TASK 1 (0-6) - LISTENING

You are going to hear two texts. For questions 1.1.–1.6., choose the answer which best matches what you have heard by circling the appropriate letter (A, B, C or D). Questions 1.1.–1.3. are for Text 1., questions 1.4.–1.6. are for Text 2. You will hear the recording twice.

Text 1

You are going to hear an account of a problem connected with the Curiosity Rover, a motor vehicle used for exploring Mars.

1.1. Which is TRUE about the speaker?

A. He had second thoughts about the board's decision not to change anything.

B. He suspected that the project manager might be responsible for the error.

C. He investigated the error and insisted no change was necessary.

D. He felt offended that his point of view had been ignored.

1.2. During the meeting on Saturday,

A. the decision to send a software fix was made unanimously.

B. the NASA headquarters demanded to have additional equations sent.

C. the project manager exercised his authority in making the final decision.

D. the speaker convinced the NASA headquarters that the change was a lesser evil.

1.3. When relating the conversation which followed the final decision, the speaker draws attention to the project manager's

A. pride in achieving his goal.

B. praise for the speaker's behaviour.

C. dismissive attitude to the problem.

D. openness to critical remarks from upper management.

Text 2

You are going to hear an interview with a cat behaviourist.

1.4. When talking about the idea of catification, Jackson Galaxy

A. mentions a colleague who opposes his approach to cats.

B. refers to a stereotype concerning cat owners' living space.

C. points to the link between cats' misbehaviour and owners' anxiety.

D. explains how to introduce vertical spaces without spoiling your house interiors.

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1.5. Which of the statements reflects Jackson Galaxy's point of view?

A. Cats' behavioural problems are fostered by their owners' absence from home.

B. People do their best to contribute to their relationship with cats.

C. Cats' alleged aloofness is often misunderstood by people.

D. For cats, interaction with people is merely a strategy to get fed.

1.6. Answering the question about allowing cats to roam outdoors, Jackson Galaxy

A. dismisses the interviewer's concerns about keeping cats indoors.

B. advocates adopting British regulations in the US.

C. questions the idea of micro-chipping cats.

D. expresses his concern for cats' safety.

TASK 2 - LISTENING

You are going to hear a radio programme on millennials' ability to cook. Based on what you hear, complete the gap in each sentence (2.1.–2.5.). You will hear the recording twice.

2.1. According to a recent survey, more than half of millennials can't make salad dressing and only about a third _____.

2.2. The author suggests that experience might be an important factor when he mentions statistics concerning _____.

2.3. The speaker feels that respondents' answers in the survey might

_____

2.4. When using recipes from the Internet, most millennials don't _____.

2.5. At the end of the recording the speaker _____ millennials might find useful.

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TASK 3 - READING

Read the article. Four sentences have been removed from the text. Complete each gap (3.1.–3.4.) with the sentence which fits best and put the appropriate letter (A–E) in each gap. There is one sentence which you do not need to use.

LIVING BENEATH THE WAVES

If there is any place on earth where you can expect to find true believers in the imminent coming of manned undersea outposts or spectacular domed colonies on the ocean floor, it would be here, in Key Largo. **3.1.** _____ And it is in Key Largo that you find divers like Ian Koblick, for whom this place is a perfect environment. His even tan hints at his lifetime of outdoor ventures. The wood-paneled walls around Koblick's office are filled with memorabilia that attest to his years as an undersea pioneer. For many centuries, the idea of housing human divers on the seabed was unthinkable. **3.2.** _____ In order to avoid painful internal injuries and even death, typical dives to modest depths of, say, up to 100 feet lasted only minutes, not the days or weeks that would be necessary to live and work out of a seafloor habitat. But then, a U.S. Navy doctor, George Bond, caused a stir by questioning the conventional diving limits. He and his team started to test the concept known as saturation diving, which turned out to be the key to prolonged underwater stays. Koblick was among the early converts to the concept of undersea living when it came of age in the 1960s. **3.3.** _____ The nascent quest to equip aquanauts to live in "inner space," as some called the vast undersea realm, never got anything close to the billions of dollars pumped into launching the Apollo astronauts into outer space, but it still turned into a cutting-edge industry. Koblick may sound like a romantic dreamer for his enduring belief in the value of seabed habitats and his persistent efforts, over many years, to create new ones. But he is not alone. **3.4.** _____ They work out of a pair of canal front houses whose interiors have been transformed over the years into mission control for the world's only surviving full-fledged sea base, called Aquarius. The base has spent more than two decades perched out on a reef 60 feet below the surface and 9 miles from the shore, serving as a scientific research base in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The combined activities of this public, science-oriented habitat and Koblick's private Undersea Park make Key Largo a destination where aquatic dreams live on.

