

READING

Task 4

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

HOW TO BEHAVE ON AN AIRPLANE

By Being Artsy

Does anyone remember the Golden Rule? It is an easy way to remember to mind your manners. Behaving in a disorderly fashion is no longer tolerated by airport personnel or flight crews on United States air carriers. Since the government has taken over handling irate passengers, this article will focus instead on other 'Do's and Don'ts' associated with proper airplane etiquette.

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Taking your shoes and socks off and propping your feet on the armrest of the person sitting in front of you because you want to feel more comfortable, is NOT acceptable airplane etiquette. After they get over the shock of strange toes in their personal space, the passenger in front of you may just want to let his or her seat back very hard.

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While some parents are fortunate to have mind or eye control over their children, the majority of the world is not as lucky. Be creative. Bring things for children to do, such as colouring books or DVDs, to occupy them while travelling. This will allow everyone's nerves to get a break while on board.

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Airplane lavatories are small, uncomfortable, cesspools, sort of like inflight portal pot-ties. Already, none of us wants to touch anything in there! Please, at least make it easier on our eyes, not to see what you did in there before us. Oh, and could you wipe up the water you splash over the counter and floor with the hand towels the nice airline supplies? Flight Attendants are not janitors. They are there primarily to save your life... should the need arise.

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Most of us travel in economy class where comfort is more like confinement and roominess is lacking except being able to flex your feet and rotate your neck. Must we fight over the middle armrest? Can we just share it, please?

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Whistling, waving at, or snapping your fingers at them will probably only get you ignored. Try to use the call bell sparingly. Remember, you do not have a personal butler at your beck and call, but a safety professional to assist you in enjoying your flight.

- A Control your sleep
- B Flush the toilet
- C Be courteous of other people
- D Ask the better chance
- E Use the call bell to signal the flight attendants
- F Control your children
- G Order a special meal
- H Don't take over someone else's space

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.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The boreal region is home to many indigenous peoples. Many of them live in forested areas. They are being increasingly confronted with the depletion of the natural resources that they depend on, weak rights of ownership, control and management of their traditional lands and a lack of political power resulting in a loss of traditional knowledge and social disruption.

Industry is increasingly looking at indigenous land as a source of cheap raw material. There is often inadequate legislation to protect them. Resource exploitation such as forestry, mining and hydroelectric development causes environmental and cultural impact: sacred places are degraded, the landscape is destroyed and poisoned, which makes subsistent economy impossible for many communities.

In Europe the indigenous people are the Sámi of northern Scandinavia. Their culture and subsistence is traditionally centred around reindeer herding, fishing and hunting. Reindeer herding, although modernized, is still the core of Sámi culture. However, the Sámi customary right to reindeer herding is being challenged by private forest owners.

In Canada over 80 % of the indigenous communities are located in forested areas. The rigidity with which both the Canadian government and industry have clung to their monopoly over the forest, has impacted negatively on the social, economic and environmental conditions of local aboriginal communities and adjacent forest lands, leading to an increasing number of conflicts on the ground and in the courts.

In Russia, traditional knowledge is slipping away; there is no proper medical care, housing and food. Currently there are 26 distinct indigenous peoples in Siberia, ranging in numbers from under 200 (the Oroks) to as many as 34 000 (the Nenets).

However, many indigenous peoples continue to live in a traditional way. Non-government organizations can help indigenous communities by supporting their land rights and fight against large scale exploitation. But real changes are necessary to force governments to respect indigenous as independent self-governing Nations.

22 Many aboriginal settlements can be found ____.

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| A in the central part of Europe | C in the north |
| B in the south of America | D in the west |

23 Indigenous people face the following problems except ____.

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| A living in harsh arctic conditions | C destroying the natural habitats |
| B decrease of the raw materials | D polluting the lands and forests |

24 The Sámi are good at ____.

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| A cutting down trees | C breeding the reindeer |
| B riding the horses | D fighting with private forest owners |

25 Indigenous people in Russia suffer from ____.

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| A improper medical care | C deficiency of food |
| B lack of housing | D all of the above |

26 The main idea of the text is to ____.

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| A tell about the life of the indigenous people |
| B help the aboriginal live in their lands |
| C attract the reader's attention to their problems |
| D stop the exploitation of the indigenous people |

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.

