

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

Ask any high school student what the biggest challenge is, and chances are it'll have something to do with time management.

Finding enough hours in the day to stay on top of schoolwork, activities, jobs, and other responsibilities is a struggle for lots of students. But for high school seniors who are also trying to keep their grades up, ace the SAT or ACT, figure out where they'll spend the next four years of their lives, and get their college applications sent on time, it can seem all but impossible.

Stay on Track

Here are some ways to help you build time management into your work habits:

- (1) _____. Use a planner to write your schedule, list your activities, and note deadlines. Don't forget to update daily - it feels great to cross items off your to-do list!
- (2) _____. If you get too obsessed with trying to create the perfect college application or visiting every campus on your list, you could get overwhelmed. Set realistic goals, such as completing at least one application a week, and stay focused on them. Many students find it helpful to break major goals into smaller, more achievable steps.
- (3) _____. Instead of hanging out with friends after school, get your homework done early and go out later. You'll be more relaxed if your work is done ahead of time.

- A Don't burn daylight time.
- B Ask for help.
- C Make progress step-by-step.
- D Seek balance.
- E Give yourself a break.
- F Stop faffing around.
- G Don't worry the small stuff.
- H Write it down.

- (4) _____. If you're having trouble keeping up, don't be afraid to discuss it with your teachers. Don't necessarily expect any special treatment, but if you show that you're making an effort, they might just be willing to help.
- (5) _____. Getting a 90 instead of 100 on an occasional trigonometry test likely won't destroy your chances for a happy, fulfilling future, despite what you might be led to believe.

With careful time management and a dose of discipline, you might even find yourself with more free time than you thought possible!

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

USING THE INTERNET

Bramley College now has full electronic information resources in the College Library to help you in your studies. On CD-ROM in the library we have about fifty databases, including many statistical sources. Want to know the average rainfall in Tokyo or the biggest export earner of Vanuatu? It's easy to find out. Whether you are in the School of Business or the School of Art and Design, it's all here for you.

You can conduct your own CD-ROM search for no charge, and you can print out your results on the library printers using your library photocopying card. Alternatively, you can download your results to disk, again for no charge, but bring your own formatted floppy disk or CD-ROM. If you are not sure how to conduct a search for yourself, library staff can do it for you, but we charge \$20 for this service, no matter how long or how short a time it takes.

All library workstations have broadband access to the Internet, so you can find the web-based information you need quickly and easily. If you are unfamiliar with using the Internet, help is available in several ways. You can start with the online tutorial Netstart; just click on the Netstart icon on the Main Menu. The tutorial will take you through the basic steps to using the Internet, at any time convenient to you. If you prefer, ask one of the librarians for internet advice (best at quiet times between 9.00 am and 11.30 am weekdays) or attend one of the introductory group sessions that are held in the first two weeks of each term. Sign your name on the list on the Library Bulletin Board to guarantee a place, as they are very popular.

A word of warning: demand for access to library workstations is very high, so you are strongly advised to book a workstation, and we have to limit your use to a maximum of one hour at any one time. Make your booking (for which you will receive a receipt) at the Information Desk or at the enquiry desks in the Media Services Area (Level 1). Also, use of the computers is limited to Bramley students only, so you may be asked to produce your Student ID Card to make a booking, or while using the workstations.

- 6 To use the library printers, students must have _____
A a floppy disk.
B correct change in coins.
C a photocopying card.
D their own paper.

- 7 To copy search results to a floppy disk, students pay _____
A \$20.
B no fee.
C a fee based on actual costs.
D a fee dependent on the time taken.

- 8 If library staff search for information on CD-ROM, students pay _____
A \$20.
B a service fee.
C a fee based on actual costs.
D a fee dependent on the time taken.

9 Students can learn to use the Internet _____
A at all times.
B in the first two weeks of the term.
C Monday to Friday.
D between 9.00 am and 11.30 am.

10 To ensure efficient access to the Library workstations, students should _____
A queue to use a workstation in the Media Services Area.
B reserve a time to use a workstation.
C work in groups on one workstation.
D conduct as many searches as possible at one time.

11 How long during one day may students use a library workstation?
A half an hour
B one hour
C two hours
D no limit

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (12–16). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Mindful Matters

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Canadian researchers found that volunteering can help to improve confidence, reduce blood pressure and boost your immune system. If you're mindful of other people's needs they'll be mindful of yours, so:

- Spend time with your children
- Do a good deed for a neighbour
- Give small but thoughtful gifts to your loved ones
- Be a considerate driver
- Be helpful for work colleagues
- Volunteer for a charity. Visit www.timebank.org.uk for opportunities
- Above all, do as you would be done by.

