

АНГЛИЙСКИЙ ЯЗЫК

Вариант № 7083

1. Задание 1 № 1441

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A1).

There are so many threats to the wildlife on our planet nowadays that we are rarely surprised when we (A1) ... about another one. However, some people might find it difficult to believe that small creatures like hedgehogs (*ежи*) would be the cause, rather than the victims, of one of these threats. One resident of an island which (A2) ... off the west coast of Scotland describes how this extraordinary situation has come about. It appears that hedgehogs are not native to the islands. They (A3) ... by a gardener who thought they (A4) ... an effective way of controlling the slug (*слизень*) population. There are now so many hedgehogs on the island that they (A5) ... many rare birds at risk because they eat birds' eggs. The hedgehogs are everywhere — so what are the local people going to do about it? One group of conservationists tried to transport hedgehogs to the mainland. The plan might have succeeded if residents on the mainland hadn't pointed out that the hedgehogs would become just as much of a threat on the mainland as on the island. But, if action (A6) ... soon, the continuing increase in the hedgehog population (A7) ... in the disappearance of certain rare species of birds.

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| 1) | | | told |
| 2) | have | | told |
| 3) | are | | told |
| 4) | have been telling | | |

2. Задание 2 № 242

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A2).

Dear Catherine,

Thanks for your letter. It was great to hear from you. I hope your exams are over now and you're happy with the results. I've just had an awful weekend. We (A1) ... to go camping, but in the end all our plans fell down because of our car. Everything was fine on Saturday morning when we set out, and we had no problems for the first half of our journey. Unfortunately, just before lunch, the car (A2) ... down. My Dad tried several times to call for help, but the number (A3) In the end he gave up and we ate the picnic my Mum (A4) ... that morning. After lunch my Dad decided to go and get help with my brother, so I stayed behind with my mother. We soon fell asleep in the car. When we woke up it (A5) ... late and my Dad and my brother had still not come back. We started to get very worried about them. Just then they turned up in a van, which (A6) ... our car to a garage. We went home in a taxi which had been following the van. I hope you had a better weekend than me. Please write soon and tell me what you (A7)

Best wishes,
Millie

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| 1) | was | breaking |
| 2) | has | broken |
| 3) | | broke |
| 4) | had been breaking | |

3. Задание 3 № 243

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A3).

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| 1) | was | always | engaged |
| 2) | had | always | engaged |
| 3) | has | always | been engaged |
| 4) | is always engaging | | |

4. Задание 4 № 1864

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A4).

Most people know something about dolphins. For example, almost all of us can say that dolphins (A1) ... for being intelligent and friendly. But if we are asked what colour dolphins are, how many people (A2) ... 'pink'? Hardly anybody! It might sound like a joke, but a pink dolphin has recently been spotted in Lake Calcasieu in Louisiana, USA. The animal, whose eyes are red, is a bottlenose dolphin. His body is pink all over and this is how he must have looked from birth: he is an albino, which (A3) ... he has a med cal condition that causes pale skin. The dolphin (A4) ... several years ago, although it is only very recently that he (A5) ... to appear almost every day. Walt Furneaux, a local sailor, says he (A6) ... the animal on numerous occasions. 'I remember the first time I spotted him. Before that day I (A7) ... anything so extraordinary in my life. He looked unreal,' explains Walt.

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| 1) | has | first | spotted |
| 2) | | first | spotted |
| 3) | was | first | spotted |
| 4) | was first spotting | | |

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 (A14) ... boat from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. He is enthusiastic (A15) ... the journey regardless of the difficulties it may involve. David hopes that the adventure will encourage people not to ignore environmental problems.

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

10. Задание 10 № 130

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A10).

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 (A8) ... air is. Snow has fallen and the ground is covered (A9) ... a white blanket. The actual resort is made (A10) ... of three traditionally-built hotels. The largest of (A11) ... three has a disco.

Just above the hotels is the ski-lift which takes you (A12) ... the top of the slopes. There are also skiing instructors who teach beginners. Quite often there are special shows put (A13) ... by professional skiers, which are fascinating to watch. You must like skiing to enjoy your stay as the resort is (A14) ... real paradise (A15) ... ski-lovers.

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

11. Задание 11 № 311

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A11).

I think the computer is such (A8) ... 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 (A9) ... paper, not even to say 'thank you' for presents sent by my relatives. Now, though, you can't keep me away (A10) ... the keyboard. I can spend hours typing away (A11) ... my computer, all types of messages to all types of people. One of (A12) ... worst disadvantages for me of writing (A13) ... hand was always the embarrassment of knowing that people would criticise my untidy handwriting and careless spelling. Now thanks (A14) ... the spell-check, I can easily edit my letters. Teenagers nowadays take all this (A15) ... granted, they don't realise how fortunate they are.

