

Personal space is the term that refers (1) ... the distance we like to keep between ourselves and other people. When someone we do not know well gets too close we usually begin to feel uncomfortable. Living in cities has made people develop new skills for dealing (2) ... situations where they are very close to strangers. Most people (3) ... crowded trains try not to look at strangers, they avoid (4) ... skin contact, and we apologise (5) ... people if our hands touch by (6) ... mistake. People use newspapers as (7) ... barrier between themselves and other people and if they still do not have a newspaper, they stare (8) ... the distance, making sure they are not looking into anyone's eyes.

1. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (1) пропущенное слово.

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

2. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (2) пропущенное слово.

- 1) at 2) to 3) with 4) by

3. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (3) пропущенное слово.

- 1) on 2) at 3) by 4) during

In 1995 I went (1) ... a trip which was (2) ... absolute disaster. I was going to Berlin on business when, by accident, I got (3) ... the wrong train. We were on the way to Brussels before realised my mistake. When I got to Brussels I had more problems because all my money was in German Marks and I didn't have my credit card with me. By chance I found (4) ... helpful policeman who was soon (5) ... the phone to my company. Thanks (6) ... his help I was able to arrange (7) Some money to be sent to a nearby bank. I spent that night in a hotel and paid my bill in (8) ... cash before leaving. In the end I got to Berlin twenty-four hours later than I had expected. Everyone thought my trip was a big joke.

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

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

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Mount Bulla is one of the most popular winter resorts in Australia. It is about a six or seven-hour drive from the city. The resort itself is on the side of the mountain about one thousand meters up. The drive up is breathtaking. As you go up the winding road, the pine trees surround you and you can smell how fresh and clear (1) ... air is. Snow has fallen and the ground is covered (2) ... a white blanket. The actual resort is made (3) ... of three traditionally-built hotels. The largest of (4) ... three has a disco.

Just above the hotels is the ski-lift which takes you (5) ... the top of the slopes. There are also skiing instructors who teach beginners. Quite often there are special shows put (6) ... by professional skiers, which are fascinating to watch. You must like skiing to enjoy your stay as the resort is (7) ... real paradise (8) ... ski-lovers.

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

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

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

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

- 1) for 2) out 3) down 4) up

I got woken up today by my daughter screaming, "Dad... it's snowing... it's snowing!" She just couldn't believe it — not surprising as they said (1) ... the news that it hasn't snowed here for nearly 50 years! We decided not to send her to school, and we had (2) ... great time — we even made a snowman (3) ... the backyard. We used dried cranberries for the eyes and a baby carrot for the nose because it was a baby snowman. People are so amazed (4) ... the weather that I have seen some of them just standing there staring as if they were in a trance. It looks like the work of a skillful decorator for a movie. It was chaos, though, for people going to work, a whole load of trucks were stuck (5) ... the snow. And it's been (6) ... very bad news (7) ... the citrus trees — they're all frozen. Even if (8) ... snow melts tomorrow, the damage is already done. So I'm afraid we won't be eating any local oranges this year!

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

- 1) by 2) at 3) from 4) on

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

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

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

- 1) on 2) in 3) of 4) along

(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.

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

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

- 1) by 2) with 3) at 4) through

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Albert Einstein's work has enormously broadened our understanding of (1) ... universe and has had a considerable impact (2) ... all our lives. Thanks (3) ... his equation $E = mc^2$, we now know that energy and mass are directly related (4) ... each other. To (5) ... very great extent, it is Einstein who is responsible (6) ... our knowing that space and time are actually one thing. Additionally, without $E = mc^2$, we would not have nuclear power — and nuclear weapons — today. Einstein did not become famous because of $E = mc^2$, which was first published in 1905. At (7) ... time, his paper was largely ignored, even (8) ... most scientists. Indeed, it was 14 years later that Einstein first made headlines round the world, when scientific evidence began to show that his Theory of General Relativity was correct.

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

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

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

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According (1) ... a recent survey, (2) ... British are poor savers in comparison (3) ... other nations in Europe. They may start out with good intentions but many people end up putting aside only 5.5 percent of their income (4) ... 'a rainy day'. It is believed that only 13 percent of people currently in employment in the UK are saving towards their retirement. One of the reasons (5) ... this is that they spend around 16 percent of everything they earn (6) ... luxuries such as holidays and other forms of entertainment. As (7) ... result, financial problems and personal debt have increased sharply. Owning a home is a good investment by many British people. However, house prices are now so high that they are simply unaffordable for many young people starting out. At (8) ... other end of the scale, over 800,000 households now own a second home abroad.

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

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

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

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

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

Humans have much (1) ... common with other life forms on Earth. Since the very first life forms appeared, all living things have been desperately struggling to survive the changing conditions of our planet. This has meant adapting (2) ... new situations and, in many cases, has led (3) ... either evolution or extinction. We are not alone (4) ... making (5) ... use of the world around us. Where we do differ (6) ... other life forms, however, is in our ability to record, and learn from, our collective history. In this, it appears that we are unique. We are increasingly becoming a species with detailed knowledge about our past. The more we learn, the better are our chances of (7) ... survival in the future. It must also be recognised, however, that we are (8) ... only species on Earth which has managed to create the means to destroy the planet we live on.

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

- 1) in 2) by 3) at 4) with

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

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

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

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

The explosive growth of the Internet over the past decade has been accompanied by a rise (1) ... new ways of interacting and communicating in cyberspace. First came emails and then chat rooms. Now, growing in (2) ... popularity (3) ... an incredible rate, is something known as blogging. For those who have never heard of it, a blog, which is short (4) ... web log, is a kind of journal or diary that people write to 'post' online. (5) ... beauty of blogging is that anyone can put a blog on (6) ... web and write about any topic under the sun. Some of the most interesting blogs can be found on Internet newspaper sites where readers post their comments (7) ... articles in the news. One surprising development of blogging is that they are now often used as a source of news themselves. It is not uncommon (8) ... journalists to use information that they have found on blog sites to write their articles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

How much sleep do we really need? This can vary quite a lot between individuals. However, it is widely believed that between 6—8 hours is healthy. What is particularly important is that this sleep happens (1) ... the right time; that it fits in with our body's natural rhythm. If you suffer (2) ... sleepiness during (3) ... day then you are probably not getting enough sleep when you most need it. Typical symptoms of a lack of sleep are (4) ... low concentration, poor memory and feeling irritable. Getting the right amount of sleep is not only important (5) ... terms of being able to function properly on a day to day basis but it also has (6) ... impact on your overall health. Research suggests that people who sleep between 6 to 7 hours per night are likely to live longer than those who sleep less than 6 or more than 8 hours per night. One reason (7) ... this is because of the effect sleep has (8) ... our immune system.

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

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

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

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

In a month's time I'll be setting (1) ... on the trip of (2) ... lifetime. My plan is to cycle all the way round the world, starting and finishing in my home town of Plymouth. It's taken over two years to prepare for the adventure; planning it, training for it and organising the finance. I've saved up about a quarter of the money I need, and I've managed to raise (3) ... rest by doing up my house and selling it for a lot more than it originally cost me. Understandably, my parents are not very keen on (4) ... idea, and I don't blame them (5) ... wanting to try to discourage me (6) ... going. They still haven't forgiven me for the worry I caused them when I tried, unsuccessfully, to cycle from Norway to South Africa. They've finally accepted, however, that nothing will prevent me (7) ... attempting it, and my mum has said she'll be the first to congratulate me (8) ... my achievement when I get back in two years' time.

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

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

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

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

27-year-old Londoner Andrew Terrill began a 7,000-mile walk from the south of Italy to the northernmost tip of Norway. The aim was to raise money for (1) ... homeless in England's capital. Here he reports (2) ... his experiences at (3) ... start of his adventures. "When I stood on a deserted beach at the southern tip of Italy, I didn't know quite what to expect. If I had known, I might never have left that pleasant Mediterranean beach. As I walked north into the foothills of (4) ... Apennines, it seemed impossible that I would ever reach (5) ... my final destination, North Cape (6) ... the top of Norway. The mountains were certainly a challenge. They were covered in dense forest, and there were few footpaths. There were many evil-looking snakes, a million lizards, deer and wild boar. The wildlife kept me (7) ... my toes. It was great to be out in the hills with the freedom to travel and live life (8) ... my own slow pace."

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

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

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

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

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

David de Rothschild is known (1) ... his efforts to make the earth a better place for those who inhabit it. Recently, David has become involved (2) ... a project which he believes will help save oceans. In the middle of (3) ... Pacific Ocean there is (4) ... vast pile of rubbish, which floats on the water and causes terrible damage (5) ... the environment. This region is filled (6) ... plastic waste. David came up with an ideal way to use this waste and help preserve our oceans at the same time. He is having a specially designed boat built out of 12,500 empty plastic bottles. David plans to sail (7) ... boat from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. He is enthusiastic (8) ... the journey regardless of the difficulties it may involve. David hopes that the adventure will encourage people not to ignore environmental problems.

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

- 1) for 2) from 3) of 4) to

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

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

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

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

While travelling (1) ... a train, I've often been drawn into conversation by strangers who sat next (2) ... me. And I have found that an exchange of ideas may sometimes turn (3) ... to be educational as well as stimulating. You may begin with a casual mention of today's sunshine or yesterday's thunderstorm, and end up (4) ... a discussion about geography, meteorology, floods, and the mysterious ways of God. Several of my casual conversations with strangers have enriched my own mind (5) ... fresh knowledge and new words. One day (6) ... blind young man was sitting beside me. He was travelling from Chicago, to study singing in New York. As (7) ... result of our conversation during that trip, I learned about South American, African and Oriental music, as well as about the latest methods of education for (8) ... blind. I have been able to use much of this information in some of my articles and books.

