

**Task 8**

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

This is a short story about how hard work is rewarded.

There was an old man living in his village. He had four sons and they were very lazy. The old man felt sick and was counting his (39)\_\_\_\_\_ days in bed. He worried a lot about his sons' future as the young men hesitated a lot to work. The sons believed that luck would favour them.

The old man's health got (40)\_\_\_\_\_ every day and he decided to talk to his sons about their future. (41)\_\_\_\_\_, his sons did not listen to him. The old man played a trick to let their sons realize the importance of work.

One day, the old man called all his sons and let them (42)\_\_\_\_\_ near him in his bed. He said he had a treasure box with gold coins for them and wanted them to share the treasure equally and lead a happy, prosperous life. The young men were very happy and asked (43)\_\_\_\_\_ his father had placed the treasure. The old man said: «I cannot exactly remember the place where I have hidden the treasure from the (44)\_\_\_\_\_. However, the treasure box is buried in our land. I'm really not sure about the place where I have hidden the treasure box.»

Even though the lazy young sons were happy, they were (45)\_\_\_\_\_ that the old man forgot the place where the treasure was hidden. A few days later, the old man died. The sons decided to dig the land to find the treasure box.

They worked very hard and dug their land. They could not find any treasure box in the land. They decided to dig a spot in their land that remained a bit different from the rest of the area. The sons believed that the treasure was buried there. They dug the specific spot so deep, but got (46)\_\_\_\_\_ but water.

A passerby who noticed the dug land and water flowing from a spot talked to the sons about agriculture. They planted fruit and vegetables on (47)\_\_\_\_\_ land. The land became very fertile with abundant water, within a few weeks the land became a beautiful garden with vegetables and fruit. The young sons sold the vegetables at a good price and earned a big (48)\_\_\_\_\_ of money.

Then they realized that it was the hard work that was mentioned as a «treasure box» by their father. They defeated their laziness, worked hard, earned much money and lived happily.

	A	B	C	D
39	least	last	latest	lately
40	badly	worse	worsen	better
41	However	Moreover	So	Because
42	sit	sat	to sit	sitting
43	that	when	where	which
44	another	other	other's	others
45	sad	pleased	glad	delighted
46	anything	nobody	nothing	something
47	there	then	those	their
48	quality	quantity	amount	number

As Chinese scientists (49)\_\_\_\_\_ recently discovered, eating too (50)\_\_\_\_\_ fat may be bad for your health.

Two hundred young, healthy people (51)\_\_\_\_\_ took part in the 6-month experiment were supposed (52)\_\_\_\_\_ either a low, moderate or high-fat food. Those in the high-fat diet group saw «negative changes» in the way they (53)\_\_\_\_\_.

	A	B	C	D
49	have	has	had	having
50	many	more	much	few
51	what	then	whose	who
52	eat	to eat	eating	ate
53	feel	felt	feeling	feeled

**WHAT ARE DONGLES?**

Dongles (54)\_\_\_\_\_ by millions of people on their daily basis. They are also known (55)\_\_\_\_\_ USB dongles. Dongles are used by plugging into a USB port of a device (56)\_\_\_\_\_ as PC, laptop, or even a television or Blu-ray player. Dongles come in different variations; what their functions are and how to use them often depends (57)\_\_\_\_\_ the dongle type and on the manufacturer's software. The (58)\_\_\_\_\_ common dongles are memory or Wi-Fi dongles.

	A	B	C	D
54	is used	are used	used	are using
55	as	like	when	called
56	such	so	that	same
57	in	at	on	from
58	many	much	most	more