Task 1

- **In this article about a bed and breakfast hotel some parts of sentences have been left out.**
- **Your task is to reconstruct the text by filling in the gaps from the list.**
- **Write the letters (A-N) in the white boxes next to the numbers (1-10) as in the example *(0)*.**
- **There are <u>two extra letters</u> that you will not need.**

THE BARN

Within easy reach of London, Richard and Sandra Barnett have been running their small vegan B&B, the Barn in the New Forest for seven years. It's the perfect spot ***(0)*** _____ for your getaway – and in fact, half the guests **(1)** _____ . Much of this is encouraged by Richard, who is keen to see his guests reduce their carbon footprint, even meeting them at the station by bicycle taxi **(2)**_____ and offering them a discount on the price of their stay if they abandon the car at home. There are plenty of walks in the New Forest from the house and bikes may be hired from the pub opposite, so **(3)** _____ for a car-based break at all.

The Barn is a member of the Green Leaf Tourism Scheme – New Forest establishments with eco-credentials that work together **(4)** _____ – so there is very much an environmental focus here, with solar panels on the roof **(5)** _____ , organic cotton towels and bed-linen, and vegan toiletries.

There are two bright guest rooms, a double and a twin, both en suite, and also a lounge for visitors and a sitting-out area **(6)** _____ . The food, of course, is what attracts many guests **(7)** _____ the 50 per cent repeat business that the Barn enjoys. In the morning, Sandra will delight you with her 'Barnstormer' fully cooked breakfast **(8)** _____ scrambled tofu as well as mushrooms, tomatoes, beans and veggie sausages, and the evening meal is similarly imaginative and tasty.

Guests may easily venture further afield – to Lymington and the Isle of Wight – but walks in the Forest or a cycle ride **(9)** _____ to spend your time here. A dedicated cycle track runs from outside The Barn, where you may go on rides for half an hour or the whole day. Secure storage is provided for bikes **(10)** _____ .

(Vegetarian Living)

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A)	that produce more electricity than they use
B)	there is hardly a better way for you to relax
~~**C)**~~	~~*if you want to use public transport*~~
D)	to pick up their luggage
E)	there's really no excuse
F)	and might explain
G)	that includes
H)	and could show
I)	if the weather is fine
K)	do arrive without a car
L)	are probably the best way
M)	if you want to bring your own
N)	to reduce the impact of tourism

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Task 2

- **Read this text about rescuing a yachtsman and then look at the half sentences that follow.**
- **Your task is to match the two sentence halves (numbers 11-17 to letters A-K) based on the information in the text. There are <u>two extra letters</u> that you do not need.**
- **Write the letters in the white boxes.**
- **An example *(0)* has been given for you.**

PASSENGER JET HELPS TO RESCUE MISSING SAILOR

An Air Canada plane decreased altitude to 4,000ft to assist rescuers in the search for the solo yachtsman who had activated his emergency beacon. His remote location was out of helicopter range, so rescuers asked the plane's pilot to get involved as they were flying over the yacht's GPS position.

The pilot, Captain Andrew Robertson, said once he had determined he had enough kerosene to land the plane safely in Sydney after diverting to search for the yacht, he swooped down to 5,000ft and reduced speed while the crew peered out. "As we got to about two to three miles from this yacht, the first officer said 'there it is, I see it', pointing at a reflection from a mirror shining upwards. I was amazed." Captain Robertson circled around once more at 3,700ft for a closer look to see if anyone was on board. It was then that they saw the yachtsman. Captain Robertson said the search was the first of his aviation career.

"A lot of passengers said it was very exciting to be involved in a search like this," he said. According to Sydney's Daily Telegraph, one passenger wrote on Facebook: "15-hour flight ends up being 17 hours as we descended to 4,000ft to locate an overturned yacht for search and rescue."