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

- 1) on 2) at 3) by 4) with

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

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

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

- 1) up 2) on 3) off 4) out

A recent survey has been analysing information about the time that people in the UK take off work because of illness. The study was carried (1) ... in 4,300 businesses around the country. The analysts looked (2) ... the number of absences, when they took place and the reasons given (3) ... them. It was found that Manchester was the city where people took most days off- an average of 11 days a year. People were off the least time of all in London (only 7 days (4) ... average). Employers also claimed that many workers chose to be absent when there was something good (5) ... television. (6) ... most employers thought their employees often did not tell (7) ... truth about why they were taking time off. Bosses said that they believed that less than 10% of (8) ... sick notes they received were genuine.

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

- 1) on 2) out 3) by 4) to

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

- 1) at 2) for 3) after 4) down on

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

- 1) on 2) for 3) to 4) with

Spare time activities basically fall (1) ... two categories: traditional and modern. Traditional activities include pastimes such as collecting and reading while modern activities involve playing computer games and watching television.

Children often become interested in collecting when they come (2) ... something their parents or grandparents have collected. Although they are keen on collecting when they first start, they very often become fed up with it as soon as they reach (3) ... their late teens.

Nowadays there are many modern activities which are based on modern technology and it is not unusual to find a teenager's bedroom full of computer games. Surfing (4) ... Internet is always popular (5) ... both teenagers and adults. Another pastime which teenagers have (6) ... common with adults is sitting in front of (7) ... television. It is interesting to note that none of these activities involve having (8) ... discussion about important issues - something which was popular in the past.

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

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

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

- 1) about 2) along 3) down 4) across

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

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

At (1) ... early age Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, had to help his father on his farm. When he was twenty-two, he went to Irvine, where he began to learn about making cloth. Shortly after his arrival, the factory in which he was training was destroyed (2) ... fire so he started (3) ... farm with his younger brother. While he was living on the farm, he concentrated (4) ... writing poems and fell for a local girl, Jean Armour. Robert wanted to marry her but her father would not allow him to do so, probably because he thought Burns was not wealthy enough. Her father's refusal took Robert (5) ... surprise and he decided to leave (6) ... country. Robert had to obtain the fare for the voyage by selling some poems. Just as he was about to leave he was given some advice — to publish a new edition of the poems he had written. He received a large sum of money for the poetry and was able to get married (7) ... Jean Armour. During his marriage he continued to write the expressive poetry he became famous (8)

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

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

- 1) by 2) on 3) in 4) with

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

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

Sally and James Parker from Manchester got married last year. They then left their five-year-old dog, Blackie, in a dogs' home while they went (1) ... their honeymoon to Venice. While they were away, Blackie escaped (2) ... the dogs' home. The dogs' home was not in Manchester but 500 miles away in Cornwall near to (3) ... town where James's parents lived. As soon as they got back from their honeymoon, James and Sally drove to Cornwall to look for Blackie. Unfortunately, they were out of (4) ... luck. However, they refused to give (5) They drove to Cornwall every weekend for the next six months. By then the weekly drive had become so tiring that James sold his business and they moved to Cornwall.

Blackie has now been missing for fourteen months. Sally and James have seen her several times but they have not succeeded (6) ... catching her. James says that (7) ... problem is that Blackie is too nervous now to let anyone come (8) ... her.

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

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

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

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

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

There are few people today who could exist without their mobile phones. However, the mobile phone has its drawbacks that people often forget (1) Not all people know how to use a mobile phone (2) ... proper respect to the people around, so trying to sleep (3) ... a bus these days has become practically impossible. However, there is no denying that mobile phones have a number of advantages. Parents give their children more freedom if they take their phones with them when they go out. In addition, the mobile is (4) ... particularly effective tool (5) ... teenagers when they want to get home free of (6) ... charge, as all they have to do is dial their parents' number and the family 'taxi' will arrive at (7) ... arranged time. (8) ... balance, it seems that mobile phones have as many disadvantages as positive aspects.

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

- 1) of 2) about 3) off 4) out

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

- 1) out 2) in 3) up 4) off

I was brought (1) ... in a house on a main road of the city centre and I've always dreamt of living by (2) ... sea. So when the chance came for us to buy a house on (3) ... coast, I was the one telling my mum and dad to do it, but what (4) ... nightmare it turned (5) ... to be! We didn't know anyone, the roof let (6) ... water, we were cold most of the year, and in the summer we couldn't move because of the tourists

Within a year, we were moving again. We looked at houses in a village near here but it was too quiet. We ended (7) ... buying a house (8) ... the outskirts of the city where I was born, and we love it! Not all dreams are what you think they are!

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

- 1) in 2) on 3) off 4) up

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

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

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

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

Nobody wants to deal with a medical emergency when they are on (1) ... holiday. (2) ... practice you may not have any choice in (3) ... matter, and it is best to be as well prepared as possible. If you are travelling independently that means taking a medical kit (*аптечка*). The whole idea of the kit is that you can carry it around (4) ... you, therefore it needs to be both light and compact. You can buy a pre-packed kit which includes the main things essential (5) ... all minor inconveniences. Cuts, stings can be sorted (6) ... easily by using the things in the kit. It's also important to buy and read a good basic first aid book, which will help you to know what to do (7) ... any possible emergencies. Finally, keep your first aid kit in a pocket or towards the top of your bag in case you need to find it in (8) ... hurry.

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

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

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

- 1) By 2) In 3) On 4) For

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

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

Why do so many amusing incidents occur (1) ... train journeys? I remember the day when a ticket inspector entered the compartment where six or seven people were sitting. Everyone quickly found their ticket except for the man sitting next to me. His hands dived urgently (2) ... his pockets, and then he began to search through his briefcase. Everyone else could see exactly where his ticket was — he was gripping it between his teeth. The ticket inspector calmly dealt (3) ... all the other passengers. Then, equally calmly, he drew the ticket from between the man's teeth, examined it with (4) ... frown and popped it back again. Once the inspector had left the compartment, (5) ... most of the passengers settled down and carried (6) ... reading their morning papers. As for the passenger who had had his ticket in his mouth, he popped it into his pocket, looking very relieved. He was generally quite (7) ... friendly person, so to make conversation I said to him, "You must have felt foolish — searching (8) ... all your pockets while it was in your mouth." "Foolish?" he whispered. "Not at all — I was chewing the date off."

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

- 1) in 2) at 3) on 4) with

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

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

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

- 1) to 2) by 3) at 4) with

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.

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

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

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

- 1) of 2) from 3) off 4) out of

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

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

Dear David,

You'll never guess what's happened — I've got a job! I saw an advert (1) ... an administrative assistant at London Insurance, and sent in my CV, more (2) ... curiosity than anything else. Well, to my surprise, I got an interview, and I managed to convince them that insurance is (3) ... very career path I intend to pursue. Apparently, they were impressed with my ambition, especially when I said I was looking for the job (4) ... good promotion prospects, and (5) ... week later I was offered the job. They seem to look after you well — for example, I was told to send in a claims form so that they could pay (6) ... my travel expenses to the interview. Little things like that make all (7) ... difference. So I'm actually starting work on Monday David, why don't you apply? They take (8) ... 20 new graduates each year. It would be right up your street.

Best wishes,
Dan

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

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

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

- 1) out of 2) for 3) in 4) at

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

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

During our lifetime most of us have some experience of either owning a pet or being (1) ... close contact with someone who does. Various factors influence one's choice of pets, from your reasons (2) ... getting a pet to your lifestyle. For example, although quite a few pets are relatively cheap to buy, (3) ... cost of maintenance can be considerable. Everything must be taken (4) ... account, from food and bedding, to vaccinations and veterinary bills. You must be prepared to spend money and time (5) ... your pet, which involves shopping for it, cleaning and feeding it. Pets can be demanding and (6) ... big responsibility. People get pets for company, security or to teach responsibility (7) ... children. Pets can be affectionate and loyal and (8) ... excellent source of company as long as you know what pet suits you and your lifestyle.

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

- 1) at 2) in 3) by 4) on

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

- 1) for 2) to 3) with 4) of

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

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

Napping, or taking short periods of sleep during the day, is (1) ... basic human need. According to numerous studies, napping decreases tiredness and increases energy levels. Yet many people prefer to fight (2) ... tiredness rather than take (3) ... short sleep during the day.

(4) ... the majority of workers a nap in the afternoon increases productivity, creativity and problem-solving skills. One expert has called (5) ... a new part to the work day, a period called "nap time". People have coffee breaks, although what they really need is nap breaks.

Scientists, who study sleep patterns, say that "morning" people can benefit (6) ... a twenty minute nap around (7) ... noon, while "night owls" need a nap around three or four in the afternoon. The key is to find (8) ... what kind of nap you need and for how long.

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

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

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

- 1) for 2) from 3) against 4) of

Have you ever wondered why humans cry? Most mammals produce tears to clean (1) ... eyes, but humans are unique — perhaps (2) ... the exception (3) ... gorillas and elephants that produce tears in response (4) ... emotional stimuli. We might feel like crying when we hear (5) ... sad news, or even cry (6) ... happiness. Scientists are unsure (7) ... any benefits of crying. Though some people say that (8) ... good cry may help them get over difficult emotional situations.

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

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

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

- 1) with 2) at 3) in 4) by

Did Marco Polo tell the truth when he wrote about his journey to China? Or did (1) ... 13th century Italian explorer just make up stories about places he would like to have visited?

