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Part 1

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

Spaces are available on our climbing and diving courses.

Please ask at reception for full details.

A This leisure centre needs a new receptionist.

B All the courses at this centre are full.

C The receptionist will give you information about courses.

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CUSTOMER NOTICE

These stairs are to be used for emergency purposes only.

A Only the emergency services can use these stairs.

B Customers are never allowed to use these stairs.

C Anybody can use these stairs if there is an emergency.

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To: Victoria
From: Charlie

I saw that history book you wanted in the library, so I borrowed it for you. I'm not going to be at our lesson this afternoon, so I've given it to Jane.

A Jane is going to give Victoria a book today.

B Charlie needs the history book this afternoon.

C This afternoon's history lesson is cancelled.

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We're getting new lockers in the gym. If you'd like one, but you haven't reserved one yet, you should see me before Friday.

Jan Harper

A It's still possible to have a new locker.

B You will be able to use your new locker on Friday.

C New lockers can be reserved from Friday.

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To: Isabel
From: Sam

Sorry, I can't make it to band practice until 7.30.
Go ahead and start without me.

A Sam wants to change the day of band practice.

B Sam is going to be late for band practice.

C Band practice is going to start later than planned.

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Part 2

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to celebrate their birthdays on Saturday.
On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight places they could go to.
Decide which place would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Carlos wants a big day out with about 20 friends. He's looking for an inexpensive activity where they can have a meal cheaply, too.

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Gemma's planning to celebrate by going out for a meal with a small group of friends. She wants to go to a lively place and doesn't want to spend too much.

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Jessica and Lucy are sisters and they're going out with their family. They want to go to a restaurant that has entertainment. Their parents are paying, so it doesn't have to be too cheap.

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Amelia is spending the day with a friend, her parents and her little sister. They're looking for a place that's good for all the children and will take their own food with them

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Adam is meeting three friends. He wants to do an activity but he isn't interested in sport and he doesn't have much money. He's eating at home later, but would like to get a snack.

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GREAT BIRTHDAY VENUES

A Moody's

Moody's is a modern pizza café in the centre of town. It's very popular with teenagers and plays great music every afternoon. Prices are reasonable and this Saturday includes our new 'two for one' offer. Leave your parents behind and have fun at Moody's!

B **Museum Madness**

Teenagers will love this latest party offer. Spend the night at the museum! Have a guided tour when all the other visitors have gone. Enjoy party food, music and dancing. You must have one adult with you and a maximum of ten friends. Don't forget your sleeping bag!

C Oasis

Oasis is the most exciting place for swimming in town and Saturday afternoons are just for teenagers! Special offer this Saturday only: pay for eight tickets and get two free. Visit the café after your swim for pizzas, burgers and chips at low prices.

D **Animal Magic**

Visit your local farm this Saturday and receive half-price tickets for your next visit. Young children will love the rabbits and the farm animals. Older brothers and sisters are more likely to enjoy one of the Sunday afternoon talks. Bring lunch with you and spend a day at the farm.

E *Mega-ride*

Have fun at a Mega-ride theme park surrounded by beautiful countryside. Teenagers can enjoy the amazing rides while younger children can visit the play area. Tickets are expensive, but save money by bringing sandwiches and having lunch at the picnic area.

F **ABC Cinema**

Every Saturday afternoon this month, tickets to films starting before 4 p.m. in ABC Cinemas are half price. There's also an extra discount for groups of four or more. You can buy drinks and snacks at great prices, too.

G Pablo's

Enjoy wonderful Italian cooking at Pablo's! This restaurant is quite expensive, but the food is fantastic. Children and teenagers will love the regular live shows. Meet a mystery music guest this Saturday afternoon.

H **The Palace Hotel**

Fine food in beautiful surroundings – The Palace Hotel is perfect for a special meal. Children are welcome in the dining room. The prices are high, but the food is excellent and there is a small discount for guests staying at the hotel.

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Part 3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Painting in Spain

My husband, David, is an artist and has always been interested in painting pictures of the Spanish countryside. We've both always loved Spanish culture and have spent many holidays in Spain. Five years ago, we decided to give up our jobs in London, sell our house and move to a small village in the south of Spain.

We thought it would take months to get organized, but in just three months, we'd sold our home, found a house to rent, booked our ferry and said goodbye to our friends. We were so excited to move!

At first, we thought we'd stay here for a year, but when we arrived on a beautiful September evening, we were amazed to realize immediately that we wanted to stay longer. The owners of our new house were waiting to show us around and cooked us a lovely meal. Gradually, over the following weeks, we settled into a routine. I got a job teaching English and began to learn the language while David painted.

David loved the scenery and he was inspired by the wonderful landscape around us. But mostly he fell in love with the bright light of the sun in the south. As a painter, he's always looking at the contrast between colours and light. During the first six months, he spent hours outdoors painting. His paintings were always about the same landscape but each one of them had something special. The elements in his work were always changing and each new painting was even more beautiful than the previous one.