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

12. Задание 12 № 972

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A12).

Spare time activities basically fall (A8) ... 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 (A9) ... 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 (A10) ... 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 (A11) ... Internet is always popular (A12) ... both teenagers and adults. Another pastime which teenagers have (A13) ... common with adults is sitting in front of (A14) ... television. It is interesting to note that none of these activities involve having (A15) ... discussion about important issues - something which was popular in the past.

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

13. Задание 13 № 433

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A13).

According (A8) ... a recent survey, (A9) ... British are poor savers in comparison (A10) ... 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 (A11) ... '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 (A12) ... this is that they spend around 16 percent of everything they earn (A13) ... luxuries such as holidays and other forms of entertainment. As (A14) ... 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 (A15) ... other end of the scale, over 800,000 households now own a second home abroad.

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

14. Задание 14 № 494

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A14).

Humans have much (A8) ... 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 (A9) ... new situations and, in many cases, has led (A10) ... either evolution or extinction. We are not alone (A11) ... making (A12) ... use of the world around us. Where we do differ (A13) ... 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 (A14) ... survival in the future. It must also be recognised, however, that we are (A15) ... only species on Earth which has managed to create the means to destroy the planet we live on.

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

15. Задание 15 № 975

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A15).

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

16. Задание 16 № 1216

Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

The company's annual report showed that sales figures were ... than they had expected.

- 1) far more lower
- 2) much more lower
- 3) far more lowest
- 4) much lower

17. Задание 17 № 197

Прочитайте предложения. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

There was my ... collection of vases on every shelf.

- 1) mother's-in-law's
- 2) mother's-in-law
- 3) mother-in-law
- 4) mother-in-law's

18. Задание 18 № 438

Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

A large number of people (1) finds themselves (2) in debt (3) because they spend more than (4) they can afford.

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

19. Задание 19 № 439

Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

You needn't worry about (1) Lucy for she is old enough (2) to look after hers (3) when she is left on her own (4).

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

20. Задание 20 № 440

Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

There were (1) over two hundreds children (2) in the hospital (3) but each and every one (4) was given a Christmas present.

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

21. Задание 21 № 441

Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

There's (1) no use going to the city centre for concert tickets (2) as (3) they are all sold out (4).

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

22. Задание 22 № 622

Укажите номер подчеркнутого фрагмента, в котором допущена ошибка.

Students which (1) are planning to volunteer at the Winter Games (2) must give in (3) their names by tomorrow (4).

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

23. Задание 23 № 263

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A23).

One of the most difficult but rewarding pastimes is mountain climbing. The modern climber must (A22) ... many different skills. Rock climbing (A23) ... a combination of gymnastic ability, imagination and observation, but perhaps the most necessary skill is being able to (A24) ... out how much weight a particular rock will support. Mountaineers climb in groups of three or four, each climber at a distance of approximately six meters from the next. Usually one person climbs while the other climbers (A25) ... hold of the rope. There is no (A26) ... that the most experienced climber goes first. He shows the other climbers which (A27) ... to go, making the rope secure so that it is (A28)... for the others to follow. With much mountain climbing, snow skills (A29) ... a very important part. The number of dangers (A30) ... by climbers is almost endless. And the (A31) ... of oxygen at high altitudes makes life even more difficult for mountaineers.

- 1) requires
- 2) insists
- 3) calls
- 4) orders

24. Задание 24 № 864

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A24).

According to the United Nations' population figures, the world's population will be (A22) ... for 8.9 billion by the year 2050, (A23) ... to 6.7 billion in 2009. This figure (A24) ... into account that each woman on the planet will give birth to two children. Eight billion, nine hundred million people may sound like an astronomical figure, yet statistics (A25) ... that, throughout the world, the number of children being born is (A26) The explanation (A27) ... for this is the fact that women have become better educated and would rather (A28) ... a career than enjoy motherhood. Therefore, they (A29) ... bringing up many children and being out of work for long periods of time. All the same, the world's population will continue to increase in spite of the ageing population. This will happen because of an

overall rise in life expectancy, especially in the developed countries. The main (A30) ... for this is that many diseases which were fatal in the past, can be (A31) ... nowadays.

- 1) brings
- 2) gets
- 3) takes
- 4) gives

25. Задание 25 № 265

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A25).

- 1) keep
- 2) stay
- 3) continue
- 4) break

26. Задание 26 № 206

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A26).

