

При выполнении заданий с кратким ответом впишите в поле для ответа цифру, которая соответствует номеру правильного ответа, или число, слово, последовательность букв (слов) или цифр. Ответ следует записывать без пробелов и каких-либо дополнительных символов. Так как на экзамене распознавание апострофа в бланках ответов будет затруднено, записывайте ответ в полной форме, например: donotknow, вместо don'tknow.

В заданиях, где нужно установить соответствие между двумя столбцами, ответ запишите в виде сочетания букв и цифр, соблюдая алфавитную последовательность букв левого столбца. Некоторые данные правого столбца могут использоваться несколько раз или не использоваться вообще. Например: A1B1B4Г2.

Если вариант задан учителем, вы можете вписать или загрузить в систему ответы к заданиям с развернутым ответом. Учитель увидит результаты выполнения заданий с кратким ответом и сможет оценить загруженные ответы к заданиям с развернутым ответом. Выставленные учителем баллы отобразятся в вашей статистике.

I had heard about wilderness survival camps from some classmates who went to one last summer. They were very excited about their experience and I was very curious. So during last month's term break I decided to go to one. After everything I (1) ... I was really looking forward to it. On the first day our instructor reassured us that the woodland (2) ... us with almost everything we needed. We (3) ... how to find water, how to light a fire and how to build shelter with only branches and leaves. The water was easy to find, but the food was not. To my horror, I discovered that we had to find our own. This meant hunting. We (4) ... out in groups and managed to find some berries and mushrooms. One of the boys in the group was able to light a fire and we proceeded to prepare a meal. However, as we (5) ... the mushrooms, they (6) ... fire. I was able to save most of them, but they tasted strange! I realised by the second day in the camp that it is not easy to live without the things we (7) ... accustomed to in our everyday lives.

1. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (1).

- 1) was heard      2) would be heard      3) had heard      4) was hearing

Jane (1) ... to be a nurse ever since she was a child but her father had told her that nursing was not a suitable profession for her to follow. She decided to talk to her friend, Anne, about what she should do. Jane and Anne (2) ... friends for a long time and lived in the same street. When Jane arrived at Anne's house, Anne (3) ... in the garden reading. Jane explained the situation to her. As she finished speaking, Anne's mother came out of the house and shouted to the girls to come over. "Sorry Jane, but I'm afraid, your father had an accident this morning at work and is in hospital. I (4) ... you over there now." When they arrived at the hospital Jane (5) ... to see her father sitting up in bed and smiling broadly.

'Father, I was so worried, I thought something dreadful (6) ... ' 'Oh, there's no need to worry. I (7) ... my arm but the nurses here (8) ... such good care of me, they've been wonderful. And Jane, I've been thinking.' Jane smiled at her friend, and knew that everything was going to be all right.

2. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (2).

- 1) have been      2) had been      3) are      4) were

Three years ago a bolt of lightning almost (1) ... Lyn Miller's house with her two children inside. "There was a huge rainstorm," she says, recalling the terrifying experience. "My brother and I were outside desperately working to stop floodwater from coming in the house. Suddenly I (2) ... to the ground by an enormous bang. When I (3) ... myself up, the roof and the entire upper storey of the house (4) ... . The door (5) ... by rubble (бульжник), but we forced our way in and found the children, thankfully unharmed. Later I was told that to be struck by lightning is a chance in a million." In fact, it is calculated at one chance in 600,000. And if you (6) ... lightning, you'll be glad to know that a company in America (7) ... a hand-held lightning detector which can detect lightning up to 70 kms away.

3. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (3).

- 1) was picking      2) had been picked      3) picked      4) pick

Antonio and his friend Pietro (1) ... on the beach when they (2) ... somebody shouting. They jumped up and saw that there was a man in trouble in the sea. The man had caught his foot between two rocks. He (3) ... to free himself for quite a long time, but without success. The friends realised that the man (4) ... and that they needed to act quickly to save him. Without thinking, they jumped into the sea. When they reached the man, they dived underwater. They (5) ... for several seconds before they managed to free the man. They swam back to the shore, and pulled the man between them. By the time they (6) ... the beach, many people (7) ... there, and everyone started to clap and cheer.

4. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (4).

- 1) had drowned      2) drown      3) was drowned      4) was drowning

Alex Morton is a talented writer who (1) ... a very interesting life. He was born in 1945 in Manchester, and he was the youngest of six children. From the moment he could read, he was never without a book in his hands. He was a very keen reader throughout his schooldays, and he soon showed his talent for writing, too. After he left school he went to Manchester University. By the time he got his BA, he (2) ... a number of short stories, and his first novel (3) ... . Over the next few years he (4) ... non-stop and each of his books was more successful than the last. Despite being so busy with his work, Alex still found time for romance. He met Fiona Jones while he was at university and they (5) ... in 1971. They have two children. He has always been a devoted husband and father. Alex Morton (6) ... over twenty books so far and his name has been on the best seller list more times than he can remember. However, the peak of his career was when he (7) ... the Booker Prize for Fiction in 1995. Since then, Alex has continued to write and many of his books have been made into films.

5. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (5).

- 1) had married      2) were married      3) have been married  
4) have married

Have you ever visited the doctor with an earache or a sore throat? Chances are, you (1) ... antibiotics to treat the problem. Alexander Fleming (2) ... across the first antibiotic, penicillin, by accident in 1928. The medicine was then developed and became widely available in the 1940s. It (3) ... against anything from blood poisoning to tonsillitis. In fact, since then, antibiotics (4) ... so easy to obtain that they are being overused. They are really for treating serious bacterial infections. Some people believe that antibiotics can be used to cure the common cold or flu but, as these are both viruses, antibiotics (5) ... no effect on them whatsoever. The overuse of antibiotics (6) ... infections known as superbugs to develop. These superbugs are too tough {устойчивый} for antibiotics to fight and may be a big problem for future generations. So what can we do? Well, only take antibiotics when necessary and, if your doctor (7) ... them to you, be sure to follow the instructions and finish the course.

6. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (6).

- 1) was caused      2) is caused      3) has caused      4) has been caused

We (1) ... along this mountain road, miles from anywhere, when we (2) ... across a trail of tins of food and bottles of water along the road. I looked out of the car window and noticed this camper van about ten metres below us in a field, with its back door hanging off. It (3) ... off the road. We stopped the car. A young man (4) ... back up towards the road. He (5) ... in blood, so we offered to take him to hospital. As we drove off, with him lying on the back seat, he (6) ... asking about his girlfriend — was she all right? When we (7) ... the hospital we found that she (8) ... up and taken to casualty by someone else. Luckily, she was okay — and so was he, eventually.

7. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (7).

- 1) reached      2) have reached      3) had been reaching      4) reach

I had always been lucky with (1) ... holiday flights until I went on (2) ... package holiday to Hawaii. The journey (3) ... there was fine, but coming back was a different story. To start with, the return flight was delayed (4) ... two days which was not really a problem as I was having a good time. Unfortunately, when I finally left (5) ... Honolulu, the capital, (6) ... the first part of the journey, I landed in Los Angeles instead of Chicago. I was taken off the plane and had to stay overnight in a hotel. (7) ... Next/next day I got on a direct flight to London, only to end (8) ... Minneapolis.

8. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (1).

- 1) a      2) a      3) the      4) -

It is said that technological development has given people more leisure time than they used to have, and that this frees them up to concentrate (1) ... their interests and hobbies. It seems to me however, that most people spend their free time doing things that do not contribute (2) ... their development. To start with, the most popular free-time activities seem to be ones that people do alone. For instance, most people spend much time (3) ... the internet and, even when they are interacting (4) ... others, they are only doing so electronically. In addition (5) ... this, when people go out it is often to visit the shopping centre. At (6) ... same time, there are examples of people making good use of their time. At weekends, there are parks, forests and beaches full of people doing sports or taking walks together. Some people do (7) ... volunteer work for charity organisations. Other people join theatre or singing groups and there are many people who enjoy reading. Sadly, however, this reflects (8) ... relatively small part of the overall population.

9. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (2).

- 1) for      2) to      3) at      4) in

An eco-tourism project (1) ... a difference has just been launched in the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia. Tourists will be offered (2) ... chance to encounter a wide range of wildlife and (3) ... great deal more. This project was set (4) ... by the local villagers who were suffering (5) ... a downturn in the national economy. They decided to raise money themselves to cover the cost of educational and welfare projects. Tourists will be invited to live the African Village Experience. The tours are led by English speaking villagers, and visitors can choose (6) ... activities such as meeting the local healer to taking part in cooking or farming. Visitors are also offered (7) ... option (8) ... staying the night in the village.

10. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (3).

- 1) a      2) an      3) the      4) -

At one time, I used to think that jogging was simply impossible. I can remember a time when just (1) ... twominute dash (*пробежка*) to catch a bus would leave me red in the face and almost (2) ... breath. The turning point for me came when (3) ... very insistent friend talked me (4) ... accompanying her on a run round the local park. I managed just five minutes before my legs decided they'd had enough. I think it was that image of my friend rapidly disappearing into (5) ... distance that stuck (6) ... my mind, and led me to take (7) ... seriously a sport which has really benefited (8) ... my health, state of mind and fitness.

11. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (4).

- 1) at      2) into      3) for      4) on

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12. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (5).

- 1) of      2) from      3) with      4) -

Recently, more and more students have started to take up (1) ... full-time paid work while they are still studying. This means that some of them end up actually leaving their degree courses because they see the advantages of having (2) ... stable income and feel that this is more useful than getting a degree. Earning a reasonable wage means that they are able to begin to pay (3) ... the debts they have run (4) ... while they were at college or university. Why do they have these debts? Sometimes it is because they are not good (5) ... managing their money and overspend (6) ... entertainment and clothes. Sometimes it is not their fault. Banks are keen to offer students credit cards and it is very easy to build up a big overdraft. And it is almost impossible (7) ... students to cover all the costs of (8) ... accommodation and other necessary expenses.

**13.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (6).

- 1) for      2) on      3) at      4) over

I think the computer is such (1) ... useful invention. Take e-mail, for example. It is a very easy way to write letters. When I was younger, I rarely ever put pen to (2) ... paper, not even to say 'thank you' for presents sent by my relatives. Now, though, you can't keep me away (3) ... the keyboard. I can spend hours typing away (4) ... my computer, all types of messages to all types of people. One of (5) ... worst disadvantages for me of writing (6) ... hand was always the embarrassment of knowing that people would criticise my untidy handwriting and careless spelling. Now thanks (7) ... the spell-check, I can easily edit my letters. Teenagers nowadays take all this (8) ... granted, they don't realise how fortunate they are.

**14.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (7).

- 1) for      2) to      3) by      4) -

(1) ... young woman was taken to safety (2) ... a helicopter yesterday after getting stuck on a freezing Swiss mountain. She and her climbing partner spent two nights under a simple shelter on a rock 9,800 feet up one of Switzerland's most difficult mountains. The rescued woman, Rachel de Kelsey, admitted yesterday that they would have died if they had had to spend another night there. Their only chance of (3) ... survival was to dig themselves a hole (4) ... the snow behind the rock and hope that they would be found. Miss Kelsey said that she had sent messages (5) ... five friends who she thought might be able to get (6) ... touch with the mountain rescue team. The alarm was eventually raised by a friend in London after he received her text. He contacted (7) ... rescuers who found (8) ... pair but were unable to rescue them immediately because of the storm.

**15.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (8).

- 1) a      2) an      3) the      4) -

**16.** Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

I think you should be... and say exactly what you think.

- 1) more honest      2) the most honest      3) a lot honester      4) much honest

**17.** Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

tried to speak to the manager ... he was in a meeting and couldn't speak to me.

- 1) although      2) however      3) whereas      4) while

**18.** Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

The ... reaction was rather strange — they were all blaming the traffic lights for the bus crash.

- 1) passer's-by      2) passers-by's      3) passers'-by      4) passers-bys'

**19.** Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

It (1) must be true that (2) she's leaving because she told me so (3) hers (4).

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

20. Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

I told my husband that having a baby (1) was not only an awful responsibility (2) of me (3) and that he had to share it as well (4).

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

21. Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

Tourism to Antarctica (1) began in the middle of the last century, but only in the late ninety (2) it (3) began to have a commercial impact (4).

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

Attitudes towards shopping have changed dramatically over the last decade or so. Some people argue that we have (1) ... a society of consumers, and that nothing but spending money (2) ... us happy. On the other (3) ... , anyone who has worked hard to (4) ... money surely has the right to spend it on whatever they wish. Provided that we are prepared to save enough of our money for a rainy day, there seems little wrong with using the rest to (5) ... for things that (6) ... us pleasure. The delights of shopping are all too obvious. Attractive displays of food on supermarket shelves, and clothes which look fantastic on shop window models, tempt customers to part with their money, even if they do not actually need the goods they are buying. The real question is: would we all be happier if we were (7) ...? The answer is probably that we can be just as happy with money as we can without it. ERRR, what we should do is (8) ... an effort to return to the things that really (9) ... in life and share what we have worked so (10) ... to get with others less fortunate than ourselves.

22. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (1).

- 1) begun      2) become      3) gone      4) turned

23. Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

Celia said that the day before (1) Tom and she (2) have gone to look at a new house (3) that he was thinking of buying (4).

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

Napoleon III of France was (1) ... for the invention of the butter substitute known as margarine. He was looking for a cheap (2) ... to butter for the poorer people of society, and for his army and navy. So he (3) ... up a prize competition to see who would (4) ... up with the best solution.

There was only one entry into this competition, from a man called Meges-Mouries. He had (5) ... over two years experimenting, and finally found an acceptable butter substitute made from milk and various animal fats. Meges-Mouries' invention was awarded the prize.

Margarine soon went into mass production and was exported all over the world. In Britain it was called 'Butterine', until protests from farmers (6) ... to that name being made illegal. Farmers in America were not happy about the new arrival on the market either. They (7) ... to the yellow colouring, saying that it made it resemble butter so closely that it could deceive consumers. In effect, Napoleon III's competition is still going on. The ultimate (8) ... of every margarine manufacturer is to produce a product that is (9) ... to distinguish from butter. And they keep trying.

24. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (2).

- 1) option      2) variant      3) alternative      4) choice

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were (1) ... to be one of the Seven Wonders of the (2) ... World. They are believed to have been built by King Nebuchadnezzar in the sixth century BC as a present for his wife, Amytis.

The gardens were constructed in layers. Each layer was a large terrace (3) ... with tropical flowers, plants and The large amount of water which these plants required was pumped from the river Euphrates nearby. It is said that Nebuchadnezzar and his wife would sit in the shade of the gardens and (4) ... down on the city of Babylon below.

The gardens' fame quickly (5) ..., and travellers would come from far and wide to (6) ... them. Even thousands of years ago, people used to go (7) ... Sadly, nothing (8) ... today of the beautiful hanging gardens, and the city of Babylon lies in ruins in what is modern-day Iraq.

25. Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (1).

- 1) proposed    2) intended    3) considered    4) suggested

One of the most difficult but rewarding pastimes is mountain climbing. The modern climber must (1) ... many different skills. Rock climbing (2) ... a combination of gymnastic ability, imagination and observation, but perhaps the most necessary skill is being able to (3) ... out how much weight a particular rock will support. Mountaineers climb in groups of three or four, each climber at a distance of approximately six meters from the next. Usually one person climbs while the other climbers (4) ... hold of the rope. There is no (5) ... that the most experienced climber goes first. He shows the other climbers which (6) ... to go, making the rope secure so that it is (7) ... for the others to follow. With much mountain climbing, snow skills (8) ... a very important part. The number of dangers (9) ... by climbers is almost endless. And the (10) ... of oxygen at high altitudes makes life even more difficult for mountaineers.

**26.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (5).

- 1) chance    2) sure    3) doubt    4) certain

Whether you like it or not, celebrity gossip is hard to avoid. Newspapers, magazines and websites are (1) ... with photos of the stars. Celebrities, (2) ... the badly-behaved ones, regularly (3) ... enormous publicity in the media. It seems we're (4) ... by scandal, eager to know who is going out whom, and whose marriage has just fallen apart. Thanks to the public's (5) ... for gossip, a paparazzo can be (6) ... \$500,000 for each 'exclusive' photo of stars like Britney Spears and Cristiano Ronaldo

Celebrities (7) ... that money-hungry reporters and photographers follow them everywhere they go, often (8) ... them serious troubles. In response, celebrity hunters argue that famous people shouldn't be so sensitive. They should accept their loss of privacy as the (9) ... of wealth and success. But have things gone too far? Do we really have a 'right to read about stars having a mental breakdown, or to see pictures of them looking completely devastated after they've (10) ... up with their husband or wife? There seems to be a fine line between curiosity and cruelty.

**27.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (6).

- 1) paid    2) earned    3) made    4) cost

Hollywood is associated with fame, fortune and glamour. Every year, thousands of young people (1) ... up there, hoping that a producer will spot them and think they have that special something that audiences want to see. Unfortunately, most of them are (2) ... on a journey that leads to disappointment. Take a (3) ... round Los Angeles and ask any waiter or waitress and they will tell you that they are only working there for the time being, until they get their break in films. A combination of failure and economic problems usually means that they eventually (4) ... up their minds to leave and return to the small town they came from, without having made their fortune.

Before you come to the (5) ... that a life in film is for you, ask yourself carefully if you are ready for that change of direction. You'll have to travel and live for a long time at your own (6) ..., working in jobs that provide you with a low (7) ..., with only the occasional glimpse of a star to (8) ... you where you want to be.

**28.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (4).

- 1) do    2) make    3) run    4) come

We offer an amazing theme park holiday — the most (1) ... experience in holidays. Our holidays (2) ... two weeks and during that time you will fly between several (3) ..., visiting various famous theme parks for one day each. Our group comes from all over the world so you will be travelling with new and interesting people. We start our tour in LA, where over three days we visit Universal Studios where you can (4) ... the effects of white-water rafting (*сплавляться на плоту*). Then it's off to Disneyland in LA to meet some famous friends. On the last day we (5) ... a trip to the breathtaking Magic Mountain theme park, where you can go on the most fantastic roller coaster rides (*американские горки*). Next we (6) ... out to Miami where the programme includes a day at Disneyworld and another at Cape Canaveral to see where Homer Simpson (7) ... to be an astronaut. This will be the end of the tour — you will be exhausted but happy. Five days of theme parks Can you (8) ... a better holiday?

**29.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (5).

- 1) run    2) take    3) travel    4) present

When the Moscow State Circus goes on its annual (1) ... of Europe, the younger members of the circus are still expected to (2) ... with their education. The circus usually stops for a few days in each town, so how do the young performers manage? One twelve-year-old gets up very early to practise her act before going to school. "It's exhausting (3) ... but I like the circus life," she says. "The worst part is when I (4) ... new friends and have to leave them, although I try to keep in (5) ... with them." The person who (6) ... the circus (7) ... sure that all the children get a proper education. When the circus arrives in Britain, he (8) ... the traveller education service and gives them the details of all the children and when they will be in certain towns and cities. "It's a fantastic system, he says. "I receive a (9) ... when we (10) ... the next town telling us where to meet. We are then accompanied to the school and introduced to the head teacher."

**30.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (9).

- 1) news      2) sign      3) signal      4) message

A soda drink with a turkey and gravy flavour that is (1) ... as undrinkable by its manufacturers is selling extraordinarily well. Unexpectedly large quantities of bottles have been sold in the United States where they are preparing to (2) ... Thanksgiving later this week. A company in Seattle which (3) ... in unusual flavours put 6,000 bottles on (4) ... last week at 99 cents each. They sold out within hours. Yesterday bidding (*ставки*) on the eBay online auction site (5) ... more than 60 dollars a bottle. The nastiness of Turkey and Gravy Soda appears to be its biggest selling point. It (6) ... the perfect joke gift to take home to Mum or a younger brother or sister. At Thanksgiving families traditionally (7) ... a long weekend together. One newspaper reporter who (8) ... the drink said that, at first sip, it tasted of sweet caramel and savoury butter and it got worse from there. Curiously, the drink is (9) ... for vegetarians. Peter Van Stolk who (10) ... the company which makes the drink called his product 'gross'.

**31.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (10).

- 1) runs      2) governs      3) employs      4) rules

**32.** Выберите ответную реплику, подходящую по смыслу к предложенной реплике-стимулу.

Are you all right?

- 1) None at all.      2) That's quite all right.  
3) Oh, all right — can't complain.      4) Oh, that's good.

**33.** Выберите ответную реплику, подходящую по смыслу к предложенной реплике-стимулу.

Trevor has been ill.

- 1) He was.      2) I did too      3) Neither have I.      4) So has his wife.

**34.** Установите соответствие между репликами-стимулами и ответными репликами. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

РЕПЛИКИ-СТИМУЛЫ

- 1 — I've brought you some flowers.  
2 — Here's another cup of coffee.  
3 — I'm ready.  
4 — Have a look at the watch. It's half past 2.

