

READING

TASK 4

Read the texts 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.

Which notice says this?

- ☐ A You can see this sign by the sea.
- ☐ B Do not go faster than this.
- ☐ C This hotel is full.
- ☐ D Some people have this on their desk.
- ☐ E This tells you how to get help.
- ☐ F This offers you a discount.
- ☐ G The swimming pool is closed today.
- ☐ H You cannot get a job here.



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TASK 5

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

“RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN”

“Race to Witch Mountain” is a science fiction adventure film and a remake of the 1975 fantasy film, “Escape to Witch Mountain”. Both versions of the film are based on the 1968 novel “Escape to Witch Mountain” by Alexander Key.

Jack Bruno is a cab driver in Las Vegas. One of his passengers is Dr. Alex Friedman, a failed scientist who is giving speeches about legitimate scientific theories of UFOs and outer space.

The next day, Bruno notices two children, Sara and Seth sitting in the back seat of his cab. They tell him they need to go to a certain destination and are willing to pay all they have to get there. They lead him to a house in the middle of nowhere. Meanwhile, Major Henry Burke is searching for information on the two aliens that landed some days earlier.

When they arrive at the house, Bruno follows them out of concern and curiosity. There, the kids retrieve the device they were looking for, contained within alien flora.

When leaving, they are attacked by a ‘Siphon’, a creature built to destroy a certain target. The Siphon pursues them, until its spaceship crashes into a train, the locomotive is destroyed by an explosion in the railroad tunnel, and the creature is wounded. The trio eventually find themselves in a small town. The children explain to Bruno that they are aliens from a distant planet, who are sent to Earth by their parents because the government of their dying planet intends to attack and invade Earth so that their kind may live on there. They also explain that the object they obtained at the house contains the results of an experiment which their parents set up. The research from this experiment will save their planet without having to attack and invade Earth. However their planet’s military prefer the idea of invading Earth and sent the Siphon assassin to stop them. They are next pursued by government agencies trying to retrieve the children for experiments.

They are joined by Dr. Friedman at the UFO Expo. With help of one of Dr. Friedman’s friends, the kids discover that their crashed spaceship has been relocated to a government base at Witch Mountain. The group, now including Dr. Friedman, after evading the pursuing government agents, eventually arrive at Witch Mountain. There, the children are captured, along with Bruno and Friedman. The government agents began running Tests to try to discover the secret of their powers in attempt to harness them. The movie ends with the spaceship taking off and returning to their planet.

During the end credits, Bruno and Dr. Friedman are speaking at a UFO convention about their new successful book called “Race to Witch Mountain”. As the couple get into their car and are about to leave, the device the kids gave Bruno activates, implying that they may be returning.

22. Dr. Alex Friedman is ... scientist.

- ☐ A a talented
☐ B a successful

- ☐ C an unsuccessful
☐ D an unsure

23. ‘Siphon’ is ...

- ☐ A a robot built to kill
☐ B a part of the UFO

- ☐ C a mechanism in the spaceship
☐ D a kitchen utensil

24. The spaceship ...

- ☐ A crashes into a mountain
☐ B causes the accident in the railway tunnel

- ☐ C destroys the secret base
☐ D kills the aliens from another planet

25. The device they found in the house ...

- ☐ A is a weapon for explosion
☐ B has a secret information about space

- ☐ C contains poisonous substances
☐ D can be used for saving Earth and its people

26. Bruno and Dr. Friedman’s cooperation resulted ...

- ☐ A in releasing a film
☐ B in publishing an interesting book

- ☐ C in doing a scientific project
☐ D in their leaving into space

TASK 6

Read the passages 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.

FEATURED ADVENTURE TOURS

27. _____

Travel the vast spaces of the north-west coast of Australia into the red heart of the outback on this incredible journey from Perth to Darwin. Discover the rugged beauty of the landscape, swim with dolphins, explore gorges and tackle some of the toughest roads in Australia on this adventure to remember.

