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Read the four texts and questions 1-4. Each text is about a different subject.
Tick the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each task.

HELP NEEDED – SHOP ASSISTANT



We have a busy pet shop.

- We need someone to work on Saturdays.
- You must enjoy working with people even more than with animals. We want our customers to be happy.
- We are also looking for somebody who is over fifty.

If you're interested, please telephone Jill: 300 037 0900.

1 Who is Jill looking for?

- A) A person older in age who needs one day's work a week.
- B) Someone who loves animals more than people.
- C) Somebody who wants to work five days a week.
- D) A young student who needs extra work.

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Kate's diary

Dear Diary,

Today has started really well. The girls in my sister's class at school beat the boys at football. The boys really hated losing. I came first in the "Who can be the quietest?" competition. I didn't speak for an hour. My teacher said it was like winning the lottery. After that, it was lunch. I argued with my friend Anna that it would be vegetable risotto again. I hate rice. But she was right; it was chicken! How Lucky am I?

2 What did Kate win?

- A) The class lottery.
- B) A competition not to make noise.
- C) A football game against the boys.
- D) An argument with her friend Anna.

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We're going underground

- Tourist:* Excuse me. How do I get to Piccadilly Circus from here?
- Man:* It's easy. Just catch the Tube.
- Tourist:* Is there a Tube station near here?
- Man:* Sure. It's a one-minute walk to Pimlico station.
- Tourist:* Okay. And how far is to Piccadilly Circus?
- Man:* Just a couple of stops to Green Park on the Victoria line. Then, from there, it's about a five-minute walk to Piccadilly Circus. Or you can change Tube trains at Green Park and go one stop to Piccadilly Circus.
- Tourist:* Thanks.

3 Which Tube station does the man need to go to first?

- A) Piccadilly..... ☐
- B) Pimlico..... ☐
- C) Victoria..... ☐
- D) Green Park..... ☐



Marie Curie

Marie Curie is one of the world's most famous scientists. She worked with radioactive materials with her husband, Pierre. In 1903, they were given the Nobel Prize for Science. She won it again in 1911, after her husband died. She was the first person to win the prize twice. Her daughter, Irène, continued her mother's work in science and also won the Nobel Prize.

4 Which of these sentences isn't true?

- A) Marie Curie and her husband both won a Nobel Prize..... ☐
- B) Irène Curie won a Nobel Prize..... ☐
- C) Marie Curie won another Nobel Prize without her husband..... ☐
- D) Marie Curie only received one Nobel Prize..... ☐

Read the interview with the band Coldplay and questions 1-4. Then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. There is one task for each paragraph in the text.

The Coldplay mystery

1 *Interviewer:* Today we have with us Coldplay, who were recently called the 'mystery band' by CBS news. This is because the band's last recorded album sold eight million copies, at a time when people aren't buying records. But eight million isn't so much for Coldplay. Their first album, Parachutes, sold ten million, followed by their A Rush of Blood to the Head album, which sold an amazing 15 million copies. Their third album, X & Y, sold 13 million.

2 *Interviewer:* How did you sell 50 million records around the world?

Chris Martin: We don't know why so many people like us. We can't dance like Madonna, we can't sing like Beyonce and we don't write songs as good as Elton John's. Maybe it's because U2 don't play so much now that they're older. But it might be because we work really hard.



3 *Interviewer:* And who does the work?

Johnny Buckland: Well, Chris writes songs all the time. He sends himself text messages with ideas, or writes them on his hands. Our studio is also full of pieces of paper with music written on them, and we have to repaint the piano because Chris writes on it. But at least we don't have to repaint the walls; Chris doesn't write on them.

Guy Berryman: But the whole band likes working hard. Our studio has a list of rules written on the wall. One of the rules is that we must all like the songs and try hard to make them better.

4 *Interviewer:* And when will you stop playing live music?

Chris Martin: Not when we're old or even when we're super rich. I'll never stop writing songs, but I'll stop being a rock star when my hair falls out. That's when I'll no longer want to go out on stage and play live music.