According to some experts, when Marco was 17, he set (2) ... with his father and uncle (3) ... an adventure that lasted over 20 years. They passed through Turkey into (4) ... northern Iran, along the Great Silk Road and across (5) ... Gobi desert. Eventually, in 1275, they reached the summer capital where they met the emperor. The opportunity to return home only came 17 years later. Shortly after his return to Venice, Marco Polo was captured (6) ... sea, possibly by pirates. They put him (7) ... prison where he devoted his time (8) ... composing his book.

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

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

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

- 1) off 2) over 3) in 4) up

Imagine the situation: a busy mother is pushing a heavy trolley around a supermarket. Her baby is sitting in the seat and crying (1) ... food, while her two bigger children have become bored and are starting to run (2) ... the shop. They have already spent (3) ... hour in their car, stuck in queues of vehicles waiting to park, and the mother will soon have to carry a large number of bags back to the car. Wouldn't it be a whole lot easier (4) ... the mother to order her shopping (5) ... the Internet? This method of shopping saves time and transport costs, enables you to see (6) ... much greater range of goods, and must surely be a lot less stressful. So why has internet shopping not caught on to (7) ... greater extent? The answer may well be that most people still enjoy leaving their homes to shop. They want to be able to see and touch the goods, try (8) ... clothes before buying them, for example. That is why, in my opinion, internet shopping will never replace conventional shopping.

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

- 1) to 2) on 3) for 4) of

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

- 1) over 2) around 3) out 4) away

We had been staying at (1) ... holiday resort on mainland Greece for nearly (2) ... week when we decided to visit one of the nearby islands. First, we booked the trip at our hotel, then we walked down to the harbour and found our boat. The captain welcomed us on board and we sat down near (3) ... front. (4) ... first, the weather was good and the sea was calm. However, after about fifteen minutes, dark clouds filled the sky, and it was clear that a storm was about to start. Ten minutes later, it was pouring (5) ... rain and the sea was extremely rough. It was absolutely terrifying! The captain of the boat explained (6) ... us that he couldn't approach (7) ... the island — he was worried that we might hit the rocks if we went too close! All we could do was wait for the storm to pass. All of the passengers were feeling very ill as well as frightened. But finally, the storm passed, the sea became calm once more and we finished our journey. I'll never forget being (8) ... sea during a storm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

These days the media is full (1) ... stories of celebrities' private lives: their relationships, problems with weight and so on. In fact, (2) ... public seems to have (3) ... never-ending appetite for this type of gossip. It could be argued that celebrities invite publicity, for instance (4) ... giving interviews or welcoming the media into their homes. However, there are several reasons why celebrities deserve a certain level of privacy. Firstly, while some people actively seek (5) ... fame, others do not. Secondly, reporters are more interested in selling a sensational story than in investigating something (6) ... genuine importance. Lastly, the unwelcome attentions of reporters and photographers can put celebrities under great stress. Just think of Michael Jackson or Princess Diana. (7) ... balance, I believe that celebrities have the right (8) ... the same kind of privacy as anyone else.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) a 2) an 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Every October I like to go to France (1) ... my holidays. Last year I visited the Loire Valley and I had the best two weeks of my life. I had such (2) ... good fun I cried when it was time to leave. When I arrived (3) ... Calais, the sun was shining and I was glad I had decided to go (4) ... camping. There are lots of campsites in the Loire, and I found a small one near a beautiful castle. King Louis XIV had (5) ... castle built in order to impress a princess he wanted to marry, but she rejected him for an English Duke. I fell in love with (6) ... place at once. Although October is late (7) ... camping, there were quite a lot of people staying there. It was highly recommended in my guidebook and a friend of mine had also suggested to go to that particular site. Most of the other campers were around (8) ... my age and I made friends with several of them. Six of us have agreed to meet there again next year for another great holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) out 2) to 3) for 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Scout Movement has a rich and exciting history which has led (1) ... it becoming the leading global youth movement of today. There are more than 40 million Scouts in over 200 countries and territories today. Scouting as (2) ... movement began with 20 boys and an experimental camp in 1907. It was held on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset, England. (3) ... camp was (4) ... great success and proved (5) ... its organiser, Robert Baden-Powell, that his training and methods appealed (6) ... young people and really worked. In 1908, he published the first Scouting for Boys, a book issued in fortnightly (выходящий каждые две недели) parts at four pence each. The book was immediately sold out. Baden-Powell's only intention was to provide existing youth organisations (7) ... a new method of training boys. (8) ... his surprise, youngsters started to organise themselves into what was destined to become the world's largest voluntary youth movement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) ... Globe Theatre is situated on the banks of the River Thames, about 200 metres from the original site of Shakespeare's 1599 building. It's a faithful (точный) reconstruction of the open-air playhouse where Shakespeare worked, and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays. Due (2) ... the fact that the theatre is open to the sky, the season is limited (3) ... only six months of the year, running from April to October. The theatre itself is circular in shape and the seated areas are in the lower, middle, and upper galleries. (4) ... addition to the seated galleries, there is an area in front of the stage called the Yard, where visitors can stand and watch the play. Before attending (5) ... a performance, visitors need to bear a certain thing in (6) ... mind. As it is a 16th-century replica, the theatre doesn't boast any (7) ... the comforts of modern-day life and performances continue whatever (8) ... weather.

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

- 1) A 2) An 3) The 4) -

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

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

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

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

Personal space is the term that refers (1) ... the distance we like to keep between ourselves and other people. When someone we do not know well gets too close we usually begin to feel uncomfortable. Living in cities has made people develop new skills for dealing (2) ... situations where they are very close to strangers. Most people (3) ... crowded trains try not to look at strangers, they avoid (4) ... skin contact, and we apologise (5) ... people if our hands touch by (6) ... mistake. People use newspapers as (7) ... barrier between themselves and other people and if they still do not have a newspaper, they stare (8) ... the distance, making sure they are not looking into anyone's eyes.

113. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (4) пропущенное слово.

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

114. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (5) пропущенное слово.

- 1) to 2) for 3) before 4) from

115. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (6) пропущенное слово.

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

In 1995 I went (1) ... a trip which was (2) ... absolute disaster. I was going to Berlin on business when, by accident, I got (3) ... the wrong train. We were on the way to Brussels before realised my mistake. When I got to Brussels I had more problems because all my money was in German Marks and I didn't have my credit card with me. By chance I found (4) ... helpful policeman who was soon (5) ... the phone to my company. Thanks (6) ... his help I was able to arrange (7) Some money to be sent to a nearby bank. I spent that night in a hotel and paid my bill in (8) ... cash before leaving. In the end I got to Berlin twenty-four hours later than I had expected. Everyone thought my trip was a big joke.

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

- 1) by 2) in 3) on 4) at

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

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

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

- 1) at 2) by 3) on 4) to

Mount Bulla is one of the most popular winter resorts in Australia. It is about a six or seven-hour drive from the city. The resort itself is on the side of the mountain about one thousand meters up. The drive up is breathtaking. As you go up the winding road, the pine trees surround you and you can smell how fresh and clear (1) ... air is. Snow has fallen and the ground is covered (2) ... a white blanket. The actual resort is made (3) ... of three traditionally-built hotels. The largest of (4) ... three has a disco.

Just above the hotels is the ski-lift which takes you (5) ... the top of the slopes. There are also skiing instructors who teach beginners. Quite often there are special shows put (6) ... by professional skiers, which are fascinating to watch. You must like skiing to enjoy your stay as the resort is (7) ... real paradise (8) ... ski-lovers.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) in 2) on 3) off 4) down

I got woken up today by my daughter screaming, "Dad... it's snowing... it's snowing!" She just couldn't believe it — not surprising as they said (1) ... the news that it hasn't snowed here for nearly 50 years! We decided not to send her to school, and we had (2) ... great time — we even made a snowman (3) ... the backyard. We used dried cranberries for the eyes and a baby carrot for the nose because it was a baby snowman. People are so amazed (4) ... the weather that I have seen some of them just standing there staring as if they were in a trance. It looks like the work of a skillful decorator for a movie. It was chaos, though, for people going to work, a whole load of trucks were stuck (5) ... the snow. And it's been (6) ... very bad news (7) ... the citrus trees — they're all frozen. Even if (8) ... snow melts tomorrow, the damage is already done. So I'm afraid we won't be eating any local oranges this year!

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

- 1) about 2) on 3) by 4) of

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

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

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

- 1) a 2) an 3) the 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.

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

- 1) with 2) in 3) on 4) at

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

- 1) to 2) of 3) from 4) at

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

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

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.

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

- 1) at 2) on 3) with 4) in

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

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

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

- 1) by 2) in 3) at 4) with

Albert Einstein's work has enormously broadened our understanding of (1) ... universe and has had a considerable impact (2) ... all our lives. Thanks (3) ... his equation $E = mc^2$, we now know that energy and mass are directly related (4) ... each other. To (5) ... very great extent, it is Einstein who is responsible (6) ... our knowing that space and time are actually one thing. Additionally, without $E = mc^2$, we would not have nuclear power — and nuclear weapons — today. Einstein did not become famous because of $E = mc^2$, which was first published in 1905. At (7) ... time, his paper was largely ignored, even (8) ... most scientists. Indeed, it was 14 years later that Einstein first made headlines round the world, when scientific evidence began to show that his Theory of General Relativity was correct.

