

## Reading

### Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (17—21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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The first of the trilogy adaptation of Suzanne Collins' widely popular and critically claimed book series of the same name, this science-fiction drama directed by Gary Ross was released in March 2012. «The Hunger Games» set records for opening day (\$67.3 million) and opening weekend for a non-sequel.

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#### Gemini

It's likely to be one of those boring days when everything seems dull and even annoying. Try not to lose a chance to make it better! If nothing interesting happens, just enjoy an evening in front of a TV or reading an exciting novel. Tomorrow's going to be a happier day!

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#### Today

A bright start of the day. Most places remain dry throughout the day with some sunny intervals; however, isolated light showers are possible in the afternoon. Temperatures remaining a little below average, but with light winds feeling pleasant in sunny spells.

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Please, use the right bins for every type of rubbish.  
All the recyclable items should be placed into the green one.  
In case it's overfull contact any staff member for help.

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Save lives. Stop red-light running. By the simple act of stopping at red, you can make a difference. The life you may save is one that someone loves.

- A Sorting for environment
- B A book description
- C A horoscope extract
- D A road sign
- E A film review
- F A safety leaflet
- G A TV programme
- H A weather forecast

### Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22—26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A sandwich is an item of food which contains any combination of vegetables, cheese and meat placed on a slice of bread or between two slices. The sandwich became popular as a kind of finger food. Sandwiches are favoured as lunch food now which can be taken to work or study, or made to be eaten on picnics. Plain bread can be used as well as that coated with mayonnaise or mustard. Besides, sweet sandwiches exist, too. They are made of peanut butter or jelly instead of cheese,

meat and vegetables. The most popular version of the origin of the word «sandwich» is based on a story about John Montagu, the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich. Actually he wasn't the inventor of the food but he helped it to gain popularity. John Montagu used to be a substantial gambler who found it difficult to interrupt a game even for a meal. Once he asked for meat to be served between two slices of bread so that he could eat it right at the gaming table without quitting the game. The new dish grew highly in vogue. Of course, John Montagu (or rather, his nameless cook) was hardly the first person to think of putting fillings between slices of bread. Anyway, soon people started ordering «the same as Sandwich», and the name stuck! In 1773, the word «sandwich» was used in a recipe for the first time, in Charlotte Mason's cookbook. Sandwiches are now popular all over the world, and it seems like every region has its own concept.

**22** What is a sandwich?

- A** Any combination of cheese, meat, vegetables eaten on or between slices of bread.
- B** Any finger food.
- C** Any lunch food which is taken to work or study.
- D** All the previous variants are correct.

**23** John Montagu was \_\_\_\_\_.

- A** a cook at the earl's house.
- B** the inventor of sandwiches.
- C** a professional gambler.
- D** a noble man who popularised sandwiches.

**24** What did John Montagu ask his servant to do?

- A** To cook something to eat after the game.
- B** To cook a meat dish.
- C** To serve meat and bread so that they could be eaten without quitting the game.
- D** Nothing in order not to interrupt him during the game.

**25** Who was the real inventor of a sandwich according to the text?

- A** Earl Sandwich.
- B** The inventor remained unknown.
- C** Montagu's cook.
- D** Charlotte Mason.

**26** What isn't stated in the text?

- A** When the story of Earl Sandwich happened.
- B** When a sandwich was first mentioned in cookery books.
- C** What the ingredients of Montagu's sandwich were.
- D** What the name of the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich was.

### Task 6

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (27—32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

**27** Chinese astrology is based on traditional astronomy. Its development is tied to that which came to flourish during the Han Dynasty. The Chinese Zodiac is one of the oldest horoscope systems in the world. It consists of twelve animals which represent a particular year. It's commonly believed that a person's destiny can be determined by the birth year and that animal birth signs are symbolic and responsible for a specific behaviour.

**28** The traditional Hindu system of astrology is called Jyotisha. It's also known as Vedic astrology. Vedic horoscopes split into three main branches: Indian, Mundane and Predictive astrology. Indian astrology guides the future of people, indicates characters and defines our most compatible signs. Unlike Western astrology which uses the moving zodiac, Vedic astrology uses the fixed one.

29 Astrology based on a Mayan calendar or simply Mayan astrology is one of the most progressive astrology types. It is based on intangible cosmic power and the evolution of creation. The calendar consists of twenty day signs and thirteen Galactic numbers, making a 260-day calendar year. Each of these twenty signs represents a day in a Mayan calendar, thus allowing individuals of different months and years to share the same day glyph. Each of the Mayan day signs defines a person's personality.

30 The Druids' horoscope, sometimes also called Gallic, is more than 2,000 years old. The higher class of Druids included priests who determined a calendar with days which are happy for tribes, and they were honoured as keepers of the past and foretellers of the future. Druids assigned great importance to forests, trees, amongst which they had to live. The Druids' horoscope claims that each human, like a tree, has his/her own personal traits, merits and imperfections. Each one requires certain conditions for living.

31 There are twelve zodiac signs. Each of them has its strong and weak features, specific traits, wishes and attitudes. Astrology gives us a glimpse of the basic personal characteristics of any person by analysing the position of planets at the moment of his or her birth. Each of the 12 horoscope signs belongs to one of the four elements — Air, Fire, Water and Earth. These elements represent an essential type of energy that acts in each of us.

