

Part 5

You should spend about 20 minutes in this part.

Read the text below. Eight sentences have been removed from the text. For **questions 33 to 36, choose from the sentences (A - D)** to fit each gap. For questions **37 to 40, choose from the sentences (E - H)** to fit each gap.

Abel's Island

"Abel's Island is a children's novel. It was written and illustrated by William Steig and published in 1976.

Abel was a wealthy and spoilt mouse. He did not have to work or worry about earning a living. After he got married, he took his wife, Amanda, for a picnic. (33) _____ During the storm, Amanda's scarf was blown away and Abel ran after it. Unfortunately, he fell into a river and got carried away.

At first, Abel was not worried about being stranded on an island. He was so sure that rescuers will come to save someone of a high social standing like him. (34) _____ He started to explore the island. (35) _____. He missed his old life but slowly, he became a capable mouse. He learnt how to start a fire and make pottery. He looked for ways to get off the island. Nothing worked at first, but he finally went home after one year. He left the island as a changed mouse. (36) _____ He also decided to use his talent to earn a living and not depend on his mother's money.

- A. He built a shelter and looked for food.
- B. But no one came so he had to fend for himself
- C. He was stronger, wiser and a talented sculptor.
- D. Suddenly, a storm broke out so they hid in a cave.

Why I Like Musicals

Even though I never had the chance to watch musicals, I still like them and would like to watch it live one day.

Musicals are performed on stage in theatres. (37) _____ I think one has to be gifted to be able to sing, dance and act very well in front of the live audience.

(38) _____ Themes such as friendship, love, acceptance, achieving goals and succeeding are important ideas that are usually featured in musicals. I feel my time is spent well if I have watched things that has taught me about human nature or about life.

The sets and costumes also take the musicals to another level of expressive art. Elaborate sets, exciting dances, an impressive sound system and special effects make the show more dramatic and the story comes alive. (39) _____. You can never really experience this when you watch a movie on television.

I also like musicals that stir our emotions through their songs. (40) _____ love with the story, characters and messages that they want to convey.

If you ever had the chance to watch a musical, do not miss it. I dare promise that it will be an experience of a lifetime.

- E. Musicals can pass on positive messages to the audience.
- F. It can make us feel the mood of the story.
- G. You can fully experience the show.
- H. They are performances that combine acting, songs, spoken dialogues and dance.