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

- 1) about 2) to 3) at 4) -

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

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

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

According (1) ... a recent survey, (2) ... British are poor savers in comparison (3) ... other nations in Europe. They may start out with good intentions but many people end up putting aside only 5.5 percent of their income (4) ... 'a rainy day'. It is believed that only 13 percent of people currently in employment in the UK are saving towards their retirement. One of the reasons (5) ... this is that they spend around 16 percent of everything they earn (6) ... luxuries such as holidays and other forms of entertainment. As (7) ... result, financial problems and personal debt have increased sharply. Owning a home is a good investment by many British people. However, house prices are now so high that they are simply unaffordable for many young people starting out. At (8) ... other end of the scale, over 800,000 households now own a second home abroad.

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

- 1) to 2) on 3) of 4) for

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

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

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

- 1) with 2) on 3) to 4) in

Humans have much (1) ... common with other life forms on Earth. Since the very first life forms appeared, all living things have been desperately struggling to survive the changing conditions of our planet. This has meant adapting (2) ... new situations and, in many cases, has led (3) ... either evolution or extinction. We are not alone (4) ... making (5) ... use of the world around us. Where we do differ (6) ... other life forms, however, is in our ability to record, and learn from, our collective history. In this, it appears that we are unique. We are increasingly becoming a species with detailed knowledge about our past. The more we learn, the better are our chances of (7) ... survival in the future. It must also be recognised, however, that we are (8) ... only species on Earth which has managed to create the means to destroy the planet we live on.

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

- 1) for 2) of 3) with 4) in

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

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

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

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

The explosive growth of the Internet over the past decade has been accompanied by a rise (1) ... new ways of interacting and communicating in cyberspace. First came emails and then chat rooms. Now, growing in (2) ... popularity (3) ... an incredible rate, is something known as blogging. For those who have never heard of it, a blog, which is short (4) ... web log, is a kind of journal or diary that people write to 'post' online. (5) ... beauty of blogging is that anyone can put a blog on (6) ... web and write about any topic under the sun. Some of the most interesting blogs can be found on Internet newspaper sites where readers post their comments (7) ... articles in the news. One surprising development of blogging is that they are now often used as a source of news themselves. It is not uncommon (8) ... journalists to use information that they have found on blog sites to write their articles.

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

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

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

- 1) A 2) An 3) The 4) -

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

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

How much sleep do we really need? This can vary quite a lot between individuals. However, it is widely believed that between 6—8 hours is healthy. What is particularly important is that this sleep happens (1) ... the right time; that it fits in with our body's natural rhythm. If you suffer (2) ... sleepiness during (3) ... day then you are probably not getting enough sleep when you most need it. Typical symptoms of a lack of sleep are (4) ... low concentration, poor memory and feeling irritable. Getting the right amount of sleep is not only important (5) ... terms of being able to function properly on a day to day basis but it also has (6) ... impact on your overall health. Research suggests that people who sleep between 6 to 7 hours per night are likely to live longer than those who sleep less than 6 or more than 8 hours per night. One reason (7) ... this is because of the effect sleep has (8) ... our immune system.

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

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

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

- 1) in 2) with 3) by 4) on

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

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

In a month's time I'll be setting (1) ... on the trip of (2) ... lifetime. My plan is to cycle all the way round the world, starting and finishing in my home town of Plymouth. It's taken over two years to prepare for the adventure; planning it, training for it and organising the finance. I've saved up about a quarter of the money I need, and I've managed to raise (3) ... rest by doing up my house and selling it for a lot more than it originally cost me. Understandably, my parents are not very keen on (4) ... idea, and I don't blame them (5) ... wanting to try to discourage me (6) ... going. They still haven't forgiven me for the worry I caused them when I tried, unsuccessfully, to cycle from Norway to South Africa. They've finally accepted, however, that nothing will prevent me (7) ... attempting it, and my mum has said she'll be the first to congratulate me (8) ... my achievement when I get back in two years' time.

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

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

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

- 1) in 2) for 3) with 4) of

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

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

27-year-old Londoner Andrew Terrill began a 7,000-mile walk from the south of Italy to the northernmost tip of Norway. The aim was to raise money for (1) ... homeless in England's capital. Here he reports (2) ... his experiences at (3) ... start of his adventures. "When I stood on a deserted beach at the southern tip of Italy, I didn't know quite what to expect. If I had known, I might never have left that pleasant Mediterranean beach. As I walked north into the foothills of (4) ... Apennines, it seemed impossible that I would ever reach (5) ... my final destination, North Cape (6) ... the top of Norway. The mountains were certainly a challenge. They were covered in dense forest, and there were few footpaths. There were many evil-looking snakes, a million lizards, deer and wild boar. The wildlife kept me (7) ... my toes. It was great to be out in the hills with the freedom to travel and live life (8) ... my own slow pace."

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

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

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

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

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

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

David de Rothschild is known (1) ... his efforts to make the earth a better place for those who inhabit it. Recently, David has become involved (2) ... a project which he believes will help save oceans. In the middle of (3) ... Pacific Ocean there is (4) ... vast pile of rubbish, which floats on the water and causes terrible damage (5) ... the environment. This region is filled (6) ... plastic waste. David came up with an ideal way to use this waste and help preserve our oceans at the same time. He is having a specially designed boat built out of 12,500 empty plastic bottles. David plans to sail (7) ... boat from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. He is enthusiastic (8) ... the journey regardless of the difficulties it may involve. David hopes that the adventure will encourage people not to ignore environmental problems.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) to 2) of 3) with 4) in

While travelling (1) ... a train, I've often been drawn into conversation by strangers who sat next (2) ... me. And I have found that an exchange of ideas may sometimes turn (3) ... to be educational as well as stimulating. You may begin with a casual mention of today's sunshine or yesterday's thunderstorm, and end up (4) ... a discussion about geography, meteorology, floods, and the mysterious ways of God. Several of my casual conversations with strangers have enriched my own mind (5) ... fresh knowledge and new words. One day (6) ... blind young man was sitting beside me. He was travelling from Chicago, to study singing in New York. As (7) ... result of our conversation during that trip, I learned about South American, African and Oriental music, as well as about the latest methods of education for (8) ... blind. I have been able to use much of this information in some of my articles and books.

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

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

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

- 1) with 2) for 3) of 4) in

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

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

A recent survey has been analysing information about the time that people in the UK take off work because of illness. The study was carried (1) ... in 4,300 businesses around the country. The analysts looked (2) ... the number of absences, when they took place and the reasons given (3) ... them. It was found that Manchester was the city where people took most days off- an average of 11 days a year. People were off the least time of all in London (only 7 days (4) ... average). Employers also claimed that many workers chose to be absent when there was something good (5) ... television. (6) ... most employers thought their employees often did not tell (7) ... truth about why they were taking time off. Bosses said that they believed that less than 10% of (8) ... sick notes they received were genuine.

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

- 1) at 2) in 3) with 4) on

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

- 1) on 2) in 3) at 4) by

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

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Spare time activities basically fall (1) ... two categories: traditional and modern. Traditional activities include pastimes such as collecting and reading while modern activities involve playing computer games and watching television.

Children often become interested in collecting when they come (2) ... something their parents or grandparents have collected. Although they are keen on collecting when they first start, they very often become fed up with it as soon as they reach (3) ... their late teens.

Nowadays there are many modern activities which are based on modern technology and it is not unusual to find a teenager's bedroom full of computer games. Surfing (4) ... Internet is always popular (5) ... both teenagers and adults. Another pastime which teenagers have (6) ... common with adults is sitting in front of (7) ... television. It is interesting to note that none of these activities involve having (8) ... discussion about important issues - something which was popular in the past.

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

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

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

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

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

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

At (1) ... early age Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, had to help his father on his farm. When he was twenty-two, he went to Irvine, where he began to learn about making cloth. Shortly after his arrival, the factory in which he was training was destroyed (2) ... fire so he started (3) ... farm with his younger brother. While he was living on the farm, he concentrated (4) ... writing poems and fell for a local girl, Jean Armour. Robert wanted to marry her but her father would not allow him to do so, probably because he thought Burns was not wealthy enough. Her father's refusal took Robert (5) ... surprise and he decided to leave (6) ... country. Robert had to obtain the fare for the voyage by selling some poems. Just as he was about to leave he was given some advice — to publish a new edition of the poems he had written. He received a large sum of money for the poetry and was able to get married (7) ... Jean Armour. During his marriage he continued to write the expressive poetry he became famous (8)

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

- 1) at 2) in 3) on 4) with

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

Sally and James Parker from Manchester got married last year. They then left their five-year-old dog, Blackie, in a dogs' home while they went (1) ... their honeymoon to Venice. While they were away, Blackie escaped (2) ... the dogs' home. The dogs' home was not in Manchester but 500 miles away in Cornwall near to (3) ... town where James's parents lived. As soon as they got back from their honeymoon, James and Sally drove to Cornwall to look for Blackie. Unfortunately, they were out of (4) ... luck. However, they refused to give (5) They drove to Cornwall every weekend for the next six months. By then the weekly drive had become so tiring that James sold his business and they moved to Cornwall.

Blackie has now been missing for fourteen months. Sally and James have seen her several times but they have not succeeded (6) ... catching her. James says that (7) ... problem is that Blackie is too nervous now to let anyone come (8) ... her.

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

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

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

- 1) over 2) out 3) off 4) up

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

- 1) in 2) with 3) on 4) at

There are few people today who could exist without their mobile phones. However, the mobile phone has its drawbacks that people often forget (1) Not all people know how to use a mobile phone (2) ... proper respect to the people around, so trying to sleep (3) ... a bus these days has become practically impossible. However, there is no denying that mobile phones have a number of advantages. Parents give their children more freedom if they take their phones with them when they go out. In addition, the mobile is (4) ... particularly effective tool (5) ... teenagers when they want to get home free of (6) ... charge, as all they have to do is dial their parents' number and the family 'taxi' will arrive at (7) ... arranged time. (8) ... balance, it seems that mobile phones have as many disadvantages as positive aspects.

