

READING

Task 4

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (17–21). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

TIPS ON HOW TO LEARN ENGLISH EFFECTIVELY

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Do you want to know how to learn English effectively? If so, you are not alone. In fact, there are many people out there today who are working to learn English as a second language. No matter what the reason is that you are learning English, you want to make sure that you can learn it quickly and effectively as well. Whether you are learning English in a class, on your own, or with language teaching software, there are certain things that you can do to make sure that you learn the language effectively. So, here are a few tips to keep in mind that will help you on your journey towards learning the English language.

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It is very important that you have goals in mind if you want to know how to learn English effectively. Setting goals will help you to know where you want to be and it will help you to actually see your progress as you learn the language as well. Decide what your goals are, whether you want to improve your vocabulary, pronunciation, or even if you want to comprehend when you're listening better. Once you know your goals, make sure that you are working to achieve them.

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Practicing is probably one of the most important tips if you want to know how to learn English effectively. The more you practice your English skills, the better you will become at it. You can practice by reading English, by writing emails and letters, by listening to television or the radio in English, or even by taking time to speak to other people who speak the English language. The more you practice, the fewer mistakes you'll end up making over time, and you'll become more effective with your English skills.

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No matter what language you're learning, a large number of words you know is going to be very important. This is especially important when you are learning the English language. One of the best ways to learn new words is to start reading and you can also learn more by listening to the radio or watching television. Playing word games and doing word puzzles can also help you out when you are trying to enhance your English vocabulary.

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If you plan on learning a language, you are going to make studying a priority. It's not just something you do every now and then, but it should be done every single day. When you study each day it is easier to retain the new things that you learn. You'll also find that you can review easier every day and you'll definitely remember what you learn a lot better as well. So, if you want to know how to learn English effectively, then you need to make studying a priority.

- A Modern trends in learning English
- B Make it enjoyable
- C Work on vocabulary development
- D Be sure to train your skills
- E Figure out what motivates you
- F Study on a regular basis
- G Improve your current learning
- H Decide on some purpose

Task 5

Read the text below. For each empty space (22–26) choose the correct variant (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

PROS AND CONS OF CLONING

On March 7, 1997 the world was stunned by the news that a team of scientists in Edinburgh, Scotland had successfully cloned a sheep they named Dolly. All of a sudden, the worries of science fiction writers seemed very relevant. Would vast armies of cloned soldiers be raised to fight wars for us? Or perhaps we'd create a race of slaves?

However, at the symposium in Rome, the doctors insisted they were motivated solely by the desire to help infertile couples have children. Cloning is the Pandora's box of the new millennium. No one can be certain where this technology will lead, yet the lure and romantic possibilities we envision are an overwhelming temptation.

The possibilities of cloning are as limitless as our imagination, and some people have really sick imaginations. It is not surprising then, that governments around the world are either banning or introducing strict regulations to monitor the technology.

The Canadian Minister of Health, Allan Rock, has presented a draft law to the House of Commons Committee on Health that would ban human cloning and regulate assisted human reproduction.

There are anti-cloning advocates who believe human cloning shouldn't be allowed since it infringes on one of the things we value most, our individuality. Some also believe that human cloning may damage dignity and break down our social structure. Some religious groups and other organizations say human cloning is wrong.

Of course, there are those who believe that the ability to clone humans is invaluable, especially if we take into consideration that we don't necessarily have to clone entire people. For example, cells could be duplicated so that victims of severe burns could grow back their own skin.

Dr Ian Wilmut, one of the scientists responsible for cloning Dolly, in his article written for Scientific American, states, 'Cloning offers many other possibilities. One is the generation of genetically modified animal organs that are suitable for transplantation into humans.' He explains that pig organs that are transplanted into humans would be rapidly destroyed by the human immune system and suggests that organs from a pig that have been genetically altered could eventually be accepted into the human body and save lives.