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'Mindfulness can transform the way we tackle communication problems,' says Kate Carne. Practising being fully in the present helps us to choose how to respond in an argument.

'If someone makes you angry, and you're mindful then you'll deal with your feelings first. Concentrate on your breathing and work out exactly how you feel. Then you can approach the person who triggered your anger in a calm and rational manner.'

Treat people you meet with automatic acceptance, as if they were members of your family, and you'll find them easier to relate to on a friendly basis.

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Mindfulness can help us reduce stress levels, according to research.

If you're feeling anxious, spend a few minutes concentrating on yourself, as you are, at that moment. Be aware of the chair you're sitting on, for example, and how it feels to be supported by it and think about your breathing.

'By doing this you move your mind and body almost immediately out of a frantic, stressful, "doing" mode and into a relaxing "being" mode,' explains Kate Carne. To feel more at peace with yourself, focus on what you have achieved during the day and not on what you haven't.

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Get great results from your workout in less time by being more mindful about your exercise routine. Sports psychologists suggest focusing on the muscles you're using, how they feel, and your breathing. Tune into how your body works to improve its efficiency, and enjoy your exercise routine more. Dancing classes and team activities also give emotional support. Exercising outdoors improves wellbeing too, according to research from the University of Essex. 'Green exercise' - jogging or walking in the country - can significantly improve self-esteem and mood.

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The French tend to eat mindfully, paying attention to and enjoying everything that passes their lips. Research by the North American Association for the Study of Obesity suggests that overweight men and women ate fewer calories when they concentrated on what they were putting in their mouths. 'Eat slowly and chew properly,' says Mireille Guiliano, author of *French Women Don't Get Fat* (£12, Chatto & Windus). 'Don't watch television or read the paper. Think only about what you are eating. Smell and enjoy every bite.'

- A** Think of yourself.
- B** Enjoy being active.
- C** Be more selfless.
- D** Savour the flavours.
- E** Improve relationships.
- F** Enjoy life as it is.
- G** Create calm.
- H** Do something.

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each space (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Going places

Going Places, on the Cheap

Writers often travel unpredictable and uncommon paths. That's particularly – and literally – true for Matt Gross, who had the enviable task of traversing the globe in 90 days, chronicling his journey in a blog and (17) _____.

In May, he set out from New York City to Lisbon. In August, he ended his trip with a flight from Beijing to San Francisco. In between, Gross skipped around the world carrying his messenger bag, (18) _____, a host of gadgets for staying in touch, and a list of contacts culled from friends and readers.

Sounds sexy, but he wasn't on (19) _____. Gross is the paper's "Frugal Traveller," which means he has to operate on a tight budget. And, unlike a vacation, his time isn't his own.

"I'm on a Greek island right now," he said by phone in June. (He had already driven from Lisbon to Galecia, flown to Barcelona, hopped a bargain flight to Italy, taken a ferry to Croatia, and ridden (20) _____.) "I'd be perfectly happy to spend the next three days going to the exact same beach and eating food at the same restaurant. But my perfect vacation is not necessarily the same thing as anybody else's perfect vacation. So I try and do everything. I explore (21) _____. It's this sort of constant rush."

With his editors, Gross decided to avoid some destinations, and purposely include others. He also wanted to simply see where the winds would take him. "I can't really narrow it down because in some ways I'm not (22) _____," he said mid-trip. "I don't care where I go; I'm just happy to go."

- A a very particular traveller
- B a bus to Montenegro and Albania
- C a long road trip around the continent
- D a three-month, spare-no-expense lark
- E a 28-inch rolling duffel
- F as a sixth-grader had written a story
- G a series of articles for *The New York Times*
- H as many of the beaches as possible

Task 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23–34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Winter Story

Written by: Tuesday 1.

The night grew colder as Julie (23) _____ through the snow. She had left because no one was home. Her mom was at work, her dad was with some coworkers, and her sister was probably out with her boyfriend at some wonderful ice rink or whatnot.

Julie didn't remember a Christmas where someone wasn't gone. It weighed down her heart (24) _____ it had been carved out of lead and stuck inside her chest.

An older college couple passed Julie laughing and giggling. They seemed so happy just to be together, not caring about the snow or the muddy streets, nothing could (25) _____ them.

Julie sighed and kept walking. She walked past an elderly couples house where they sat outside on a swing, holding hands. She stopped for a moment, examining them, wondering to herself what they were smiling and whispering about. The old lady (26) _____ sight of Julie and called her to come. Julie obliged, stepping down the pathway to the porch. The old lady smiled, "Little girl, why are you out here all alone in this kind of weather, especially (27) _____ this special night?" Julie shrugged shyly, stuffing her hands in her pockets before speaking up, "I have nothing really better to do and a walk helps me clear my thoughts."