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

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

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

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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.

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

- 1) on 2) into 3) out 4) off

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

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

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

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

I was brought (1) ... in a house on a main road of the city centre and I've always dreamt of living by (2) ... sea. So when the chance came for us to buy a house on (3) ... coast, I was the one telling my mum and dad to do it, but what (4) ... nightmare it turned (5) ... to be! We didn't know anyone, the roof let (6) ... water, we were cold most of the year, and in the summer we couldn't move because of the tourists

Within a year, we were moving again. We looked at houses in a village near here but it was too quiet. We ended (7) ... buying a house (8) ... the outskirts of the city where I was born, and we love it! Not all dreams are what you think they are!

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

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

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

- 1) off 2) up 3) - 4) in

Nobody wants to deal with a medical emergency when they are on (1) ... holiday. (2) ... practice you may not have any choice in (3) ... matter, and it is best to be as well prepared as possible. If you are travelling independently that means taking a medical kit (*аптечка*). The whole idea of the kit is that you can carry it around (4) ... you, therefore it needs to be both light and compact. You can buy a pre-packed kit which includes the main things essential (5) ... all minor inconveniences. Cuts, stings can be sorted (6) ... easily by using the things in the kit. It's also important to buy and read a good basic first aid book, which will help you to know what to do (7) ... any possible emergencies. Finally, keep your first aid kit in a pocket or towards the top of your bag in case you need to find it in (8) ... hurry.

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

- 1) on 2) at 3) with 4) to

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

- 1) on 2) with 3) from 4) for

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

- 1) out 2) at 3) in 4) up

Why do so many amusing incidents occur (1) ... train journeys? I remember the day when a ticket inspector entered the compartment where six or seven people were sitting. Everyone quickly found their ticket except for the man sitting next to me. His hands dived urgently (2) ... his pockets, and then he began to search through his briefcase. Everyone else could see exactly where his ticket was — he was gripping it between his teeth. The ticket inspector calmly dealt (3) ... all the other passengers. Then, equally calmly, he drew the ticket from between the man's teeth, examined it with (4) ... frown and popped it back again. Once the inspector had left the compartment, (5) ... most of the passengers settled down and carried (6) ... reading their morning papers. As for the passenger who had had his ticket in his mouth, he popped it into his pocket, looking very relieved. He was generally quite (7) ... friendly person, so to make conversation I said to him, "You must have felt foolish — searching (8) ... all your pockets while it was in your mouth." "Foolish?" he whispered. "Not at all — I was chewing the date off."

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) with 2) on 3) in 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.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) - 2) to 3) with 4) in

Dear David,

You'll never guess what's happened — I've got a job! I saw an advert (1) ... an administrative assistant at London Insurance, and sent in my CV, more (2) ... curiosity than anything else. Well, to my surprise, I got an interview, and I managed to convince them that insurance is (3) ... very career path I intend to pursue. Apparently, they were impressed with my ambition, especially when I said I was looking for the job (4) ... good promotion prospects, and (5) ... week later I was offered the job. They seem to look after you well — for example, I was told to send in a claims form so that they could pay (6) ... my travel expenses to the interview. Little things like that make all (7) ... difference. So I'm actually starting work on Monday David, why don't you apply? They take (8) ... 20 new graduates each year. It would be right up your street.

Best wishes,

Dan

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

- 1) at 2) by 3) for 4) with

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

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

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

- 1) back 2) away 3) out of 4) of

During our lifetime most of us have some experience of either owning a pet or being (1) ... close contact with someone who does. Various factors influence one's choice of pets, from your reasons (2) ... getting a pet to your lifestyle. For example, although quite a few pets are relatively cheap to buy, (3) ... cost of maintenance can be considerable. Everything must be taken (4) ... account, from food and bedding, to vaccinations and veterinary bills. You must be prepared to spend money and time (5) ... your pet, which involves shopping for it, cleaning and feeding it. Pets can be demanding and (6) ... big responsibility. People get pets for company, security or to teach responsibility (7) ... children. Pets can be affectionate and loyal and (8) ... excellent source of company as long as you know what pet suits you and your lifestyle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Napping, or taking short periods of sleep during the day, is (1) ... basic human need. According to numerous studies, napping decreases tiredness and increases energy levels. Yet many people prefer to fight (2) ... tiredness rather than take (3) ... short sleep during the day.

(4) ... the majority of workers a nap in the afternoon increases productivity, creativity and problem-solving skills. One expert has called (5) ... a new part to the work day, a period called "nap time". People have coffee breaks, although what they really need is nap breaks.

Scientists, who study sleep patterns, say that "morning" people can benefit (6) ... a twenty minute nap around (7) ... noon, while "night owls" need a nap around three or four in the afternoon. The key is to find (8) ... what kind of nap you need and for how long.

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

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

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

- 1) On 2) For 3) At 4) By

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

- 1) on 2) up 3) for 4) -

Have you ever wondered why humans cry? Most mammals produce tears to clean (1) ... eyes, but humans are unique — perhaps (2) ... the exception (3) ... gorillas and elephants that produce tears in response (4) ... emotional stimuli. We might feel like crying when we hear (5) ... sad news, or even cry (6) ... happiness. Scientists are unsure (7) ... any benefits of crying. Though some people say that (8) ... good cry may help them get over difficult emotional situations.

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

- 1) on 2) from 3) to 4) of

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

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

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

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

Did Marco Polo tell the truth when he wrote about his journey to China? Or did (1) ... 13th century Italian explorer just make up stories about places he would like to have visited?

According to some experts, when Marco was 17, he set (2) ... with his father and uncle (3) ... an adventure that lasted over 20 years. They passed through Turkey into (4) ... northern Iran, along the Great Silk Road and across (5) ... Gobi desert. Eventually, in 1275, they reached the summer capital where they met the emperor. The opportunity to return home only came 17 years later. Shortly after his return to Venice, Marco Polo was captured (6) ... sea, possibly by pirates. They put him (7) ... prison where he devoted his time (8) ... composing his book.

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

- 1) with 2) at 3) on 4) in

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

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

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

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

Imagine the situation: a busy mother is pushing a heavy trolley around a supermarket. Her baby is sitting in the seat and crying (1) ... food, while her two bigger children have become bored and are starting to run (2) ... the shop. They have already spent (3) ... hour in their car, stuck in queues of vehicles waiting to park, and the mother will soon have to carry a large number of bags back to the car. Wouldn't it be a whole lot easier (4) ... the mother to order her shopping (5) ... the Internet? This method of shopping saves time and transport costs, enables you to see (6) ... much greater range of goods, and must surely be a lot less stressful. So why has internet shopping not caught on to (7) ... greater extent? The answer may well be that most people still enjoy leaving their homes to shop. They want to be able to see and touch the goods, try (8) ... clothes before buying them, for example. That is why, in my opinion, internet shopping will never replace conventional shopping.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) on 2) from 3) at 4) with

We had been staying at (1) ... holiday resort on mainland Greece for nearly (2) ... week when we decided to visit one of the nearby islands. First, we booked the trip at our hotel, then we walked down to the harbour and found our boat. The captain welcomed us on board and we sat down near (3) ... front. (4) ... first, the weather was good and the sea was calm. However, after about fifteen minutes, dark clouds filled the sky, and it was clear that a storm was about to start. Ten minutes later, it was pouring (5) ... rain and the sea was extremely rough. It was absolutely terrifying! The captain of the boat explained (6) ... us that he couldn't approach (7) ... the island — he was worried that we might hit the rocks if we went too close! All we could do was wait for the storm to pass. All of the passengers were feeling very ill as well as frightened. But finally, the storm passed, the sea became calm once more and we finished our journey. I'll never forget being (8) ... sea during a storm.

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

- 1) In 2) At 3) For 4) -

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

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

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

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

These days the media is full (1) ... stories of celebrities' private lives: their relationships, problems with weight and so on. In fact, (2) ... public seems to have (3) ... never-ending appetite for this type of gossip. It could be argued that celebrities invite publicity, for instance (4) ... giving interviews or welcoming the media into their homes. However, there are several reasons why celebrities deserve a certain level of privacy. Firstly, while some people actively seek (5) ... fame, others do not. Secondly, reporters are more interested in selling a sensational story than in investigating something (6) ... genuine importance. Lastly, the unwelcome attentions of reporters and photographers can put celebrities under great stress. Just think of Michael Jackson or Princess Diana. (7) ... balance, I believe that celebrities have the right (8) ... the same kind of privacy as anyone else.

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

- 1) in 2) with 3) by 4) from

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

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

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

- 1) of 2) with 3) for 4) to

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.

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

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

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

- 1) to 2) for 3) with 4) of

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

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

Every October I like to go to France (1) ... my holidays. Last year I visited the Loire Valley and I had the best two weeks of my life. I had such (2) ... good fun I cried when it was time to leave. When I arrived (3) ... Calais, the sun was shining and I was glad I had decided to go (4) ... camping. There are lots of campsites in the Loire, and I found a small one near a beautiful castle. King Louis XIV had (5) ... castle built in order to impress a princess he wanted to marry, but she rejected him for an English Duke. I fell in love with (6) ... place at once. Although October is late (7) ... camping, there were quite a lot of people staying there. It was highly recommended in my guidebook and a friend of mine had also suggested to go to that particular site. Most of the other campers were around (8) ... my age and I made friends with several of them. Six of us have agreed to meet there again next year for another great holiday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

- 1) for 2) in 3) until 4) -

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

- 1) from 2) at 3) out of 4) -

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

- 1) at 2) on 3) in 4) -

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.

