

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.

MEXICAN PARTY IDEAS

When (39) _____ chef Hugh Acheson entertains at home, he likes to keep things simple and fun. The award-winning chef and cookbook (40) _____ and Top Chef judge (41) _____ a batch of tasty drinks and sets a casual buffet to make his guests (42) _____ welcome and relaxed.

The ingredients for a fun and simple Mexican fiesta include:

- A ready-to-pour (43) _____ of refreshing cocktails.
- A serve-yourself buffet (44) _____ with recipes you can mostly make ahead. At the buffet, guests assemble their tacos with (45) _____ combination of toppings suits their moods. Colourful (46) _____ dishes add to the party atmosphere (rwoodstudio.com).
- Vibrant (47) _____ such as paper pom-poms (make them yourself or buy them in a wide range of colours at amazon.com), bright linens, and richly hued (48) _____ in colourful pottery vases (try an interesting pairing like spray roses with two-tone geranium leaves from the garden).

39 A well-mannered

B well-known

C well-groomed

D celebrated

40 A author

B rider

C traveller

D reader

41 A mixes

B cuts

C sips

D drops

42 A show

B present

C buy

D feel

43 A urn

B plate

C sink

D pitcher

44 A crowded

B founded

C piled

D racked

45 A whoever

B whatever

C wherever

D whenever

46 A pottery

B cutlery

C poultry

D potpourri

47 A decorations

B medals

C badges

D awards

48 A sprouts

B buds

C twigs

D flowers

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.

CARROTS, EGGS, OR COFFEE

A young woman went to her grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she (49) _____ make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem (50) _____, a new one would pop up.

Her grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed (51) _____ on a high fire, and soon the pots came to boil. In the first pot she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned (52) _____ the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

(53) _____ to her granddaughter, she asked, 'Tell me what you see.'

'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied. Her grandmother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they (54) _____ soft. The grandmother then asked the granddaughter to take an egg and break it. After (55) _____ off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the grandmother asked the granddaughter to sip the coffee. The granddaughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma then asked, 'What (56) _____, grandmother?'

She answered: (57) _____ water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after being through the boiling water, its inside became (58) _____. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

'Which are you?' she asked her granddaughter.

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| 49 A goes to | B was going to | C will go | D went |
| 50 A to solve | B be solving | C was solved | D has been solved |
| 51 A each | B every | C one | D another |
| 52 A on | B out | C in | D off |
| 53 A Having turned | B To turn | C Being turned | D Turning |
| 54 A are | B were | C will be | D had been |
| 55 A pulling | B the pull | C having pulling | D being pulling |
| 56 A does it mean | B it means | C do it mean | D is it mean |
| 57 A boiled | B boiler | C boil | D boiling |
| 58 A hardly | B hardest | C hardened | D hardening |