ОТВЕТНЫЕ РЕПЛИКИ

- A — Wonderful. Let's get started.  
B — Oh, how kind of you, you needn't have.  
C — Thanks a lot.  
D — OK, but there's no rush.  
E — There's nothing to it!

- 1) 1E2A3C4D      2) 1A2E3B4C      3) 1C2A3B4E      4) 1B2C3A4D

35. Установите соответствие между репликами-стимулами и ответными репликами. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Одна ответная реплика является лишней.

РЕПЛИКИ-СТИМУЛЫ

1. Let's meet at 7, shall we?
2. Please send my love to your mother.
3. Can I use your laptop?
4. Do you mind if we stay for another week?

ОТВЕТНЫЕ РЕПЛИКИ

- A. Never mind.
- B. Yes, no problem.
- C. I don't mind it at all.
- D. Certainly I will.
- E. Agreed.

- 1) 1D2B3E4A    2) 1B2D3C4A    3) 1E2D3B4C    4) 1E2B3A4C

§ 1. There used to be a general feeling that computer games were bad for you, and books were good. Now people are not so sure. Researchers have found that computer games, television and the Internet have become key factors in boosting children's IQs up to levels never reached by past generations.

§ 2. The idea that intelligence can be measured was first suggested about a century ago, but at that time it was hard to find tests that gave useful results. Over the past two decades, however, tests have become more complex and researchers have found that IQ scores can give a good indication of what children's future exam results will be. Some experts have even **claimed** that IQ scores can accurately predict what level of income and status young people will achieve in adult life.

§ 3. Why are today's youngsters doing so much better than their grandparents? Of course, better nutrition, higher standards of living and improved education all play their part in raising general levels of intelligence. But there seems to be more to it than that. Scientists are attributing the change in intelligence levels to the complexity of modern life.

§ 4. In today's fast-moving world, young people are required to interact constantly with electronic gadgets and equipment. This is developing youngsters' brains in ways that older generations never experienced. Computers are one of the major sources of stimulation, and activities such as playing games and using the Internet seem to be particularly important.

§ 5. There are still some things that remain unexplained, however. For example, the increase in children's IQ scores varies according to the type of intelligence being tested. It appears that nowadays people are better at abstract thinking than their ancestors were — but their verbal and mathematical abilities have remained the same as those of previous generations. No one knows why this is the case. Nevertheless, during the last few years there has certainly been a general upward trend, and it has been found that the present generation have IQs about 15 points above their parents.

§ 6. It has been claimed that, **in moderation**, computer gaming is positively good for youngsters. It requires positive qualities such as determination, fast thinking and rapid learning. However, it seems that improvements in IQ may not last very long without continuing stimulation. The brain seems to be like a muscle and requires repeated and vigorous exercise to stay fit and healthy. When it comes to IQ, it's a case of 'Use it or lose it'.

36. Прочитайте текст и выберите вариант ответа, соответствующий его содержанию.

In the first paragraph, the writer says that computer games

- 1) are not as good for children as reading.
- 2) can improve the intelligence of young people.
- 3) are now used in many different ways by children.



§ 1. High up in the mountains of southeast Asia, you can find the Akha hill tribes living in their traditional villages and farming the land.

§ 2. The history of the Akha people goes back hundreds, if not thousands, of years. They originally came from Tibet and have maintained the physical characteristics of that region, being fairly short and dark in complexion. Today, they live in small villages in the mountainous parts of China, Laos and northern Thailand. The Akha people are rich in culture, history and tradition. But they are also among the world's poorest people. Akha women remain remarkably strong and **cheerful** in the face of such a hard life. Akha men are brave and strong.

§ 3. The Akha have their own way of measuring time where one week lasts 12 days. Each village has its own leader or headman, and under his guidance people follow a code of behaviour known as the Akha Way. Thanks to the Akha Way, each person in these small communities knows their role in society. The men provide for their families by farming crops. They are also talented craftsmen. The women do spinning and weaving and make their own clothes. They wear colourfully decorated black shirts and skirts, and thick black leggings. Their headdresses are especially distinctive. As for the children, even though many of them don't attend school, they all know the names of every plant and animal in the forest. There is no written Akha language but the oral tradition is very rich.

§ 4. Akha villages all look quite similar. The bamboo houses with their thatched roofs stand on stilts (*ceau*) on the hillsides. Every village has two wooden frames that look like a doorway at its entrance and exit. These structures have spiritual significance and are called the 'spirit gates'. Artists cover the frames with carvings of both evil and smiling faces. This is to invite good spirits to enter the village and keep bad spirits out. Each summer the men build a swing in a public open space. Here the young children gather to play, but not just as a playground game — it is part of the yearly ceremony to honour dead ancestors.

§ 5. Sadly, the Akha Way is slowly disappearing from many villages. A growing number of tourists are visiting them and introducing a taste of Western culture. The women and girls only dress traditionally when there are tourists around in the hope they will buy souvenirs. Some Akha have even decided to take things a step further: they are leaving their villages to seek their **fortunes** in the big cities.

37. Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы.

Akha women

- 1) do not mind being poor.
- 2) are used to dealing with hardships.
- 3) work harder than Akha men.

§ 1. I want to tell you about my old friend Bobbie Cardew. If you're a recent acquaintance of Bobbie's, you'll probably be surprised to hear that there was a time when he was known for having a weak memory. In the days when first knew him Bobbie Cardew was the most unreliable person you could ever imagine. If I invited him to come and have dinner with me, I had to go to all sorts of trouble. I used to post him a letter at the beginning of the week, and then the day before send him a telegram, and a phone call on the day itself.

§ 2. One day Bobbie did something I would never have expected. He fell in love, got married — full of excitement, as if it were the greatest fun in the world — and then began to find out things.

§ 3. Her name was Mary Anthony. She was a hospital nurse. When Bobbie Smashed himself up playing polo she was there in the hospital taking care of him. No sooner was he up and about again than they were busy making wedding plans. A real case of love at first sight They took a flat and settled down. I was in and out of the place a good deal. Everything appeared to be running along as Smoothly as you could want. Mary seemed to think Bobbie the greatest thing on earth and Bobbie seemed to think the same about her.

§ 4. But now we come to the incident of the Quiet Dinner, which is when things began to happen. I met Bobbie in the street one day and he asked me to come back to dinner at his flat. When we got there I was amazed at how lovely Mary looked. She had her red-gold hair piled up on her head with a diamond tiara in it and was wearing a really beautiful dress. No wonder, I thought, that Bobbie liked married life. "Hello, dear," he said. "I've brought Reggie home for a bit of dinner." Mary stared at him as if she had never seen him before. Then she turned scarlet. Then she turned white as a sheet of paper. Then she gave a little laugh, before finally **recovering** herself. After that she was all right. She talked a lot at dinner, teased Bobbie and played tunes for us on the piano afterwards, as if she hadn't a care in the world. But I had seen her face at the beginning, and I knew that she was working hard to keep herself in hand and not scream. At the very earliest moment I made my excuses and got away.