(Amended from www.cbsnews.com)

1 How much did Coldplay's second album sell? (paragraph 1)

- A) 10 million..... ☐
- B) 13 million..... ☐
- C) 15 million..... ☐
- D) 8 million..... ☐

2 What does Chris Martin say about the band? (paragraph 2)

- A) They can't dance like Beyonce..... ☐
- B) They can't play as well as U2..... ☐
- C) They can't sing like Madonna..... ☐
- D) They can't write songs like Elton John..... ☐

3 What doesn't Chris Martin write ideas for songs on? (paragraph 3)

- A) His hands..... ☐
- B) The studio wall..... ☐
- C) His telephone..... ☐
- D) The band's piano..... ☐

4 When will Chris Martin stop being a rock star? (paragraph 4)

- A) When he stops wanting to write songs..... ☐
- B) When he's too old..... ☐
- C) When he doesn't have hair anymore..... ☐
- D) When he has enough money..... ☐

Read the article about cyber bullying and questions 1-4. Then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question. There is one task for each paragraph in the text.

The dark side of the web

- 1 The Internet has changed the world for the better, but it has also brought many problems with it. The first one was spam – unwanted advertisements. And then there were viruses that could steal information from a user's computer. There was also the problem of making sure that children didn't go on adult websites. And now there are Internet trolls – people who write unkind comments on websites for fun.
- 2 Cyber bullying, where children use social websites to say bad things to other children, is a fast-growing problem. In England, for every three children that use the Internet, one child says they have been cyber bullied. And in 2012, five school children killed themselves because of online bullying. The youngest child was only thirteen years old.
- 3 A typical case is Tina, who posted a picture of herself on Facebook. She didn't believe that cyber bullying could be so bad. At first, she got some bad comments from people she didn't know. She still thought the photo was okay and didn't care. But then her good friends started to write bad comments about the photo. That's what really hurt her. Then people set up a Facebook page saying they hated her. She didn't read it and asked Facebook to block the new Facebook page.
- 4 English schools are now teaching Internet safety to pupils so they can enjoy the good side of the web. And websites are also doing more to control what people can do when using their sites. Also the British government is blocking some foreign websites from the Internet, and the media are informing parents how to make their computers safer for children to use.

(Amended from unvw.cbsnews.com)



1 What is the latest problem on the Internet? (paragraph 1)

- A) People writing very bad comments to other Internet users..... ☐
- B) Children looking at websites with adult content..... ☐
- C) People receiving advertisements they don't want..... ☐
- D) Other users stealing information from people's computers..... ☐

2 How many children in England died because of cyber bullying? (paragraph 2)

- A) Thirteen..... ☐
- B) One..... ☐
- C) Three..... ☐
- D) Five..... ☐

3 What really hurt Tina about cyber bullying? (paragraph 3)

- A) People put a bad photograph of her on the web..... ☐
- B) The people she liked started writing bad comments..... ☐
- C) Users she didn't know wrote bad comments about her photo..... ☐
- D) She read bad things about herself on a different website..... ☐

4 Who is helping children to know how to use the Internet more safely? (paragraph 4)

- A) The British government..... ☐
- B) Social websites..... ☐
- C) English schools..... ☐
- D) The media..... ☐

21

Read the personal descriptions 1-5. Then look at the advertisements (A-G) for things to do at the Five Fields Festival. Choose the most suitable activity for each person. Write the answers in the table. Two of the advertisements are not needed.

Personal descriptions

1



BARRY

I love festivals, but I get bored just sitting there and watching. I love music and I like to dance. For me, a good night begins when the sun goes down and ends when the sun comes up.

2



DAISY

I love going to the Five Fields Festival. There's so much to see: theatre, dance and music. I can't wait to see this year's bands play. That's where I'll be most of the time.

3



NORMAN

I really enjoy going to festivals, but I find them a little bit noisy. I enjoy sitting in the open air, watching a good play. This year, they're performing a comedy by Shakespeare. I'm looking forward to that.

4



SANDRA

I love music and play the piano, but I can't take that to the festival! I want to see some people doing tricks and performing. Something modern. I don't normally go to the circus because I don't like watching animals do tricks.

5



CLINT

This year's festival looks great. There are so many bands to see, and even films. I can't wait to play the guitar with Barking Bob. He's in one of the biggest bands in the US, and I can be in a band with him for the afternoon, while everyone else watches films and listens to music.

The Five Fields Festival Falmouth

Film Tent – East Field

A

Every day, at 4 p.m., we show films by some of the world's best directors – David Lynch, Jim Jarmusch, Roman Polanski, Ken Loach, and more... Bring a drink, bring a friend, take a seat, and enjoy the fun while the sun goes down.

B

The Main Stage – Main Field.

