Task 1

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Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to 1-5. There are 3 choices you don't need to use.







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Which of the advertisements is about ... ?

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- **A** *entertainment;*
- **B** *farming;*
- **C** *sightseeing;*
- **D** *a sale;*
- **E** *buying property;*
- **F** *a quick-service restaurant;*
- **G** *a camp;*
- **H** *accommodation.*

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The Path to Wisdom



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

Who is Hryhoriy Skovoroda? The unconventional teacher? The blogger of the olden times? The mysterious philosopher? Or perhaps a fusion of all these roles? Let's read and find out!

Born in 1722, Hryhoriy emerged from a close-knit family of modest means, deeply rooted in Cossack traditions. The exact date of Skovoroda's birth was shrouded in mystery for 200 years, contributing to the mystique surrounding his life. Researchers stumbled upon a mention of his birthday celebration in one of his letters, finally unveiling the enigma that had eluded historians for years. Unlike his date of birth, Skovoroda's actual appearance remains uncertain. The available portraits lack definitive accuracy. So this mystery still persists.

Hryhoriy pursued his studies on and off for approximately 15 years, never completing a full course of study. At seven, he embarked on his educational journey in the small village of Chornukhy. At the age of twelve, Skovoroda entered the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, a beacon of learning at the time. His brilliance propelled him through language studies, delving into Greek philosophy and mastering multiple languages. Beyond formal education, his journey led him to explore the realms of music, mastering various instruments.

Skovoroda's insatiable thirst for knowledge drove him beyond the boundaries of academia. In the mid-18th century, he embarked on a European odyssey, attending lectures at foreign universities in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and even Italy, contributing as a translator, and immersing himself in diverse intellectual traditions. His linguistic proficiency enabled him to navigate diverse environments, fostering intellectual exchanges. It was during his European travels that Hryhoriy developed as a philosopher. He began a deep study of the Bible, delving into the works of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and others.

Skovoroda commenced his teaching career in 1753 at the Pereyaslav Collegium, where he taught poetics. There, he distinguished himself with his democratic approach, refraining from punishing or scolding students. He believed that coercion always repels and that learning should be "voluntary." Hryhoriy wanted students to learn to think and analyze. His approach clashed with the school officials, but his innovative methods left an indelible mark on his students. The philosopher had his own evaluation system—rather than assigning grades, he provided a brief characterization. He assessed his students uniquely, using descriptors like "sharp" for the brightest, "clever" for the proficient, and "dull" for those finding it challenging. His evaluation system went beyond academic achievements; it aimed to capture the essence of each student's engagement with the material.

Skovoroda was a talented educator, capable of instilling a love for learning even in a small and unruly student like Vasyl, the son of landowner Stepan Tomara, for whom Hryhoriy served as a private tutor. Hryhoriy taught the boy literacy, singing, and arithmetic. His main task was to reveal the inner world of the child and understand him. He believed that education is a "kinship" (natural inclination), and one should not torment it against one's will. While demanding excellence from his students to stimulate self-improvement, he also deeply connected with them. His students, Mykhailo Kovalinsky and the aforementioned Vasyl Tomara, both more than 25 years younger than him, remained Skovoroda's best friends throughout his life. Thanks to his innovative teaching approaches, many of Hryhoriy's students achieved success. English__on_the_go

Skovoroda was also like an influencer and blogger of his time. In an era devoid of modern technology, he attracted readers who sought him out personally. They transcribed his manuscripts, quoted his teachings, and actively promoted his works. Even the renowned Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko marked and copied Skovoroda's words. Choosing the life of a wandering philosopher in 1769, Hryhoriy traversed Slobozhanshchyna, engaging with both the intelligentsia and common folk. He was warmly welcomed in the homes of ordinary people. During such visits, he liked being outdoors, near beehives, or by a spring. He only slept for four hours, waking up early with the sunrise. Skovoroda dressed in a simple yet stylish way and followed a vegetarian diet. His healthy habits and constant travels helped him live to the age of 72. Hryhoriy spent winters mainly in monasteries, although he himself refused monasticism and a conventional career, believing it would take away his freedom.