If you happen to be walking in your local park tomorrow and you find a book with a label inside (A22) ... Read and Release me," don't just treat it as a (A23) You've probably (A24) ... across an example of bookcrossing, a book-sharing movement (A25) ... in 2001 by American software developer Ron Hornbaker, whose aim is to "make the (A26) ... world a library'. Bookcrossers "release' books either by (A27) ... them on to friends, or by leaving them in public places for others to (A28) ... up, or 'catch', and then read, before they in (A29) ... release them back "into the wild". Over half a million people worldwide take (A30) ... in bookcrossing, "releasing books in cafés, airports, bus stations, telephone boxes. Often a book is left in a place which is associated with its (A31) ... or content: Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express* on a train, for example, or an archeology book in a museum.

- 1) full
- 2) absolute
- 3) all
- 4) whole

27. Задание 27 № 2190

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A27).

The number and length of flights has (A23)... sharply in the past few years. As the human body was not designed for flying, people can (A24) ... if they are on an aeroplane for a long time. Therefore, it is important to (A25) ... certain measures to increase your comfort. In the air, your body is more (A26) ... to the effects of alcohol, and rich or fatty foods, so it is best to (A27) ... these the day before you leave as well as during the flight. A long-distance journey often (A28)... travellers feeling stiff, because they have been sitting in one position for several hours. In order to reduce the (A29) ... of this happening to you, there are some exercises you can do while you are flying. Besides this, a hot shower taken after the flight can be an effective way of minimising stiffness. If you (A30) ... loose clothing made from (A31) ... materials, such as cotton, you will feel more comfortable. Your skin suffers in other ways too, becoming drier since you have (A32) ... the ground. This can be avoided, however, if you take some skin cream with you.

- 1) ignore
- 2) avoid
- 3) delete
- 4) prevent

28. Задание 28 № 1648

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A28).

The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were (A25) ... to be one of the Seven Wonders of the (A26) ... World. They are believed to have been built by King Nebuchadnezzar in the sixth century BC as a present for his wife, Amytis.

The gardens were constructed in layers. Each layer was a large terrace (A27) ... with tropical flowers, plants and The large amount of water which these plants required was pumped from the river Euphrates nearby. It is said that Nebuchadnezzar and his wife would sit in the shade of the gardens and (A28) ... down on the city of Babylon below.

The gardens' fame quickly (A29) ..., and travellers would come from far and wide to (A30) ... them. Even thousands of years ago, people used to go (A31) ... Sadly, nothing (A32) ... today of the beautiful hanging gardens, and the city of Babylon lies in ruins in what is modern-day Iraq.

- 1) look
- 2) see
- 3) watch
- 4) observe

29. Задание 29 № 269

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A29).

- 1) act
- 2) do
- 3) make
- 4) play

30. Задание 30 № 270

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A30).

- 1) struggled
- 2) touched
- 3) appeared
- 4) faced

31. Задание 31 № 91

Прочитайте текст. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа. Заполните пропуск (A31).

Hollywood is associated with fame, fortune and glamour. Every year, thousands of young people (A25) ... up there, hoping that a producer will spot them and think they have that special something that audiences want to see. Unfortunately, most of them are (A26) ... on a journey that leads to disappointment. Take a (A27) ... round Los Angeles and ask any waiter or waitress and they will tell you that they are only working there for the time being, until they get their break in films. A combination of failure and economic problems usually means that they eventually (A28)... up their minds to leave and return to the small town they came from, without having made their fortune.

Before you come to the (A29) ... that a life in film is for you, ask yourself carefully if you are ready for that change of direction. You'll have to travel and live for a long time at your own (A30) ..., working in jobs that provide you with a low (A31) ..., with only the occasional glimpse of a star to (A32) ... you where you want to be.

- 1) income
- 2) earning
- 3) charge
- 4) interest

32. Задание 32 № 212

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

Will following this advice help him feel healthier?

- 1) It will certainly work.
- 2) It's as follows.
- 3) Unwillingly.
- 4) He'll do his best.

33. Задание 33 № 1053

Выберите реплику-стимул, подходящую по смыслу к предложенной ответной реплике.

I'd rather not say.

- 1) What would you say to a meal out?
- 2) So what are your plans now?
- 3) I've said I'm sorry.
- 4) I wouldn't say no to coffee.

34. Задание 34 № 1954

Выберите реплику-стимул, подходящую по смыслу к предложенной ответной реплике.

That's ail right.

- 1) My project has been accepted.
- 2) Why didn't you remind me?
- 3) Buses are so slow here, aren't they?
- 4) Sorry, I've kept you waiting.