Some of the biggest bands in the world play this weekend. You can hear The Atomic Squirrels, Us 7, The Jones, Psycho Panda, Norman Crumpet, Vince Le Diamond... It's going to be loud! You're going to dance! The music begins at midday and ends at midnight!

Five Fields Theatre – West field

C

All the world's a stage, and so is the West Field! Daily performances of plays, dance and comedy. Relax and be entertained by artists, comedians and dancers ready to perform for you.

Beat Hill – East Field

D

We have some of the best DJs playing hip hop, rave, techno, big beat and mash-ups. DJs Easy Rider, James, Andy Turner and more. There's an ice cream stall, light show and stage dancers. It's going to be one magical night. Dance from sunset to sunrise, and party like never before!

Stone Circle – North Field

E

Modern circus as you've never seen it before. Physical theatre, mime, clowns, illusions and magic tricks. It's avant garde! It's new. No animals, just people making you laugh and entertaining you. The fun starts when it gets dark! Not to be missed!

The Big Jam – South Field

F

We need you to be a part of the festival. Bring your own musical instrument! Every day, we're organising a jam where you can play music with world-famous musicians? Don't be shy and let's make some music together. The best way to listen to music is when you're!

The Pyramid – West Field

G

Modern and classic dance performances by the British Dance Company. They'll start the festival with Swan Lake and with a modern dance version of Romeo and Juliet. It's ballet with a different view of the world! You won't want to sleep after seeing what they can do!

Festival



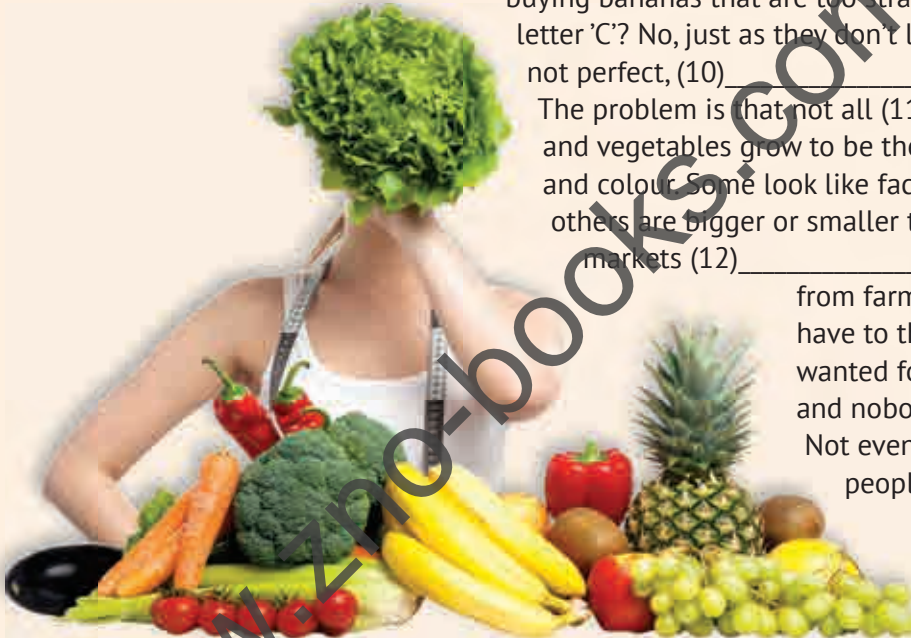
Personal description	1	2	3	4	5
Activity					

1

Read the article about food. For each gap (tasks 1-13) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives (A, B or C) and tick the correct box.

When is good food bad?

A billion people (1) _____ the world don't have enough food, but that doesn't mean (2) _____ not enough food. Every year 30 % of all the food farmers grow is put into rubbish bins. That's enough food for (3) _____. It's not because the food is bad, or doesn't taste good. It's because people don't want to buy it. Most people buy (4) _____ food in a supermarket. And they only (5) _____ food that looks nice. If (6) _____ apple is too big or too small, people don't like it. Also, food (7) _____ be the perfect colour. Red tomatoes sell better than orange ones, and the greenest broccoli is (8) _____. And it's not just the size and colour that make people choose their food, it's also the shape. (9) _____ people like buying bananas that are too straight or look like the letter 'C'? No, just as they don't like oranges that are not perfect, (10) _____. The problem is that not all (11) _____ and vegetables grow to be the perfect shape, size and colour. Some look like faces or hearts, while others are bigger or smaller than normal. Supermarkets (12) _____ buy these ones from farmers, and farmers have to throw all the unwanted food into the rubbish and nobody gets to eat it. Not even (13) _____ people.