Air Canada spokesman Peter Fitzpatrick said the crew and a number of passengers on board spotted the boat and informed authorities about its location at once. "After we informed the customers on board that we would assist as we were the only aircraft in the immediate vicinity, all on board became involved in the search efforts." The crew borrowed binoculars from customers and also engaged them to help look.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) said the 44-year-old sailor had now been picked up; he is in good spirits and uninjured after drifting for 16 hours.

Speaking about the involvement of the passenger jet, a spokesperson from AMSA said: "It's not a regular occurrence, but that's because incidents are usually much closer to shore. AMSA thanks the captain and crew of the Air Canada aircraft for their assistance in the search and rescue operation, and their passengers for their patience."

(http://uk.news.yahoo.com)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0) The yachtsman	**A)** were immediately told exactly where the boat was.
11) Helicopters	**B)** used a mirror to get the rescuers' attention.
12) The pilot	~~***C) was alone when the incident happened.***~~
13) The sailor	**D)** were asked to use optical instruments.
14) The event	**E)** haven't been taken to the port yet.
15) Safety Authorities	**F)** checked how much fuel the plane had before joining the rescue operation.
16) The passengers	**G)** are not often requested to take part in rescue operations.
17) Passenger jets	**H)** is often overturned in storms.
	I) was mentioned in a message on a community web site.
	K) could not be used for the rescue operation.

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Task 3

- **Read this article about job interviews and then read the statements (18-24) following it.**
- **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*).**

DINOSAUR INTERVIEW THAT CAN MAKE CAREERS EXTINCT

Could you cope?

So you're fully prepped for the interview, wearing a new suit and your CV is beyond reproach. But to win that dream job you must work out what sort of dinosaur you are. Prospective employers are increasingly using 'extreme interviewing' techniques which include questions such as: 'If you were a dinosaur, what would you be?'

Although they say the way the candidate handles the question is more important than the actual answer, chances are that if you said you were a Tyrannosaurus rex, you won't be getting the job. Apparently, the hapless candidate is told: 'Aha, so you are a cannibalistic predator preying on the weak, are you?'

The dinosaur tactic, a favourite of City employers, is part of a craze for throwing bizarre questions at candidates to see how they react. Some other genuine questions asked of potential employees include: 'If you were a biscuit, what sort would you be?' 'Name me three Lady Gaga songs.' And 'With a four-minute hourglass, and a seven-minute hourglass, how can you measure exactly nine minutes – without taking longer than nine minutes?'

The technique – designed to distinguish the capable candidate from the exceptional at a time when a quarter of recent graduates are unemployed – originated in California's Silicon Valley. Google, which is based there, is renowned for its intense interview process, with 50-page dossiers sometimes being prepared for a potential employee. One recent question was: 'You are stranded on a desert island. You have 60 seconds to choose people of ten professions to come with you. Who do you choose? Go!'

Computer manufacturer Hewlett-Packard prefers questions such as: 'If Germans were the tallest people in the world, how would you prove it?' – a reference to the first line of their national anthem, Deutschland Deutschland über alles.

The idea of extreme interviewing is to see how quickly job-seekers think on their feet and one of its pioneers was the late Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple. Dealing with a candidate he considered dull, Jobs started flapping his arms and clucking like a chicken to judge his reaction.

David Moyle, a headhunter with the Eximius Group in London, admits he has used the dinosaur question to recruit. He said: 'We are trying to give the candidates an opportunity to show their personality, rather than just showing how they perform in an interview.'

(Daily Mail)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0) There's more to a job interview than being properly dressed and having a perfect CV.	*0)* *A*

18) Employers claim that your reaction to some of the questions might matter more than the content of your answers. 18)

19) City employers are reluctant to ask candidates about dinosaurs or other bizarre topics. 19)

20) With such a high number of candidates for each job opening, employers will go to great lengths to find the most outstanding ones. 20)

21) A large section of a Google interview is conducted in writing. 21)

22) All Hewlett-Packard employees speak German as a first or second language. 22)

23) The article describes how Steve Jobs asked a candidate if he could imitate a chicken. 23)

24) Some headhunters believe that extreme interviewing techniques might make candidates reveal more of themselves. 24)

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Task 4

- **Read this article about 21st century slaves and then read the sentences (25-30) following it.**
- **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.**

RISE IN 'SLAVERY' TRAFFICKING OF HOMELESS BY GANGS

Reported cases of "modern-day slavery" are becoming increasingly common, according to the police and homeless charities.

