

Task 1 Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use.

1  Our Summer Centre offers English language training and excursion programmes for young people aged 8 to 17 who are looking to learn, have fun and experience UK culture in safe, supervised environments. We accept group bookings through existing and new agents and bookings from individuals and parents.	A A letter of thanks B Sightseeing information C Making plans with friends D Service advertisement E Employment F A notice in a public place G Customer service information H Celebration
2  Dear Mrs Knight, thank you for all your hard work this year. Britt loves school and it's easy to see why. We hear all about the dynamic way you deliver lessons and encourage participation and are pleased that our daughter is learning so much. Enjoy the rest of the school year. You're doing a fantastic job!	
3  Please, DO NOT LITTER Thank You	
4  Dear client, we would like to inform you that the Circuit City store can deliver your new tablet tomorrow or you can take it from the shop today. Please contact us at 97224517.	
5  Kathy, just to let you know that I managed to get 2 tickets for the Rain-man concert at the London Palladium Theatre on Friday. It starts at 8.30, so shall we meet outside the theatre at about 8.15? We could have a bite afterwards if you like. See you soon, Dan	

Task 2. Read the text below. For questions (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

A large portion of scientific research remains forever off the public attention. Only some of the studies deliver results that are important for the scientific community and make their way to textbooks. Then there are those studies that represent «achievements that cannot or should not be reproduced». Every year the Annals of Improbable Research highlights this last group with the Ig Nobel Prize.

The Ig Nobel Prize is a parody of the Nobel Prizes and is given out in late September or early October each year for ten unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research. The Ig Nobel Prizes honour achievements that make people laugh, and then think. The prizes are intended to celebrate the originality, honour the imagination and raise people's interest in science, medicine, and technology.

The prizes are presented to the winners by actual Nobel laureates. One person, Sir Andre Geim, won actually both an Ig Nobel Prize (in 2000) and a real Nobel Prize (in 2010). He won the Ig Nobel Prize for an experiment where he and another scientist successfully levitated a frog using magnets.

During the ceremony, each Ig Nobel Prize winner is given 60 seconds to explain their research.

If they go over the time, a little girl, «Miss Sweetie Poo», will walk up to them and yell «Please stop: I'm bored» continually until the speaker stops. It was also once traditional for audience members to throw paper airplanes at the stage while the ceremony was taking place, but this practice has died out in recent years due to safety concerns.

Some examples of work that resulted in people winning the Ig Nobel Prizes include:

Veterinary Medicine: For the discovery that cows who are given names produce more milk than cows that don't have names.

Economics: For the invention of Clocky, an alarm clock on wheels that motors itself away - off the dresser and onto the floor — and hides, forcing you to get out of bed, find it and turn it off.

Linguistics: To a group that conclusively demonstrated that rats occasionally are unable to distinguish between Japanese and Dutch recordings played backwards.

Medicine: For research on how listening to country music affects suicide rates.

Astrophysics: For a paper illustrating that black holes fulfil all the technical requirements to be the location of biblical Hell.

Ornithology: To a group that researched why woodpeckers don't get headaches.

The Ig Nobels may be silly, but that's the point: not all science has to be serious and earth-changing. Ridiculous things exist right alongside the significant, but that doesn't make the universe's ridiculousness less meaningful. To paraphrase the Ig Nobel's motto, just because something makes someone laugh, it doesn't mean it won't also make them stop and consider the amazing things that exist in the world.

6 The Ig Nobel Prize is

A awarded for a discovery that usually makes its way to textbooks.

B a mockery and an imitation of the Nobel Prize award.

C given out twice a year.

D intended to celebrate the significance of science.

 7 Sir Andre Geim

A made a frog fly.

B won actually two Ig Nobel Prizes (in 2000 and 2010).

C successfully levitated another scientist.

D never won the Nobel Prize.

 8 What does not happen during the ceremony?

A Each Ig Nobel Prize winner has 60 seconds to tell about his/her research.

B A little girl, «Miss Sweetie Poo», makes the speakers stop talking.

C Audience members throw paper airplanes at the stage.

D The winners are presented with prizes by actual Nobel laureates.

 9 It was discovered that

A cows who are given names produce better milk.

B an alarm clock can run.

C rats cannot at times tell the difference between Japanese and Dutch recordings played backwards.

D listening to country music affects suicide rates.

 10 What conclusion does the writer come to?

A The Ig Nobel Prize researches are silly and unimportant.

B Science has to be serious and earth-changing.

C Ridiculous things can be as important as the most serious ones.

D If something makes someone laugh, it won't make them stop and consider the amazing things that exist in the world.

Task 3. Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—16). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Malware is a type of a computer code that includes viruses, worms, and Trojans horses that are potential threats to computer systems today. Let's look at some of them.

11 ☐ Worms are designed to replicate themselves quickly to spread to other computers, often through a computer network. Most worms are only designed to spread as quickly as possible, so they do not usually try to change the computer systems they pass through. However, worms can create threat to the security, deleting files or even sending files via email. This is a common method for spam senders to spread junk email quickly, as the more computers are infected, the faster the spam mail will spread.

12 ☐ Trojan Horses, or Trojans for short, are different from worms because they don't replicate themselves. Rather, Trojans are designed to trick you into downloading them to cause data loss and sometimes total-system harm. Just as in the ancient Greek story of the wooden horse that was to deceive the soldiers of Troy, Trojans present themselves as useful, interesting or routine programs to trick you into installing them on your computer.

