D) Both Sue and Alan were sorry when Casey finally left.

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Task 3

You are going to read an anecdote about Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), the famous humorist, writer and lecturer. Some words are missing from the text. Your task is to choose the most appropriate word from the list (A-O) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write the letter of the appropriate word in the white box. You can use each word only once. There are three extra words that you do not need to use. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

THE BIG CATCH

As a boy (0) C on the banks of the Mississippi, Mark Twain (14) _____ delighted with the romance of life on the great river. When he began writing, he (15) _____ his pseudonym from the river men's term for water just barely deep enough for safe navigation. Twain loved to boast (16) _____ his hunting and fishing exploits. He once spent three weeks fishing in the Maine woods, regardless of the fact that it was the state's closed season for (17) _____. Relaxing in the lounge car of the train on his (18) _____ journey to New York, his catch iced down in the baggage car, he looked for someone to whom he could relate the story of his successful holiday. The stranger to whom he (19) _____ to brag about his sizable catch (20) _____ at first unresponsive, then looked serious. "By the way, who are you, sir?" inquired Twain (21) _____ no sign of worry. "I'm the state (22) _____ warden," was the unwelcome response. "Who are you?" Twain nearly swallowed his cigar. "Well, to be perfectly truthful, warden," he said hastily, "I'm the biggest damn (23) _____ in the whole United States."

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| A. APPEARED | E. BEGAN | I. LIAR | N. SHOWING |
| B. BACK | F. FISHING | K. OF | O. TOOK |
| C. LIVING | G. GAME | L. OVER | |
| D. BECAME | H. HEARING | M. RETURN | |

Task 4

You are going to read the story of Lady Godiva, an English noblewoman who lived in the 11th century. In most lines there is one word that should not be there. It is either 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 (-). The task begins with two examples (0).

LADY GODIVA

0) <i>Lady Godiva irritated her husband by persistently begging to him</i>	0) <i>TO</i>
0) <i>to reduce the taxes on the people of Coventry. To silence her, he</i>	0) <i>-</i>
24) declared he would rather do so only if she rode naked through the	24)
25) town's market place. The 17-year-old Godiva called his bluff and by	25)
26) the next day, she set out for the town on horseback, completely naked.	26)
27) However, by concealing the most of her body with her long, thick	27)
28) hair, she preserved both of her own modesty and her husband's	28)
29) pride, enabling for him to reduce the taxes without loss of face.	29)
30) A later version of this tale suggests that how Lady Godiva told	30)
31) the townspeople so that they should remain indoors, behind	31)
32) shuttered windows, if they wanted their taxes be reduced.	32)
33) Everyone had obeyed except a tailor called Tom. This curious	33)
34) citizen who peeped through his curtains he was instantly struck	34)
35) blind (or, in some versions, dead). Poor Tom, blind or dead as the	35)
36) case may be, left the phrase "a peeping Tom" as if a permanent	36)
legacy to the English language	