

## Task 8

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (39–48) choose the correct variant (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

## AN ALLERGIC WIZARD

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Once upon a time there was a good, (39) \_\_\_\_\_ wizard who loved to use his magic to make everyone happy. He was also quite an unusual wizard because he was allergic (40) \_\_\_\_\_ a load of different foods. He had to be very careful what he put in his mouth. He was always being invited to parties, and he would always gladly (41) \_\_\_\_\_, because he always had new tricks and games to try out.

In the beginning, everyone was considerate about his allergies, and they took special care to prepare food that he would be able to eat safely. But as time went on, people tired of having to prepare special foods for him. They began to forget his dietary (42) \_\_\_\_\_. After having enjoyed his magic, people would leave him by himself, and the parties became (43) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyable. Sometimes they didn't even bother to tell him what was in the food, and, more than once, he (44) \_\_\_\_\_ with a black tongue, a red face, and a very itchy body.

Angry at such lack of consideration, he waved his wand and cast a huffy (45) \_\_\_\_\_ that gave everyone a special allergy. Some became allergic to birds or frogs, others to fruit or meat, some to raindrops... And so, each person had to take special care from then on. (46) \_\_\_\_\_ people met up to eat or have a party, they ended up having to go to the doctor.

Ending parties in this (47) \_\_\_\_\_ was such a pain that, gradually, people began making an effort to learn what each other's allergies were. Now they would prepare everything carefully, so that they could have a good time together without getting sick. Visits to the doctor decreased, and in less than a year, life in town returned to normal filled with parties and celebrations, always attended by the wizard, who gave life and joy to the occasion. Even better, now he could stay and enjoy the (48) \_\_\_\_\_ party. No one would have suspected that, in that town, every single person was strongly allergic to something.

Sometime later, without anyone knowing, the wizard waved his wand again and undid the spell. The people had learned well how to be considerate towards others, and how they could enjoy each other's company even better just by making a little effort to adapt to each and every person.

39 A hearty

B enthusiastic

C high

D cheerful

40 A to

B in

C of

D for

41 A take

B accept

C obtain

D welcome

42 A claims

B obligations

C conditions

D requirements

43 A more

B less

C least

D little

44 A ended up

B ended in

C ended with

D ended at

45 A charm

B spell

C trance

D magic

46 A Whatever

B Wherever

C Whenever

D At all

47 A post

B mood

C condition

D way

48 A whole

B all

C general

### Task 9

Read the text below. For each of the empty space (49–58) choose the correct variant (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

#### BRYNN

In 2016, Brynn (49) \_\_\_\_\_ the first pit bull mayor of Rabbit Hash, Kentucky, (50) \_\_\_\_\_ office with 3,367 votes. The dog, whose full name is Brynneth Pawltro, ran on a platform of promoting love and peace in Rabbit Hash. She (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to like tennis balls and licking people.

In the case of the 2016 mayoral election, the town chose (52) \_\_\_\_\_ the two runners-up, Lady and Bourbon, the ambassadors of Rabbit Hash. Their job will be to fill in for Brynn, (53) \_\_\_\_\_ she be unavailable for various town functions.

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|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 49 A had become | B would become  | C have become  | D became     |
| 50 A win        | B to win        | C winning      | D won        |
| 51 A said       | B is said       | C will be said | D was said   |
| 52 A appointed  | B is appointing | C can appoint  | D to appoint |
| 53 A should     | B could         | C may          | D ought      |

#### CACARECO

In October 1959, Sao Paulo was a mess. It was election time for the city council, and more than (54) \_\_\_\_\_ people felt they had the answers to the city's woes. A total of 540 people (55) \_\_\_\_\_ for 45 council seats. Held in higher esteem, however, was Cacareco, a (56) \_\_\_\_\_ female rhi-noceros on loan from a zoo in Rio de Janeiro. The animal (57) \_\_\_\_\_ a popular attraction at Sao Paulo's own recently opened zoo. Then someone had the idea to put Cacareco on the ballot. In the words of a zookeeper, the rhino was so dumb that 'you could put her brain in a Brazil nut.' She was perfect.

Cacareco won in a landslide, (58) \_\_\_\_\_ around 100,000 votes. Her closest runner-up received only 10,079 votes. A party leader decried the result as a whimsical joke, 'a ridiculous vote for a ridiculous rhinoceros.'

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| 54 A few           | B a few          | C fewer             | D the few         |
| 55 A competed      | B had competed   | C were competing    | D were competed   |
| 56 A four-year-old | B four-year-olds | C four-years-old    | D four-year-oldth |
| 57 A became        | B has become     | C was becoming      | D had become      |
| 58 A gathered      | B gathering      | C had been gathered | D was gathered    |