

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Zanzibar – A Paradise That You Deserve

If you are (39)_____ with the misery and routine that seem to be your whole life, you should leave it all (40)_____ and book a flight to Zanzibar. Just imagine the crystal clear turquoise blue water, palm trees and unbelievably white sand. Sounds promising, doesn't it?

There are a few (41)_____ that are a must-see on Zanzibar. Coral reefs will welcome you with blooming colours of corals and fish. Jozani forest will grant you closeness to the wilderness (42)_____ a glimpse of the Red Colobus monkeys. Prison Island or Changu Island is now a sanctuary of Aldabra giant tortoises, which can be petted and fed by the tourists.

Stone Town, which is built from the coral stone, has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. You can take a quick (43)_____ around the city, experience the cultural mix and try to understand the uniqueness of the place.

39	A	took up	B	ended up	C	fed up	D	used up
40	A	behind	B	between	C	below	D	in
41	A	venues	B	corners	C	spots	D	places
42	A	with	B	off	C	but	D	and
43	A	voyage	B	tour	C	journey	D	trip

Strange Hobbies That One Might Not Know About

Sometimes the question «What is your hobby?» can leave us puzzled and frustrated. The (44)_____ will probably answer with some simple (45)_____ as drawing, sports, cooking, travelling, etc., but a few might surprise you with their choices.

Toy Voyaging is basically about sending your plushy into the (46)_____ adventure. You can follow the travel of the toy by exchanging letters with it or receiving photos of the trip. Once you want a plushy traveller at home, you need to contact the website again, and they will bring it back.

Tattooing vehicles is a unique hobby adopted by a Taiwanese pensioner, who (47)_____ his free time by covering the automobiles with Buddhist texts.

Bug battles in Japan is about bugs fighting in the arena to the (48)_____. The battles are filmed and then uploaded onto a Youtube channel.

44	A	total	B	mass	C	most	D	majority
45	A	truth	B	true	C	truthful	D	truther
46	A	national	B	occasional	C	worldwide	D	globe
47	A	wastes	B	spends	C	keeps	D	gives
48	A	extinction	B	dying	C	exit	D	death

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Joker as a Mirror of a Troubled Society

It is virtually impossible to find a person who (49)_____ «Joker» written and directed by Todd Phillips. The story is quite familiar to those who watched films about superheroes, Batman, for instance. It was not the first try to make a story about Joker, but this one significantly (50)_____ from all others.

«Joker» tells the story of Arthur Fleck and how the cruelty of society slowly makes him (51)_____ than he already was. Not having had the easiest childhood, Arthur works as a comedian whose performance distinguishes him amongst others through the pain that drops from each of his jokes. The end is well-known; eventually, Arthur leads a life of crime and, in the end, he is the symbol of a new movement.

What is worth (52)_____ is the magnificence of the performance by Joaquin Phoenix (Joker). His acting is truly brilliant, you (53)_____ feel and experience all the pain and madness that slowly eats his character alive and even sympathize and feel sorry that he was the one who lived that miserable life.

49	A	hadn't watched	B	hasn't watched	C	doesn't watch	D	not watched
50	A	differ	B	is differing	C	differed	D	differs
51	A	crazier	B	crazyer	C	craziest	D	crazy
52	A	say	B	to say	C	saying	D	said
53	A	have	B	need	C	can	D	should

Support, Understanding and Unconditional Love – Basics of a Happy Family

These days, it is essential to have a safe place, where you (54)_____ forget about all the troubles that life brings. Family plays a key role in the existence of every human being, we (55)_____ our strength there, a possibility to bury all our worries and feel loved and safe. It is questionable whether there is something more valuable than warm hugs from Mom and Dad, a soft smile and a smell that you've become accustomed to.

Nobody in the whole world (56)_____ you so unconditionally as your parents do. No living soul can support and understand you as those who know you from the moment of your birth. They have been with you through the (57)_____ and the best, keeping your darkest fears, being happy and proud of all your achievements. You need to acknowledge that and be grateful forever. Be good to them, as they will not be with you till the end of time and give them back (58)_____ love, support and understanding, when they need it the most.

54	A	can	B	might	C	must	D	should
55	A	found	B	have found	C	find	D	would find
56	A	loved	B	loves	C	would love	D	love
57	A	good	B	bad	C	worse	D	worst
58	A	condition	B	conditional	C	unconditional	D	unconditionally