35. Задание 35 № 815

Расположите реплики так, чтобы получился связный диалог. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

- A. Never, and hopefully never will. Never even remotely come close to it. So, that's good.
- B. Have you ever been in a dangerous situation, for example, have you had to evacuate a plane?
- C. You are an air hostess, so you must come into contact with a lot of passengers who are afraid of flying. How do you deal with this?
- D. Have you ever felt nervous or frightened on a flight?
- E. There's not really a lot you can do. Just try and sit and talk to them, calm them down. I think that helps. Most of them are OK after take-off.
- F. Never, actually. I feel really safe up there, otherwise I wouldn't do it.

- 1) CABFDE
- 2) CEBADF
- 3) BFCADF
- 4) BACFDE

36. Задание 36 № 2199

Расположите реплики так, чтобы получился связный диалог. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

- A. I'm looking for the A917 to Crail. I've been driving round for ages, but I haven't seen a sign.
- B. Where are you trying to get to?
- C. Excuse me! I'm lost...
- D. A917.
- E. Well, you're heading the wrong way. Turn round... oh, no, there's no need really... just go left... I mean right... Just keep going and you'll see a sign... What was the road number?
- F. Hmmm. I don't remember the number, but that'll take you to Crail all right.

- 1) ADECBF
- 2) CBAEDF
- 3) CADEFB
- 4) ADCEBF

37. Задание 37 № 277

Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы.

In the past, the museum attracted few visitors because of

§ 1. It is Saturday night at the Brooklyn Museum of Art in New York. In the galleries devoted to African art, children are playing hide-and-seek while the parents sip beer from plastic cups. Some teenage girls head through the sculpture exhibition to a temporary dance floor where a DJ is playing reggae music. Watching the scene is Bryan, a young teacher from a local school. What brings him out tonight? 'I'm here for the reggae, of course,' he says. When I heard they were playing that I thought, "I have to be there," and obviously a lot of people feel the same way.' Besides the DJ, the museum has laid on gallery talks, a Martin Scorsese film, a puppet show and a samba band.

§ 2. The Brooklyn Museum of Art wasn't always so trendy. For decades, it put on excellent exhibitions that few came to see. Had it been over in the city's fashionable Upper East Side, of course, the museum would have been packing them in. Even when they put on dull exhibitions, New York's top museums can count on a steady stream of visitors — mostly tourists. But Brooklyn, one of New York's toughest districts, isn't on the standard tourist route. When the museum was built, it was in a wealthy suburb, but these days the surrounding streets are home to recent immigrants, mostly poor folk from the Caribbean.

§ 3. Two years ago, in an effort to revive itself, the museum appointed a new director, Arnold Lehman, who was born in Brooklyn. Lehman was convinced that the museum should forget about trying to attract visitors from the other side of town and try to appeal instead to people from the surrounding area.

§ 4. The free evening events, called 'First Saturdays', are Lehman's way of reaching out to people. The great thing for me is when you see teenage boys looking at art in the galleries without being handcuffed to their parents,' he says. What's more, the annual number of visitors to the museum has roughly doubled since the scheme was introduced. Similar institutions across the country are now calling, wanting to know how much it costs to throw a good party'. The answer, incidentally, is about \$25,000 per event. 'And worth every penny,' says Lehman.

§ 5. The real achievement of First Saturdays is more significant and profound than the increased visitor numbers suggest. Most people visit art museums because they want to have a special 'artistic' experience. The Brooklyn Museum of Art has introduced thousands of people to the idea that museum-going can be a perfectly ordinary part of their lives.

- 1) the negative way it was described in reviews.
- 2) the part of the city where it was located.
- 3) the limited space it had for exhibitions.

38. Задание 38 № 638

Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы.

How did Nelson's father react to his son's interest in racing?

§ 1. Minutes before the start of a British Grand Prix in August, the drivers' faces are grave with concentration. Fans are screaming. Squeezed into his driving seat, Nelson Jones is pulling on a pair of tight black gloves. No question where he's expecting to finish: "First," he says. At the start signal, with a burst of engine noise, the drivers move quickly to the first turn.

§ 2. It all sounds a lot like a Formula One car race, but there's a difference — Nelson is thirteen years old, and he's racing in a go-kart. What could be seen as child's play is in fact the first step for young talent to move into professional race cars, because it introduces them to the essential basics such as finding the racing line, concentration and how to compete on the track. That track record makes karting a must for youngsters keen to make racing their life's ambition.

§ 3. Nelson Jones has actually been racing since he was eight years old. "When my son Nelson showed us how gifted he was with racing, even at an incredibly young age, I knew we had to do something," Nelson's father says. "Racing can be really dangerous and it gets expensive, but when I had the opportunity to buy him his first official kart, I rushed to do it."

