

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.

PILOT TAKES OFF IN KID-BUILT PLANE

Pilot Barrington Irving loves flying, so he (39) _____ an organization called Experience Aviation to inspire kids to learn about aviation, math, and science. He also has a lot of faith in kids' (40) _____. To prove that, Irving told a group of 60 teens from Miami that if they built a plane, he would fly it.

The kids, who were part of an Experience Aviation summer programme, had ten weeks to build a plane. None of them had any experience building planes. But they finished the plane, named Inspiration II, by the (41) _____. On October 15, 2008, the students and a crowd of others held their (42) _____, as Irving fired up the plane's engine. Then he (43) _____ into the sky. After about ten minutes, Irving landed the plane safely as people on the ground (44) _____. Some of the kids could hardly believe what they had done — they had learned to measure and (45) _____ metal, drill holes, use a rivet gun, and work together to create an airplane that could really fly!

Some people might think Irving was very brave to fly the plane. But Irving, 24, already had shown how brave he is. In 2007, he became the first black pilot and the youngest person (at age 23) to fly around the world by himself. It took him 96 days.

Irving's plane was called Inspiration because he said he wants to inspire young people. Irving (46) _____ in a poor Miami neighbourhood, where he didn't think he had much of a future. But when he was 15, he saw a 747 jet's cockpit and decided he wanted to be a pilot. He worked several jobs to (47) _____ for flying lessons. Irving enjoys aviation so much that he wants other young people to learn about aviation and (48) _____ their own dreams.

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| 39 A organized | B did | C thought | D started |
| 40 A aptitude | B capacity | C abilities | D might |
| 41 A deadline | B limit | C frame | D zone |
| 42 A breeze | B breath | C breathe | D broth |
| 43 A winged | B lifted | C mounted | D soared |
| 44 A cheered | B comforted | C elated | D consoled |
| 45 A divide | B cut | C raze | D clip |
| 46 A grew in | B grew about | C grew up | D grew at |
| 47 A share | B give | C grant | D pay |
| 48 A follow | B track | C trail | D chase |

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.

DROUGHT THREATENS HUGE MAN-MADE LAKE

Since 1935, millions of people (49) _____ fishing, boating, and swimming in the huge man-made Lake Mead. But long droughts and high demand for water (50) _____ water levels to drop in the 250-squaremile lake. Some scientists worry that if Lake Mead's water level (51) _____ dropping, the lake could dry up in as few as 13 years.

Lake Mead (52) _____ when the Hoover Dam was built and part of the Colorado River was dammed. Part of the lake is in Nevada and part of it is in Arizona. Lake Mead also is called a reservoir; it (53) _____ water for homes, farms, and businesses in places such as Nevada, Arizona, and California. Also, water from the lake (54) _____ to create electric power for many people in Nevada and Arizona.

About 96% of the water in Lake Mead comes from melted snow that (55) _____ each year in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Most of that melted snow flows into the Colorado River and then into Lake Mead. In the past few years, though, there has been less water flowing into Lake Mead. Some scientists think that is because our climate (56) _____ warmer.

But towns still need the same amount of water they (57) _____. Some areas need more water because their populations (58) _____. So too much water is coming out of Lake Mead and not enough is flowing in.

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| 49 A has enjoyed | B enjoyed | C have enjoyed | D had enjoyed |
| 50 A causes | B are causing | C is causing | D was causing |
| 51 A to keep | B keeping | C kept | D keeps |
| 52 A was created | B were created | C has been created | D are being created |
| 53 A stores | B store | C stored | D to store |
| 54 A uses | B is used | C was used | D are being used |
| 55 A fell | B falls | C fall | D fallen |
| 56 A grows | B growing | C is growing | D grown |
| 57 A has always needed | B have always needed | C always needed has | D always has needed |
| 58 A is growing | B were growing | C are growing | D was growing |