A. This peculiar idea developed in the shadow of the momentous achievements and discoveries brought about by the grueling race to the Moon.

B. Even with the advent of modern scuba diving, strict depth and time limits were inevitable because of the physiological effects that come from breathing underwater and under pressure.

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C. Although the new habitat could accommodate three separate teams of 10 aquanauts for two weeks each, it did not meet other requirements.

D. Just a couple of miles from Koblick's office along the Overseas Highway, you'll find a cadre of believers, one or two dozen of them, depending on the day.

E. This first major stop along the 100-mile Overseas Highway to Key West is home to the world's only underwater hotel, the only continuously operating underwater lab and the only undersea research base.

TASK 4 - READING

Read the text. For questions 4.1.–4.4., choose the appropriate paragraph and write the corresponding letter (A–E) in the table. One paragraph does not match any of the questions.

Im which paragraph does the author?		Answer
4.1	point out that a cramped work area results in lower productivity?	
4.2	mention an advantage of home working relevant from the employer's perspective?	
4.3	provide examples of items that seem out of place?	
4.4	make reference to some inconveniences home workers do not have to bother about?	

IS THE LUXURY OF HOME WORKING A MYTH?

A. Dreaming of escaping the shackles of your office and working from home? Beware. Many people who turn this fantasy into reality find themselves having to endure cramped conditions. Running away from the office and hiding behind a home computer is all the rage as more and more companies adopt flexible working practices. Around eight million people in the UK have already decided to avoid the dubious delights of delayed trains, contraflows and office politics by setting up an office in the privacy of their own homes.

B. Keen home workers wax lyrical about the benefits of taking a break whenever they feel like it. However, unless you are wealthy enough to build an office extension,

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working from home can be a fast track to job dissatisfaction. According to a survey by Lexmark, fewer than 50% of employees are pleased with their home office space, with a quarter of them forced to work in the kitchen, 37% in the spare room and 10% 'hotdesking' it wherever they can find a place. The distant memory of your former air-conditioned workplace or chatting with workmates around the water cooler may seem all the sweeter when you're sitting alone in the cellar or in a tiny room at the back of the house.

C. Over three quarters of home workers have found themselves in cluttered surroundings, and over 50% of those surveyed acknowledged they suffered from lack of space and consequently were unable to work effectively. Over a third were confined to a room with no natural light. Despite this sobering reality, most people still believe that the upsides of home working outweigh the downsides. Freedom and flexibility to choose your working hours, with no one watching over you, are enough to persuade people to put up with the more inconvenient aspects.

D. Still, working from home is a bit of an oxymoron. Homes are destined for families and relaxation. Establishing an office there can spoil the ambience. Filing cabinets and printers look incongruous next to a sofa. The high-tech age that has freed up employees has resulted in their floors being scattered with cables linking to PCs, scanners, fax machines, copiers, and a huge mountain of chargers. "I set up a mini office in the corner of my lounge. The key to working from home is to make sure your makeshift office doesn't take away from the rest of the house," says a London-based translator.

E. The ideal solution is to soup up your garden shed if you have one. There are companies sprouting up that can even design one for you. The managing director of one of them remarks that their sales have doubled as plenty of firms are basing their workforces at home to save money on renting office space. "Our customer base is changing towards the people kicked out from their corporate base." After all, regardless of the potential downsides, tripping up on a daisy on the way to your desk could be the closest you ever come to experiencing a stressful journey to work.

TASK 5 - USE OF ENGLISH

Read the text. For questions 5.1.–5.5., choose the word or phrase which fits best in each gap. Circle the appropriate letter (A, B, C or D).

CONMAN OR ARTIST?

