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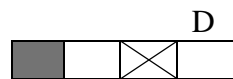


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Reading

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

These are extracts from the race diary of Ellen MacArthur, the youngest person to sail single-handed around the world.

Day 30 1 _____

I awoke with a start from a short nap. I looked out of the window in the cabin and there it was - an iceberg right by the boat. Within seconds I was on deck, and the yacht and I passed within 15-20 metres of the berg, actually sailing through the white water next to it. All I could think of was what would have happened if I had hit it. The radar was alarmed, but as is sometimes the case, the berg was invisible to radar, even when I was right next to it.

Day 53 2 _____

I feel quite low now... this is the hardest part for me-putting us in the right place. The worry, the constant fretting, the hours spent staring at a computer screen analysing and reanalysing till you are blue in the face. I guess this is what I lack - the experience of making this kind of decision and standing by it.

Day 66 3 _____

I feel overwhelmed. The stress and difficulties of the last few days are melting away and I feel emotional as I approach Cape Horn. The second time for my boat *Kingfisher* and me together. It's a great symbol for the two of us personally, as the very first time I was ever alone on her was just a few miles from this famous rock.

Day 80 4 _____

I've been hand steering all night, the wind indicator wasn't working properly ... I've been preparing mentally for *another* climb. I'm tired, but now it's light I have to go and sort it out ... [Later] I'm totally exhausted, my leg is black from the bruises. Once I got to the top a rainstorm came over. The wind was all over the place. I just want to cry.

Day 94 5 _____

The wind has switched more south-west so I'm sailing at a good speed. I look at the repair of the sail and pray - I'm surprised that it has lasted this long. I had the weirdest dream last night: we were all doing the race on bicycles!

Don't ask me what I'm doing after this race ...

Ellen eventually finished the 2000 Vendee Globe race in second place.

- A** A significant landmark
- B** A lapse of concentration
- C** A lucky escape
- D** A strange vision
- E** An unscheduled stop
- F** A question of practice
- G** A nightmare ascent
- H** A brilliant idea

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.

A young Harpist's Career

Serafina Steer, known as Sefa, is a student with a talent for earning lots of money. She is studying the harp and is in demand to play at weddings and other functions. This summer she performed in a Radio 3 broadcast and won a harp fellowship for Dartington summer school: 'It was fabulous – and I much prefer it to waitressing.'

5 The problem is that playing the harp drains her energy and she is not particularly happy working at the same thing she does in college. 'If you play background music at a do for three hours, the last thing you want to do is go and practice for three hours afterwards,' says Sefa. So, although playing the harp pays good money, she is likely to be earning less than her full potential while she remains a student.

10 Sefa's second year at Trinity College of Music is going to be more expensive than her first. 'Last term I lived in a hostel, which was really cheap and in fact I could pay all the rent at the beginning of the term. But now I'm going to be in a house so my expenditure is obviously going to go up, and I'll have to find the rent each month.' She also wants to buy a car. 'It is impossible to do gigs without taking taxis, and that eats up the profits. I would like to save for
15 a car. I need a rather large one to take the harp!'

Harpes are expensive items. At music school in Manchester she borrowed the school's harp, but in the sixth form realized that she needed her own. So her mother, Clancy, set about fundraising. Sefa recorded and sold a demo CD which, with money from a couple of trusts and help from a family friend, made up the £10,000 she needed. But that was just the start. 'Then
20 you need insurance, trolleys and harp covers. I recently had the harp serviced, too. That cost a fortune.' Clancy is worried about her youngest child. 'Sefa will be studying for four years and, unless some miracle occurs for either her or us, will be embarking on a freelance career with a student loan debt of something in the region of £20,000, a thought which fills me with horror. 'She is unable to help more: 'We are both freelance. My husband is a composer and I am a
25 stage designer with my best earning years behind me.'

Sefa's studying may continue for some time longer. 'After this, I hope to do a postgraduate course and stay in education as long as possible because I'm not sure how you make living out of playing harp. You can make good money just doing functions and weddings, but it is a mind-numbing and I would prefer not to do it!'

- 6** The phrase ‘in demand’ in line 2 demonstrates Sefa’s
- A** busy schedule
 - B** popularity
 - C** control over her career
 - D** experience
- 7** Sefa is unlikely to earn as much as she could while she’s a student because she
- A** has to spend most of the day practicing
 - B** has to pay to use her harp
 - C** wants to concentrate on her studies
 - D** isn’t committed to working hard
- 8** Why will her second year at college be more expensive than the first one?
- A** because she will have to pay more taxis
 - B** because she will have to pay rent more frequently
 - C** because she has to buy a bigger car
 - D** because her accommodation will cost more
- 9** What does Clancy say about her own career?
- A** She lost income when she became freelance
 - B** She used to earn more than she does now.
 - C** She used to earn more than her husband.
 - D** She hasn’t had a good income for a very long time
- 10** Sefa would prefer not to just play at ‘functions and weddings’ (line 28) because she
- A** wants to stay in full-time education
 - B** does not find them satisfying
 - C** is not certain they will make her enough money
 - D** wants a job which does not involve playing the harp.

Task 3

Read the texts below. Match choices (A – H) to (11 – 16). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

11 Special effects manager

Want to crash a car or destroy a spaceship? People who work on special effects design, make and operate the special effects equipment required for a production. You have to be able to use computers, be creative and have a good imagination.

12 Camera operator

Think you can get the perfect shot? Camera operators set up, position and operate camera equipment. You might also have responsibility for interpreting the director's intentions. Tasks will vary considerably depending on whether they are working on film or television.