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Throughout this time, he had no personal home and did not start a family. In his self-imposed limitations, the philosopher felt free from unnecessary possessions. But despite his nomadic existence, Skovoroda had a penchant for refined living. Friends sent him rare glasses, expensive musical instruments, and Parmesan cheese from Europe. His pouch always held elite tobacco pipes and a bottle of good wine, showcasing his appreciation for life's luxuries. Also, Skovoroda's encounter with catherine II, the empress of russia, added a dramatic chapter to his life. When she wished to meet him, he obliged but refused to bow. His response, "I did not wish to see you; you yourself wanted to see me. How will you examine me if I bend double in front of you?" highlighted his uncompromising spirit, earning him both admiration and defiance.

Skovoroda's life was punctuated by mysterious premonitions. He described a mystical event that occurred to him in Kyiv. While in the city, he sensed a terrible smell, felt an inexplicable anxiety, and decided to leave Kyiv. On the way, he received news that a plague had struck the city, causing many deaths. Hryhoriy understood that God had protected him, and apparently, saved him for a reason. There are many legends associated with Skovoroda's last days. Some write that the wise man dug his own grave and lined it with oak leaves, while others add mystical conversations held by the philosopher before his death. But ultimately, all legends converge on the point that he felt his strength leaving him, so he compiled a register of his works, marking the most important ones with 3-4 stars. In the evening, leaving the company gathered in Pan-Ivanivka, he went to a hill with a shovel to dig his grave. In the morning, when the estate owner came to call him, everyone saw that Skovoroda was already resting in eternal sleep. On his tombstone, as Skovoroda instructed, the inscription reads: "The world tried to catch me but did not succeed."

Skovoroda's teachings consistently emphasized freedom and individuality. Symbolically, he is depicted on the Ukrainian 500 hryvnia bill alongside a fountain, representing the infinite flow of knowledge, creativity, and life. Today, his works continue to resonate, serving as a timeless source of wisdom and a testament to the intellectual richness of Ukrainian thought. English__on_the_go

6. What is not true according to the first paragraph?

a) *Hryhoriy Skovoroda was born into a rich family.*
b) *It took historians 2 centuries to discover his date of birth.*
c) *The exact image of Skovoroda is unclear.*
d) *Skovoroda was linked to Cossack heritage.*

7. How old was Skovoroda when he first started his studies?

a) *15.*
b) *7.*
c) *12.*
d) *18.*

8. What simplified travelling across Europe for Skovoroda?

a) *His preference for luxury accommodations.*
b) *His reliance on advanced transportation.*
c) *His avoidance of intellectual exchanges.*
d) *His fluency in multiple languages.*

9. According to the text, Skovoroda abstained from...

a) *Meat.*
b) *Dairy.*
c) *Alcohol.*
d) *Smoking.* English__on_the_go

10. How did Skovoroda sense an impending disaster in Kyiv?

a) *A nightmare haunted him.*
b) *He heard a terrifying sound.*
c) *A puzzling sense of unease overcame him.*
d) *He experiences a terrifying vision.*

Explore the works of Hryhoriy Skovoroda to uncover his aphorisms. Select 3 that resonate with you the most, and provide a brief explanation for each.



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Task 3

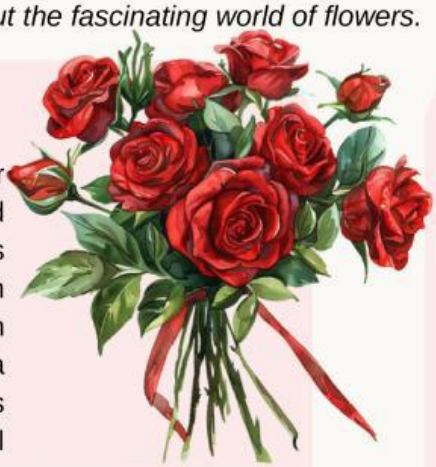
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In Full Bloom

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

Read on and learn about the fascinating world of flowers.

11__ Rose



The rose, renowned for its timeless beauty and rich symbolism, stands as an enduring emblem of love and passion. With over 100 species and a multitude of hybrids, this flower transcends cultural boundaries. A testament to its versatility, roses play a prominent role in various aspects of human expression, from romantic gestures to solemn remembrances. While roses are widely associated with love and romance, they are also edible. Rose petals can be used in salads, desserts, and even to make rose-infused beverages, adding a unique floral touch to culinary experiences.