Thames Reach, which works with homeless people in London, said that so far this year, it was aware of at least 37 incidents involving people who had been forced to work for little or no pay and even made to break the law, compared with 22 last year.

Thames Reach manager Megan Stewart said the recent court case in which four men from a caravan site in Bedfordshire were convicted of controlling and exploiting homeless people had brought about a shift in how society viewed the problem. "People are getting better at spotting the signs," Stewart said, "and the police are taking it more seriously when our guys report it."

The exploitation involves trafficking people into the UK but also targeting homeless people on the streets.

The Passage Day Centre in London's Victoria, which helps homeless people, said its clients were regularly targeted both at the centre and at soup runs. "A couple of weeks ago, some people approached our clients with the offer of work in Belgium," said Mick Clarke, who runs the centre. "They said they'd provide them with accommodation and money and when we challenged them, they sped off."

Clarke said traffickers benefited from the economic downturn, which meant people were ripe for exploitation. "It's linked to the economy – people are more and more desperate," Clarke said. "And there is real diversity in the backgrounds of those who are doing this – there are builders, people in suits, people from all ethnicities."

Police say in many cases those who were exploited had been told that they or their families back home would face violence if they reported what had happened to them. A man who was referred to Thames Reach by St Thomas's hospital had been trafficked into the country by a gang. When he complained about not being paid, he was beaten up and left on the streets with brain damage. Other cases involved two Hungarian men who were held by criminals in Birmingham and forced to work on driveways, and a Czech man who was beaten by the owners of a car wash in north London before escaping.

The Department for Communities and Local Government has worked with the Passage Centre to fund a campaign to highlight the issue, and embassies in eastern Europe are also helping to raise awareness of the risk involved in working in the UK.

(The Observer)

LIVEWORKSHEETS

0) Thames Reach reveals that in the slave trade…

~~*A) an increasing number of cases get reported.*~~

B) incidents are becoming more and more violent.

C) those forcing people to work for no pay break the law.

D) London has proved Britain's worst afflicted area so far.

0)	*A*

25) Megan Stewart says…

A) charities have long urged the police to take tougher action in such cases.

B) people living near the Bedfordshire caravan site are getting worried.

C) people are too afraid to interfere when they spot signs of exploitation.

D) the police appear more willing to act in these cases than they used to be.

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26) Mick Clarke, who runs a centre in Victoria, gives details of…

A) various incidents when their clients were targeted by criminals.

B) one incident when their clients were targeted by criminals.

C) a case when their clients were tricked by Belgian criminals.

D) a case when their clients were given money and promised work in Belgium.

26)		

27) Clarke says traffickers…

A) are more and more desperate.

B) are easy to recognise by their looks.

C) typically belong to one ethnic group.

D) are aided by the economic situation.

27)		

28) In a number of cases traffickers tried to silence their victims by…

A) threats to them and their families.

B) giving them small rewards.

C) threatening to report them.

D) promises of extra pay.

28)		

29) Of the four victims mentioned in the last but one paragraph…

A) one was sent to St Thomas's from the Passage Centre.

B) two are described as having been subjected to physical violence.

C) two Hungarians were tourists travelling in the north of England.

D) the Czech man managed to escape with the help of the police.

29)		

30) To tackle the problem…

A) local governments and homeless charities in Britain fund joint campaigns.

B) foreign embassies in London are asked to do more to help their citizens.

C) steps have been taken to make people more aware of the dangers.

D) job-seekers in eastern Europe are warned against working in Britain.

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This is the end of this part of the exam.

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