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Task 1

- You are going to read an article about an unfortunate error. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (1-9).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines after the text.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Use only one word for each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



FRENCH WOMAN GETS 12 QUADRILLION PHONE BILL

A French woman has been billed €11,721,000,000,000,000 for cancelling a phone contract. (0) _____ (*fortunate*), she will not have to pay the bill, which was sent out in error.

"I almost had a cardiac arrest! There were so many zeros I could not even work out how much it was", said Solenne San Jose in an interview with French newspaper Sud Ouest.

The woman had asked to close her (1) _____ (*person*) account while she was out of work. Her service (2) _____ (*provide*) said fine, but because it was going to be before the end of the contract she would have to pay a (3) _____ (*cancel*) fee. Ms San Jose was stunned to see a note at the bottom of the bill saying that the (4) _____ (*astonish*) sum would be taken from her bank account.

She called a helpline and tried to convince someone that a mistake had been made. This did not work (5) _____ (*initial*), and the person suggested that there was nothing that could be done, except perhaps paying the €12 quadrillion.

At some point common sense descended and someone at the firm understood that no (6) _____ (*individual*) could possibly owe or pay a sum higher than France's annual gross (7) _____ (*economy*) output.

Following this (8) _____ (*realise*) Ms San Jose was told that she must pay the much more (9) _____ (*reason*) sum of €117.21. A spokesperson of Bouygues Telecom explained that the high number was there because of a machine error and added that as soon as the mistake was found the firm cancelled the bill, and sent the customer a bunch of flowers.

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Task 2

- You are going to read about an interesting discovery. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (10-19) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white box.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.



BRITISH MUMMIES MADE UP OF THE BODIES OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Archaeologists investigating the mystery of two perfectly (0) _____ 3,000-year-old skeletons on a remote Scottish island believe they (10) _____ made up of several different people.

The skeletons excavated in Cladh Hallan (11) _____ the first evidence that Britons preserved their dead using mummification. But the identities of the oldest mummies (12) _____ in Britain remain a great mystery (13) _____ scientists have discovered they were made from body parts of several different people. Research last year (14) _____ that the mummies were made up of parts from people in the same families and then put together (15) _____ a jigsaw to make it look as if they were just one person.

Sheffield University Professor Mike Parker Pearson said the mummies (16) _____ straight after preservation and are similar to those found in distant Peru in South America: “I (17) _____ believe these mummies were buried immediately, but played an active part in society, as they do in some tribal societies in other parts of the world. As part of worship, the mummies probably would have been asked for spiritual advice to help the community (18) _____ decisions.”

Archaeologists found the mummies in the foundations of a row of unusual Bronze Age terraced roundhouses. But (19) _____ radiocarbon dated, all were found to have died between 300 and 500 years before the houses were built, meaning they had been kept above ground for some time by their descendants.

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- | 0) | A reserved | B stayed | C preserved | D remained | 0) | C |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----|---|
| 10) | A should be | B may have been | C would be | D ought to have been | 10) | |
| 11) | A are told to be | B prove as | C are said to be | D reveal as | 11) | |
| 12) | A nearly discovered | B ever found | C yet to be explored | D that examined | 12) | |
| 13) | A as | B therefore | C so that | D because of | 13) | |
| 14) | A introduced | B noticed | C regarded | D revealed | 14) | |
| 15) | A like | B such as | C as though | D being | 15) | |
| 16) | A did not bury | B have not been buried | C could not bury | D had not been buried | 16) | |
| 17) | A firmly | B shouldn't | C don't | D will | 17) | |
| 18) | A make | B makes | C made | D that make | 18) | |
| 19) | A despite | B unless | C even | D when | 19) | |

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Task 3

- You are going to read an article about a popular cafe. Some words are missing from the text.
- Your task is to write the missing words on the dotted lines (20-28) after the text.
- Use only one word in each gap.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.



THE CAFE THAT PUT MICHELIN-STARRED RESTAURANTS IN THE SHADE

With its comfy chairs, wooden fireplace and shabby chic lamp shades, it could very easily (0) _____ mistaken for someone's front room. But it is, in fact, a humble cafe (20) _____ offers a full fried breakfast for the unremarkable price of £5.95 – including tea or coffee.

Now The Haven (21) _____ been rated the best place to eat in Edinburgh. Every customer to review the cafe on the Trip Advisor website has given it the highest possible marks for food, service, value and atmosphere, (22) _____ that it now ranks higher than the city's five Michelin star restaurants. All five were awarded a star in the 2013 edition of the Michelin Red Guide but while they typically serve pigeon, deer and rabbit at around £70 a head for three courses, The Haven is a much (23) _____ modest affair.

Its menu includes scones, cakes and pancakes all freshly (24) _____ by cafe owner and University of Edinburgh graduate Natalie Kwek, 26. Natalie, (25) _____ has a master's degree in English, says the most popular dish is her fried Scottish breakfast – sausage, bacon, black pudding, haggis, fried eggs, baked beans, tomatoes, mushrooms, potato scones, toast and a cup of tea or coffee, for just £5.95.

Natalie, (26) _____ cafe is in Newhaven, said: 'I can't believe it's being mentioned in the same breath (27) _____ these amazing Michelin star restaurants. To see my cafe rated above them on Trip Advisor is a real honour. When I opened the Haven last November, I hoped it (28) _____ be something special but never imagined such success.'

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Task 4

- You are going to read an article about a rare meteorological phenomenon. 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 tick (✓).
- The task begins with two examples (0).



AUSTRALIAN TOWN HIT BY RAINING FISH

0)	Residents in a remote desert and town in Australia, 326 miles from	0)	<i>and</i>	
0)	the nearest river, are recovering after witnessing two days of fish	0)	✓	
29)	raining from the sky. Lajamanu in the Northern Territory, which	29)		
30)	population 669, has yet seen hundreds of small white fish fall from	30)		
31)	rain clouds with many still alive. Weather experts in Australia	31)		
32)	believe the fish were sucked it up in a thunderstorm before being	32)		
33)	dumped over the tiny town. Mark Kersemakers, the highly senior	33)		
34)	forecaster at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology, said: "It could	34)		
35)	have been scooped the fish up to 40,000 to 50,000 feet in the air.	35)		
36)	At once they get up into the system they are pretty much frozen.	36)		
37)	After some time they are being released." It is the third time in	37)		
38)	less than 30 years so that Lajamanu has been bombarded by falling	38)		
39)	fish, according to Northern Territory News. The paper was reported	39)		
40)	a similar extraordinary phenomena in 1974 and 2004.	40)		

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