

■ Reading

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (1—5). There are three choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

(1) _____

Cardiff is the capital city of Wales, Europe's youngest capital and one of the fastest-growing cities and tourist destinations in Britain. Cardiff's recent redevelopment has resulted in world-class sporting and entertainment places that must be visited. Add to this excellent shopping, varied restaurants and plenty of art, history and culture, and Cardiff is an ideal holiday destination to keep the family happy.

(2) _____

When you visit Cardiff, you'll find the «big 3» sights — Cardiff Castle, the Millennium Stadium and the National Museum all close to each other in the city centre. But there are great attractions to be found all over the city — the Wales Millennium Centre and Techniquest, and the fairy-tale Castell Coch.

(3) _____

Wales is the land of castles, and Cardiff itself is home to a huge number of castles and historic sites. Cardiff's history dates back to Roman times, and Cardiff Castle, right at the heart of the city, is well worth a visit, from its magnificent Norman keep to the decadent and luxurious interiors of the Victorian castle.

(4) _____

As with most of Wales, Cardiff has a growing reputation for fine dining. This is down to great local chefs, and even better local produce — Welsh lamb and beef, fresh seafood and organic vegetables.

(5) _____

Cardiff is home to the world-famous Millennium Stadium, home of Welsh football and rugby and the temporary home of the FA Cup final from 2001—2006. And for golf fans, the Celtic Manor Resort, just 20 minutes from Cardiff, hosted the Ryder Cup tournament in 2010.

- A Attractions
- B Culture and Heritage
- C Sport
- D A World-Class City
- E Food and Drink
- F Shopping
- G Buy before You Fly
- H Music and Nightlife

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6—10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Bella Italia

Bella Italia is a top choice for Italian cuisine in a family friendly setting. You'll choose from the selection of pizzas, salads, and seafood here as well as the classic Italian Godfather dessert of cakes with nuts topped with vanilla ice cream. If you happen to be up early, head over here for an exceptional breakfast menu. *The Bella* breakfast is a local favourite, serving up fresh croissants, breakfast pies, and plenty of cream espresso.

The restaurant is located at 22 Leicester Square. Call 020 7321 0016 for more information.

The Apex

Come to *The Apex* for a contemporary restaurant with plenty of style. The British Mediterranean menu offers a choice of pasta, pizza, and seafood entrées in a stylish setting that leaves quite an impression.

The restaurant is located within the Radisson Edwardian Hampshire Hotel at 31 Leicester Square. Call 0871 223 9665 for more information.

RendezVous

RendezVous is a contemporary café and ice cream shop that serves up a great selection of snacks and desserts for your afternoon tea. Come here to have a classic Apple Tart cake or enjoy a sampling of pistachio ice cream, strawberry cheesecake frozen yogurt, or a Rum & Raisin combination dessert. Outdoor seating makes this spot a great place to settle down and just watch people.

It's located at 48 Leicester Square, just a short walk from Haymarket Street.

Chiquito

If you're looking for a little spice and Mexican style, come to *Chiquito*, one of London's favourite Mexican grills. The lively atmosphere and exciting menu offer are something you must try. From the Peri Peri Chicken Wrap to the classic Mexican Paella, the extensive menu will also offer choices of King Prawn, Duck, and Acapulco Chicken for visitors with the traditional taste.

Chiquito is located at 21 Leicester Square. Call 0207 839 6925 for more information.

6. According to the text, the notices advertise _____
- A places to live.
 - B places to eat.
 - C things to buy.
 - D sights of London.
7. You can try at *Bella Italia* _____
- A a selection of pizzas, salads, and seafood.
 - B from the Peri Peri Chicken Wrap to the classic Mexican Paella.
 - C a great selection of snacks and desserts.
 - D King Prawn, Duck, and Acapulco Chicken.
8. What kind of cuisine does *The Apex* offer?
- A Italian.
 - B French.
 - C British Mediterranean.
 - D Mexican.
9. Where can you try Mexican style food?
- A At *The Apex*.
 - B At *RendezVous*.
 - C At *Bella Italia*.
 - D At *Chiquitto*.
10. You can sit outdoors at _____
- A *The Apex*.
 - B *RendezVous*.
 - C *Bella Italia*.
 - D *Chiquitto*.

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—15). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Many people feel nervous about job interviews, but there are a lot of things you can do to help yourself. Here are some tips for successful interviews.

- (11) Do some research about the company so that you can talk knowledgeably about it. Try to predict what questions you will be asked, and prepare your answers.
- (12) Wear clean, well-fitting clothes. Smile, make eye contact and give a firm handshake. Sit fairly upright in your chair and sit still. Speak clearly and confidently. Don't worry about being nervous — it's normal — but don't let your nerves stop you from giving full answers to questions.
- (13) The interviewer is asking you questions because he/she wants to know more about you, so don't mumble or give one-word answers. Make sure you answer the question that was asked, and try to give specific answers with examples.
- (14) Don't panic if the interviewer asks you to talk about problems you have had. He/she isn't trying to make you look bad. You should briefly describe the problem and then explain how you tried to solve it. Don't lie! You must ALWAYS tell the truth, remembering to try to show yourself in a positive light.
- (15) Make a list of things you want to know about the job and take it with you to the interview. When it is your turn to ask questions, have a quick look at it and ask any that haven't been answered already.