13 ☐ Spyware is designed to gather information about you without your knowledge. This information can be sent to another party without your consent, and it can even be used to take control over a computer. Spyware is capable of collecting any type of data, including your Internet history and banking information. Some forms of spyware can even install additional software or change your Internet settings, which can be a mere annoyance, or a problem that can take days to fix.

14 ☐ Ransomware infects your computer with the aim to restrict access to your computer system, perhaps preventing you from surfing the Internet or accessing the hard drive, and then demanding a payment to the malware creators. Some of the trickiest ransomware designers have acquired millions of dollars from unsuspecting users.

15 ☐ Rootkits are secret types of malware that tries to gain administrator access on Your computer and' then hide itself so you don't know it is in your system. This type of malware is generally difficult to detect and remove. Malware is not limited to these five examples, fortunately, antivirus software is designed to combat these threats by preventing the programs from entering your system.

16 ☐ Bots are the type of software designed so as to automatically do certain tasks. Although some bots are created for relatively harmless purposes, bots can be also used for placing advertisements on websites, DDoS attacks, or malware distributing.

This malware _____

A gets facts about a computer user without informing him/her.

B is usually hidden deep inside your computer.

C functions with the user's informed permission.

D can easily copy itself.

E is usually hidden within another program.

F runs automated tasks.

G refers to an ancient myth.

H limits your opportunity to use your computer.

Task 4 Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17 - 22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

Travelling by plane can be emotional, either you are leaving loved ones behind or travelling 17 . KLM Royal Dutch Airlines understands how hard it is to be away from the ones you love, so it started inviting people to leave a handwritten message 18 .

Having said their goodbyes at the departure gate, passengers on a recent KLM flight were amazed to board the plane and find that on their headrests there were messages from their loved ones. The airline had secretly asked friends and family to write and draw pictures for the passengers in felt-tip pen, and just before the flight, a flight attendant 19 . KLM filmed the passengers' happiness at finding their personalized headrests on board. There was a particularly touching one from the grandparents of a young woman; they drew a picture of an orange alongside their message because they peeled an orange 20 . «She loves that», the grandpa explained. There were lots of others saying «I'll miss you» with pictures of hearts, good luck wishes 21 . This is the latest in a series of initiatives that show KLM understands travelling is an emotional journey 22 . For example, thanks to the airline's previous service initiative friends and families of passengers send gifts and personal notes which the crew surprise them with during the flight.

In fact, KLM's experience shows that even though we live in an age of the Internet, tablets and smartphones, there will always be something touching about a sincere, handwritten message.

A had placed each of these on the correct seat of the aircraft

B and helping them to feel less sad about leaving loved ones behind

C as well as a physical one

D on the headrest of the seat of a friend or a family member

E and drawings by young relatives

F to give free chocolate to their heart's desire G to be with people you haven't seen for a long while

H for her every night of her visit

Task 5 Read the text below. For questions (23-27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

There was an old man living in his village. He had four sons and they were very lazy. The old man felt sick and was counting his 23 days in bed. He worried a lot about his sons' future as the young men hesitated a lot to work. The sons believed that luck would favour them. The old man's health got worse every day and he decided to talk to his sons about their future. 24 , his sons did not listen to him. The old man played a trick to let their sons realize the importance of work. One day, the old man called all his sons and let them 25 near him in his bed. He said he had a treasure box with gold coins for them and wanted them to share the treasure equally and lead a happy, prosperous life. The young men were very happy and asked where his father had placed the treasure. The old man said: «I cannot exactly remember the place where I have hidden the treasure from the 26 . However, the treasure box is buried in our land. I'm really not sure about the place where I have hidden the treasure box. » Even though the lazy young sons were happy, they were

sad that the old man forgot the place where the treasure was hidden. A few days later, the old man died. The sons decided to dig the land to find the treasure box. They worked very hard and dug their land. They could not find any treasure box in the land. They decided to dig a spot in their land that remained a bit different from the rest of the area. The sons believed that the treasure was buried there. They dug the specific spot so deep, but got nothing but water.

A passerby who noticed the dug land and water flowing from a spot talked to the sons about agriculture. They planted fruit and vegetables on their land. The land became very fertile with abundant water, within a few weeks the land became a beautiful garden with vegetables and fruit. The young sons sold the vegetables at a good price and earned a big 27 of money. Then they realized that it was the hard work that was mentioned as a «treasure box» by their father. They defeated their laziness, worked hard, earned much money and lived happily.

	A	B	C	D
23	least	last	latest	lately
24	However	Moreover	So	Because
25	sit	sat	to sit	sitting
26	another	other	other's	others
27	quality	quantity	amount	number

Task 6 Read the texts below. For questions (28- 32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

As Chinese scientists 28 recently discovered, eating too 29 fat may be bad for your health.

Two hundred young, healthy people 30 took part in the 6-month experiment were supposed 31 either a low, moderate or high-fat food. Those in the high-fat diet group saw «negative changes» in the way they 32 .

	A	B	C	D
28	have	has	had	having
29	many	more	much	few
30	what	then	whose	who
31	eat	to eat	eating	ate
32	feel	felt	feeling	feeled