Wrong signature. Dubious provenance. These are words an auction house dreads to hear. A work by Van Gogh or Munch can fetch millions but if a shadow of a doubt is cast over its origin, its value rapidly declines. **5.1.** _____, if it is so outstanding in colour and imagination

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that it can fool an auction house expert, isn't it worth the price? Han van Meegeren is a candidate for the greatest forger ever. The Dutchman never came close **5.2.** _____ as an artist in his own right but he decided to prove his talent to critics by forging paintings of some of the world's most famous artists. His works earned millions and deceived a great number of art lovers and experts. Before World War I, the modern way of painting had just begun to develop and it **5.3.** _____ Van Meegeren, convinced that the style of his works did not suit it, into being a conman. In 1937, Van Meegeren created The Supper at Emmaus and put the signature of the famous painter Vermeer on it. The painting was instantly **5.4.** _____ as a previously unknown masterpiece by Vermeer and became one of the most talked about paintings in the Netherlands until it was revealed to be a fake. In 1945, Van Meegeren was **5.5.** _____ treason for selling a Vermeer to the Nazis and imprisoned. Facing a possible death penalty, he decided to confess he was a forger and ended up with a sentence for counterfeiting.

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5.1
A. Even
B. Yet
C. Hence
D. Therefore

5.2
A. to be acclaimed
B. for being acclaimed
C. to being acclaimed
D. having been acclaimed

5.3
A. might have pushed
B. will have pushed
C. had to be pushed
D. had been pushed

5.4
A. disclosed
B. captivated
C. admitted
D. acknowledged

5.5
A. acquitted of
B. charged with
C. released from
D. bailed out of

TASK 6 - USE OF ENGLISH

Read the text. For questions 6.1–6.5, use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits the gap. The text must be logical and correct in both grammar and spelling. Write the missing word in the space provided.

ARE JELLYFISH GOING TO TAKE OVER THE OCEANS?

Another British summer and another set of headlines about swarms of jellyfish set to ruin your holiday. But news that jellyfish numbers may be rising carries **6.1. (IMPLY)** _____ far beyond the interrupted pastimes of the sunburnt masses. Jellyfish seem to thrive on the chaos

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humans create. Overfishing wipes out the creature's predators and **6.2. (CONSIDER)** _____ warmer water, resulting from climate change, contributes to their spread. Another problem is pollution from fertilisers, which leads to the loss of oxygen in the oceans. It turns out that jellyfish are incredibly tolerant of this **6.3. (DEPRIVE)** _____, much more than other sea creatures. And the great mixing of species transported across the world in the ballasts of ships opens up new, vulnerable ecosystems to these super-adaptors. However, because of the paucity of historical records, many jellyfish experts are **6.4. (HESITATE)** _____ in declaring whether a global trend exists. Headlines dating back as far as 1906 show that all through the decades there were periods when the numbers of jellyfish in certain locations were described as **6.5. (PRECEDENCE)** _____ but that doesn't prove that their population worldwide is growing. In all likelihood, we are going to see more jellyfish, but whether or not we are doomed to oceans dominated by them is hard to say at the moment.

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TASK 7 - USE OF ENGLISH

For questions 7.1–7.5, complete the second sentence so that it is as similar in meaning as possible to the first sentence and it is correct in both grammar and spelling. Use the word given. Do not change the word given. Use up to five words including the word given.

7.1 The winner of the competition didn't want newspapers to publish his name.
OBJECTED
The winner of the competition _____ published in newspapers.

7.2 It was only because of your invaluable support that I didn't break down.
IT
If _____your invaluable support, I would have broken down.

7.3 People think that the white settlers arrived here 400 years ago.
ARE
The white settlers _____ here 400 years ago.

7.4 She will certainly be punished if she keeps on asking like that.
BOUND
She _____ punished if she keeps on asking like that.

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7.5 Joe Hill never fails to scare his readers.

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Joe Hill always _____ his readers.

TASK 8 - Writing

Choose one of the topics below and write a composition following the conventions of the genre indicated in the topic. Use between 300 and 350 words.

1. Wiele badań wskazuje, że praca w wakacje przekłada się na sukces nastolatków w życiu dorosłym. Napisz **rozprawkę**, w której przedstawisz swoją opinię na temat pracy wakacyjnej nastolatków, odnosząc się do następujących aspektów:
• zdobywanie doświadczenia na rynku pracy
• umiejętność gospodarowania pieniędzmi
• kształtowanie charakteru.

2. Wielu młodych ludzi marzy o profesjonalnym uprawianiu sportu. Napisz **artykuł**, w którym przedstawisz powody wyboru takiej kariery przez młodych ludzi, wyjaśnisz, jakie cechy są niezbędne, żeby osiągnąć sukces w sporcie, oraz napiszesz, co jest, Twoim zdaniem, największym minusem profesjonalnego uprawiania sportu w dzisiejszych czasach.

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