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Task 1

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

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A	Work and Travel
B	Employment
C	Education
D	Residence
E	Buy and Sell
F	Entertainment
G	Wellness
H	Lost and Found

Task 2

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

It was a sizzling June day, and Sammy Armstrong couldn't wait to get in the water. The ten-year-old was on a camping trip at McKinney Falls State Park with his mom, Kelley, his dad, Stacey, and his brothers, Ben and Willy.

At around 12 Sammy's mother and little brother Ben dropped the family kayak into Onion Creek, a small local stream, and paddled off. Sammy and Willy accompanied their dad to Upper Falls, which marks the point where Onion Creek drops 12 feet over a rocky ledge. At the top of the waterfall, a pathway crosses the creek bed. Below is a swimming hole, 20 feet deep in some places.

With his father watching from the rocks above, Sammy jumped in. He was a good swimmer—he'd been on the swimming team back in his hometown. Sammy played in the water, eventually pulling himself out of the swimming hole and onto a warm boulder, where he watched a group of children walk through the creek bed above. They were summer campers who were heading back to the visitors' parking lot after a morning hike. Suddenly a tiny five-year-old girl lost her balance and was swept over the edge of the falls.

"A girl went over the waterfall!" Stacey shouted. Sammy caught a glimpse of the girl's dark head as the currents pushed her into the hollow beneath the rocky ledge, hiding her from the crowd above. His father walked toward the edge of the waterfall to try to locate the girl, but Sammy was the one within striking distance. "You have to get her out of there!" Stacey yelled down to him. Sammy was nervous, but "my dad just looked at me, and I understood what I had to do."

Years in the Boy Scouts had taught Sammy never to enter a dangerous situation without an exit strategy. The ten-year-old took a few seconds to consider the situation, then dived in, cutting through the churn of the waterfall. In a few seconds, he was next to the struggling girl. Panicking, she tried to climb on top of him. "I went under for a little bit, then came back up," Sammy says. "I stayed calm, but inside, my heart was beating hard".

Keeping an arm's length away from the girl, he asked her if she could swim. When she said no, Sammy carefully pulled her onto his back and swam around the edge of the waterfall toward the shore. Soon, someone threw a swim float from the bank and pulled both kids from the water. The little girl sprawled on the ground, coughing and too stunned to cry.

When Kelley returned from her kayaking trip with Ben, she saw the crowd gathered near the swimming hole, and her heart sank. Then a woman came up and told her that Sammy had saved a little girl's life. "Sammy says he couldn't do it now," says Kelley. "But I know he could because of who he is."

Now Sammy admits, "When I got in the water, I didn't really think about the consequences."

6. Sammy jumped into the swimming hole

- A** while camping near the waterfall.
- B** before kayaking with his mother.
- C** after leaving the parking lot.
- D** when hiking with his brothers.

7. When the girl fell into the water, people on the bank

- A** tried to catch her in the water.
- B** failed to see her in the waterfall.
- C** started to shout out nervously.
- D** advised Sammy how to save her.

8. When Sammy's dad told him to save the girl, Sammy

- A** panicked for a few seconds.
- B** planned his actions carefully.
- C** didn't realize the danger.
- D** didn't feel fit to help.

9. When Sammy approached the girl in the water,

- A** she nearly got him drowned.
- B** he pulled her to the shore by the arm.
- C** he gave her a swim float.
- D** she was too weak to react.

10. It is **NOT** mentioned in the text that

- A** Sammy has been going in for sport.
- B** Sammy is a youth organization member.
- C** Sammy's father cannot swim and dive.
- D** Sammy's mother didn't see the accident.

Task 3

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

Hotels

11 3-star Eynsham Hall is a gorgeous manor house in the Oxfordshire countryside, surrounded by 3,000 acres of parkland. The city of Oxford is a short drive from Eynsham Hall. Enjoy complimentary use of the gym and pool or get your exercise by wandering the vast grounds around the hall. Relax and choose from the wide selection of lunch and dinner options in the Gun Room restaurant. Elegant rooms are well equipped with TV, heating and hairdryer.

12 Surrounded by 17 acres of picturesque greenery is the 4-star Oxford Belfry Hotel. The hotel features a smart, modern interior and is home to the Roycote Restaurant, serving locally sourced produce. There is also a well-equipped gym. The Isis Bar serves a range of freshly made light meals served throughout the day including sandwiches, salads and desserts in addition to a selection of hot and cold drinks. No pets allowed at the hotel.

13 The May Fair is a 5-star hotel in the heart of Mayfair, close to the famous theatres and attractions of London's West End. The stylish, boutique interior features free Wi-Fi, a restaurant sourcing the finest ingredients, a bar, fitness centre, a full-service spa, private theatre, and casino. Each room has a mini-bar and entertainment system with a choice of music and movies on demand.

14 The 4-star Kensington Close Hotel offers comfortable and stylish accommodation within easy reach of the centre of London. The smart modern rooms come equipped with a range of features, including air conditioning, flat screen TVs and private bathrooms. All rooms at Kensington Close Hotel are different and it is not guaranteed that you will be given the exact room shown on the images. The Boulevard Restaurant is available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Food is served from 9am to 10pm.