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

- 1) up 2) off 3) out 4) in

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

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

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

- 1) among 2) between 3) from 4) with

The Scout Movement has a rich and exciting history which has led (1) ... it becoming the leading global youth movement of today. There are more than 40 million Scouts in over 200 countries and territories today. Scouting as (2) ... movement began with 20 boys and an experimental camp in 1907. It was held on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset, England. (3) ... camp was (4) ... great success and proved (5) ... its organiser, Robert Baden-Powell, that his training and methods appealed (6) ... young people and really worked. In 1908, he published the first Scouting for Boys, a book issued in fortnightly (выходящий каждые две недели) parts at four pence each. The book was immediately sold out. Baden-Powell's only intention was to provide existing youth organisations (7) ... a new method of training boys. (8) ... his surprise, youngsters started to organise themselves into what was destined to become the world's largest voluntary youth movement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) ... Globe Theatre is situated on the banks of the River Thames, about 200 metres from the original site of Shakespeare's 1599 building. It's a faithful (точный) reconstruction of the open-air playhouse where Shakespeare worked, and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays. Due (2) ... the fact that the theatre is open to the sky, the season is limited (3) ... only six months of the year, running from April to October. The theatre itself is circular in shape and the seated areas are in the lower, middle, and upper galleries. (4) ... addition to the seated galleries, there is an area in front of the stage called the Yard, where visitors can stand and watch the play. Before attending (5) ... a performance, visitors need to bear a certain thing in (6) ... mind. As it is a 16th-century replica, the theatre doesn't boast any (7) ... the comforts of modern-day life and performances continue whatever (8) ... weather.

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

- 1) In 2) At 3) With 4) By

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

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

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

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

Personal space is the term that refers (1) ... the distance we like to keep between ourselves and other people. When someone we do not know well gets too close we usually begin to feel uncomfortable. Living in cities has made people develop new skills for dealing (2) ... situations where they are very close to strangers. Most people (3) ... crowded trains try not to look at strangers, they avoid (4) ... skin contact, and we apologise (5) ... people if our hands touch by (6) ... mistake. People use newspapers as (7) ... barrier between themselves and other people and if they still do not have a newspaper, they stare (8) ... the distance, making sure they are not looking into anyone's eyes.

230. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (7) пропущенное слово.

- 1) a 2) an 3) the 4) –

231. Прочитайте текст. Вставьте на место пропуска (8) пропущенное слово.

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

In 1995 I went (1) ... a trip which was (2) ... absolute disaster. I was going to Berlin on business when, by accident, I got (3) ... the wrong train. We were on the way to Brussels before realised my mistake. When I got to Brussels I had more problems because all my money was in German Marks and I didn't have my credit card with me. By chance I found (4) ... helpful policeman who was soon (5) ... the phone to my company. Thanks (6) ... his help I was able to arrange (7) Some money to be sent to a nearby bank. I spent that night in a hotel and paid my bill in (8) ... cash before leaving. In the end I got to Berlin twenty-four hours later than I had expected. Everyone thought my trip was a big joke.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mount Bulla is one of the most popular winter resorts in Australia. It is about a six or seven-hour drive from the city. The resort itself is on the side of the mountain about one thousand meters up. The drive up is breathtaking. As you go up the winding road, the pine trees surround you and you can smell how fresh and clear (1) ... air is. Snow has fallen and the ground is covered (2) ... a white blanket. The actual resort is made (3) ... of three traditionally-built hotels. The largest of (4) ... three has a disco.

Just above the hotels is the ski-lift which takes you (5) ... the top of the slopes. There are also skiing instructors who teach beginners. Quite often there are special shows put (6) ... by professional skiers, which are fascinating to watch. You must like skiing to enjoy your stay as the resort is (7) ... real paradise (8) ... ski-lovers.

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

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

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

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

I got woken up today by my daughter screaming, "Dad... it's snowing... it's snowing!" She just couldn't believe it — not surprising as they said (1) ... the news that it hasn't snowed here for nearly 50 years! We decided not to send her to school, and we had (2) ... great time — we even made a snowman (3) ... the backyard. We used dried cranberries for the eyes and a baby carrot for the nose because it was a baby snowman. People are so amazed (4) ... the weather that I have seen some of them just standing there staring as if they were in a trance. It looks like the work of a skillful decorator for a movie. It was chaos, though, for people going to work, a whole load of trucks were stuck (5) ... the snow. And it's been (6) ... very bad news (7) ... the citrus trees — they're all frozen. Even if (8) ... snow melts tomorrow, the damage is already done. So I'm afraid we won't be eating any local oranges this year!

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

- 1) by 2) with 3) on 4) for

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

- 1) a 2) an 3) the 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.

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

- 1) to 2) at 3) with 4) -

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Albert Einstein's work has enormously broadened our understanding of (1) ... universe and has had a considerable impact (2) ... all our lives. Thanks (3) ... his equation $E = mc^2$, we now know that energy and mass are directly related (4) ... each other. To (5) ... very great extent, it is Einstein who is responsible (6) ... our knowing that space and time are actually one thing. Additionally, without $E = mc^2$, we would not have nuclear power — and nuclear weapons — today. Einstein did not become famous because of $E = mc^2$, which was first published in 1905. At (7) ... time, his paper was largely ignored, even (8) ... most scientists. Indeed, it was 14 years later that Einstein first made headlines round the world, when scientific evidence began to show that his Theory of General Relativity was correct.

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

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

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

- 1) by 2) to 3) off 4) with

According (1) ... a recent survey, (2) ... British are poor savers in comparison (3) ... other nations in Europe. They may start out with good intentions but many people end up putting aside only 5.5 percent of their income (4) ... 'a rainy day'. It is believed that only 13 percent of people currently in employment in the UK are saving towards their retirement. One of the reasons (5) ... this is that they spend around 16 percent of everything they earn (6) ... luxuries such as holidays and other forms of entertainment. As (7) ... result, financial problems and personal debt have increased sharply. Owning a home is a good investment by many British people. However, house prices are now so high that they are simply unaffordable for many young people starting out. At (8) ... other end of the scale, over 800,000 households now own a second home abroad.

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

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

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

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

Humans have much (1) ... common with other life forms on Earth. Since the very first life forms appeared, all living things have been desperately struggling to survive the changing conditions of our planet. This has meant adapting (2) ... new situations and, in many cases, has led (3) ... either evolution or extinction. We are not alone (4) ... making (5) ... use of the world around us. Where we do differ (6) ... other life forms, however, is in our ability to record, and learn from, our collective history. In this, it appears that we are unique. We are increasingly becoming a species with detailed knowledge about our past. The more we learn, the better are our chances of (7) ... survival in the future. It must also be recognised, however, that we are (8) ... only species on Earth which has managed to create the means to destroy the planet we live on.

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

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

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

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

The explosive growth of the Internet over the past decade has been accompanied by a rise (1) ... new ways of interacting and communicating in cyberspace. First came emails and then chat rooms. Now, growing in (2) ... popularity (3) ... an incredible rate, is something known as blogging. For those who have never heard of it, a blog, which is short (4) ... web log, is a kind of journal or diary that people write to 'post' online. (5) ... beauty of blogging is that anyone can put a blog on (6) ... web and write about any topic under the sun. Some of the most interesting blogs can be found on Internet newspaper sites where readers post their comments (7) ... articles in the news. One surprising development of blogging is that they are now often used as a source of news themselves. It is not uncommon (8) ... journalists to use information that they have found on blog sites to write their articles.

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

- 1) for 2) on 3) of 4) with

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

- 1) for 2) off 3) with 4) in

How much sleep do we really need? This can vary quite a lot between individuals. However, it is widely believed that between 6—8 hours is healthy. What is particularly important is that this sleep happens (1) ... the right time; that it fits in with our body's natural rhythm. If you suffer (2) ... sleepiness during (3) ... day then you are probably not getting enough sleep when you most need it. Typical symptoms of a lack of sleep are (4) ... low concentration, poor memory and feeling irritable. Getting the right amount of sleep is not only important (5) ... terms of being able to function properly on a day to day basis but it also has (6) ... impact on your overall health. Research suggests that people who sleep between 6 to 7 hours per night are likely to live longer than those who sleep less than 6 or more than 8 hours per night. One reason (7) ... this is because of the effect sleep has (8) ... our immune system.

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

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

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

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

In a month's time I'll be setting (1) ... on the trip of (2) ... lifetime. My plan is to cycle all the way round the world, starting and finishing in my home town of Plymouth. It's taken over two years to prepare for the adventure; planning it, training for it and organising the finance. I've saved up about a quarter of the money I need, and I've managed to raise (3) ... rest by doing up my house and selling it for a lot more than it originally cost me. Understandably, my parents are not very keen on (4) ... idea, and I don't blame them (5) ... wanting to try to discourage me (6) ... going. They still haven't forgiven me for the worry I caused them when I tried, unsuccessfully, to cycle from Norway to South Africa. They've finally accepted, however, that nothing will prevent me (7) ... attempting it, and my mum has said she'll be the first to congratulate me (8) ... my achievement when I get back in two years' time.

