USE OF ENGLISH

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.

SHOULD HE BITE ME?

One time a large stone fell upon Snake and covered her so that she could not rise. A white man, it is said, came upon her and **(39)** ____ the stone, but when he had done so, she wanted to bite him. The White Man said, 'Stop! Let us first go to someone **(40)** ____ .' They went to Hyena, and the White Man asked him, 'Is it right that Snake should want to bite me, even though I helped her so much?'

Hyena (who was looking for his own **(41)** ____ of the White Man's body) said, 'If you were bitten, what would it matter?' So Snake thought that **(42)** ____ it, but the White Man said again, 'Wait a little, and let us go to **(43)** ____ wise people, that I may hear whether this is right.' They went and met Jackal, and the White Man put the same question to him.

Jackal replied, 'I don't believe that Snake could ever be so covered by a stone that she could not rise. **(44)** ____ I saw it with my two eyes, I wouldn't believe it. Take me to the place where you say it happened so I can see for myself whether it can **(45)** ____ be true.'

They went together to that place, and Jackal said, 'Snake, **(46)** ____ down, and let yourself be covered.' Snake did so, and the White man covered her with the stone; and **(47)** ____ she tried with all her strength Snake couldn't get up. Then the White Man wanted to let Snake go again, but Jackal stopped him saying, 'Don't lift the stone. She wanted to bite you, **(48)** ____ , let her get up and lift it herself.'

Then they both went away and left Snake there, just as before.

39	A broke out	B lifted	C rose	D got up
40	A complicated	B wise	C intelligent	D cunning
41	A share	B halve	C divide	D part
42	A organized	B made	C established	D settled
43	A another	B the other	C other	D the others
44	A Unless	B If	C When	D Nevertheless
45	A even	B possibly	C however	D although
46	A lie	B lay	C sit	D slide
47	A however	B although	C because	D as soon as
48	A as though	B thus	C as if	D therefore

LIVEWORKSHEETS

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.

STONE AND THE FLOWER

'You have hardened', said the flower, **(49)** _____ her petals downward toward the half stone at her roots. 'These rains should have softened you, made you more fertile and receptive to the seeds of the fields; but no. You **(50)** _____ minerals and have become more silent and full of calcium. Why do you stay here? Why do you resist the brook that **(51)** _____ us water?'

The stone said nothing.

A number of clouds passed by, the sun set and the night arrived with an immense bronze-coloured **(52)** _____ moon with acne scars upon her worn face and in this manner reflected down upon the silent stone which still **(53)** _____ asleep. The flower, by now, had tucked-in her petals and slept profoundly, and at this time the stone began to answer:

'I stay here because your roots **(54)** _____ me yours. I stay here because it is no longer about my feeling the earth rather because I have become part of that which functions as a support of your stem which **(55)** _____ the wind and the rain. Everything changes, my sweet flower', said the stone, 'but I stay here because love is that microscopic space between your feet and my **(56)** _____ skin. You would only be able to feel it if destiny were ever to separate the two of us.'

The moon followed the fade of the stars. Dawn gave a yawn as the sun began **(57)** _____ its horizon on the lower lip of the mouth of a new day. The flower awoke and extended her beautiful petals. 'Good morning', she said, 'I dreamt that you **(58)** _____ to me. How foolish of me, don't you think?'

The stone said nothing.

49	A having bent	B was bending	C bending	D to bend
50	A accumulated	B have accumulated	C had accumulated	D have been accumulated
51	A gives	B is giving	C give	D is given
52	A freckling	B freckled	C freckles	D freckle
53	A haven't fallen	B didn't fall	C hadn't fallen	D wasn't falling
54	A make	B have made	C made	D will make
55	A resists	B resist	C will resist	D is resisting
56	A salt	B salted	C salty	D salting
57	A burn	B to burn	C to have burned	D to be burning
58	A were singing	B have sung	C had sung	D sing

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