

Частина “ЧИТАННЯ”

Reading

Task 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

How to Get Motivated to Study

1 _____

This could be a library, a cafe, a room in your house, or anywhere else that is free from excess noise and interruptions. Avoid places where you're likely to run into your friends.

2 _____

Make sure you have all the pens, pencils, paper, and highlighters you need. You don't want to interrupt your study time to get more. People are more productive when they're hydrated. Small snacks like peanuts or fruit will help keep you energized.

3 _____

Little things like having to pull up your trousers can eat away at your concentration. Wear clothes that are familiar, fit loosely, and don't constrict you. If you have long hair, tie it back so that it doesn't fall into your eyes.

4 _____

You do not want to be taking calls from friends and family members when you're trying to study. Let them know in advance that you need time to study, if you think they'll be concerned. Better yet, just keep it somewhere out of view so you won't be tempted to use it.

5 _____

Think in specific, achievable goals instead of vague generalities. Instead of telling yourself, "I have to get good at math," think of a specific goal such as, "I will learn how to graph a quadratic equation." Achieving this goal will make you feel accomplished at the end of your study session.

- A Put your cell phone on silent
- B Make a study schedule
- C Find a quiet space with few distractions
- D Switch off the music
- E Dress comfortably
- F Think of rewarding yourself
- G Set yourself concrete aims
- H Stock up on study and food supplies

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Why I chose to Volunteer Abroad

Andrew Marshall

Volunteering isn't so expensive that it's only an option for the well off. I spent 10 weeks volunteering in Arizona with America Conservation Experience, helping to preserve America's natural beauty.

The trip was arranged through Bunac, a work and volunteer organisation. Altogether, it cost me around £1,000 – a sum which I covered mostly by working in my student bar.

Despite the self-indulgent image associated with overseas volunteer projects, the work can be hard going. I spent my time abroad maintaining trails, building fences and implementing re-vegetation projects in some of the national parks and national monuments of America.

Summer temperatures in Arizona stay well above 35C, not ideal if you're carrying 50kg of concrete for 10 hours at a time. And then there's the wildlife to deal with. One afternoon nap took a less subdued turn when I realised that a rattlesnake was resting only 3 metres from me. The experience, needless to say, improved my strength of character – and reduced my fear of the English household spider.

Most people volunteer because they want to give something back to the world. But in reality, you benefit just as much as the local communities and ecosystems you're helping.

Spending 10 weeks in America's most beautiful national parks and forests was an unforgettable experience. I gained a far deeper understanding of the local environment than the average tourist, meeting ex-national park rangers, who had a unique knowledge of the area's history and ecosystem.

The most challenging aspects of working abroad are also the most beneficial. Being placed in an unfamiliar environment forces you to use your initiative and develop self-confidence – *surviving 10 days of camping in the wild is something that three years of university could never provide*. When I look back on the work I completed, it makes writing a dissertation and academic deadlines seem a lot more manageable.

But best of all, my 10 weeks were spent volunteering with young people from a mix of cultures and backgrounds – from Belgians to South Koreans. When I left Arizona, I returned home having made friends with students from across the world.

- 6 Where did the author get the money for his trip?
- A He got a grant from a volunteer organization.
 - B He managed to cover the expenses himself.
 - C He was supported by the local community.
 - D He was sponsored by his university.
- 7 According to the text, what was part of Andrew's duties working in Arizona?
- A He tracked down old historical sites.
 - B He kept the parks in proper condition.
 - C He guided visitors round the parks.
 - D He studied local endangered species.
- 8 Andrew had to face all of the following **EXCEPT** _____.
- A oppressive heat
 - B dangerous animals
 - C exhausting work
 - D unfriendly locals
- 9 What does the author mean by saying "*surviving 10 days of camping in the wild is something that three years of university could never provide*" (paragraph 7)?
- A Camping was a valuable learning experience.
 - B Surviving in the wild was an upsetting practice.
 - C Going to university is a waste of time and money.
 - D Being in a strange environment is an exciting activity.
- 10 What did Andrew like most of all about his trip?
- A Coping with various challenges far from his home country
 - B Gaining invaluable experience useful for his future life
 - C Contributing to the preservation of the local environment
 - D Making the acquaintance of people from different countries

Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (11–16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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- A follows a single-gender education policy
- B encourages creativity through distance learning
- C provides an online guide around its premises
- D claims to have an extensive choice of subjects
- E offers a first-rate education for a reasonable fee
- F gets students ready for a higher level of education
- G promises guaranteed employment to its graduates
- H ranks among the top educational institutions in the arts

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. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A Paradise of Wonderful Scenery

The Nahuel Huapi national park is the most important in Argentina. It is located in the southern part of the country near a city called Bariloche (17) _____, especially during June and July.

This park is a huge place with areas of luxuriant beauty. There are several mountains that are notable for their height, lots of peaks, incredible valleys, and many trees (18) _____.

Rivers and lakes cross the whole park. The largest lake is the Nahuel Huapi Lake, in which, (19) _____, there is a monster called *Nahuelito*.

During the spring season, (20) _____, it is possible to see little waterfalls. This is because the snow defrosts and starts (21) _____, creating wonderful cascades and falls. What people like most about this place is (22) _____, so you can find rain forests, mountains, and valleys. The variety of flowers is incredible, and the colours they have take away anybody's breath. The wonderful scenery of this place definitely makes everybody feel like in paradise.

- A are covered by pure, white snow
- B expecting severe thunderstorms
- C where the weather is extremely cold
- D according to what people believe
- E that it is an area full of contrast
- F that it changes the snow into water
- G falling down the mountains at high speed
- H when the weather gets warmer