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

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

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

- 1) on 2) at 3) with 4) of

27-year-old Londoner Andrew Terrill began a 7,000-mile walk from the south of Italy to the northernmost tip of Norway. The aim was to raise money for (1) ... homeless in England's capital. Here he reports (2) ... his experiences at (3) ... start of his adventures. "When I stood on a deserted beach at the southern tip of Italy, I didn't know quite what to expect. If I had known, I might never have left that pleasant Mediterranean beach. As I walked north into the foothills of (4) ... Apennines, it seemed impossible that I would ever reach (5) ... my final destination, North Cape (6) ... the top of Norway. The mountains were certainly a challenge. They were covered in dense forest, and there were few footpaths. There were many evil-looking snakes, a million lizards, deer and wild boar. The wildlife kept me (7) ... my toes. It was great to be out in the hills with the freedom to travel and live life (8) ... my own slow pace."

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

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

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

- 1) with 2) in 3) on 4) at

David de Rothschild is known (1) ... his efforts to make the earth a better place for those who inhabit it. Recently, David has become involved (2) ... a project which he believes will help save oceans. In the middle of (3) ... Pacific Ocean there is (4) ... vast pile of rubbish, which floats on the water and causes terrible damage (5) ... the environment. This region is filled (6) ... plastic waste. David came up with an ideal way to use this waste and help preserve our oceans at the same time. He is having a specially designed boat built out of 12,500 empty plastic bottles. David plans to sail (7) ... boat from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. He is enthusiastic (8) ... the journey regardless of the difficulties it may involve. David hopes that the adventure will encourage people not to ignore environmental problems.

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

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

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

- 1) about 2) with 3) in 4) at

While travelling (1) ... a train, I've often been drawn into conversation by strangers who sat next (2) ... me. And I have found that an exchange of ideas may sometimes turn (3) ... to be educational as well as stimulating. You may begin with a casual mention of today's sunshine or yesterday's thunderstorm, and end up (4) ... a discussion about geography, meteorology, floods, and the mysterious ways of God. Several of my casual conversations with strangers have enriched my own mind (5) ... fresh knowledge and new words. One day (6) ... blind young man was sitting beside me. He was travelling from Chicago, to study singing in New York. As (7) ... result of our conversation during that trip, I learned about South American, African and Oriental music, as well as about the latest methods of education for (8) ... blind. I have been able to use much of this information in some of my articles and books.

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

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

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

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

A recent survey has been analysing information about the time that people in the UK take off work because of illness. The study was carried (1) ... in 4,300 businesses around the country. The analysts looked (2) ... the number of absences, when they took place and the reasons given (3) ... them. It was found that Manchester was the city where people took most days off- an average of 11 days a year. People were off the least time of all in London (only 7 days (4) ... average). Employers also claimed that many workers chose to be absent when there was something good (5) ... television. (6) ... most employers thought their employees often did not tell (7) ... truth about why they were taking time off. Bosses said that they believed that less than 10% of (8) ... sick notes they received were genuine.

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

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

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

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

Spare time activities basically fall (1) ... two categories: traditional and modern. Traditional activities include pastimes such as collecting and reading while modern activities involve playing computer games and watching television.

Children often become interested in collecting when they come (2) ... something their parents or grandparents have collected. Although they are keen on collecting when they first start, they very often become fed up with it as soon as they reach (3) ... their late teens.

Nowadays there are many modern activities which are based on modern technology and it is not unusual to find a teenager's bedroom full of computer games. Surfing (4) ... Internet is always popular (5) ... both teenagers and adults. Another pastime which teenagers have (6) ... common with adults is sitting in front of (7) ... television. It is interesting to note that none of these activities involve having (8) ... discussion about important issues - something which was popular in the past.

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

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

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

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

At (1) ... early age Robert Burns, Scotland's greatest poet, had to help his father on his farm. When he was twenty-two, he went to Irvine, where he began to learn about making cloth. Shortly after his arrival, the factory in which he was training was destroyed (2) ... fire so he started (3) ... farm with his younger brother. While he was living on the farm, he concentrated (4) ... writing poems and fell for a local girl, Jean Armour. Robert wanted to marry her but her father would not allow him to do so, probably because he thought Burns was not wealthy enough. Her father's refusal took Robert (5) ... surprise and he decided to leave (6) ... country. Robert had to obtain the fare for the voyage by selling some poems. Just as he was about to leave he was given some advice — to publish a new edition of the poems he had written. He received a large sum of money for the poetry and was able to get married (7) ... Jean Armour. During his marriage he continued to write the expressive poetry he became famous (8)

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

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

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

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

Sally and James Parker from Manchester got married last year. They then left their five-year-old dog, Blackie, in a dogs' home while they went (1) ... their honeymoon to Venice. While they were away, Blackie escaped (2) ... the dogs' home. The dogs' home was not in Manchester but 500 miles away in Cornwall near to (3) ... town where James's parents lived. As soon as they got back from their honeymoon, James and Sally drove to Cornwall to look for Blackie. Unfortunately, they were out of (4) ... luck. However, they refused to give (5) They drove to Cornwall every weekend for the next six months. By then the weekly drive had become so tiring that James sold his business and they moved to Cornwall.

Blackie has now been missing for fourteen months. Sally and James have seen her several times but they have not succeeded (6) ... catching her. James says that (7) ... problem is that Blackie is too nervous now to let anyone come (8) ... her.

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

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

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

- 1) on 2) near 3) down 4) up

There are few people today who could exist without their mobile phones. However, the mobile phone has its drawbacks that people often forget (1) Not all people know how to use a mobile phone (2) ... proper respect to the people around, so trying to sleep (3) ... a bus these days has become practically impossible. However, there is no denying that mobile phones have a number of advantages. Parents give their children more freedom if they take their phones with them when they go out. In addition, the mobile is (4) ... particularly effective tool (5) ... teenagers when they want to get home free of (6) ... charge, as all they have to do is dial their parents' number and the family 'taxi' will arrive at (7) ... arranged time. (8) ... balance, it seems that mobile phones have as many disadvantages as positive aspects.

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

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

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

- 1) For 2) On 3) In 4) At

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.

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

- 1) for 2) with 3) of 4) to

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

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

I was brought (1) ... in a house on a main road of the city centre and I've always dreamt of living by (2) ... sea. So when the chance came for us to buy a house on (3) ... coast, I was the one telling my mum and dad to do it, but what (4) ... nightmare it turned (5) ... to be! We didn't know anyone, the roof let (6) ... water, we were cold most of the year, and in the summer we couldn't move because of the tourists

Within a year, we were moving again. We looked at houses in a village near here but it was too quiet. We ended (7) ... buying a house (8) ... the outskirts of the city where I was born, and we love it! Not all dreams are what you think they are!

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

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

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

- 1) on 2) in 3) at 4) by

Nobody wants to deal with a medical emergency when they are on (1) ... holiday. (2) ... practice you may not have any choice in (3) ... matter, and it is best to be as well prepared as possible. If you are travelling independently that means taking a medical kit (*аптечка*). The whole idea of the kit is that you can carry it around (4) ... you, therefore it needs to be both light and compact. You can buy a pre-packed kit which includes the main things essential (5) ... all minor inconveniences. Cuts, stings can be sorted (6) ... easily by using the things in the kit. It's also important to buy and read a good basic first aid book, which will help you to know what to do (7) ... any possible emergencies. Finally, keep your first aid kit in a pocket or towards the top of your bag in case you need to find it in (8) ... hurry.

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

- 1) by 2) in 3) at 4) on

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

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

Why do so many amusing incidents occur (1) ... train journeys? I remember the day when a ticket inspector entered the compartment where six or seven people were sitting. Everyone quickly found their ticket except for the man sitting next to me. His hands dived urgently (2) ... his pockets, and then he began to search through his briefcase. Everyone else could see exactly where his ticket was — he was gripping it between his teeth. The ticket inspector calmly dealt (3) ... all the other passengers. Then, equally calmly, he drew the ticket from between the man's teeth, examined it with (4) ... frown and popped it back again. Once the inspector had left the compartment, (5) ... most of the passengers settled down and carried (6) ... reading their morning papers. As for the passenger who had had his ticket in his mouth, he popped it into his pocket, looking very relieved. He was generally quite (7) ... friendly person, so to make conversation I said to him, "You must have felt foolish — searching (8) ... all your pockets while it was in your mouth." "Foolish?" he whispered. "Not at all — I was chewing the date off."

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

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

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

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

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.

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

- 1) up 2) down 3) on 4) after

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

- 1) on 2) - 3) to 4) about

Dear David,

You'll never guess what's happened — I've got a job! I saw an advert (1) ... an administrative assistant at London Insurance, and sent in my CV, more (2) ... curiosity than anything else. Well, to my surprise, I got an interview, and I managed to convince them that insurance is (3) ... very career path I intend to pursue. Apparently, they were impressed with my ambition, especially when I said I was looking for the job (4) ... good promotion prospects, and (5) ... week later I was offered the job. They seem to look after you well — for example, I was told to send in a claims form so that they could pay (6) ... my travel expenses to the interview. Little things like that make all (7) ... difference. So I'm actually starting work on Monday David, why don't you apply? They take (8) ... 20 new graduates each year. It would be right up your street.

Best wishes,

Dan

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

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

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

- 1) off 2) after 3) away 4) on

During our lifetime most of us have some experience of either owning a pet or being (1) ... close contact with someone who does. Various factors influence one's choice of pets, from your reasons (2) ... getting a pet to your lifestyle. For example, although quite a few pets are relatively cheap to buy, (3) ... cost of maintenance can be considerable. Everything must be taken (4) ... account, from food and bedding, to vaccinations and veterinary bills. You must be prepared to spend money and time (5) ... your pet, which involves shopping for it, cleaning and feeding it. Pets can be demanding and (6) ... big responsibility. People get pets for company, security or to teach responsibility (7) ... children. Pets can be affectionate and loyal and (8) ... excellent source of company as long as you know what pet suits you and your lifestyle.