§ 4. After taking part in three or four local races in Britain, in which he won first place, Nelson decided that he would go for it and have a crack at his first international Grand Prix in Germany, which he won as well. Nelson now travels all over Britain and Europe to take part in races. The interest he showed in racing was not via the usual exposure to video games. "We lived near a small karting racetrack and I became **fascinated** — I couldn't stop talking about it. One day, as we were driving past, I made my father stop the car so I could have a better look at the karts flying by. I saw so many people, including kids my own age, and I took a liking to it straight away.'

§ 5. Nelson eventually got his chance to try it out. The family hired an instructor for amateurs to teach Nelson, who took him as far as the age of twelve. The instructor then informed Nelson's father it was time to look for someone more qualified. Perhaps it is Nelson's good **fortune** in having always been expertly advised that has made him so relaxed about facing the pressures of an international racing circuit. But what is it like to be so young with a schedule fully booked with races, and all eyes watching him, expecting victory after victory? It's good for me, as I know what I need to be doing. The public's expectations help me focus and concentrate so I can race at my highest level.'

- 1) He thought Nelson's talent must be supported.
- 2) He realised this hobby would be very expensive.
- 3) He believed Nelson was too young for racing.

39. Задание 39 № 579

Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы.

What does the writer say he particularly enjoys about working at *Flight*?

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

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

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

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

§ 5. However, jobs like this don't come up very often — the last news editor stayed ten years - and so when I was offered it, I couldn't really say no. Although I'm much more office-based now, I still go

to the big air shows. In some ways I was getting a bit tired of living out of a suitcase, although I still get a thrill when I take my seat on a new plane for the first time. A37. Why did the writer read Flight International when he was a child?

- 1) the chance to do the two things he most loves
- 2) the opportunity to travel a great deal
- 3) the opportunity to meet interesting people

40. Задание 40 № 2203

Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы.

Mr Bunting wasn't too afraid because

§ 1. The facts of the burglary at the vicarage came to us chiefly through the medium of the vicar and his wife. It occurred in the small hours of Whit Monday. Mrs Bunting, it seems, woke up suddenly in the stillness that comes before the dawn, with the strong impression that the door of their bedroom had opened and closed. She did not arouse her husband at first, but sat up in bed listening. She then distinctly heard the pad of bare feet coming out of the dressing-room and walking along the passage towards the staircase. As soon as she felt assured of this, she aroused the Rev Mr Bunting as quietly as possible. He did not strike a light, but putting on his spectacles, his dressing-gown, and his bath slippers, he went out on the landing to listen. He heard quite distinctly a fumbling going on at his study desk downstairs, and then a violent sneeze.

§ 2. At that he returned to his bedroom, armed himself with the most obvious weapon, the poker, and descended the staircase as noiselessly as possible. Mrs Bunting came out on the landing. .

§ 3. The hour was about four, and the ultimate darkness of the night was past. There was a faint shimmer of light in the hall, but the study doorway yawned impenetrably black. Everything was still except the faint creaking of the stairs under Mr Bunting's tread, and the slight movements in the study. Then something snapped, the drawer was opened, and there was a rustle of papers. Then came a curse, and a match was struck and the study was flooded with yellow light. Through the crack of the door Mr Bunting could see the desk and the open drawer and a candle burning on the desk. But the robber he could not see. He stood there in the hall undecided what to do, and Mrs Bunting, her face white and intent, crept slowly downstairs after him. One thing kept up Mr Bunting's courage: the persuasion that this burglar was a residefit in the village.

§ 4. They heard the chink of money, and realised that the robber had found the housekeeping reserve of gold. At that sound Mr Bunting was nerved to abrupt action. Gripping the poker firmly, he rushed into the room, closely followed by Mrs Bunting. "Surrender!" cried Mr Bunting fiercely and then stopped, amazed. Apparently the room was perfectly empty.

- 1) he thought the burglar was a local.
- 2) Mrs Bunting was with him.
- 3) he was a very courageous man.

41. Задание 41 № 281

Определите значение указанного слова в тексте.

steady (§ 2)

- 1) confident
- 2) permanent
- 3) calm

42. Задание 42 № 162

Выберите правильный вариант перевода в соответствии с содержанием текста.

Once there, I rented an apartment and hired a little motorbike. (§ 3)

§ 1. If you walk into any bookstore there is an entire shelf dedicated to books about people who decide to change their lives by relocating to another country. I used to laugh at those kinds of books and wonder why anyone would put themselves through the discomfort of going to live in a foreign country — all in search of a simple life!

§ 2. One day, instead of walking straight past this section, I selected a book to read on the train. It was about an accountant who realised one day how boring her life was, so she bought a ticket to Italy. After reading the book, the idea of moving abroad had lodged (засела) itself in my mind and was turning into a magnificent possibility.