§ 5. When I met Bobbie at the club next day he seemed glad to have someone to talk to. "Do you know how long I've been married?" he said "About a year, isn't it?" "Not about a year," he said sadly. "Yesterday was the anniversary of the wedding. I'd arranged to take Mary to the theatre. She **particularly** wanted to hear Caruso sing. I had a ticket for the box in my pocket. You know, all through dinner I had some vague idea that there was something I'd forgotten, but I couldn't think what."

38. Прочитайте текст и выберите вариант ответа, соответствующий его содержанию.

When the writer went to Bobbie's flat for dinner, he

- 1) was astonished at Mary's expensive clothes.
- 2) felt that something exciting was going to happen.
- 3) was favourably impressed by Bobbie's wife.

§ 1. Cruising over the pack-ice with our heavy snowmobiles, my guide, Arne, and I looked out across the dazzling expanse of snow. We had come to the tiny, remote island of Svalbard northeast of Greenland, to photograph polar bears, but now we were exhausted with searching. The day had been particularly **frustrating**, as every bear we'd slowly approached had run away from us. Fed up and hungry, we decided to abandon our search for the afternoon and stop for a snack beside one of the many tall, blue icebergs.

§ 2. As always, a good meal was followed by an intense desire to sleep, and we decided to give in to it, even though the temperature was down to -30 °C. Sleeping at the same time would be unwise with our furry friends around, so we decided to take it in turns. As Arne slept, I scanned the Snow with my binoculars, looking for anything moving. An hour passed. I was just about to wake my companion, when I noticed a dot on the horizon. I wiped the lens, but it was still there. I began to make out the typical mayonnaise colour and the striding walk — it was a polar bear and it was heading in our direction. I awoke Arne instantly. For the next thirty minutes, the bear continued on its direct course towards us, which was strange because the wind was blowing our scent straight towards him, so he must have been aware of our presence.

§ 3. When he was a couple of hundred metres away, I decided to lie down in the snow so as to get a better photograph. "You realise you look like seal like that, don't you?" warned Arne, for once sounding a bit worried. A few minutes later, the bear came, and by now I could hear the crunching. Seals are what polar bears like to sound of his feet on the ice. It struck me that this was a big bear, travelling at some speed. I turned to speak to Arne, and saw him pulling a gun from his bag. Polar bears are incredibly unpredictable animals, and to be in their environment without protection is foolish. But Arne had strict instructions from me only to use the gun to frighten the bear away, and then only if necessary.

§ 4. By now the animal was only 25 metres away and the atmosphere had changed. Arne sat up on the snowmobile calmly awaiting the bear's next move, while I struggled to change the film in my camera with my cold, shaking hands. Then, just as I was thinking that there was no escape, as I tensed myself for the **inevitable attack**, the bear veered off (*изменил направление*) to one side and then went straight past us. "Look!" whispered Arne. "Behind us!" I turned and saw a second creamy head with two black eyes peering around the corner of an iceberg a few hundred metres behind us. A female bear. Our friend's goal had clearly been in his sight the whole time, and we were the only thing between him and his beloved.

39. Прочитайте текст и выберите вариант ответа, соответствующий его содержанию.

How did the writer feel when the bear got very close?

- 1) surprisingly calm
- 2) extremely nervous
- 3) too cold to think

*This is what the famous musician Yehudi Menuhin writes about himself.*

§ 1. Being a touring musician is a bit like being a sailor. It's constant motion, a continuous routine of settling into new hotels and meeting new people. So my ideal holiday is enjoying being alone with my wife.

§ 2. My earliest memory of a holiday was when I was five. We had just bought our first car, and drove joyously from San Francisco, **exploring** the most beautiful parts of California. It was a wonderful experience. I vividly remember the beautiful Yosemite valley, a place of waterfalls and beautiful mountains, a wilderness before we polluted it with cars and noisy stereo systems. As a child I collected photographs of those huge railway engines that pulled hundreds of goods wagons across America. These trains were like monsters, with groups of four wheels on each side. For Americans trains are hugely romantic. My first train journey across America was when I was eight years old. During the day I sat at the window watching the scenery fly past. At night I always had the top bunk bed in the sleeping compartment. I would scramble up to read in bed, feeling cosy and contented as the train rhythmically travelled over the rails through the night.

§ 3. Since then I've worked and studied for many hours on trains, enjoying the view and the sense of timelessness. I loved the smell of steel upon steel mixed up with the smell of the countryside. I loved the sound of the engine's horn, which used to remind me of the ferries which crept along in between the ships in San Francisco Bay on foggy nights. I have been lucky travelling all over the world and managing, just **occasionally**, to take a few days actually to see something more than just the airport, hotel and concert hall. When my wife and I were in Peru, we took three days off and flew in a small plane to the mountains where we spent a wonderful time walking and exploring in the jungle.

§ 4. Forty years ago we bought a small house on a Greek island and went there whenever we could. Initially there were just a few carts, and everything was transported on the back of a donkey or a man. We had a tiny cottage with a lovely garden of fruit trees where we used to pick grapes and oranges. We spent a lot of time on the beach — as I love swimming — and in the village getting to know people. After ten or fifteen years we were firmly involved in the community, able to share a totally different world, different language, different music.

**40.** Определите значение указанного слова в тексте.

exploring (§ 2)

- 1) getting to know      2) doing research      3) enjoying

§ 1. Believe it or not, I used to read *Flight International* every week from the age of eight onwards — my father, an aviation engineer, **encouraged** my early passion for planes but I never thought that one day I would be working on it as a journalist.

§ 2. *Flight International* is read by anyone with an interest in aviation. From pilots to manufacturers, technicians to air vice marshals, all are readers looking for the latest news in this sector. As news editor, I'm responsible for deciding what appears on the 20 news pages we produce each week. Aviation is one of the few truly global industries and we have a team of reporters around the world. When I left school, my **original** plan was to become an engineer. I studied aeronautical engineering at university but found the course rather unsatisfactory. At the time there was a huge recession on with few jobs going, and I was forced to look round for other options. I actually wrote to *Flight* and asked for a job. The then deputy editor advised me to do a course in journalism which had just been set up, which is what I did.

§ 3. I found the course useful not so much because it gave me a pretty good basic grounding in journalism, but mainly because it focused on several workplacements, which I was able to do at *Flight*. I wrote a few pieces and got my face known at the magazine. When the course finished there were no jobs available on *Flight* so I went off and worked for an aviation newsletter. After a year or so the technical reporter at *Flight* moved to another job and I was in. The great thing for me about working here has been the chance to ask people questions about something I'm genuinely interested in, and to combine it with my other passion, travel. After a couple of years I was offered a job in Munich in Germany.

§ 4. It was fantastic timing as the aviation industry in eastern Europe was just opening up and I got to report on it and see the region. From there I went to Singapore, which again was an extraordinary experience. I got to fly over the Far East, visiting factories, meeting fascinating people and doing interviews, and to be honest I would have been happy to stay there a bit longer.

§ 5. However, jobs like this don't come up very often — the last news editor stayed ten years - and so when I was offered it, I couldn't really say no. Although I'm much more office-based now, I still go to the big air shows. In some ways I was getting a bit tired of living out of a suitcase, although I still get a thrill when I take my seat on a new plane for the first time. A37. Why did the writer read *Flight International* when he was a child?