Many argue that cloning animals could save species that are newly extinct or on the brink of extinction. For example, scientists in Spain are working on bringing back the bucardo, a newly extinct Spanish mountain goat while other teams are looking into saving rare animals such as the African bongo, the ocelot and the giant panda.

Scientists believe the potential of human cloning is so valuable to the human race that it would be premature to stop research now. They are just beginning to understand the possibilities of the technology.

22 While experimenting on animals scientists ____ .
A know for sure the future outcome
B worry about the results of the experiment
C understand that their worries are irrelevant
D are concerned about the future of the world

23 The possibilities of genetic modifications are ____ .
A limited
B known
C predictable
D unpredictable

24 Cloning is beneficial because ____ .
A it can regulate assisted human reproduction
B it can damage dignity
C it can break down our social structure
D it is unnatural

25 The researchers have proved that ____ could save lives.
A only the animal organs transplanted into humans
B genetically modified animal organs transplanted into humans
C genetically modified immune system of another human
D genetically modified immune system of an animal transplanted into humans

26 Most scientists ____ .
A are in favour of the human cloning
B consider cloning a waste of time
C want to prevent animals from disappearing
D could create a race of slaves and monsters

Task 6

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (27–32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

PLUNGING INTO THE WORLD OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY

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The lack of time. Unless you're in very shallow water, or unless you're free diving, you're underwater for, what, maybe an hour? Plus, with this limited amount of time, you have to get close to the subject and move as quickly as possible to get your shot.

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My satellite phone, a really good pocket knife, and my own little French press for coffee.

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I do both, of course — it's important to do everything as an underwater photojournalist — but I do prefer wide angle. I like working with bigger subjects.

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My two very large and very heavy underwater strobes. These strobes have really wide-angle beams; they each have about a 110-degree angle of coverage so one strobe would probably light the entire picture with most lenses that I might use, but with two strobes I can get some really nice, softer lighting because I can adjust the power of each strobe and play around with the amount of lighting.

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I spend a lot of time researching animal behaviour. It's essential and very, very crucial. Aside from reading plenty of papers, I speak to scientists and people who've dedicated their lives to working with a particular species. I try and take these researchers and scientists along with me on my assignments and they become part of the text, part of the story.

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If you want to do what I do, it's important to create a plan. It's a mistake to try to rush things or think you can do this overnight. It's going to take time. As a young or emerging photojournalist, you'll ultimately get hired to do assignment work based on your portfolio. Therefore, the best thing you can do is work on that portfolio, and many times, that means working on projects close to where you live.

- A What advice do you have for budding underwater photographers?
- B How much time do you spend on studying the underwater world?
- C Do you invest a lot of time learning about animal behaviour in particular?
- D Equipment-wise, is there something you swear by?
- E As an explorer, what are three things you never leave home without?
- F Generally speaking, do you prefer macro or wide angle photography?
- G What is the most challenging thing about underwater photography?
- H Speaking of free diving, is that something you do a lot to get your photos or are you on scuba most of the time?

Task 7

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (33–38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

ONLINE SHOPPING DAY

Cyber Monday is a marketing invention that was first observed in 2005 (33) _____. Seen as an online version of Black Friday, Cyber Monday was created to allow customers (34) _____ from the comfort of their offices and homes.

The day after Thanksgiving in the United States is traditionally considered to be the beginning (35) _____. On this day, brick and mortar retailers have sales and provide massive discounts (36) _____, making it one of the busiest shopping days of the year. As a result, many people tend to stay away from stores (37) _____.

Additionally, Thanksgiving weekend is also one of the busiest travel weekends in the US when people travel around the country (38) _____. Such travel may mean that many customers miss Black Friday deals and sales.

It is thought that Cyber Monday was created as a way to encourage such customers to shop without having to visit brick and mortar stores.

- A to be with their families
- B to shop online
- C to entertain people at the theatre
- D to attract customers
- E of the Christmas shopping season
- F to avoid crowds
- G by online retailer shop.org
- H but not on sales