12__ Tulip



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The tulip, a symbol of perfect love, graces gardens and floral arrangements with its elegant, cup-shaped blossoms. Originating from Central Asia, these enchanting flowers became a cultural sensation in 17th-century Holland, sparking "Tulip Mania" as their bulbs reached exorbitant values. Today, tulips continue to captivate admirers with their vibrant colors and simple yet striking form. During Tulip Mania, tulip bulbs were not only traded at exorbitant prices but were also used as a form of currency. Some historical records mention tulip bulbs being exchanged for goods and services.

13__ Orchid



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The orchid, a symbol of beauty and strength, graces the world with its diverse and captivating presence. With over 25,000 species, orchids constitute one of the largest plant families, showcasing an array of colors, shapes, and fragrances. Orchids are revered not only for their aesthetic allure but also for their endurance, embodying the strength and grace found in the natural world. They have a fascinating method of attracting pollinators, such as beetles. Some orchids mimic the appearance and scent of female pollinators to entice male ones. This deceptive strategy ensures the orchid's pollen is transferred to another flower, facilitating reproduction.

14__ Peony



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The peony, famous for its opulent blooms and lush fragrance, stands as a symbol of prosperity, good fortune, and a blissful marriage. With its voluminous, layered petals in shades ranging from soft pastels to bold hues, the peony captivates the beholder with its undeniable elegance. Known for its longevity, some peonies can thrive for over a century. In addition to their ornamental use, peonies have been used in traditional medicine for centuries. The root of certain peony species has been employed in traditional Chinese medicine for its health benefits. Known for their anti-inflammatory and calming effects, peony extracts have been incorporated into remedies for conditions such as pain, inflammation, and even emotional well-being.

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15__ Daffodil



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The daffodil, with its cheerful yellow trumpets, is a harbinger of spring and a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings. As one of the first flowers to bloom after winter's chill, daffodils bring a burst of sunshine to gardens and landscapes. Their vibrant hues and distinctive shape evoke a sense of hope and optimism. The daffodil holds a special place as the national flower of Wales, further accentuating its cultural significance and its role in heralding the arrival of warmer, brighter days. Daffodils are not just beautiful; they also have a toxic component. All parts of the daffodil contain a substance called lycorine, which can be harmful if ingested. So, despite their charming appearance, caution is needed when handling daffodils.

16__ Lotus



The lotus, an iconic symbol in various cultures, emerges from the murky depths to symbolize purity, enlightenment, and rebirth. Its delicate petals float gracefully on serene waters, transcending the muddiness beneath. In Eastern religions, the lotus is a sacred symbol, representing spiritual awakening and the journey towards enlightenment. Beyond its sacred symbolism, it remains a modern icon, influencing contemporary art, design, and landscaping. Architects incorporate lotus motifs in structures, and artists draw inspiration from its form. The lotus has a remarkable ability to regulate its temperature. The flower can raise its internal temperature to attract pollinators by up to 15 degrees Celsius above the ambient temperature, creating a cozy environment for its visitors.

Which flower:

A *may lead to adverse effects if it is swallowed?*

B *used to hold economic significance?*

C *has found its way into various treatments?*

D *is widely used as a building material in architecture?*

E *can be eaten and added to dishes and drinks?*

F *begins its growth a hundred year after being planted?*

G *can trick insects by imitating certain smells and looks?*

H *possesses the unique ability to generate its own heat?*

YOUR TURN

Investigate and compile an interesting facts list about hydrangeas, sunflowers or carnations.





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Sunny-Side Up: Flipping Triggers to Glimmers



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.

Emotions are like the weather – sometimes stormy, sometimes sunny. Understanding two key aspects, triggers and glimmers, can help us navigate this emotional landscape effectively.

Triggers are moments that set off strong emotional reactions, (17) _____ or critical experiences. Picture yourself wrestling with a daunting Math problem, feeling the frustration and anxiety it ignites within you. Similarly, the demands of the workplace or the complexities of personal relationships can serve as triggers, evoking emotional reactions in response to critiques or conflicts. (18) _____, these triggers possess the capacity to erupt suddenly, unleashing a torrent of emotions that can be challenging to manage.