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

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

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

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

Napping, or taking short periods of sleep during the day, is (1) ... basic human need. According to numerous studies, napping decreases tiredness and increases energy levels. Yet many people prefer to fight (2) ... tiredness rather than take (3) ... short sleep during the day.

(4) ... the majority of workers a nap in the afternoon increases productivity, creativity and problem-solving skills. One expert has called (5) ... a new part to the work day, a period called "nap time". People have coffee breaks, although what they really need is nap breaks.

Scientists, who study sleep patterns, say that "morning" people can benefit (6) ... a twenty minute nap around (7) ... noon, while "night owls" need a nap around three or four in the afternoon. The key is to find (8) ... what kind of nap you need and for how long.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) out 2) off 3) about 4) away

Have you ever wondered why humans cry? Most mammals produce tears to clean (1) ... eyes, but humans are unique — perhaps (2) ... the exception (3) ... gorillas and elephants that produce tears in response (4) ... emotional stimuli. We might feel like crying when we hear (5) ... sad news, or even cry (6) ... happiness. Scientists are unsure (7) ... any benefits of crying. Though some people say that (8) ... good cry may help them get over difficult emotional situations.

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

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

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

- 1) of 2) by 3) in 4) with

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

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

Did Marco Polo tell the truth when he wrote about his journey to China? Or did (1) ... 13th century Italian explorer just make up stories about places he would like to have visited?

According to some experts, when Marco was 17, he set (2) ... with his father and uncle (3) ... an adventure that lasted over 20 years. They passed through Turkey into (4) ... northern Iran, along the Great Silk Road and across (5) ... Gobi desert. Eventually, in 1275, they reached the summer capital where they met the emperor. The opportunity to return home only came 17 years later. Shortly after his return to Venice, Marco Polo was captured (6) ... sea, possibly by pirates. They put him (7) ... prison where he devoted his time (8) ... composing his book.

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

- 1) in 2) on 3) by 4) at

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

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

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

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

Imagine the situation: a busy mother is pushing a heavy trolley around a supermarket. Her baby is sitting in the seat and crying (1) ... food, while her two bigger children have become bored and are starting to run (2) ... the shop. They have already spent (3) ... hour in their car, stuck in queues of vehicles waiting to park, and the mother will soon have to carry a large number of bags back to the car. Wouldn't it be a whole lot easier (4) ... the mother to order her shopping (5) ... the Internet? This method of shopping saves time and transport costs, enables you to see (6) ... much greater range of goods, and must surely be a lot less stressful. So why has internet shopping not caught on to (7) ... greater extent? The answer may well be that most people still enjoy leaving their homes to shop. They want to be able to see and touch the goods, try (8) ... clothes before buying them, for example. That is why, in my opinion, internet shopping will never replace conventional shopping.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) in 2) out 3) on 4) up

We had been staying at (1) ... holiday resort on mainland Greece for nearly (2) ... week when we decided to visit one of the nearby islands. First, we booked the trip at our hotel, then we walked down to the harbour and found our boat. The captain welcomed us on board and we sat down near (3) ... front. (4) ... first, the weather was good and the sea was calm. However, after about fifteen minutes, dark clouds filled the sky, and it was clear that a storm was about to start. Ten minutes later, it was pouring (5) ... rain and the sea was extremely rough. It was absolutely terrifying! The captain of the boat explained (6) ... us that he couldn't approach (7) ... the island — he was worried that we might hit the rocks if we went too close! All we could do was wait for the storm to pass. All of the passengers were feeling very ill as well as frightened. But finally, the storm passed, the sea became calm once more and we finished our journey. I'll never forget being (8) ... sea during a storm.

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

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

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

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

These days the media is full (1) ... stories of celebrities' private lives: their relationships, problems with weight and so on. In fact, (2) ... public seems to have (3) ... never-ending appetite for this type of gossip. It could be argued that celebrities invite publicity, for instance (4) ... giving interviews or welcoming the media into their homes. However, there are several reasons why celebrities deserve a certain level of privacy. Firstly, while some people actively seek (5) ... fame, others do not. Secondly, reporters are more interested in selling a sensational story than in investigating something (6) ... genuine importance. Lastly, the unwelcome attentions of reporters and photographers can put celebrities under great stress. Just think of Michael Jackson or Princess Diana. (7) ... balance, I believe that celebrities have the right (8) ... the same kind of privacy as anyone else.

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

- 1) From 2) With 3) In 4) On

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

- 1) with 2) to 3) at 4) from

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.

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

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

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

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

Every October I like to go to France (1) ... my holidays. Last year I visited the Loire Valley and I had the best two weeks of my life. I had such (2) ... good fun I cried when it was time to leave. When I arrived (3) ... Calais, the sun was shining and I was glad I had decided to go (4) ... camping. There are lots of campsites in the Loire, and I found a small one near a beautiful castle. King Louis XIV had (5) ... castle built in order to impress a princess he wanted to marry, but she rejected him for an English Duke. I fell in love with (6) ... place at once. Although October is late (7) ... camping, there were quite a lot of people staying there. It was highly recommended in my guidebook and a friend of mine had also suggested to go to that particular site. Most of the other campers were around (8) ... my age and I made friends with several of them. Six of us have agreed to meet there again next year for another great holiday.

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

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

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

- 1) near 2) of 3) at 4) -

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.

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

- 1) A 2) An 3) The 4) -

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

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

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.

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

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

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

- 1) by 2) of 3) in 4) -

The Scout Movement has a rich and exciting history which has led (1) ... it becoming the leading global youth movement of today. There are more than 40 million Scouts in over 200 countries and territories today. Scouting as (2) ... movement began with 20 boys and an experimental camp in 1907. It was held on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset, England. (3) ... camp was (4) ... great success and proved (5) ... its organiser, Robert Baden-Powell, that his training and methods appealed (6) ... young people and really worked. In 1908, he published the first Scouting for Boys, a book issued in fortnightly (выходящий каждые две недели) parts at four pence each. The book was immediately sold out. Baden-Powell's only intention was to provide existing youth organisations (7) ... a new method of training boys. (8) ... his surprise, youngsters started to organise themselves into what was destined to become the world's largest voluntary youth movement.

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

- 1) for 2) in 3) with 4) by

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

- 1) At 2) By 3) For 4) To

(1) ... Globe Theatre is situated on the banks of the River Thames, about 200 metres from the original site of Shakespeare's 1599 building. It's a faithful (точный) reconstruction of the open-air playhouse where Shakespeare worked, and for which he wrote many of his greatest plays. Due (2) ... the fact that the theatre is open to the sky, the season is limited (3) ... only six months of the year, running from April to October. The theatre itself is circular in shape and the seated areas are in the lower, middle, and upper galleries. (4) ... addition to the seated galleries, there is an area in front of the stage called the Yard, where visitors can stand and watch the play. Before attending (5) ... a performance, visitors need to bear a certain thing in (6) ... mind. As it is a 16th-century replica, the theatre doesn't boast any (7) ... the comforts of modern-day life and performances continue whatever (8) ... weather.

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

- 1) with 2) of 3) for 4) to

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

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

313. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Brian continued to work long hours, ... his doctor told him not to get overworked.

- 1) in spite of 2) although 3) even if 4) despite

314. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Could I help you with anything... you can finish on time?

- 1) so as to 2) in case 3) so that 4) because

315. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

We need to send food and medicine ... the victims can survive the flood.

- 1) so as 2) in order 3) so that 4) because

316. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Most people tell white lies ... not to hurt other people's feelings.

- 1) so that 2) for 3) so as 4) since

317. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

We moved house ... we could have more space.

- 1) so that 2) so as 3) as for 4) in order

318. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

You'll have to speak up ... to be heard at the far end of the assembly hall.

- 1) so that 2) so as 3) as for 4) in case

319. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

I hid the presents ... Marianna wouldn't find them.

- 1) so as 2) as for 3) in order 4) so that

320. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

The government is going to make petrol cheaper ... more people may buy cars.

- 1) so that 2) in order 3) unless 4) so as

321. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Ships carry lifeboats ... the crew can escape if the ship sinks.

- 1) because 2) so that 3) so as 4) in order

322. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

We must keep our new designs secret ... our competitors may not find and copy them.

- 1) because 2) so as 3) so that 4) in order

323. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

You ought to hear it from his lips ... you could judge.

- 1) because 2) so that 3) in order to 4) so as

324. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Tim lied about his age ... he could join the army.

- 1) so that 2) so as 3) because 4) in order to

325. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

I'll send the letter express... she will get it before Tuesday.

- 1) so that 2) for 3) as 4) before

326. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Could I help you with anything ... you can finish on time?

- 1) because 2) in case 3) so that 4) when

327. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

She has been staying here for six months ... she can perfect her English.

- 1) because 2) unless 3) so as to 4) so that

328. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

The king built a chain of castles ... he might control the whole country.

- 1) so that 2) so as to 3) because of 4) despite

329. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

... it's very popular nowadays, during the 1950s pasta was an unusual meal in the UK.

- 1) In case 2) Despite 3) Although 4) So as

330. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

... Tom is sick, he plans to get his homework done on time.

- 1) Despite 2) So as 3) So 4) Although

331. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

... it was stormy, Ian decided to go surfing.

- 1) Despite 2) Although 3) So as 4) However

332. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

I'll explain again... you can understand the situation clearly.

- 1) so as 2) in order 3) so that 4) in case

333. Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

She's got exams at the moment and ... that she's working very long hours.

- 1) on top of 2) what is more 3) besides 4) more than