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Read the interview with Roger Bunster. For each gap (tasks 1-13) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives (A, B or C) and tick the correct box.

Roger the Runner

Interviewer: Today on the Super Sports Show we have the world's fastest man, Roger Bunster. Good evening, Roger. (1)_____?

Roger: Good.

Interviewer: Roger, you (2)_____ a gold medal at the Olympics. What's your secret for winning?

Roger: I win because I (3)_____ faster than the other people.

Interviewer: But you must train (4)_____?

Roger: Yes, all the time.

Interviewer: (5)_____ a typical day for you, Roger?

Roger: I get up at seven and start running.

Interviewer: You start running as soon (6)_____ you get out of bed?

Roger: Yes, I always need the toilet. I run to the bathroom, then I have (7)_____ breakfast.

Interviewer: What (8)_____ a sports star like you eat?

Roger: Bananas. They give you lots of energy. That's why monkeys are so fast.

Interviewer: Are they?

Roger: (9)_____ tried to catch one?

Interviewer: Erm... No.

Roger: It takes days. Then, after breakfast, I train. I run and run and run.

Interviewer: How (10)_____ do you run?

Roger: To the gym. I (11)_____ a car.

Interviewer: And how do you feel about the next Olympics?

Roger: Well, if the other people run slower (12)_____ me, I will win.

Interviewer: So, Roger, I hope your dreams come true.

Roger: That I can (13)_____ in my pyjamas?

Interviewer: Not that dream, Roger.



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13	A) flying	<input type="checkbox"/>	B) fly	<input type="checkbox"/>	C) to fly	<input type="checkbox"/>

12

You will hear a cookery programme. First read sentences 1-6 below. Then listen to the recording and complete the sentences. Only use one word, name or number. You will hear the recording twice.

Fast food

- 1 The name of the programme is the _____ Cook programme.
- 2 You should use a _____ egg when cooking a soft-boiled egg.
- 3 You need to use five _____ of water.
- 4 The perfect amount of time to boil an egg is _____ minutes.
- 5 A soft-boiled egg tastes best when eaten with _____.
- 6 People can learn how to cook _____ on the programme next week.

13

You will hear James and Tina talking about a television programme. First read sentences 1-6 below. Then listen to the recording and complete the sentences. Only use one word, name or number. You will hear the recording twice.

England's Got Some Talent

- 1 Tina really _____ the television programme England's Got Some Talent.
- 2 Tina was with her mother at a _____ last night.
- 3 There were _____ people in the human tower on the show.
- 4 A lady on the show sang opera without moving her _____.
- 5 James said Gloria's _____ wasn't very good.
- 6 A _____ won the television show England's Got Some Talent.

14

You will hear a history radio programme. First read sentences 1-6 below. Then listen to the recording and complete the sentences. Only use one word, name or number. You will hear the recording twice.

This Day in History

- 1 In _____ England won a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.
- 2 In 1982, Eric Hogstone took a _____ up a mountain with him.
- 3 Eric's trip up Britain's highest mountain took _____ days.
- 4 Susan Lamp won enough money on the lottery to buy a _____.
- 5 In 2008, Sam Dunceton ate 33 _____ for breakfast.
- 6 Sam went to _____ after eating the breakfast.

15

You will hear a telephone message for Felix from his father. First read sentences 1-6 below. Then listen to the recording and complete the sentences. Only use one word, name or number. You will hear the recording twice.

Just a quick call...

- 1 Felix did some _____ the day before his father called him.
- 2 The father went _____ for the summer before going to university.
- 3 Felix and his father are visiting _____ for the weekend.
- 4 Felix should take some good _____ with him.
- 5 The train leaves at _____ o'clock.
- 6 The father tells Felix to bring about _____ euros with him.

16

You will hear a man calling a travel agency. First read sentences 1-6 below. Then listen to the recording and complete the sentences. Only use one word, name or number. You will hear the recording twice.

My dream holiday

- 1 The travel agency is offering a holiday at the _____ Hotel in Cape Verde.
- 2 The man wants to go in the first two weeks of _____.
- 3 _____ aren't included in the price of the holiday in Cape Verde.
- 4 The man's oldest child is _____ years old.
- 5 The price of the holiday in Cape Verde is £ _____.
- 6 The man books a _____ holiday in Wales for his family.