41. Определите значение указанного слова в тексте.

encouraged (§ 1)

- 1) discovered      2) supported      3) forced

1. Margherita Taylor is the only female presenter at Capital Radio, one of London's top music radio stations. She got into radio while she was a student in Birmingham. Along with hundreds of other hopefuls, she and a friend queued for hours in the rain to take part in a 'Search for a Star' competition held by a local radio station, BRMB. "I had to read a travel script and a weather script, talk about myself for a minute, then introduce a record." Within days the phone call came to say that her voice had earned her a regular show on BRMB. Truly the stuff dreams are made of. After working there for 18 months, she was offered a job with Capital.

2. Margherita claims never to get nervous before a show. "You can't get nervous because then you make mistakes, she says. Of course, there has been the odd disaster. "For instance, when I did my first live concert show at BRMB, I'd only done one programme. In front of a crowd of 50,000, I went on stage to introduce a certain well-known singer. I said: "Please welcome our next performer. You know her best for hits like." Then I just went blank. There was this silence from the crowd, and for the life of me I couldn't think what she'd sung. That's one occasion that will stay with me for ever."

3. Margherita says that her own musical tastes are varied. But she doesn't pick her own music for the show. The Capital computer selects the records in advance from a list approved by the station managers. "The station has a certain sound, and if we all picked our own music, it wouldn't sound like Capital," she says. "But for someone who likes music, this is a dream job. I get to go to concerts and meet the bands you can hear on my show. It's great to hear the "behind the scenes" gossip."

4. Most people would expect that a presenter's most important qualities are a nice voice and huge amounts of confidence, but Margherita says that basic maths is handy as well. "You have to make sure that you've got an eye on everything that's going on in the studio, but you've got to be able to add and subtract and think in minutes and seconds," she says. "You're dealing with timed records, and you have to be ready to switch to the news at exactly the right second. If you're going over to a live event, you need to be ready for that on time, not a second earlier or later."

5. Margherita Taylor is very nice and very easy-going, but very much in control. She is so much a "Capital Radio girl" that you might think she is just doing a good job for the station's publicity department, although you know what she's saying really comes from the heart. She smiles a lot, laughs a lot and is generally a great advert for Capital.

42. Выберите правильный вариант перевода (1, 2 или 3) в соответствии с содержанием текста.

She Smiles a lot, laughs a lot and is generally a great advert for Capital. (5)

- 1) Она много улыбается и смеется, и в целом она фанат радиостанции «Кэпитал».
- 2) Она часто улыбается и смеется и все время восхищается радиостанцией «Кэпитал»
- 3) Она часто улыбается, много смеется, и вообще она прекрасная реклама для радиостанции «Кэпитал».

When Usain Bolt was a young boy growing up in Jamaica, his parents took him to the doctor because he couldn't keep still. He was gifted at cricket, his first love. 'But I just happened to run fast. It was easy and I was winning. And my dad said I should concentrate on running because it's an individual sport and, if you do good, you do good for yourself.'

Nobody can hold a light to Usain Bolt — he is a one-off (уникум). There's the size, for a start: 1.96 metres (ideal sprinters are thought to be no more than 1.85 metres). Then there's the scoliosis, a curved spine which means one leg is shorter than the other. (1)\_\_\_And the attitude — at warm-up his rivals look as if they will explode with tension, but Bolt smiles, even dances. And, of course, Bolt is said to be the fastest man ever.

Bolt maintains that he isn't quite as cool and laid-back as he appears to be. There are things that bother him. (2)\_\_\_For example, he says he was so uptight before the junior World Championships final — where he became the youngest gold medallist at the age of fifteen — that he put his shoes on the wrong feet.

(3)\_\_\_That's when Jamaica turned on him. His own people said he was undisciplined, he partied too much.

And yes, he did; but the truth was he was suffering with his spine. People, he says, are quick to criticise.

Bolt arrived in athletics at a time when the profession had lost a lot of respect over drug-taking. Here was a man who looked and acted differently. In 2008, though, he had to beg his coach to let him run the 100 metres at the Beijing Olympics. (4)\_\_\_Despite that, not only did he win gold but he broke the 100 metre world record. He broke his own record at the 2009 World Championships and went on to win gold in the 2012 London Olympics in the 100 metre and 200 metre races and the relay.

'The image on the track is that he just turns up and runs but it isn't true,' says his manager. 'He's very competitive.' And the thing is, says Bolt, if he weren't easy-going, he wouldn't run so fast. He looks a little blank when I ask him what makes him such a good runner. Perhaps his height help., and those huge strides, he suggests. (5)\_\_\_'The way his feet move, the way the mechanics are so perfect. Everything is perfect for running.'

I've never met a sportsman quite like Bolt. He is opinionated, funny and grounded. I ask him about his ambitions. Eventually, he says, he'd like to make a go of playing football professionally. (6)\_\_\_'People say I'm a legend but I'm not until I've fulfilled my potential.'

43. Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (1) одним из предложенных текстовых фрагментов.

- 1 — But when he trains, he trains very hard.
- 2 — «I try not to let them, but they do.»
- 3 — This condition should have made it impossible for him to have a career in sport.
- 4 — Winning that race changed his whole life, but for much of the next three years he was injured.

1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

Like most tourists, I enjoy taking photographs on holiday and can't wait to show them to friends and family when I get back. But whilst for me they represent treasured memories, to others they are more often than not simply a collection of boring, badly composed, out of focus pictures. So this year I decided to do something about this by booking myself on a trip to Rome which included photography lessons.

The first time I went to Rome, I remember thinking that it was a photographer's paradise with a fantastic photo opportunity lying around every corner. (1)\_\_\_ Added to this was the fact that there were crowds of tourists everywhere, blocking all the best views. But this second time things were different. Antonio, my photography tutor, was on hand to give expert advice every step of the way.

The first thing Antonio told our group was that the secret to creating a good photographic image rather than just a snapshot is to first take a long look at what you want to photograph. For example, he said, you should consider the background just as much as you do the subject. (2)\_\_\_ You can get unwanted figures out of your image simply by getting down on your knees to take a picture, for instance, or changing the angle of the shot.

Our first port of call was Piazza Navona, where Antonio gave us advice about how to photograph the Fountain of Neptune. (3)\_\_\_ Then, he added that we should take the photo with the fountain slightly off centre.

Next, we headed off to the Pantheon, which was originally an ancient Roman temple. Along the way, I took the opportunity to photograph anything that caught my eye. The Pantheon itself is so huge that it is impossible to take a good photograph of the whole thing. (4)\_\_\_ I tried out this technique by lying down on the floor and taking a picture of just one section of the great domed ceiling. I was pretty pleased with the results.

For the next couple of hours, we wandered around the historic centre visiting many of Rome's architectural highlights. (5)\_\_\_ And I felt that I was really able to appreciate the sights as I had to look at each one so carefully in order to get good pictures.

