

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.

17

The road's being repaired.
The repairs started on April 24th.
Delays likely for three weeks.

18

The area is used for detrucking market vehicles
every day at noon.
Don't park here before the trucks are away.
\$200 fine.

19

When entering with liquids, containers must be
shut properly and labelled clearly.

20

Cheesecakes!
We've got new flavours: strawberry and banana.
Buy any of these and get a free coffee.

21

School Library
The new entrance is between the gym and the
assembly hall

Which announcement _____?

- A defines the conditions of keeping things
- B strictly forbids to use the way
- C offers a benefit
- D warns about possible inconvenience
- E suggests taking part in a prize-winning event
- F gives details about some changes
- G forbids doing something in order not to be penalised
- H doesn't allow to carry particular things

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.

The Ivy League is the most diverse intercollegiate conference which comprises sports teams from eight private universities of the USA. The League was founded in 1954 and since then it's been providing more athletic opportunities per school than any other US conference. The Ivy League enjoys regular competitive success at the highest championships in such sports as fencing, lacrosse, rowing, squash, swimming and diving for both men and women. The name of the conference is also typically used to speak about the eight universities as a group. The term has become a particular synonym of academic excellence, selectivity in admissions and social elitism. It's often used as a way

of referring to an elite class. However, such universities as Cornell were the pioneers in the USA who rejected gender and racial discrimination. Although most of the students in Ivy League universities belong to upper middle and upper-class families, the student body has become more economically and ethnically diverse. But in fact, the proportion of students from less-affluent families is still rather low. The universities of the Ivy League are considered to be the most prestigious in the USA and are ranked among top universities worldwide. The eight universities of the League include Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard, Princeton, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania. All of them have large financial endowments that allow them to provide many resources for academic and research programmes. The governing body of the League consists of eight presidents, each from a different university, and is called the Council of Ivy Group Presidents. Besides, each university has its representatives at the students-led Ivy Council which meets twice a year.

22 What is the Ivy League?

- A** A sports league in the USA.
- B** A name which refers to a number of US public schools.
- C** A union of sports teams from certain US universities.
- D** Another name for the US system of education.

23 Which of the following kinds of sport are mentioned in the text as those offered by the Ivy League to compete in?

- A** Lacrosse, rowing and chess.
- B** Baseball, basketball and squash.
- C** Men's diving, fencing and swimming.
- D** Lawn tennis, rowing and lacrosse.

24 What are the main characteristics of the Ivy League universities?

- A** Elite-class students.
- B** High demands as for the admission.
- C** Social selectivity.
- D** Academic education.

25 What students study at Ivy League universities?

- A** Only students from upper-class families.
- B** Students of any social affiliation who can pass the tests.
- C** The best students of high schools who are able to pay for the education.
- D** The main body consists of students who belong to the more-affluent families.

26 Who governs the Ivy League?

- A** A council which consists of the presidents from each of its universities.
- B** The students-led Ivy Council.
- C** The government of the USA.
- D** There is no universal governing.

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.

An artist's work can always be criticised by those who dislike it. However, some artists throughout history have suffered more than just criticism. Once rejected and ridiculed, these artists are considered outstanding now.

27 El Greco was incredibly groundbreaking. A painter, who lived in the second part of the 16th century, was so ahead of his time that his paintings resembled those of the Impressionist period. El Greco alienated his contemporaries with his use of phantasmagorical colour and emphasis on

a different aspect of reality. For his never-before-seen and unabashedly avant-garde style, the painter was disdained not only during his lifetime but years after.

28 Joseph Mallord William Turner actually achieved recognition at an early age. He started selling his paintings when he was only twelve. His early works displayed picturesque landscapes. When the painter became older, his style changed and his paintings became dominated by light, feeling and colour. He tried to reflect the atmosphere of a place more than its portrait. By the 1840s, Turner's supporters became antagonists of his new style and frankly condemned it.

29 Edouard Manet was a founding figure of Realism, which is a style devoted to showing the world truly and without embellishment. Manet's most famous pictures were considered incendiary and scandalous during his lifetime. Critics deemed his works immoral and vulgar. The paintings caused huge controversy because of their depiction of nude women. At the same time his paintings served as rallying points for the young impressionists.

30 Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec is regarded as a rather eccentric figure. He led a rakish lifestyle and his paintings reflected his way of living. His works were criticised for their quality of appearing more like sketches as well as for their immoral depiction of sexuality. The same pictures are now among the most famous works of art and viewed as pioneering ones.

31 Barnett Newman was one of the major figures of Abstract Impressionism. He was highly involved in philosophy underlying his work and contemplated existentialism deeply. Newman represented a divergence from a number of artists that came before him. The painter was often overlooked and criticised during his career and now he is viewed as one of the most innovative artists of his time who influenced greatly the development of art.

