

TEST 57

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about changing trains at a busy railway station.

I remembered vividly the last time I had changed trains at this particular station. The problem I've found with Zurich railway station is that it does presenting 18 opportunities for choosing the wrong platform, not help by the fact that the signs in German for departures and arrivals look remarkable alike. Waiting on a lonely platform for a train to arrive and watching hundred of people disembarking can be weird, especially when you board the train and started to wonder why no one else have joined you and it is ten minutes late leaving. As the train lurches into movement, you suddenly work out what has happened, only to find yourself en route not for a distance European destination but a grimy suburban engine shed about half an hour away. This time would be different because I was ready, waiting at the correct platform at a correct time, although I admit to being nervous. Imagine my great delight when an impressive double-decker train arrived there!

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TEST 58

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about a fatal accident.

A driver of a delivery lorry ran over an elderly jaywalker on 7 April last year. He was fined \$3,000 on Monday. In a case that has caused considerably alarm throughout the country, R. Manakan, 53, had plead guilty to being negligent by failing to maintain a proper lookout and causing the death of retiree Cheah Loo Wen, 82. A district court hears that Mr Manakan was driving the cab of his lorry along West Coast Highway at 9pm that day. He has finished his deliveries for the day and was driving towards Tanjong Kling, which he would be leaving the lorry for the night. He had crossed to the centre lane, preparing to turn right, when his vehicle hit Mr Cheah, who may have been walking across the road at that point. The retiree died on a spot from the multiple injuries that he suffered when he was hit. Since the speed limit was 50km/h, Manakan admitted that he was speeding. Police evidence suggested that Manakan's vehicle was moving at 65 to 70km/h.

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TEST 59

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about a young entrepreneur.

Not many 17-year-olds manage to make headlines all the way around the world. It was not even in the 'standard' worlds of sport, music or films. Although, Nick D'Aloisio, a young British-Australian entrepreneur, computer programmer and designer, becomes known for the creation of Summly and its technology. It all began in the summer of 2011, when he came up with Trimit, a application that cut down long-form web content too tweet-sized bites. It made it into the App Store's 'New & Noteworthy' shop window, was reviewed favourable by several tech blogs and quickly hit 30,000 downloads. After a call from the richest man in Hong Kong, D'Aloisio, at 15, became the young person in recorded financial history to receipt venture capital investment. He was wired \$300,000 in funding on his 16th birthday, which will be a sure recipe for disaster for most teenagers. Naturally, as you would expect, he had a big celebration, but not with that money.

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TEST 60

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about how a family became refugees.

The final straw for the family living in that area was the death of their last cow. Their chances of surviving in the arid landscape they called home was over. Their plight had been caused for the lack of rains in the March/April period. The same thing had happened in the previous year, as it has virtually every year for the past decade. Nurdi told his wife, Murana, and their five children that they had to leave. They packed a clothes and cooking pots and set out for Dadaah, the world's largest refugee camp, a 250-kilometre walk to the south-west. It took them 28 days, 28 days where they survived on the handful of rice and some black tea. When they arrived at the camp, they are hardly more than skeletons. Hunger had made the adults look worn-out. The children look small, baggy and elderly. Nurdi told us that he was console by the hope that the hunger would eventually end. His voice cracked as he spoke of his family returning to their old looks and lives.

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TEST 61

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about the 2002–2003 SARS epidemic.

SARS is thought to be an animal virus that spread first from bats to other animals. A first known human to catch SARS is believed to have been in the Guangdong province of southern China in November 2002. Its spread developed rapid when, on 31 January 2003, a fishmonger in Guangzhou checked out to a hospital, where he infected 30 nurses and doctors. Within months, it spreaded to more than two dozen countries. 238 cases were reporting in Singapore, with 33 deaths. By the time the global epidemic was contained, the virus had spread to over 8,000 people worldwide and kill almost 800. It is now known that the transmission of the virus at that time was primary from person to person mostly being transmitted in the health care setting, in the absent of adequate virus control precautions. SARS officially ended in 2003.

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TEST 62

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about some of the effects of pandemics.

The effects of pandemics are wide and far-reaching. So much of our lives these days are social, doing things that brings us into contact with other people - things like went to restaurants, concerts, sporting events or travel. If such opportunities to meet others are close because of the pandemic, there may be considerable psychological effects since we are unable to meet our friends. Even worrying about catching a disease may cause people to reduce their contacts for others. One reason such an effect is severe is that it is partly a permanent loss. Despite we may have a few more meals out once the pandemic is over - to make up for what we missed when we stayed home - there is likely to be a net falling over the year in our consumption of meals out. Their is a big impact on the economy when people limit seeing others to avoid catching the disease.

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