15 Independent, award-winning and one of a kind, The Athenaeum Hotel & Residences retains its crown as London's foremost family-run five-star hotel. Following a multi-million-pound refurbishment this hotel has just begun a new era. We like to do things differently and invite guests to 'stay individual' – from arranging kite flying in Hyde Park to booking front-row seats for the latest West End show – we'll make it happen. Our central-Mayfair location makes it easy to discover London's greatest attractions.

16 Make yourself at home in the 3-star Fountain Court Apartments. Comfortable apartments are fitted with complimentary Wi-Fi access and a fully equipped kitchen with a dishwasher. The apartments are next to the Haymarket station and a short walk from Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile, so you'll be well placed to wander the city's buzzing main streets and visit some of Edinburgh's famous sites. A valid credit or debit card shall be required at check in for a security deposit along with corresponding photographic ID.

Which of the hotels _____?

A	has been converted from a royal manor
B	admits no guests with dogs or cats
C	provides facilities for swimming
D	has no rooms of identical appearance
E	boasts a restaurant of oriental cuisine
F	offers face and body treatments
G	has been given an expensive renovation
H	makes it possible to cook your own meals

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.

Introduced in the thirteenth century, eyeglasses are now indispensable accessories to about one out of every two people on the planet. But how did people (17) _____ read before the invention of glasses?

Rich Romans had educated slaves read to them, (18) _____ – enormous magnifying glasses they moved over the parchment they were reading.

A Franciscan monk named Roger Bacon devised the first eyeglasses, (19) _____ held together by a single nail. These early glasses could only help people who had difficulty seeing close objects. It wasn't until the sixteenth century (20) _____.

Since then, optical techniques have improved (21) _____. In fact, the introduction of contact lenses and, more recently, laser operations to improve eyesight leads one to wonder (22) _____. However, we'll always have sunglasses, the essential accessories of movie stars.

A	which consisted of lenses with wood frames
B	with the invention of lenses in the twentieth century
C	if eyeglasses won't soon be sent to museums
D	that opticians won't stop using durable plastic
E	who didn't have good eyesight
F	with doctors prescribing eye drops to the poor
G	that opticians were able to correct shortsightedness
H	while medieval monks used "reading stones"

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23 – 32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

The North American Bison

The North American bison is (23)_____ the national mammal of the United States, after President Obama signed the National Bison Legacy Act into law.

The law honours the historical and (24)_____ significance of the majestic animal, and the President's signature affirms the bison's recognition many groups have pushed for.

"No other indigenous species (25)_____ America's story better than this noble creature," William Lacy Clay, one of the bill's co-authors, said in a statement.

The bison will (26)_____ the bald eagle, as America's symbolic animal, in an effort to prevent it from (27)_____ extinct and to recognise the bison's ecological, cultural, historical and economic importance to the United States.

The honour represents a startling change in the fortunes of the animal, also (28)_____ more informally as the buffalo. A conservation effort, (29)_____ by the newly established Yellowstone national park, protected an initial herd of just two dozen animals, (30)_____ it to around 5,000 today.

"The buffalo has had a special (31)_____ in the lives of tribal people since time immemorial and (32)_____ important roles in our culture, religion and lifestyle," said Jim Stone, executive director of the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council.

23	A	correctly	B	properly	C	officially	D	faithfully
24	A	recent	B	contemporary	C	modern	D	new
25	A	tells	B	talks	C	speaks	D	says
26	A	link	B	join	C	add	D	connect
27	A	turning	B	becoming	C	coming	D	passing
28	A	known	B	considered	C	seen	D	thought
29	A	formed	B	made	C	caused	D	done
30	A	widening	B	gathering	C	growing	D	improving
31	A	place	B	factor	C	position	D	aspect
32	A	shown	B	taken	C	played	D	acted

Task 6

Read the texts below. For each of the empty spaces (33-42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

How Smart are Animals?

Humans aren't the only intelligent creatures on Earth. As *National Geographic* points out, research proves that animals are (33) _____ than people realise. Pigs may be the smartest domestic animals in the world. The New York Times (34) _____ on Japanese researchers who (35) _____ that domestic pigs can use mirrors to find their food, and will try to deceive (36) _____ pigs so they can "hog" more food. They also learn quickly and can do tricks ranging from jumping through hoops to (37) _____ video games with joysticks.

33	A	intelligent	B	most intelligent	C	much more intelligent	D	the most intelligent
34	A	report	B	reports	C	have been reporting	D	has been reported
35	A	have found	B	has found	C	had been found	D	were found
36	A	another	B	others	C	the others	D	other
37	A	play	B	playing	C	be playing	D	being played

Majestic Oak

More than 100 feet tall, the majestic white oak in the church cemetery in New Jersey is thought to be more than 600 years old. It is believed to be (38) _____ white oak in the country, and perhaps the world. The tree (39) _____ war and natural disasters, including Hurricane Sandy. George Washington is said (40) _____ under its branches and rested there with his troops on several occasions. Wedding parties often pose for photos by the tree. Visitors stroll through the cemetery grounds, (41) _____ by the oak's branches, which (42) _____ more than 150 feet side to side.

38	A	old	B	older	C	the eldest	D	the oldest
39	A	survive	B	has survived	C	had survived	D	survives
40	A	picnicked	B	to be picnicking	C	to have picnicked	D	was picnicking
41	A	shading	B	shaded	C	is shaded	D	has shaded
42	A	spread	B	spreads	C	is spreading	D	was spread