### Reading

**Task 1**

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   - **F** go on an interesting tour of a royal park
   - **G** entertain yourself not far from the British capital
   - **H** get to know how sweets are produced

   *A family theme park 35 minutes from London, with 9 themed lands, Zoo and SEA LIFE centre.*

   From the wild Vampire Ride in Transylvania to the awesome Rameses Revenge in the Forbidden Kingdom, there’s something for all ages!

   www.chessington.com

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   *Packed with fun and full of surprises there are hands-on activities, adventure rides and more LEGO tricks than your children ever dreamed of!*

   Windsor is an inspirational attraction perfect for children between 3 – 12 years old.

   www.legolandhollidays.co.uk
3. The following advertisement informs us of an offer to .

An absolute treat for chocolate lovers!

Learn about the history of chocolate and see the production of hand made chocolates.

The children’s Fantasy Factory is a journey through the magical world of chocolate and a delight for children of all ages.

www.cadburyworld.co.nz

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4. The following advertisement informs us of an offer to .

Britain’s No 1 theme park

With more mega thrills than ever, set in 20 acres of stunning parkland!

So whether you’re after white knuckles on Nemesis or the Energiser, or pleasant green acres, there’s something for everyone!

www.altontowers.com

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The past comes to life, through the use of spectacular displays, live demonstrations, unique collections, jousting and thousands of exciting and breathtaking exhibits.

www.royalarmouries.com

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Task 2

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

Going Green!
By Julie Cameron

When I told my mother I was going to be a vegetarian she didn’t try to discourage me, she simply said, “Fine, but I’m not making two dinners”. She thought it was a phase, something that I would grow out of. After all, who can live their entire life without eating a hamburger, or the traditional turkey at Thanksgiving? Turns out, lots of people can.

Much to my mother’s dismay, I turned out to be one of thousands of vegetarians in Canada who were under voting age. Some people thought I did it to be cool, some people (like my mother) thought I did it for shock value. But I was always asked the one-word question: WHY?

Lots of reasons. I was never a big steak fan, loved animals, and when I was little I had a friend who lived on a dairy farm. If you have ever named a cow, you will understand how difficult it is to sit down to a hamburger. But there was, of course, one fateful encounter that pushed me to my dinner of destiny.

My mother had a friend named Jen. Jen had long brown hair down to her calves. I’m not exaggerating, it was down to her calves. She insisted we go to a natural food store in our town so she could get organic vegetables and soymilk. I had never even known what soy was, or that there was a difference between vegetables from the grocery store and vegetables from a natural food store. And I was amazed. Not only did she have hair down to her calves, but she also knew about foods I had never
even heard of. My decision was made.
I feel very fortunate to be a vegetarian in an age where there are so many meat alternatives. My friends and family appreciate that I don’t try to force my food choices on them.
If you are thinking about becoming a vegetarian, it’s important to do a little research first and make sure you maintain a healthy diet. I have met so many junk-food vegetarians (a self-proclaimed vegetarian who doesn’t eat meat, but doesn’t eat anything healthy or remotely close to a vegetable), that I’m not surprised most people think eating vegetarian isn’t healthy.

6. According to paragraph 1, how did Julie’s mother react to her daughter’s decision to become a vegetarian?
- A She tried to talk Julie out of doing it.
- B She refused to cook separately for Julie.
- C She expressed anger about Julie’s decision.
- D She reminded Julie how tasty hamburgers were.

7. What finally persuaded Julie to try vegetarianism?
- A Her love for animals and nature
- B Her visits to a dairy farm
- C Her discovery of organic foods
- D Her research on healthy diets

8. According to the text, which of the following is the most essential to be a vegetarian?
- A to grow your own vegetables
- B to know much about healthy dieting
- C to consume food supplements
- D to buy food in a Natural Food Store

9. According to the text, all of the following statements about vegetarians are true EXCEPT .
- A Vegetarians can find a lot of substitutes for meat today
- B Some vegetarians have unhealthy eating habits
- C Vegetarians consume soymilk to have healthy hair
- D A lot of people become vegetarians in their teens

10. It is stated in the text that Julie
- A accepts other people’s eating habits
- B criticizes her family for eating junk-food
- C encourages her friends to be vegetarian
D takes an active part in nutrition studies

Task 3
Read the texts below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—16). There are two choices you do not need to use.

11. Which of the places?

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- C offers the chance to relax and win
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**COBBLER’S CORNER**
*While You Wait*

- Complete Shoe & Western Boot Repairs
- Shoe Dyeing
- Orthopedic Work & Specially Designed Insoles

*Monday to Thursday 8 am to 4:30 pm*
*Pets Allowed*

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**BOSTON LAUNDRY Inc.**
Laundry & Dry Cleaning

Pick-Up & Delivery
*Leather *Suede
*Beauty Salons *Yoga *Massage
*Physical Therapy *Lottery Tickets

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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.

**Discovered: Oldest Writing in the New World**

Anthropologists study people (17). Items those men, women, and children left behind when they died — (18) — tell anthropologists a lot. And sometimes even their words survive. Experts believe that a discovery in Mexico, near the capital city of ancient people called the Olmec, is the oldest example of writing that has ever been found in the Americas. The people who created it probably lived 3,000 years ago, (19). Stephen Houston, (20), says the discovery is extremely exciting. “It makes clear that the Olmec were literate, (21). It’s like hearing voices from the past,” he says. But experts don’t know exactly what the writing says. If you have ever tried to figure out a message written in code, you have a pretty good idea of the hard work ahead. Finding other examples of Olmec writing could help crack the code. “We could have whole sets of ancient writing (22),” says Houston. “There are many puzzles to be solved, and this is just one of them.”
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Task 5

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

Is There Such a Thing as Internet Addiction?

