TEST 11

Reading

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (1—5). There are three choices you don't need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

How to Get Out of Troubles

Your troubles are real and actual. There's no denying about it. They are causing you distress, anger and anxiety. They rob you of good health, leave you listless and unmotivated. The more you think about your predicament, the more you feel distraught.

Whether you are having difficulty in your relationship, finances or career, you would not find yourself in a dilemma if you had paid attention and taken action. There is always a way to turn things around. But you have to put in lots of efforts.

(1) _____

There is a famous saying: «If you keep doing the same things, you are going to get the same results». In order to get yourself out of endless debts, having to go through never-ending relationship dilemmas, making wrong decisions, and getting yourself in a jam, you must change.

You must become a different person and develop better habits to get yourself out of the tight spot.

(2) _____

Single out and list down all of your problems to gain clarity. Ask yourself questions and face the truth. The purpose is to know what they are and to find the necessary information, skills and strategies to solve them.

(3) _____

You must decide and build the courage to defeat your difficulties. Decide to take control and to develop new disciplines. Once you make a firm decision, you will gravitate your mind to think of the best possible solutions.

(4) _____

Once you have decided that your goal is to put an end to your dilemma, deliberately think positive and constructive. Keep reminding yourself of this goal. Put your attention to solutions instead of the problems. Imagine your dilemmas ending and affirm to yourself that you can do it.

(5) _____

Don't wallow in self-pity. That's not going to remove your difficulties. You take control by taking the right actions consistently.Take action by planning out the steps to fix them. Get help from people who have overcome their difficulties.

Settle one problem at a time. Once you conquer one, it gives you the confidence to tackle the next and continue until you put an end to all of them. You gather lots of experiences and skills along the way, boost your personal growth and gain wisdom.

A Don't Ignore the Early Signs
B Be Willing to Change
C Identify and Shoot for Troubles
D Take Action
E Improve Your Manner of Thinking
F Make a Firm Decision
G Think Positively
H Behave as Usual

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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.

UN Marks 20 Years of Convention on Rights of the Child

Ceremonies are taking place around the world to mark the 20th anniversary of a landmark agreement protecting children.

The UN says the Convention on the Rights of the Child has transformed the way children are treated. But it says a billion children in the world still go without food, shelter or healthcare and that millions are facing lives of poverty and abuse.

On the eve of events, a British charity warned that millions of the world's children have no parents or family around them.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), signed in 1989, guarantees children the right to life, to education, the right to play and to be protected from abuse. It has the widest international support of any human rights treaty — ratified by 193 countries, with only the US and Somalia yet to give their backing.

The UN says the achievements of the convention have been «remarkable» — 30 % more children live beyond the age of five and more than 80 % of children now attend primary school.

Elizabeth Gibbons, the deputy director of the UN children's agency UNISEF, said the impact of the convention on children's lives was clear.

«At any time across the world, in any city, in any media, you'll find a story about children's rights, that's the big change», she said.

«Yes, there are many problems not resolved, but now children matter, they matter to society, they matter to the media, they matter to politicians.»

But the UN says 24,000 children under the age of five still die every day from preventable disease and illness and that governments must not cut back on provision for children in times of financial hardship.

6 According to the statement of the United Nations Organization, the Convention on the Rights of the Child _____

A helped all the children of developing countries.

B improved the attitude to the children.

C caused the growth of the number of children who face lives of poverty and abuse.

D helped millions of children to find a family.

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7 Among the rights guaranteed by the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) there is NO right to _____

A life.
B education.
C work.
D be protected from abuse.

8 It can be inferred from the text that the US and Somalia _____

A have already joined the convention.
B are not going to support the convention.
C at first supported the convention, but later refused to participate in it.
D are planning to join the convention.

9 Elizabeth Gibbons, the deputy director of the UN children's agency UNISEF, believes that _____

A the convention influenced children's lives significantly.
B media don't pay attention to the rights of children.
C the majority of the problems has already been resolved.
D society and politicians avoid thinking and speaking about children's rights.

10 According to the article, the disease and illness the children under the age of five die from _____

A can't be prevented.
B can be stopped from occurring.
C can be cured with only expensive pills.
D is the feature of financial hardships.