28. _____

Cambodia offers one of the richest cultural legacies in South East Asia and this trip combines a wonderful contrast with visits to Phnom Penh, the capital, and the spectacular fabled city of Angkor, the eighth wonder of the world. Phnom Penh, once considered one of the most beautiful cities of the Orient, has an exciting feel with reminders of Cambodia's violent past. We visit the Tuol Sleng Museum, a Testament to the horrific crimes of the Khmer Rouge, before moving on to the killing fields of Choeung Ek.

29. _____

Sarawak — the land of longhouses, tribal culture, wildlife, jungles and rainforest, is a fascinating place to explore. The tour starts and ends in Kuching, with its colourful markets selling exotic spices. We visit Semengoh Orang Utan Sanctuary where orang utans are being rehabilitated back into the wild, and see them being fed. In Bako National Park, we go exploring in search of proboscis and silver leaf monkeys, long-tail macaques and other wildlife.

30. _____

Enjoy the best of Uganda from its super friendly people, to the adrenaline rush of rafting the source of the Nile. See for yourself the lush scenery that inspired Uganda to become known as the 'Pearl of Africa' and perhaps spend a day helping out on a community volunteer project. The highlight of this tour is the exhilarating trek through the rainforest to get close to the mountain gorillas, the rarest of the apes. This is truly an experience not to be missed!

31. _____

From spectacular Victoria Falls, this journey takes you to Chobe National Park in northeast Botswana. Chobe boasts one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa and has lush plains and dense forests, as well as various inland lakes and marsh areas. Wildlife is particularly dynamic here. After a thrilling flight into the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta, you will explore the prolific wildlife in this unique environment.

32. _____

This island nation — the world's biggest by far — contains diversities of wildlife and scenery to which few other lands can compare. Over 80% of the country's wildlife exist nowhere else on earth. Snow falls in the Blue Mountains while afternoon temperatures average 30°C in the Top End. Queensland has the world's largest coral reef, the world's biggest rock lies right in the heart of Australia, and Humpty Doo the world's massivest statue of a Boxing Crocodile.

Which tour offers:

- ☐ A to see endangered animals in the nature preserve
- ☐ B hunting for sports or food activities
- ☐ C an entire continent almost in itself
- ☐ D to learn about hidden dynasties of the country
- ☐ E the exciting water rides down a river
- ☐ F to experience life in the bush
- ☐ G to explore narrow valleys between hills or mountains, typically with steep rocky walls and a stream running through it
- ☐ H to explore the untouched beaches and rugged outback terrain

TASK 7

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

THE TRUTH ABOUT TRASH

Fifty years ago, not much was being thrown away. Almost everything had a considerably longer life span (33) _____. What led us to this place of having and wanting so much stuff? Stuff that we literally don't know what to do with or where to put when we're done with it.

Shorter life span in your home means more frequent shopping sprees to the store. What could be wrong with that? Growth in America was being driven by a new sense (34) _____. Paper plates and cups, frozen foods, TV dinners, foil and plastic pouches, aerosol cans, and squeezable tubes were the way of the future, (35) _____ — especially the housewife's. Packaging became the new billboard for marketers inside the supermarket. "Miracles in Packaging and Processing are Radically Simplifying U.S. Cooking" is a headline Strasser cites from a 1959 LOOK magazine article. Why spend time cleaning pots and pans and dishes (36) _____ when you're done? Easily disposable items offered a new freedom that was quickly linked to the notion of abundance.

From then on, changes in styles and new technologies gave way to new and improved products (37) _____. "Out with the old and in with the new" became ubiquitous. Once it was put onto the curb as garbage, we no longer had to think about it. It was out of sight and out of mind. Abundance and waste soon became synonymous with the American way of life. More choices, more conveniences, (38) _____ more accessible money made Americans very conspicuous consumers. With only 5 percent of the global population, the U.S. consumes a whopping 30 percent of the planet's resources and churns out 30 percent of its wastes.

- ☐ A of convenience and disposability
- ☐ B that were increasingly affordable to more people
- ☐ C we hardly realize the global impact
- ☐ D and with the invention of credit cards
- ☐ E than that plastic bag holding our groceries has today
- ☐ F when you can toss it all away in the garbage
- ☐ G bringing a new convenience and ease to everyone's lifestyle
- ☐ H what we keep and throw away