§ 3. I resigned from the hospital where I worked, sold my apartment and moved to the region of Umbria in Italy. Once there, I rented an apartment and hired a little motorbike. I loved sampling the local cuisine and I signed up for a short cooking course. A very charming local man called Francesco ran the course. Each lesson not only did we learn how to prepare an authentic Umbrian dish, we were also rolling around the floor in fits of laughter, since Francesco was a natural storyteller and we enjoyed his talent for imitating people.

§ 4. I also took a three-month Italian language course. It is fair to say that my attempts at cooking were more successful than my attempts to acquire a new language. I tried hard, however, and after a few weeks of lessons I actually had a short conversation with a local — OK, I only asked for directions to the train station. In my mind, though, this was a triumph of communication and I was satisfied with my modest progress.

§ 5. It was at one of these language classes that I heard a fellow student, John, mention that his neighbour, Sandro, was moving to Rome and selling his farmhouse very cheap. John said he wished he had the money to purchase it himself, as the property was sure to **be snapped up** soon. I couldn't believe that it cost less than half the amount that I had sold my tiny apartment for. Would I dare to copy the writers of all those books? I had to go and have a look, of course. The farmhouse was located on the top of a hill, and although it was very **run-down**, it possessed charm. I bought it straight away.

§ 6. The project wasn't without its difficulties, though. The farmhouse was collapsing in several places. My first priority, therefore, was to hire some local workers to add supports to the building. I also strengthened the foundations, installed a new kitchen and renovated the rest of the property. In the end, all the cost and effort were worthwhile, because I felt I belonged here as much as I did anywhere in the world, and I was determined to make it my home. I must say I sometimes look at my collection of books on Italy and think I'd like to have a goal writing one myself I'd like to share my experience and let other dreamers out there know that the difficulty is worth it. I didn't quite find the simple life, but I did find what the Italians call the sweet life — *la dolce vita*.

- 1) Когда-то посетив это место, я оплатила квартиру и взяла в аренду небольшой мотоцикл.
- 2) Приехав туда, я сняла квартиру и взяла напрокат небольшой мотоцикл.
- 3) В один из своих приездов туда я сдала в аренду апартаменты и взяла в кредит маленький мотоцикл.

43. Задание 43 № 643

Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (A43) одним из предложенных текстовых фрагментов.

1 — Then a contemporary dance company who were on tour staged a performance in our town, which I went to see.

2 — For this reason, I feel inspired to try having a similar job myself someday.

3 — What matters is using the act of moving as a means of expressing yourself.

4 — In London, there are literally thousands of highly talented performing artists of all kinds.

When you first meet Beatrice Smythe, you are struck by her wonderful smile and her well-toned muscles.

'Performing on stage is one of the most exciting experiences possible. All the nerves and fright you feel in the wings just melt away when you face the audience. Although you are aware of a sea of faces watching you, this is not what you concentrate on. (A43) ____ If you focus on this, then your dancing will look natural and unforced.'

So how did Beatrice get started? 'I began taking ballet lessons in a local school when I was six. My teachers felt I had talent but after 11 years of ballet, I realised I wanted to do something different. (A44) ____ That was it! I had never seen dancing like this before and immediately decided it was for me. The following year I was offered a place at a London contemporary dance school where I completed a three-year course.'

Today Beatrice is a permanent member of *the Charmed Circle Dance Company*. But was it a difficult transition from studies to career? 'I was warned that the competition would be fierce. (A45) ____ Applying for even the smallest part meant auditioning with dozens of others. Finally, I was lucky enough to be offered a trial period of one year with *Charmed Circle*, even though it meant working without pay. It was an extremely difficult period, as you can imagine.'

'I could have been tempted to join other dance companies on a temporary basis doing one-off paid performances. But this would have meant missing out on the chance to become part of the regular line-up of what is now one of Britain's leading contemporary dance companies.' (A46) ____ But Beatrice's ultimate ambition is to make it to America, where the ideas behind contemporary dance were first pioneered and developed.

When asked about what it takes to become a dancer, Beatrice didn't hesitate. 'You have to love what you're doing, you have to keep pushing yourself to the limit and you have to be slightly mad, too! (A47) ____ Most dancers will tell you how physically painful daily training can be. You also have to be extremely self-motivated'

So what does Beatrice particularly enjoy about contemporary dance? "Well, for one thing, contemporary movements are so different from those in other types of dance. In ballet, for example, the movements are strictly structured and you have to stick to them. In contemporary dance, however, the movements are more expressive and each have individual meanings in themselves. (A48) ____ This makes them very moving experiences both to perform and to watch.'