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—15). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Places of Interest in Paris

(11) The Eiffel Tower

You couldn't possibly visit Paris without seeing the Eiffel Tower. Even if you do not want to visit this world-famous structure, you will see its top from all over Paris. The tower rises 300 metres tall; when it was completed at the end of the 19th century it was twice as high as the Washington Monument, at the time the tallest structure in the world.

(12) Montmartre

Above all, Montmartre located north of downtown Paris is known for its many artists who have been omnipresent since 1880. The name Montmartre is said to be derived from either Mount of Martyrs or from Mount of Mars. Until 1873, when the Sacré-Coeur was built on top of the hill, Montmartre was a small village, inhabited by a mostly farming community. At present the Sacré-Coeur Basilica located on top of the Montmartre hill is one of Paris's major tourist draws.

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(13) The Notre Dame

Not the largest cathedral in the world, the Notre Dame might be the most famous of all cathedrals. The gothic masterpiece is located on the Île de la Cité, a small island in the heart of the city.

The site of the Notre Dame is the cradle of Paris and has always been the religious centre of the city. The Celts had their sacred ground here, the Romans built a temple to worship Jupiter. A Christian basilica was built in the 6th century and the last religious structure before the Notre Dame construction started was a Romanesque church.

(14) The Musée d'Orsay

The Musée d'Orsay is a museum housed in a grand railway station built in 1900. Home to many sculptures and impressionist paintings, it has become one of Paris's most popular museums. When opened the museum contained some 2300 paintings, 1500 sculptures and 1000 other objects. Most of these works of art came from other museums such as the Musée du Luxembourg. Over time the collection has expanded significantly mainly due to acquisitions and gifts. It covers a period from the mid 19th century up to 1914 and contains works by Degas, Rodin, Monet, Manet, Renoir, Cezanne, Van Gogh and others.

(15) The Centre Pompidou

The Centre Pompidou is home to one of the world's most important museums of modern art, the MNAM, but it also contains a very popular library, a bookshop, a movie theatre and a panoramic terrace. The Public Information Library or BPI boasts a collection of 450,000 books, 2,600 magazines and a large number of new media items.

The library occupies the first three floors of the building, while the museum's permanent collection is located on floors 4 and 5. The first and top floors are used for large expositions. The museum has one of the most important collections of modern art. Its more than 59,000 works cover a broad spectrum of the 20th-century arts. The 4th floor contains works from 1905 to 1965 and covers art movements such as fauvism, abstract art, surrealism and cubist art. Some of the featured artists include Matisse, Kandinsky, Miró and Picasso.

This place of interest _____

A is perfect for those interested in modern art.
B is engraved with names of generals who commanded French troops during Napoleon's regime.
C displays the largest private collection of Dutch painters.
D is a gothic cathedral located on a small island.
E became famous at the end of the 19th century thanks to the painters who occupy the whole area.
F can be at least partly seen from all over Paris.
G houses a rich collection of impressionist paintings.
H allows ample opportunities for admirers of classical music.

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Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A—H) the one which best fits each space (16—21). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

West-End Shows

For many people the best part of a visit to London is the chance **(16)** _____. The West End of London, situated a stone's throw from Piccadilly Circus and Chinatown, is home to dozens of beautiful theatres. London's West-End theatres are currently enjoying a boom in popularity **(17)** _____. According to the Society of London Theatres, nearly 12 million people attended a West-End show last year, whilst audience numbers in 2005 look set to outstrip that impressive figure.

One possible reason for the success of contemporary theatrical productions is the casting of A-list Hollywood actors **(18)** _____. Val Kilmer, the star of films like «Top Gun» and «Batman Forever», is currently appearing in «The Postman Always Rings Twice». And he is not alone — other American movie stars performing in London include Oscar winner Kevin Spacey, and David Schwimmer, who found **(19)** _____.

British screen stars are also treading the boards in West-End shows. Scottish actor, Ewan McGregor, is appearing in the classic 1950s musical «Guys and Dolls» — an experience very different to making movies. McGregor says, «The actual process of making films **(20)** _____. It is very difficult to keep your energy and focus. Whereas what is wonderful about this is we have to create it together».