The following May while we were visiting a small town, we saw an empty shop. David thought it would make a lovely art gallery and we decided to rent it for a year. We filled the shop with David's paintings and after two days, sold our first picture. Over the next few months, a lot of tourists bought paintings, but the tourists went home in November and our shop became very quiet. But we advertised online and soon business improved. We started getting orders from different places. Everyone loved David's paintings. Today our gallery is a great success and we both feel we're living a perfect life.

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11 Why does the writer say she moved to Spain?

A to find out more about Spanish culture

B because she and her husband loved the country

C because she had never been there before

D because she lost her job in London

12 What does the writer say about leaving London?

A It was difficult to sell their home.

B None of their friends wanted them to leave.

C They organized everything quickly.

D They rented their house to some of their friends.

13 What did the writer find surprising about her first day in Spain?

A She was offered a job teaching English.

B She and her husband decided to live in Spain for more than a year.

C The owners of the rented house were unfriendly.

D There was already somebody living in her new house.

14 When talking about the shop, the writer says that

A they sold nothing for several weeks.

B it was popular with tourists.

C they sold some paintings on the first day.

D it became very busy in November.

15 What might the writer say about living in Spain?

A

I'm glad we came to live here, but I wish we hadn't rented the gallery.

B

The gallery has been a great success, but now we'd like to move back home.

C

We've had very few problems. It's definitely the best thing we've ever done.

D

I wish we hadn't moved here. I really miss my friends and family.

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Part 4

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.
For each question, choose the correct answer.
There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

My first marathon

The alarm went off at half-past four that morning. It was far too early to get up, and the idea of running 26 miles seemed impossible. **16** _____ I pulled myself out of bed, showered and pulled on my running gear.

By six o'clock, I was at the Dodger Stadium, where the rest of my running group was already waiting. When they saw the look of terror on my face, they laughed kindly. This was clearly my first marathon. **17** _____ When I realized that I was just one of them, I felt a little better. Helicopters hovered overhead ready to film us as we ran through the streets of Los Angeles, passing every major landmark until we reached the sea at Santa Monica. Suddenly, I felt very lucky and proud to be a part of it. **18** _____

As I began to run, I tried to ignore the aches in my body from eight months of training. Instead, I put one foot in front of the other and kept going. By mile five, my body was complaining, and by mile eight, my muscles were screaming at me.

19 _____ I was running alone now, but I was still running. By mile 12, I was ready to give up, and by mile 15, I was moving even more slowly. By mile 18, I was in my neighbourhood. **20** _____ But by mile 22, there were only four miles to go. Spectators yelled encouragement at me as I ran past. 'You can do it! Keep going!'

As the finish line came into sight, I started running faster and faster, and I crossed that line running. I grinned as the medal was placed over my head, and then I cried. I had done it. I had run my first marathon!

A After eight months of training, this was going to be easy.

B I slowed down, and the rest of my group moved away.

C But I had trained for this, and I was going to do it.

D There was no way I could finish the race now.

E The horn blew to start the race.

F I was very tempted to turn down my street and go home.

G I was so glad that I had decided to do this.

H Thousands of runners from all over the world were gathered for the race.

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Part 5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Stay Healthy by Walking

Everybody worries about their general health and fitness. However, what many people don't realize is that walking is one of the best ways to keep healthy.

This doesn't mean that you **21**_____ to go on long walks in the countryside. You can walk home from work or school. You can walk to the shops. You can use the stairs **22**_____ of using the lift. You can even walk a dog **23**_____ you have one!

Now let's look **24**_____ the benefits of walking. Firstly, it's relaxing. Secondly, it improves your fitness and your health. **25**_____, it's a great way to socialize with your friends and family.

Remember, you don't need **26**_____ expensive equipment for walking. You just need a good pair of walking boots or shoes.

21	**A** must	**B** have	**C** should	**D** might
22	**A** instead	**B** enough	**C** else	**D** well
23	**A** whether	**B** if	**C** as	**D** that
24	**A** on	**B** at	**C** for	**D** with
25	**A** Finally	**B** Conclusion	**C** End	**D** Last
26	**A** many	**B** any	**C** various	**D** some

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Part 6

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

My friends and I have started a book club, and we'd love it if you decided to join us. We choose one book to read every week, and then we meet up at **27** _____ end of the week to discuss the book.

We meet every Thursday, at a different club member's house each week. The host for each week provides drinks and a **28** _____ snacks.

We share our thoughts and ideas **29** _____ the books, and we usually chat about a lot of other topics, too! It's a great way to **30** _____ to know people and to find **31** _____ about some interesting books.

If you'd like to join the book club, let me know, and I'll **32** _____ you what book we decide to read next!

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