We finished off our first morning tour with a stop at a traditional Roman street café. After all the hard work and walking I'd done, a large Italian ice cream seemed like the perfect reward! (6)\_\_\_ It felt like a whole new world had opened up to me. I learnt an incredible amount over the next two days, as well as having a thoroughly enjoyable time in one of the world's most beautiful cities.

**44.** Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (2) одним из предложенных текстовых фрагментов.

- 1 — Firstly, he said, we should try to include the background in an unusual way.
- 2 — Yet by myself I didn't have a clue how to go about getting some good shots.
- 3 — Some of the advice didn't work as well as I expected.
- 4 — How you position yourself is also really important.

1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

1. School student **Ester Montoya** knows she has to improve her marks in her main subjects. She's trying hard, but it's not easy and sometimes she feels she's doing too much work. "I have to get away from it now and then," she says, "so recently I've joined a local youth theatre. It really helps because it takes my mind off everything, it's a kind of escape from reality. Also I'm meeting other people of my age and I'm hoping to make some friends there. Something I've been meaning to try, though, is work helping others, perhaps old people. A friend of mine does it, and she says it really makes a difference — both to them and to her."

2. For seventeen-year-old **Steve Ellison**, life is particularly busy right now. He's revising for some important exams but he still manages to find time for his favourite free-time activities, which include long-distance running. As well as doing plenty of exercise, he also tries to maintain a healthy diet. "I've told myself I must always eat a variety of healthy food, with lots of fruit and green vegetables, though if I'm out with my mates I may give in to temptation and have a and chips. I never drink coffee because it makes you talk and act nervously, and it keeps you awake at night, too, which is bad for your stress level."

3. First-year university student **Amelie Lefevre** believes that the best way to beat stress is to organise your life more sensibly. "My life used to be pretty chaotic, there always seemed to be so much to do, often jobs that other people should be doing. So what eventually learned to do was to say no, politely, to extra work. That helped, as did making a list of priorities for each day, with some things scheduled for today, others for tomorrow and some that could be postponed for longer. I also make rules for myself about the amount of sleep I need. There was a time when I was staying up until all hours, but I was exhausted the next day so I don't do that any more. I think I manage my time quite well now."

4. Student **Ndali Traore** likes to get up early so he has a relaxed start to the day. "I hate leaving jobs till the last minute, and I always try to do those I like least first, he says. When he has some free time, he goes to the cinema, or out with friends. If something's bothering me," he says, "I often find that just talking to them about it helps. Particularly if you can make a joke about it, because it always seems a lot less serious when you do that." If he's on his own, he has a special way of dealing with stress: "I try to recall occasions when I was really relaxed, such as spending the day by a beautiful lake in the sunshine. That often works, he says.

45. Прочитайте тексты. Ответьте на вопросы. Выберите номер текста, отвечающего на вопрос.

Which person sometimes breaks their own rules about eating when they are not alone?

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

**1. David Crossland, 50, was on holiday with his wife, Louise, in the Bahamas when the giant Hurricane Floyd hit New Providence Island.**

"We were on holiday on Providence Island last year when Hurricane George was due to hit, but it changed direction. So this year, when Hurricane Floyd was heading towards us, Louise and I were convinced it would change course. But a week into our holiday the island was in the direct path of the hurricane and the hotel staff feared the worst. All of the ground-floor windows and balcony doors in the hotel were boarded up. At one point I tried to open the balcony door in our bedroom to catch a glimpse of the hurricane but the winds were so strong I couldn't move it. All we could do was lie in our bed in the candlelight and wait. It was shocking."

**2. Doug Glenwright, 33, was sitting in his front room in Birmingham, England, when he had the shock of his life.**

"Last week we were watching on the television how tornadoes wrecked Oklahoma, where you'd expect to see them. Then suddenly last night one of them came down our street. The first I became aware of it was when I saw a dustbin bag come up from the street and fly past the window like a kite. Then branches of trees and all sorts of other debris were pulled up into the air. Telephone lines were knocked down by the hurricane-force winds and the heavy rain caused four feet of flood water in some people's kitchens."

**3. Teacher Caroline Casterton, 25, was visiting friends in Istanbul when an earthquake struck.**

"I was fast asleep in my friends' apartment when the tremor shook. It lasted only 45 seconds but it felt like an eternity. It was absolutely terrifying. For the next four days and nights I slept on the streets with thousands of others and the scale of the devastation gradually began to sink in. Yet out of the chaos there was the most incredible sense of camaraderie. Everyone seemed so united and I witnessed so much courage and kindness. Since that day I have taken far less for granted and I really do feel life is for living in the present."

**4. When Pat Beddows reached 40, she set herself a mountainous challenge in the Himalayas. During the trek disaster struck.**

"I set off in a group of 20 from Gangotri, a village at 4,000 metres in the foothills of the Himalayas. As we sat having lunch, we watched huge chunks of ice break away from a glacier, then fall into the water. Unaware of the risk we were taking we climbed down into the glacier to take a closer look. Suddenly, our guide started screaming: "Run Run! Climb up!" A tidal wave of water and ice was heading straight for us and we scrambled up the rocky slopes to safety. Chunks of ice the size of cars were being thrown into the air barely five metres away. If the guide hadn't shouted at us to get out of the way, the consequences would have been tragic. When we got back to camp we were told that, three years earlier, 16 people had died there in a similar incident. I realized how lucky we all were and I burst into tears."

46. Прочитайте тексты. Ответьте на вопросы. Выберите номер текста, отвечающего на вопрос.

Which of the people suggests the following?

We were saved by someone's warnings.

- 1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

1. Primary-school teacher **Anisha Kapoor** went to the Green Magic Nature Resort in Kerala, south-west India. "It wasn't my first experience of tree-house living," she says, but it was certainly the best. The houses are entirely built and maintained by workers from the area, using traditional techniques and local materials. For instance, the lifts up to the front doors are made of cane (*тростник*) grown in nearby fields. They work fine, by the way, and I was glad there were no stairs to climb — the houses are 25 metres up! That's good, though, because at that height there's often a cool breeze blowing through the branches."

2. Ever since TV researcher **Whitney Martin** worked on a programme about tree houses, she'd dreamt about staying in one. So when her neighbours happened to mention they had just such a place in Alaska, and asked whether she'd like to spend a fortnight there in July, she said 'yes' without a moment's hesitation. "I couldn't believe it when I saw it," she says, "it had everything: even hot running water and cable TV. The only disadvantage of being there at that time of the year was the huge number of mosquitoes. I must have been bitten a hundred times."

3. Australian technician **Richie O'Hara** was a guest at the Hinchinbrook Island Wilderness Lodge, on an island off the north coast of tropical Queensland. "The wooden tree house was quite comfortable," he says, "and they had all the advertised facilities such as running water and a fridge. Actually, I hadn't fully read the brochure, so when I arrived, I was surprised to find an internet connection in the house. I found plenty of healthy things to do, like canoeing and diving. That was great. After a week or so, though, I was a little tired of the climb to and from the house, so I doubt whether I'd repeat the tree-top experience. But I'm sure kids would love it — it's just a pity I didn't go there when I was about ten!"