32 Vincent Van Gogh is considered to be one of the significant and noteworthy painters of all time, but the things differ greatly when he was alive. His works used to be described as «too dark» and «lacking brightness». Of his almost thousand paintings there was only one that he managed to sell by himself. Today, millions of people admire his masterpieces, and it was Van Gogh's brother's wife who collected all his artwork after his death, hoping they would be recognized later.

Which text tells about a painter who _____

- A was condemned from early childhood?
- B was in advance of his period in comparison with other painters?
- C is now well-known thanks to a relative?
- D created his paintings during the Impressionist period?
- E created sketchy paintings closely related with his way of life?
- F used to be very popular before he changed his style?
- G was hardly understood during his lifetime but now is considered the most progressive artist of his time who influenced the future of art?
- H was blamed for depicting women in a too-explicit way?

Task 7

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.

A martial art that looks like a dance. In a wider sense — a party with people (33)_____. In the widest sense — a cultural phenomenon involving you into its stories, its movements and its way of life. Capoeira, which this story is about, originated in Brazil. The history of it tells us (34)_____ to trick the masters. The matter was they weren't allowed to practise any self-defense, (35)_____. There exist two main capoeira styles: the original one called Capoeira Angola, (36)_____, and Capoeira Regional. How effective is capoeira as a fight? Well, (37)_____, capoeira's efficiency depends on the skill level of the fighter. Those who practise capoeira are well-trained as for their

ability to react quickly and produce nasty blows with the head, elbows, and knees. However, it is said that (38) _____, one will talk his enemy down so that the fight never occurs.

- A so they integrated it into dance moves
- B being a good capoeirista
- C sharing music, exciment, and energy
- D like any other martial art
- E who is addicted to the same hobby
- F those were slaves who invented it
- G where the style first appeared
- H that is more subtle and less dynamic

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.

FLEX stands for The Future Leaders Exchange Programme which provides (39) _____ for high-school students from Eurasia who get an opportunity to spend an academic year in the USA. During this year foreign students live with American volunteer host families and (40) _____ American high schools. The programme began in 1993 and since then more than 24,000 students have taken part in it. The (41) _____ process includes several stages and the competition is quite intense. Only about one in fifty applicants is selected. Those who pass multiple (42) _____ of testing go to the USA to learn about American society and values as well as to teach Americans about their countries and cultures. FLEX students are (43) _____ by their maturity, determination and eagerness to share in a true exchange of cultures. Funding for the programme is provided by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The (44) _____ goal of FLEX is to (45) _____ mutual understanding and develop long-term relations between Americans and citizens of other countries. FLEX is not a language programme. (46) _____, participants are tested in their knowledge of English because it's necessary to know English in order to participate successfully in school and social life in the USA. Those who are selected and got a scholarship should (47) _____ certain rules. They are not able to choose a city or a state to be placed in. Participants must also return home after the programme is completed, in May or June, on their assigned date. But FLEX doesn't actually end with the end of the (48) _____ year. Most students become active alumni when they get back home as their experience after the FLEX year is combined with dedication to their native countries.

	A	B	C	D
39	fair	salary	scholarships	voucher
40	visit	attend	study	see
41	evaluation	joining	entering	application
42	rounds	circles	variants	tasks
43	selected	defined	distinguished	known
44	primary	first	general	previous
45	repair	correct	worsen	improve
46	In spite of	However	Furthermore	So
47	perform	listen	obey	agree
48	academic	university	college	studying

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.

Sometimes parents don't want their child (49)_____ at school or there are particular reasons for not going to school together with other children. In order to educate their offspring such parents choose so-called home schooling and take charge (50)_____ organising subjects, teaching lessons themselves or arranging for tutors. (51)_____ home schooling these parents believe that one-on-one attention and individualized study can produce very good results, sometimes even better as compared (52)_____ those achieved at school. (53)_____ advantage is being able to spend time together as a family.

	A	B	C	D
49	studies	to study	studied	studying
50	at	in	of	for
51	Choosing	Have chosen	Chose	Are choosing
52	along	to	on	against
53	The other	Others	Other	Another

A lot of people (54)_____ a snack at KFC for at least once in their life but not many of them know what the abbreviation stands for. Kentucky Fried Chicken, a famous brand of fast-food restaurants, (55)_____ all over the world and is easily recognized by its logo, which (56)_____ the founder of the company. The initial logo was designed in 1952, (57)_____ changed in 1978 and unveiled with the abbreviation in 1991 just (58)_____ again six years later. The present design was offered in 2007.

	A	B	C	D
54	have	have had	had	are having
55	representing	is represented	was represented	was representing
56	signify	signifying	signifies	signified
57	slightly	slighter	slightest	the most slightly
58	has simplified	was simplified	being simplified	to be simplified