- 1)
- 2)

- 1
- 2

- 3)
- 4) 4

44. Задание 44 № 164

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

Which festival / celebration has connections with love and romance

1. Halloween

Halloween was originally a Celtic festival for the dead, celebrated on the last day of the Celtic year, October 31. One story says that, on that day, the spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. Naturally, the still-living did not want to be possessed. So, on the night of October 31, villagers would put out the fires in their homes, to make them cold and undesirable. They would then dress up in all manner of devilish costumes and noisily parade around the neighbourhood, in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess. The custom of "trick-or-treating (when children go from house to house on Halloween to get small presents) is thought to have originated with a ninth-century European custom called 'souling where early Christians would walk from village to village begging for 'soul cakes', made out of square pieces of bread with currants.

2. Independence Day

Independence Day is the national holiday of the USA commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. At the time of the signing, the US was under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing protest in the 13 colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion (восстание). In April 1775 the King's troops reached Concord. The battle of Concord would mark the beginning of the war for Independence. By June 1776 a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the Congress.

3. Carnival

The Origins of Carnival are unclear, but most agree that it started as a pagan (языческое) celebration in ancient Rome or Greece. In Brazil, Carnival rules the country for four days a year. It happens at the peak of summer, attracting thousands of visitors from all corners of the world. Carnival changes dates every year but it usually happens some time in February or early March. Carnival is supposed to be a time to 'forget or recall an old love affair, to celebrate new passion or search for new romantic experiences'.

4. Guy Fawkes' Night

In 1605, Guy Fawkes and a group of his supporters attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament to kill the King, James I and the entire Parliament. The conspirators were angered because King James had been forcing Jesuits to leave England. The plotters (заговорщики) wanted to take power away from the king and return the country to the Catholic faith. However, in an attempt to protect a friend, one of the group members sent an anonymous letter warning him to stay away from the Parliament. The warning letter reached the King, and the conspirators were caught and sentenced to death.

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

45. Задание 45 № 165

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

Which festival / celebration involves a symbolic food?

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

46. Задание 46 № 166

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

Which festival / celebration came about partly because of a message that had been caught hold of?

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

47. Задание 47 № 287

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

Which person makes different choices according to the time of year?

1. School student **Carla Ruiz** lives in a hot country and has become very aware of the need to save water. 'Spring and autumn used to be quite wet, but these days it hardly rains at all,' she says. 'Nearly all the rivers have dried up, destroying all the wildlife in and around them, and no matter what we do they'll never be the same again. At least, though, we can use water more sensibly. That's why at home I recently decided to do simple things like making sure there are no dripping taps, or taps left on while I'm brushing my teeth or washing food. Within a few days I was regularly doing these things without even thinking, I know they made a difference because the water bills went down quite a bit. My parents noticed that so they started doing the same.'

2. Trainee manager, **Vincent Owen**, is doing his bit to save the planet by using less electricity around the home. 'I was talking to this guy at work and he told me that we waste a huge amount of energy every year by leaving things like the TV, DVD and computer on standby all the time, so nowadays I try to remember — not always successfully to switch them off at night. Incidentally, I've now got solar panels on the roof so that all the hot water is powered by the sun. That was a big investment, and it ended up well over budget, but I'm sure it'll pay for itself in the end.'

3. While **Lin Chen** is on a gap year, she is travelling round Europe with friends. 'We had intended to fly everywhere, she says, 'but when we worked out just how much extra pollution that would cause, we decided to do it by train instead. It was cheaper, too.' They began their tour in Greece: 'We all felt the obvious place to start was where European civilization began, so our first rail journey began in Athens. We travelled to Patras on the west coast, taking the ferry across to Bari in southern Italy. From there we took the overnight train to Paris, and a few days later we went on the Eurostar to London. We saw far more of the countryside than we would have done by plane.'

4. **Tanya Petrova** works in a restaurant with an extensive menu, but at home she will only eat local or seasonal food: 'I strongly believe that transporting food thousands of kilometers, or storing it under refrigeration for months on end, ultimately has a highly negative impact on the environment. I always try to buy food that is produced locally, and I have a special calendar to show me which kinds of food are in season so that I know what I'm buying is really fresh. Apart from the environmental considerations, I'm convinced the food I eat, which has far fewer chemicals in it, helps me avoid the kind of illnesses that seem to be so common these days.'

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| 1) | 1 |
| 2) | 2 |
| 3) | 3 |
| 4) 4 | |

48. Задание 48 № 288

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

Which person spent a lot more than they intended?

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| 1) | 1 |
| 2) | 2 |
| 3) | 3 |
| 4) 4 | |

49. Задание 49 № 1009

Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (B1).