1

I Look at the pictures. Choose one of the pictures and describe it.



The following key words may help you:

- location
- profession & activities
- people
- clothing
- equipment



II Now look at the two pictures again and compare them.

The following key words may help you:

- location
- profession & activities
- people
- clothing
- equipment

III Talk about jobs you've done or would like to do.

2

I Look at the pictures. Choose one of the pictures and describe it.

The following key words may help you:

- location & building
- people
- activities
- clothing
- equipment



II Now look at the two pictures again and compare them.

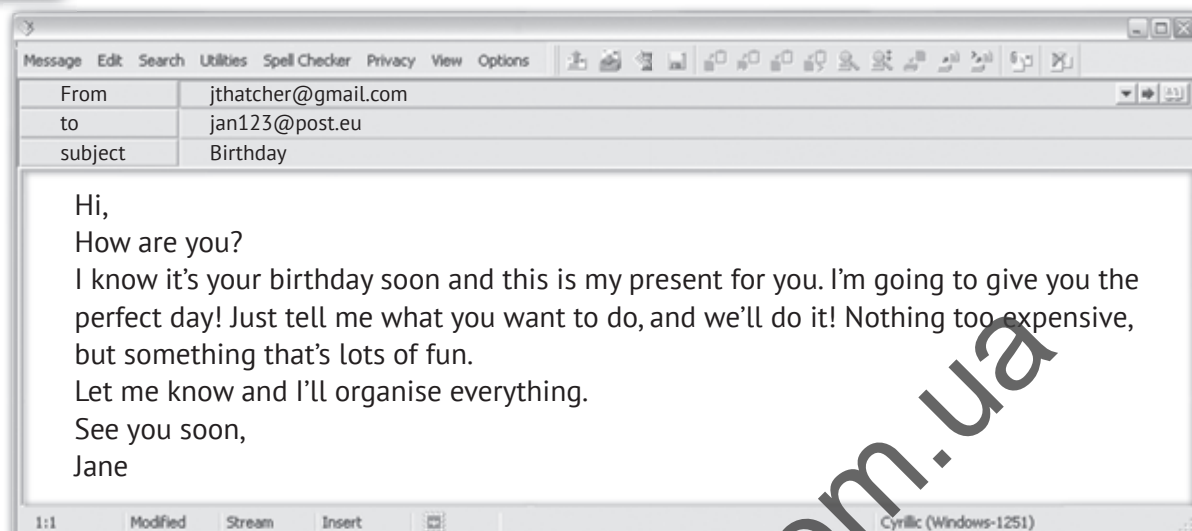
The following key words may help you:

- location & building
- people
- activities
- clothing
- equipment

III Talk about a school you've been to.

7

An English friend has sent you this email.



Write an answer to your friend's email.

Your email has to be 40-60 words long and include the following points:

- Thank your friend for the present.
- Tell her where you would like to go and what you would like to do.
- Give some ideas for food and drink for the day.

8

An English gift shop is opening in your area. They have organised this competition.



THE GIVING SHOP

COMPETITION!

Write in English and win something English

Presents & Gifts

Tell us about the best or worst gift you've ever got and win a great gift from us!

Send an email to competitiondpgivingshop.eu.



Write an email to the competition.

Your email has to be 40-60 words long and include the following points:

- Say when you got the gift and who gave it to you.
- Describe the gift you got.
- Explain how you felt when you opened the gift.

9

You saw this advertisement on the Internet.

Handle_browser_window_X
www.writeitright.eu

WRITE IT RIGHT!

WRITE IT RIGHT!

Wanted: talented writers!

We're a student newspaper for people to practise how to write and read in English. You write for us for free. We correct your English for free! Write an article about your favourite film. We'll choose the best writers!

Send your work to
editor@writeitright.eu

You think this is a good way to get better at English. Write an article for the website. Your article has to be 80-100 words long and include the following points:

- Introduce the film (title, language, director, etc.).
- Explain when and where the story in the film happens, and say who's in it.
- Describe what happens in the film.

10

Couchsurfing is a website that lets people travel cheaply. You stay in someone's home when you're in a foreign country, and they stay in your home when they're in your country. To join the website, you must give some information about yourself. Write an email to couchsurfing.com. Your email has to be 80-100 words long and include the following points:

- Introduce yourself and where you live (home, town, country).
- Tell them about your typical day (when you get up, when you eat, etc.).
- Say what you like (food, music, places you go, hobbies, etc.).