The old lady watched in content, she stood up, (28) _____ her ankle long skirt and went to the door. She turned back to Julie, "Well, can't let you leave without something, now can I?" She quickly called Julie to come in, (29) _____ the door. Julie stepped inside to the warm house, looking around (30) _____ the old paintings and what not. There was a living room to the left with a giant, glowing Christmas tree in the corner near the light fireplace.

The old lady stepped into a large kitchen with cookies, gingerbread houses, and other sweets scattered across the table and counters. She reached up into a cabinet, pulling down a pack of hot chocolate. She put a kettle on the stove and poured the pack into a small tea cup.

Julie made herself at home, wondering around the decorated sweets, studying them. When the old lady (31) _____ a chair for herself, Julie did the same.

The kettle began (32) _____ and the old lady rushed to the stove, quickly pulling it off and pouring the water into the cup. She (33) _____ a spoon and started to stir the hot chocolate. She set the cup and spoon in front of Julie with a gentle smile.

Julie took the cup and held it up to her lips, (34) _____ the liquid slowly trying her best not to burn herself. She set the cup gingerly back on the table, saying to the old lady, "Thank you very much."

The old lady smiled, "It is Christmas my dear, give and you shall receive. But I really don't expect to receive anything from you, dear, just my act of kindness today." Julie smiled wider and decided since no one was home at her house; she would stay her a little longer and talk to the old lady.

23	A went	B strolled	C walked	D travelled
24	A like	B as	C such as	D because
25	A differentiate	B share	C separate	D segregate
26	A caught	B saw	C noticed	D observed
27	A at	B on	C during	D in
28	A ironing	B smoothing	C stretching	D flattening
29	A touching	B holding	C taking	D keeping
30	A for	B on	C at	D through
31	A pulled through	B pulled on	C pulled off	D pulled up
32	A to scream	B to shout	C to cry	D to squeal
33	A held	B grabbed	C caught	D clutched
34	A taking on	B taking up	C taking in	D taking off

Task 6

Read the texts below. For each of the empty space (35–46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Who scooped the first ice-cream cone?

Joshua Korenblat

Most ice-cream cones end the same way, (35) _____ sweetly on the tongue. But how did the first ice-cream cone begin? Tales of the cone's invention (36) _____ on one spot: the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri. In one story, an ice-cream vendor ran out of serving dishes and was rescued by Ernest Hamwi, a Syrian immigrant selling Middle Eastern waffles at the next stand. Another Syrian immigrant claimed it was his idea (37) _____ a hot waffle, let it harden, then plop in the ice-cream. Yet a third claimant was former (38) _____ acrobat Charles Menches, who is said to have peeled away one side of an ice-cream sandwich to make an (39) _____ vase for flowers, then molded the other side to hold the remaining ice cream. Hamwi and Menches went on to create ice-cream-cone empires.

One earlier claim gets lost in the hubbub: Five months before the World's Fair, a patent (40) _____ to candy-maker Italo Marchiony: "I claim as my invention ... a molding apparatus for creating ice-cream cups and the like." If only he'd said cones.

35	A to melt	B melting	C melt	D melted
36	A converges	B converge	C is converged	D converging
37	A rolls	B rolling	C roll	D to roll
38	A circuses	B circuses'	C circus	D circus'
39	A improvised	B improvises	C improvising	D improvise
40	A awarded	B is awarded	C was awarded	D would be awarded

Why do we have eyebrows?

In his (41) _____ weird book *The Expressions of the Emotions in Man and Animals*, Charles Darwin maintained that human eyebrows (42) _____ from the vestigial remnants of the scattering of long hairs one finds in the very same place on other mammals, including chimps and dogs. But why were eyebrows preserved, while most of the rest of our hair was lost?

In accordance with (43) _____ views on sex selection, he believed that those human hairs which remain are those which are (44) _____ to the opposite sex.

However, another suggestion is that they're important for (45) _____ facial expressions that are more easily recognised by other individuals in one's social group.

They also serve the practical purpose of stopping sweat and rain (46) _____ down your forehead into your eyes.

41	A surprises	B surprising	C surprised	D surprisingly
42	A descended	B were descended	C descending	D descend
43	A Darwin	B Darwins	C Darwin's	D Darwins'
44	A attractively	B attracting	C attractive	D attractiveness
45	A form	B forming	C formed	D formation
46	A running	B run	C runs	D are running