13 Journalist

Journalists work across a range of factual, news and current affairs programmes for radio, television and the print media reporting on local, national and international stories. They may be expected to contribute ideas and write scripts, direct news items on location and in the studio.

14 Presenter

Presenters introduce, present and host productions for radio or television. Good organisational skills, a good memory and a good sense of timing are essential here. You've got also to look right and sound right. A good presenter makes the viewers feel that he or she is talking directly to them.

15 Scriptwriter

Their tasks may include choosing themes for written work and conducting research into the subject. Good knowledge of story structure is important, along with the ability to produce fresh and original ideas. The pressure can be intense, so you have to be able to work to deadlines.

16 Director

See yourself as a leader? The director takes overall responsibility for the creative, visual and audio effects of a production. You have to keep calm and think straight under pressure. You also have to make important decisions all the time.

Which job would you recommend for someone who:

A is good at coming up with new stories?

B is interested in how action films are made?

C doesn't mind working in different places?

D can quickly decide what to do?

E is good at understanding instructions?

F can communicate well with people?

G is interested in modern software?

H has a qualification in a scientific subject?

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. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Mystery of the Sphinx

One of the world's most studied ancient monuments is the Sphinx. This extraordinary monument consists solely of the head of a man and the body of a crouching lion, a combination (17) _____ strength and wisdom. Over the years, the face has sustained damage. The smile, (18) _____ as mysterious, is in fact the result of erosion rather than design. At one time, there was a serpent on its forehead and a royal beard, a fragment (19) _____ in a museum.



But who built this monument (20) _____ guarding significant places, is not part of a pair but stands alone? Most Egyptologists agree that it was built by Pharaoh Khafre 5,000 years ago. However, some recent commentators have speculated that it belonged to a much older civilisation, which disappeared in a legendary flood (21) _____ everything in the world over 7,000 years ago. They have tried to demonstrate that the weathering of the Sphinx was caused by water rather than wind and sand, and one has even suggested (22) _____ on a more ancient site about 12,500 years ago. Whatever its origins, there is no doubt that to the Egyptians, the Sphinx represents the very essence of their country's magnificent culture.

A of which exists

B which some people describe

C that was clearly known

D that is supposed to have destroyed

E which suggests

F that it fits in

G that it might have been built

H which, unlike most of the others

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Use of English

Task 5

Read the text below. Fill in the gaps (23 – 32) with the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

**How to survive away from home?
Advice for first-year college students.**

- Choose your accommodation carefully. If you like peace and quiet, look for a place away from the (23) _____ streets of the city centre.
- Think twice before deciding who to (24) _____ your place with. You probably don't want to end (25) _____ quarreling with your roommate because he or she doesn't help with the household chores.
- Learn how to manage your finances early on. It's simple – be (26) _____ with your money and don't (27) _____ it on unnecessary things. Always try to (28) _____ by on what you have and never be (29) _____ to borrow money from a loan company. The interest rate is usually very high.
- If you decide to (30) _____ work and studies – don't expect too much. Be (31) _____ and remember that these are your college years and you are here not to make a financial (32) _____ but to study and have some fun!

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| 23 | A abundant | B loudly | C busy | D occupied |
| 24 | A divide | B deal | C exchange | D share |
| 25 | A up | B on | C with | D for |
| 26 | A confident | B watchful | C careful | D saving |
| 27 | A bet | B blow | C pay | D donate |
| 28 | A take | B pass | C go | D get |
| 29 | A risked | B tempted | C wanted | D persuaded |
| 30 | A join | B add | C combine | D unite |
| 31 | A sure | B realistic | C understanding | D faithful |
| 32 | A wealth | B profit | C money | D income |

Task 6

Read the texts below. For questions (33 – 42) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The conquest of food in Britain

The ethnic minorities are taking over British food. And (33) _____ a good thing, since no one would say the British have ever been famous for their cooking. They are actually famous for not (34) _____ able to cook at all.

After hundreds of years of trying to create a (35) _____ cuisine which could impress the world, the British have never really got much (36) _____ than breakfast. In fact, other Europeans have always said that in order to eat well in Britain one has to eat an English breakfast three times a day. But times are changing. Nowadays, if you turn up for a meal in a British family home, you are more likely (37) _____ Indian curry or a Chinese stir fry than roast beef with Yorkshire pudding.

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| 33 | A it's | B its | C its' | D it |
| 34 | A to be | B be | C being | D having been |
| 35 | A nation | B national | C nationally | D nationality |
| 36 | A far | B further | C farther | D far from |
| 37 | A to give | B be giving | C give | D to be given |

Health smart

The cold and flu season is back again, so it's time to (38) _____ up on prevention and treatment. The cold months are associated (39) _____ low humidity, and the dry air makes the nasal cavity more susceptible to bugs. Consequently, cases of colds and flu surge between the beginning of autumn and spring (the average adult (40) _____ two to four respiratory infections a year; children even more).

Because the season is upon us, it is a good idea (41) _____ a few cold and flu tactics. For example, when someone with a cold sneezes, coughs or snuffles, keep your distance. Hugging, kissing and shaking hands are sure ways (42) _____ a cold.

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| 38 | A bring | B brush | C get | D take |
| 39 | A for | B on | C to | D with |
| 40 | A gets | B is getting | C has got | D got |
| 41 | A to revise | B revision | C revising | D being revised |
| 42 | A having caught | B catching | C to catch | D of caught |