4. Medical student **Kirsty Hammond** spent a week in Tanzania's Lake Manyara National park, at the Lake Manyara Tree Lodge. As we approached it," she says, "we glimpsed the buildings up among the branches, with the Great Rift Valley in the background. It was a wonderful sight. The houses were comfortable, too, with running water, a well-equipped bathroom and, fortunately, large mosquito nets above the beds — I'm very aware of the dangers if they bite you. I also liked the fact that almost everything was above ground, even the restaurant. The only problem there was the high night-time temperature: although my bedroom had an overhead fan, I didn't sleep very well. But generally I had a great time."

47. Прочитайте тексты. Ответьте на вопросы. Выберите номер текста, отвечающего на вопрос.

Which person wishes they had gone there as a child?

1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

It was back in 1995, when my husband Eric was working as a rubbish collector for the local town council, that I first got the idea of recycling clothes. He would frequently find bags of perfectly good clothes just thrown into the rubbish. I wondered if I would be able to do something with them which would make money for me and perhaps even help the community at the same time. I decided to give it a try.

The first thing I did was to place an advertisement in the newspaper inviting people in the neighbourhood to bring me their second-hand clothing, shoes and bedding instead of throwing them away. Within a week, our garage was bursting with black plastic bags. (1)\_\_\_ This kept me busy for weeks.

At the same time, I was also looking for a shop to rent where I could sell these items. (2)\_\_\_ But it wasn't until I contacted Adventure, an organisation which helps people to set up their own businesses, that I finally got the assistance I needed. They helped me find the right shop and gave me advice about getting a business loan to get me started. That's how *Second Best* was born.

For my idea to work, I was going to need a steady supply of clothes. The town council already had recycling bins for paper, glass and the like. (3)\_\_\_ I was able to make arrangements to have the clothes collected and brought to my shop, where I had installed laundry facilities to cope with all the washloads I needed to do!

It wasn't only making money in the shop that interested me, though. I was still eager for the community to benefit from my idea, too, so I started to find ways that the large quantities of very old or damaged clothing that I couldn't sell in the shop could be put to use. (4)\_\_\_ Some of the old clothing is now turned into bandages for hospitals, for example, while one school in the area asks for old jeans to make into lunch bags.

Adventure believes in encouraging people by giving an annual Special Merit Award to the most successful new business they have helped. (5)\_\_\_ Not only had I helped so many others, they said, but I had also had to overcome a difficulty. In 2000, my shop had been destroyed by fire and I had had to start the business all over again from Scratch.



Getting back on track wasn't easy. Not only did I have to search for another shop to rent, but I also had to spend time building up new stocks of clothes, as nearly all of the original stock had been destroyed. (6)\_\_\_ Otherwise, I would have been forced to call it a day.

Today, twelve years after I first started up, *Second Best* is a very successful small business.

**48.** Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (6) одним из предложенных текстовых фрагментов.

1 — In 2002, my turn came around.

2 — Once I had learnt the basic principles of managing my own business, I never looked back, they said.

3 — Once again, though, Adventure came to my aid, providing me with financial support through this difficult time.

4 — It turned out that there were plenty!

1) 1      2) 2      3) 3      4) 4

When I was a teenager, I used to play the flute in my school orchestra. (1) ..., in much of the music that we played, the sound of the flute was needed only occasionally, which, of course, upset me. Therefore, I spent a lot of my time during the performance counting the beats. Those minutes spent reciting "one, two, three, four" while the rest of the orchestra played seemed (2) ... . But they planted in my young brain the idea that there must be a (3) ... between music and number. For me, out of the (4) ... of orchestra practice, a new passion for mathematics was born.

**49.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (1).

FORTUNE, END, BORE, CONNECT

Kabuki is a traditional Japanese performing art that involves the telling of a story through song and dance. It was created in the early 1600s by a female dancer who performed in (1) ... ceremonies and (2) ... gained popularity with Japan's lower social classes. The performers wear colourful costumes and thick makeup and sing and dance to the accompaniment of a (3) ... of instruments. It's a truly (4) ... cultural experience!

**50.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (2).

VARY FORGET, QUICK, RELIGION

Last year I won a (1) ... in a newspaper and the prize was a holiday for two in a well-known Mediterranean resort. It turned out to be an (2) ... unpleasant experience and one which my husband and I would not like to repeat. Our room overlooked the road, which was unfortunately being widened at that time, and the noise from the machinery was deafening. The road works went on 24 hours a day and as a result we suffered several (3) ... nights. So we decided to (4) ... our stay and catch the first available flight home.

**51.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (3).

SHORT, SLEEP COMPETE, EXTREME

It's hard to find a place to eat which satisfies the whole family. I remember my parents taking me as a child to the most (1) ... restaurant they could find. They didn't think it was worth spending a lot of money on someone who had notable manners. Today the choice of restaurants is so great, however, that total (2) ... is rare. It's difficult to explain exactly what I am looking for in a restaurant. It's certainly not (3) ... surroundings, although I must admit that I'm usually (4) ... to go into a place that looks dirty.

**52.** Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (4).

WILL, DISAPPOINT, EXPENSE, LUXURY

Ask any sports enthusiast in England to name the most popular sports and the answer will probably be football, cricket, golf and rugby. A lot of people play those games. As a (1) ... of fact, far (2) ... people go fishing, play badminton or sail. (3) ... do we get it wrong? Because sports editors, of newspapers and television channels, are stuck with their traditional patterns of judging by crowds rather (4) ... by how many actually go out and do the thing.

**53.** Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (1) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

The Red Sea coast of Egypt is surely one of the best places in the world to go underwater diving. Its hot sunny climate and clear warm water (1) ... it the ideal place for beginners as (2) ... as for experienced divers. Many different types of diving are possible in the area. At centres for complete beginners (3) ... are training courses which include simple dives with a qualified instructor. These dives get them used to being underwater and teach some basic skills (4) ... as swimming and breathing below the surface.

**54.** Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (2) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

Many tourists (1) ... visit Central America find it surprising to learn that the Mayas still live there. Although it is true that their ancient civilization (2) ... to an end when their country was taken over by the Spanish conquistadors, the Mayan people carried on living in the area. Today there are an estimated 1.2 million Mayas who live in southern Mexico, and many other areas of Central America states have large Mayan populations as (3) ... .

**55.** Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (3) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

**56.** Прочитайте текст. Выпишите по два лишних слова в порядке их предъявления в тексте.

Modern ballet has a so long and colourful history. As its aristocratic look suggests, this dance form has its roots in the royal courts of Western Europe. At first, the graceful movements accompanied by not only music, but speech and poetry as well.

**57.** Прочитайте текст. Выпишите по два лишних слова в порядке их предъявления в тексте.

I'm in a minority, I know, because if I don't possess a mobile phone. I've actually made a conscious decision that not to get one, which most people find strange, but I've never been the kind of person who follows trends.

**58.** Переведите на английский язык фрагмент предложения, данный в скобках.

I signed the contract the (на днях) day.

**59.** Переведите на английский язык фрагмент предложения, данный в скобках.

I had to do all the sewing (вручную).

**60.** Переведите на английский язык фрагмент предложения, данный в скобках.

He told me not to worry, but that is easier (сказать) than done.