LAS VEGAS WEDDING THEMES

27 Gladiator Wedding Package

Before the wedding ceremony can begin the gladiator must fight his way through the King's finest warriors, defying all odds! This day the members of the Colosseum will meet their new gladiator champion and he will marry his lover in gladiator style.

28 Treasure Island

Offers six different wedding packages, including chapel options, but notable is the Enchantment Wedding Ceremony. It takes place on the Sirens' ship located in Sirens' Cove, and the ship's captain performs the ceremony and a pirate swings down from the crow's nest to deliver the wedding rings. This is where Treasure Island also holds its outdoor production, The Sirens of TI®. Treasure Island also offers 'Live Weddings', an online streaming video that allows those who may not be able to see the couple in person.

29 The Venetian

The Venetian offers Italian-themed weddings, including nine different packages. Its traditional chapel has seating for up to 140 and may be divided for smaller sized groups. There's also an outdoor wedding terrace that accommodates up to 50 guests. But two unique venues exist at the Venetian: Pont al di Piazza, which takes place over a bridge that is reminiscent of Venice (Italy), and the Ceremonia Sul' Aqua, Ceremony on Water, which takes place aboard an authentic Italian vessel.

30 Caesar's Palace

Caesar's Palace offers three different wedding chapel packages that can accommodate an intimate group of 35 or a larger group of 196, depending on the wedding party size. But for those who seek a more unique experience, couples may get married in a Venus Garden setting, surrounded by tropical palm trees, a floral landscape and Roman architecture. Caesar's Palace also offers an outdoor plaza setting.

31 Wynn

For those who want a uniquely stylist affair, the Wynn Las Vegas offers its package. Check that out: \$ 23,090 buys a dedicated wedding consultant, private limousine, private check-in, all the traditional ceremony elements, beauty salon services, multiple spa treatments, golf package for two with personal caddy for each, two nights in a 2,490 sq. ft villa, and more.

32 Maverick Helicopters

For those who can't decide among the various options on land along the Vegas strip, there's always the sky. Maverick Helicopters offers a wedding package that allows couples to get married while flying over the region. The only drawback to this is the limited number of guests: bride and groom plus up to three guests (weight permitting).

This place is ideal for organizing...

- A a field wedding
- B an elegant wedding
- C a pirate ship wedding
- D a wedding in an ancient castle
- E a gondola wedding
- F Elvis wedding
- G a garden wedding
- H an aircraft wedding

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.

CHOCOLATE TEARS

Camilla Chomp was a very greedy, gluttonous little girl. She hardly had any friends because she thought it was much more fun to spend her time alone, eating cake and pudding. Her parents were worried, so they took all the sweet food in the house and hid it.

So Camilla left the house, (33) _____. On she went, until she ended up in a small abandoned hut (34) _____. Out of all of them, the one that most caught Camilla's attention was a shiny little bottle made of gold-coloured glass. It seemed to be full of chocolate, and Camilla took a quick swig. It was delicious, but she felt a strange tickling sensation, so she read the label. 'Glass Tears', it said, and in small print it explained: 'Magically converts tears into chocolate.'

Wow, was Camilla excited! She ran everywhere looking for someone who was crying, and she came upon a little girl (35) _____. Sure enough, her tears were converted into chocolate, and as they ran down her cheeks, to her mouth, they sweetened her lips. That soon stopped her crying. Camilla and the girl spent a fun time together, (36) _____, and they parted as friends.

Something similar happened with a woman who had dropped some plates, and with an old man who couldn't find his walking stick. The appearance of Camilla and the chocolate tears cheered up those sad faces, (37) _____.

Soon Camilla realised that cheering people up was much more valuable even than chocolate. Her mad search for sweet food stopped, and her search became one for sad people (38) _____.

And from those sweet encounters came a mountain of friends that filled her life with meaning and happiness.

- A tasting the delicious tears
- B full of old pots and glasses of all shapes and sizes
- C able of cheering her up
- D who was weeping disconsolately
- E who she could try to help
- F desperately looking for something sweet to eat
- G helping them smile once again
- H filling the holes with chocolate