Ironically, it is not just that film stars are acting in plays nowadays but films themselves are being adapted for the stage. Amongst the films that can now be seen as plays or musicals are «The Lion King», «A Few Good Men», and «Billy Elliot».

The longest-running shows in the West End are **(21)** _____. The Andrew Lloyd Webber show, «Cats», ran for 21 years and 7,000 performances, making its composer a multi-millionaire.

However, not all musicals do so well. Oscar Wilde said: «The musical ran for only one night, closing after terrible reviews and poor bookings. It was quite possibly the biggest flop in London theatrical history».

A in leading roles
B is extraordinarily boring
C while travelling
D usually musicals
E and many other cities are considering them
F international fame in the hit TV sitcom «Friends»
G to see a West-End show
H and ticket sales

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Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22—33) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Susan Boyle: Unlikely Superstar

Less than a few weeks ago Susan Boyle was a virtual unknown. **(22)** _____, since auditioning for *Britain's Got Talent*, a televised talent competition, she has experienced a stratospheric rise to **(23)** _____. A YouTube video of her audition has been watched by more than 26 million people, making it one of the most **(24)** _____ videos on the Internet in recent times. It is undeniable that technologies such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter have helped to spread the word about Susan's **(25)** _____.

So just what is it about Susan that people find so **(26)** _____? Arguably, it is the fact she is such a class act. However, many have suggested that her biggest appeal lies in her unassuming persona.

Susan's persona and appearance have been somewhat controversial, and the initial reaction to her audition has made many people question whether they are guilty of judging a book by its **(27)** _____. With her plain, middle-aged looks and her no-nonsense approach to life, Susan is perhaps the most unlikely star to **(28)** _____ discovered of late.

Commenting on her rise to fame, Max Clifford, a renowned PR guru, said that the massive **(29)** _____ interest in her is partly due to people having to challenge their own assumptions and prejudices.

So what's **(30)** _____ for Susan? For the moment, she is preparing **(31)** _____ her next appearance on *Britain's Got Talent* and she is the odds-on favourite to win.

Looking **(32)** _____, with talk of record contracts and celebrity duets, it is very **(33)** _____ that we'll soon be seeing a Susan Boyle album in the charts!

	A	B	C	D
22	However	Although	Moreover	Likewise
23	celebrity	famous	popular	fame
24	stared	watched	listened	looked
25	performance	perform	performer	performation
26	interest	attract	fascinating	absorbing
27	reader	content	advertisement	cover
28	have	be	do	is
29	peoples	person	public	humanity
30	next	follow	past	ago
31	for	to	in	with
32	onward	forward	backward	inward
33	lovely	likely	lively	lonely

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Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (34—45) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

«We interrupt this programme **(34)** _____ you a newsflash.

There're some serious problems in Arkansas. High winds and a tornado **(35)** _____ through portions of southern Arkansas. People **(36)** _____ and some residents are still unaccounted for. Emergency coordinator Bob Holly **(37)** _____ rescue workers are on the case: «We had two ambulances set out first, and then when they **(38)** _____ the damage, that's when they called in the troops».

A massive winter storm **(39)** _____ through upper Midwest. It's dumped more than a foot of snow in northern Wisconsin. Seven people were injured **(40)** _____ slippery roads. And 100,000 customers have no electricity in Iowa, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

Locally, police are trying to find a man **(41)** _____ robbed a woman in Alhambra. She described the suspect as about medium build, **(42)** _____ blue jeans, a black jacket, black gloves, brown shoes, and a dark-coloured ski mask covering his face. The woman was waiting **(43)** _____ friends inside an apartment when the man entered through an unlocked door. **(44)** _____ you have seen this man, please call the Alhambra police.

Finally, one person was killed when a high-speed train derailed near London. The cause **(45)** _____».

	A	B	C	D
34	bring	to bring	bringing	will bring
35	sliced	be sliced	have sliced	will sliced
36	injured	be injured	been injured	have been injured
37	say	says	saying	said
38	see	to see	saw	seeing
39	sweeping	is sweeping	are sweeping	be sweeping
40	on	of	in	at
41	who	who's	whose	whom
42	wear	wears	to wear	wearing
43	at	for	from	of
44	If	Whether	Although	But
45	is being investigate	is investigated	being investigated	is being investigated

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