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- A to tell the truth.
 - B to ask questions.
 - C to prepare your English.
 - D to try to make a good first impression.
 - E to give full clear answers to questions.
 - F to prepare for the interview.
 - G not to be afraid to ask the interviewer to repeat something if you didn't understand it.
 - H to make notes.

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (16—21). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

For years, parents have been limited to traditional methods of keeping an eye on their children's movements: standing in the playground, watching from the window, or asking them to phone home (16) _____. But now anxious mothers and fathers are being offered a distinctly hi-tech method of monitoring their child's every movement — tracking them by satellite.

The *Num8 watch* is said to be the first tracking device specifically designed to help parents keep tabs (17) _____.

The £149 *Num8* looks much like any ordinary digital wristwatch, but it has a GPS chip. This constantly follows the location of the child — it is accurate to within 3 metres — and sends it back to *Num8's* website (18) _____.

Relatives can receive text messages about the watch's location direct from the device, pointing to the street address of their youngster (19) _____. Removing the watch is followed by a warning that is sent to the mobile phone of a parent.

Steve Salmon, *Num8's* chief executive, said that he hoped it would be used as a way to give children more freedom, rather than restricting them or (20) _____.

«Only 20% of children are now allowed to go out and play. It's my (21) _____ *Num8* will help parents feel more comfortable about letting their children go out to play», he said.

- A the standards of behaviour
- B when they visit a friend's house
- C helping lazy parenting
- D profound hope that
- E will let you stroll
- F for monitoring
- G at the touch of a button
- H on naughty kids

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22—33) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Great Britain: Geographical Peculiarities

Great Britain is the largest (22) _____ of Europe and the seventh largest island in the world. The waters of the North Sea and the English Channel separate Great Britain from Europe.

England occupies the southern and the eastern parts of Great Britain. It has an (23) _____ of 50,327 sq miles. Scotland, covering 30,400 sq miles, lies to the north. Wales, to the west, has an area of 8,016 sq miles and Northern Ireland — 5,460 sq miles. No part of Great Britain is more than 70 miles from the (24) _____.

Great Britain has six distinct natural regions. The Highlands in northern Scotland is a region of mountain ranges, plateaus, deep valleys and (25) _____. Ben Nevis — the highest (26) _____ in Great Britain — rises in the Highlands. The Scottish Lowlands lie in the valleys of the Clyde, Forth and Tay rivers. Scotland's principal cities lie in this area. The Pennine Chain, a region (27) _____ in iron and coal, extends from the Scottish Lowlands. The Midlands are a lowland region, between the southern end of the Pennine Chain and the Cambrian Mountains of Wales.

The south-eastern plains (28) _____ the entire area south and east of the Pennines and to the Midlands. This region includes chalk downs and low plains and fenlands. These plains were the first part of the island to be (29) _____ and are Great Britain's best farmlands.

Northern Ireland is a lowland region surrounding an area of peat bogs. It includes Lough Neagh, the largest lake in the United Kingdom.

Great Britain is not large (30) _____ to have many long rivers. The two (31) _____, the Thames and the Severn, are only a little more than 200 miles long. The Clyde, Forth, Humber, Mersey, Severn and Thames rivers all have (32) _____ that make fine harbours. Cities on these estuaries (33) _____ as centres of ocean and inland commerce.

	A	B	C	D
22	island	continent	country	channel
23	population	capital	area	neighbourhood
24	sea	Europe	Ireland	capital
25	oceans	lakes	seas	English Channel
26	height	top	peak	zenith
27	deep	long	high	rich
28	involve	include	incorporate	inclose
29	settled	established	completed	accomplished
30	sufficient	enough	adequate	plenty
31	highest	prolonged	longest	brief
32	estates	estuaries	escapes	esteems
33	serve	perform	provide	supply

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (34–45) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Cobbler — First Draft

Once upon a time there was a man (34) _____ Roddy Biggs, who was a bank robber. One day he (35) _____ a pair of shoes to a cobbler to get new soles put on them. The cobbler gave him a ticket, which he put in his pocket. The next day Roddy (36) _____ by the police for a bank robbery he (37) _____ the week before.

Time passed slowly and 20 years (38) _____ Roddy was released from jail. As he (39) _____ away from the prison, he put his hand in his jacket pocket, and found a piece of paper. Pulling it out, he saw the (40) _____ ticket and remembered taking his shoes there all those years ago.

«Why not?» he thought, and went off to see if, just (41) _____ chance, the cobbler was there and still (42) _____ his shoes. When he got to the address on the ticket, he saw, sandwiched (43) _____ a supermarket and a multi-storey car park, the cobbler's shop. He went in and found an ancient man (44) _____ in the dark little room. He gave him the ticket. The old man examined the ticket closely and then took down a huge ledger from the shelf. Blowing off the dust, he opened it and ran a shaking finger down the columns of names and dates inside. His finger stopped at an entry. Looking up, he said, «They (45) _____ ready next week!»