Ben Alexander always struggled to (23) in. Teased at school, he (24) to the internet, where he found a (25) new world of friends. Subscribing (26) the hugely popular online game World of Warcraft, he (27) 12 million other people — including the actor Vin Diesel, the presenter Jonathan Ross and his wife Jane Goldman — in a quest reminiscent of Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings.

In the game, players create avatars in whose guise they spend hours with other players (28) battles. “There’s lots of working together,” says Alexander. “That’s what made it so attractive, because the social thing was something I always had trouble with. It was a lot easier to socialize and make friends online than it was in real life.”

The 19-year-old’s interest in the game soon developed into an obsession. He began (29) his biology lectures at university and spending up to 17 hours a day online. Eventually he had depression diagnosed and was (30) medication. He was also treated (31) internet addiction.

Alexander admits that he needed help: “I don’t think I would have been able to (32)
out of it myself.”


|  A  | match |
|  B  | suit  |
|  C  | fit   |
|  D  | adjust |

24. Teased at school, he **(24)** to the internet, ...

|  A  | watched |
|  B  | faced   |
|  C  | addressed |
|  D  | turned  |

25. ... to the internet, where he found a **(25)** new world of friends.

|  A  | full |
|  B  | specific |
|  C  | definite |
|  D  | whole |

26. Subscribing **(26)** the hugely popular online game *World of Warcraft*, ...

|  A  | on |
|  B  | to |
|  C  | at |
|  D  | in |

27. ... he **(27)** 12 million other people — including the actor Vin Diesel, the presenter Jonathan Ross and his wife Jane Goldman...

|  A  | involved |
|  B  | introduced |
|  C  | joined |
|  D  | connected |

28. In the game, players create avatars in whose guise they spend hours with other players **(28)** battles.

|  A  | fighting |
|  B  |         |
|  C  |         |
|  D  |         |
B. setting
C. running
D. arranging

29. He began (29) _________ his biology lectures at university and spending up to 17 hours a day online.
- A. delaying
- B. missing
- C. wasting
- D. losing

30. Eventually he had depression diagnosed and was (30) _________ medication.
- A. cut on
- B. taken in
- C. put on
- D. kept from

31. He was also treated (31) _________ internet addiction.
- A. of
- B. from
- C. against
- D. for

32. Alexander admits that he needed help: “I don’t think I would have been able to (32) _________ out of it myself.”
- A. get
- B. run
- C. go
- D. fall

Task 6
Read the texts below. For questions (33—37) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Charles Dickens
Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812 and died in London in 1870. He is buried in Poets’ Corner in Westminster Abbey. Dickens spent (33) his life in London and often used to walk (34) ten and twenty miles all over the city when he
was (35) to sleep and was thinking about the plot of a new novel. While (36), he used to observe the sights, sounds and smells of London in order to write about them.

Because of the Industrial Revolution Britain, and especially London (37) very quickly.

33. Dickens spent (33) _________ his life in London...
   - A most of
   - B more of
   - C most
   - D the most of

34. ... and often used to walk (34) _________ ten and twenty miles all over the city...
   - A among
   - B for
   - C between
   - D through

35. ... when he was (35) _________ to sleep and was thinking about the plot of a new novel.
   - A unable
   - B enabled
   - C enabling
   - D disable

36. While (36)_______, he used to observe the sights, sounds and smells of London in order to write about them.
   - A walked
   - B walking
   - C walk
   - D was walking

37. Because of the Industrial Revolution Britain, and especially London (37)_______ very quickly.
   - A grown
   - B growing
   - C was grown
   - D grew
Why are Levi Denims Called “Jeans”?

In (38), when Levi Strauss ran out of tent canvas for the pants he (39) to California gold miners, he imported a tough material from Nomes in France called *serge de Nomes*. (40), *de Nomes* became “denim”. The word “jeans” is from the French word for *Genoa*. (41) the tough cloth was invented. Jeans became popular with teenagers after James Dean (42) them in the movie *Rebel without a Cause*.

38. In (38)__________, when Levi Strauss ran out of tent canvas for the pants...
   A 1850s  
   B the 1850s  
   C 1850th  
   D The 1850th

39. ... he (39)__________ to California gold miners, he imported a tough material from Nomes in France called *serge de Nomes*.
   A has sold  
   B was selling  
   C was sold  
   D has been selling

40. (40)__________, *de Nomes* became “denim”.
   A Americanizing  
   B Having Americanized  
   C Americanized  
   D To be Americanized

41. (41)__________ the tough cloth was invented.
   A while  
   B where  
   C when  
   D whereas

42. Jeans became popular with teenagers after James Dean (42)__________ them in the movie *Rebel without a Cause*.
   A wore  
   B worn  
   C wears  
   D has worn
43. **Writing**

You have received a letter from your pen-friend in which he/she writes that he/she has been playing basketball for years. Now he/she has decided to start judo. Write him/her a letter in which you explain:

- whether you support his/her decision to take up one more kind of sport and why
- what kinds of sport are popular with your friends
- whether you do any sports or watch sports competitions on TV