NUMBER, ACHIEVE, BELIEVE, RELY

One of the most important (B1) ... in the history of the motorcar was the development of the Model-T Ford in 1913, which was the first car to be produced on a large scale. The inventor of this method of production was Henry Ford, the founder of the Ford Motor Company. The production line, as it came to be known, offered employment to thousands of workers. It seemed (B2) ... but the company cut costs as well, making cars affordable to clients. In addition, the replacement of old work practices made cars more (B3) ..., while (B4) ... improvements to the interior of the car made driving a pleasure.

50. Задание 50 № 710

Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (B2).

POPULAR, RISK, POSSIBLE, INVENT

The New Zealanders Dwayne van der Sluis and Andrew Akers must be the happiest people on Earth now that their (B1) ... and latest craze, zorbing, has become a success. Zorbing involves standing in a ball — or zorb — which consists of specially hardened plastic. The zorb is rolled down a hill, speeding at about 50 kilometres an hour. It may sound like quite a (B2) ... pastime, but the 70 centimetres of air between you and the ground make it (B3) ... to get hurt. That's why zorbing didn't take long to gain in (B4)

51. Задание 51 № 771

Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (B3).

ABLE, COMMUNE, CLEAR, AVOID

The street party is a popular form of celebration in Britain. Whole streets come together to mark such important national occasions as a new millennium. (B1) ..., it is impossible to hold a party in a busy street, so traffic is banned. This may annoy motorists but it is (B2) ... Street parties need the involvement of as many people as possible. They (B3) ... people who live in cities to unite as a (B4) ... just as they would in a traditional small village or town.

52. Задание 52 № 892

Прочитайте текст. Выберите подходящее по смыслу слово из предложенных. В ответ запишите слово в той форме, в которой оно должно стоять в предложении. Помните, что каждое слово может быть использовано только один раз и что заданную форму слова необходимо изменить. Заполните пропуск (B4).

VARY FORGET, QUICK, RELIGION

Kabuki is a traditional Japanese performing art that involves the telling of a story through song and dance. It was created in the early 1600s by a female dancer who performed in (B1) ... ceremonies and (B2) ... gained popularity with Japan's lower social classes. The performers wear colourful costumes and thick makeup and sing and dance to the accompaniment of a (B3) ... of instruments. It's a truly (B4) ... cultural experience!

53. Задание 53 № 1073

Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (B5) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

The Red Sea coast of Egypt is surely one of the best places in the world to go underwater diving. Its hot sunny climate and clear warm water (B5) ... it the ideal place for beginners as (B6) ... as for experienced divers. Many different types of diving are possible in the area. At centres for complete beginners (B7) ... are training courses which include simple dives with a qualified instructor. These dives get them used to being underwater and teach some basic skills (B8) ... as swimming and breathing below the surface.

54. Задание 54 № 1614

Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (B6) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

Many tourists (B5) ... visit Central America find it surprising to learn that the Mayas still live there. Although it is true that their ancient civilization (B6) ... to an end when their country was taken over by the Spanish conquistadors, the Mayan people carried on living in the area. Today there are an estimated 1.2 million Mayas who live in southern Mexico, and many other areas of Central America states have large Mayan populations as (B7)

55. Задание 55 № 1015

Прочитайте текст. Заполните пропуск (B7) только одним словом, подходящим по смыслу. Слово должно содержать не более 15 символов.

Even though sign language has been used for thousands of years in one form or (B5) ..., not much is known about its history. Some people believe that sign languages are not real languages, however, linguists (B6) ... have studied them say that they are. The only difference is that instead of using speech or writing to express meaning, signers use their hands. As a (B7) ... of fact, anything that can be expressed through spoken language can be expressed through sign language just as well. There is no (B8) ... that learning sign language takes time and practice.

56. Задание 56 № 176

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

The reason why some parents prefer home schooling is that they are not satisfied with the schools which in their area. They think they can provide it a better education at home, where their children can study in a safer environment.

57. Задание 57 № 957

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

A large part of the north of England it was hit by a raging storm which swept across the country yesterday, leaving a trail of damaged buildings behind it. Large numbers of injured people which were treated in hospitals. One man, a retired postman who lived in Leeds, died after he was struck on the head by a falling roof tile (*черепица*).

58. Задание 58 № 658

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

It is so feared that an entire lifeboat crew lost their lives in attempting to rescue the sailors on board a trawler. Once weather conditions when improve, the air-sea rescue forces will start a search for survivors.

59. Задание 59 № 779

Переведите на английский язык фрагмент предложения, данный в скобках.

Where (ещё) did you go besides the zoo?

60. Задание 60 № 1740

Переведите на английский язык фрагмент предложения, данный в скобках.

Hardly anyone noticed my new dress, (не так ли)?