32 The Egyptians were always interested in finding solutions in the night sky, which was expected to give them advice and knowledge. They strongly believed that their life and personality as well as their destiny were tied to the heavens. The Egyptian astrology consists of twelve constellations which form thirty-six star groups called decans. Each decan is ruled by its own planet and lasts for ten days. The signs are based on ancient Egyptian mythology and each sign is equal to three decans for a total of thirty days.

Which astrology system \_\_\_\_\_

A comprises signs which last three periods of the same system?  
B is divided into several lines and uses the motionless zodiac?  
C consists of twelve signs all representing mythological creatures?  
D divides all people into four groups?  
E considers animal birth signs responsible for particular behaviour?  
F includes twenty signs?  
G states that everybody demands particular living conditions?  
H is the oldest in the Western Hemisphere?

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### Task 7

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Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (33—38). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

«Ripley Believe It or Not!» is an American franchise (33)\_\_\_\_\_. It was founded by Robert Ripley, an outstanding cartoonist and adventurer. In 1913 Ripley moved to New York to work for «The Globe». It was there (34)\_\_\_\_\_ which showcasted bizarre and unusual facts from around the world. The facts which «Believe It or Not!» deals with are sometimes so strange (35)\_\_\_\_\_. The corporation started as a newspaper panel, but later adapted to a wide variety of formats (36)\_\_\_\_\_, television and radio. The collection contains more than 20,000 photos, more than 30,000 artifacts and more than 100,000 cartoon panels. When the initial collection was first displayed to the public, (37)\_\_\_\_\_, it attracted more than 2 million viewers. Since then the items have been seen by millions of visitors to the chain of «Ripley Believe It or Not!» museums, which are located in plenty of different places (38)\_\_\_\_\_ of North and South America, Europe, Australia and Asia.

A which happened in 1933  
B now famous all over the world

- C including book series, museums
- D that a big corporation started
- E not only in the USA but also in other countries
- F that he created a feature titled «Believe It or Not!»
- G that readers might question the claims
- H which stretches widely north and south

## Use of English

### 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.

Many years ago the Devil decided to boast his possessions. He organised an exhibition where he (39)\_\_\_\_\_ all the tools he used for his craft. He put them carefully into a glass (40)\_\_\_\_\_ window and labelled all of them with signs. The signs told the name and the price of (41)\_\_\_\_\_ item. What a great collection it was! It included the (42)\_\_\_\_\_ Stylet of Envy, the Hammer of Anger, and the Trap of Greed. All the instruments of Fear, Pride and Hate were displayed on (43)\_\_\_\_\_ shelves. The powerful tools were placed onto beautiful pillows and, of course, they inspired (44)\_\_\_\_\_ of all hell's visitors. Suddenly one of the visitors noticed that in the very corner there was a small unattractive wedge marked as Despondency. Surprisingly, its price was much (45)\_\_\_\_\_ than that of all the other items together. The Devil was asked why he had evaluated the wedge so highly. He took the wedge, gently stroking it, and said, «The (46)\_\_\_\_\_ is that this thing is the only one in my toolbox which I could (47)\_\_\_\_\_ upon if all the other tools appeared to be useless. If I manage to drive this instrument into a person's mind, it would (48)\_\_\_\_\_ the way for all the other ones.»

	A	B	C	D
39	exposed	explained	exhibits	excluded
40	screen	counter	show	monitor
41	each	all	any	each of
42	slippery	brighter	dazzled	sparkling
43	wood	forest	wooden	woodwork
44	admiration	admirable	admission	admiral
45	bigger	higher	more expensive	larger
46	cause	case	matter	issue
47	believe	trust	rely	stay
48	tidy	clear	wash	clean

### Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49—58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Paella is (49)\_\_\_\_\_ authentic rice dish which originated in Spain, particularly in Valencia. It has ancient roots but the modern recipe (50)\_\_\_\_\_ back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. There exist different types of paella which include vegetable paella, seafood paella and mixed paella among (51)\_\_\_\_\_

others. The essential ingredients include white rice, green beans, meat or fish. As for its core seasonings, (52) \_\_\_\_\_ two most common are saffron and rosemary. Mixed paella is a (53) \_\_\_\_\_ combination which unites meat, seafood, vegetables and beans. All types of paella use olive oil.

	A	B	C	D
49	a	the	—	an
50	went	goes	has gone	going
51	more	lot of	many	little
52	the	this	that	a
53	free-style's	free-styling	free-styled	free-style

Rouen is a town in France, the capital of Normandy. The most-loved building in the place is the Rouen cathedral with (54) \_\_\_\_\_ canvas. Another very famous church is the one dedicated to the tragedy of Joan of Arc. Although Rouen is a French town, it's closely (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to English medieval history by such names as William the Conqueror and Richard the Lionheart. As for Joan of Arc, in some ways her story can be named the story of her country and Rouen (56) \_\_\_\_\_ where so much of it happened. Joan was burnt to death (57) \_\_\_\_\_ May 30, 1431 at the age of nineteen after she (58) \_\_\_\_\_ by the English she had been fighting against.

	A	B	C	D
54	Monets'	Monet's	Monet	Monets
55	connecting	connected	been connected	being connected
56	was	has been	is	will be
57	on	in	at	from
58	being captured	has been captured	had been captured	was captured