On the other hand, we have glimmers – those moments (19) _____. Whether it's acing a hard-studied test, sharing laughter with friends, enjoying a freshly done manicure, or (20) _____ in a bustling city street, these atmospheric experiences become glimmers. They act as positive cues, shielding us from life's storms and adding a positive touch to our day. Everyday occurrences, such as a heartfelt compliment, a warm cup of tea, or the soothing sound of rain, can also be sources of joy. Actively seeking out these moments in the ordinary aspects of life amplifies their impact. English__on_the_go

Identifying your own triggers and glimmers is akin to having a toolkit for your emotions. When a trigger emerges, (21) _____, 'How can I navigate this storm?' Delve deeper with questions like, 'Why does this bother me?' and 'What can I learn from this?' Talking to a friend, practising mindfulness, or indulging in something enjoyable might be part of your solution. Triggers can be valuable pointers, indicating areas for improvement or prompting self-reflection. Transforming triggers into opportunities for personal development (22) _____, like learning from criticism or finding healthier ways to cope with stress.

Emotions can be a rollercoaster. Understanding triggers and embracing glimmers empowers you to take control of the ride.

A *when we feel absolutely terrible and helpless;*

B *often deeply rooted in our past failures;*

C *involves taking constructive actions;*

D *hearing a favorite song played by a busker;*

E *that make you feel on top of the world;*

F *just like dormant volcanoes lying in wait;*

G *don't ever overthink or wonder;*

H *take a deep breath and ask yourself.*

YOUR TURN

Reflect on a specific trigger or glimmer in your life. Describe the situation, your emotional response, and how you navigated through it or embraced the positive moment. Be honest and introspective.

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Beyond the Sparkle



Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

(23) _____ in 1895 by the visionary Daniel Swarovski, the Austrian company Swarovski has become synonymous with precision-cut crystals, captivating admirers with their distinctive sparkle and brilliance. While these crystals are highly coveted in the realm of jewelry, what surprises many is their diverse range of (24) _____. Beyond adorning necklaces and earrings, Swarovski crystals find themselves gracing chandeliers, sculptures, and an array of design elements, illustrating their versatility and impact (25) _____ various artistic domains.

Perhaps the most intriguing facet of Swarovski's story lies in its unexpected foray into environmental responsibility. (26) _____ its luxury association, the company has taken bold steps towards sustainability. Initiatives (27)_____ at reducing environmental impact are now integral to Swarovski's ethos, showcasing a commitment to responsible business practices. This unanticipated dedication to sustainability adds a compelling layer to Swarovski's narrative, revealing a conscious effort to balance opulence with environmental conscientiousness.

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23	A	Found	B	Established	C	Invented	D	Discovered
24	A	applications	B	variations	C	adaptations	D	solutions
25	A	for	B	at	C	of	D	on
26	A	In spite	B	Although	C	Even though	D	Despite
27	A	focused	B	designed	C	oriented	D	aimed

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YOUR TURN

Choose one task and complete it:

*a) **Examine** some of Swarovski's most iconic and beloved jewelry pieces throughout its history. Explore the stories behind these pieces.*

*b) **Explore** Swarovski's limited edition or exclusive releases in their jewelry line. Identify and discuss the significance of these releases, whether tied to special occasions, collaborations, or unique design concepts.*

*c) **Investigate** Swarovski's approach to customization in jewelry. Evaluate how this aligns with the brand's commitment to individual expression.*

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No Likes, All Love

Read the text below, choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D)

Teenagers today face an array of challenges, and the pressure to conform to online trends is one of them. In the small town of Millington, where everyone seems to know everyone else's business, the struggle for genuine connections (28) _____.

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Maria, known for her impeccable fashion sense, was (29) _____ tired of the constant comparison on social media that she decided to take a break. Neither her best friend, Luca, nor her classmates understood her decision. The Instagram followers dwindled, and, unfortunately, there was (30) _____ support from those who once praised her style. As Maria gradually (31) _____ the quieter online presence, she discovered a few close friends who valued her beyond the superficial likes and comments. The lesson (32) _____. A little break from the digital world can lead to deep, meaningful connections.

28	A intensifies	B intensify	C intensifying	D have intensified
29	A as	B so	C such	D more
30	A few	B a few	C little	D a little
31	A got used to	B used to	C was used to	D would
32	A was learning	B learned	C was learned	D has learned

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Write a dialogue between Maria and Luca where Maria attempts to explain her decision to take a break from social media. Highlight the struggle Maria faces in conveying her feelings, and Luca's initial difficulty in understanding.



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