

# 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.

### WORKERS NEED ABILITY TO LEARN THROUGHOUT LIFE

Lifetime learning is a simple concept: It means (39) \_\_\_\_ yourself to improving your job (40) \_\_\_\_ throughout your career. For a worker, it now is a necessity. Studies show that the (41) \_\_\_\_ person now changes careers at least three (42) \_\_\_\_ and jobs an average of 10.5 times over the course of a working (43) \_\_\_\_ . Each of these new careers and jobs likely will (44) \_\_\_\_ a person to learn a new (45) \_\_\_\_ of skills.

Just think of some of the jobs that exist today that did not exist 30 years ago, such as computer network administrator and Web site programmer. Think of some of the jobs that now use a(n) (46) \_\_\_\_ different set of tools, such as auto repair or mechanical (47) \_\_\_\_ . People who were in mid-career in any of these (48) \_\_\_\_ a decade ago are still in the work force, either doing the same thing in a completely different way or doing something completely different.

39 A devoting	B giving life	C sacrificing	D dedicating
40 A knacks	B abilities	C skills	D dexterity
41 A average	B medium	C common	D middle
42 A times	B hours	C occasions	D occurrences
43 A lifespan	B lifetime	C vitality	D life duration
44 A need	B require	C want	D necessitate
45 A series	B kit	C set	D regulation
46 A fully	B all	C altogether	D completely
47 A technologies	B engineering	C facilities	D devices
48 A activities	B professions	C businesses	D operations

## 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.

### THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM

A mouse looked (49) \_\_\_\_ a crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife opening a package; what food might it contain? He was aghast to discover that it was a mouse trap!

(50) \_\_\_\_ to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning, 'There is a mouse trap in the house, there is a mouse trap in the house.'

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, 'Mr Mouse, I can tell you this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me; I (51) \_\_\_\_ by it.'

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, 'There is a mouse trap in the house.'

'I am so very sorry Mr Mouse,' sympathized the pig, 'but there is nothing I can do about it but pray; be assured that you are in my prayers.'

The mouse turned to the cow, who replied, 'Like wow, Mr Mouse, a mouse trap; am I (52) \_\_\_\_ grave danger, Duh?'

So the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected to face the farmer's mouse trap alone.

That very night a sound (53) \_\_\_\_ throughout the house, like the sound of a mouse trap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap (54) \_\_\_\_.

The snake bit the farmer's wife.

The farmer rushed her to the hospital.

She returned home (55) \_\_\_\_ a fever. Now everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the (56) \_\_\_\_ main ingredient.

His wife's sickness continued so that friends and neighbours came to sit with her around the clock. (57) \_\_\_\_ them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well, in fact, she died, and so many people came for her funeral and the farmer had the cow (58) \_\_\_\_ to provide meat for all of them to eat.

So the next time you hear that someone is facing a problem and think that it does not concern you, remember that when the least of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

49 A in	B out of	C through	D outside
50 A Retreating	B Having retreated	C To retreat	D Being retreated
51 A mustn't be bothered	B needn't be bothered	C cannot be bothered	D shouldn't be bothered
52 A at	B in	C on	D with
53 A heard	B hearing	C had been heard	D was heard
54 A caught	B was caught	C had caught	D did catch
55 A from	B with	C at	D about
56 A soup's	B soup	C soups	D soups'
57 A Feeding	B To be feeding	C To have fed	D To feed
58 A slaughter	B slaughtering	C slaughtered	D having slaughtered