**Task 1**

**Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to 1-5. There are three choices you do not need to use.**

**It’s not Me, It’s My Hormones!**

1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When you feel like you can’t even crack a smile, force yourself to do something fun. Hook up with a funny friend or watch a comedy movie or TV show and laugh till you cry! It might an act at first, but you’ll soon be giggling for real!

2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There’s nothing wrong with crying! If you feel yourself welling up and you’re in a quiet and private place, go for it! You’ll feel so much better. Just make sure you’ve got some tissues close by!

3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It really is true! Certain foods are great for making you happy. When you’re feeling low, reach for some good mood food – nuts, beans, fish, fruit will all put a smile on your face!

4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Get creative! Having a project to work on can take your mind off the stresses of growing up. You could work on a painting or drawing, take some cool photos or even make some clothes or customize the ones you’ve got! The feelings of pride and success you’ll get when you finish your project will be unbeatable!

5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Keeping a diary or channeling your thoughts and feelings into a story, poem or article can really help get thoughts into perspective. You could even keep a blog – just be sure not to give any personal information away, like your name, age or address. Years from now, you can take a look at what you’ve written and remember, you can get through anything!

A Let it out!

B You Are What You Eat

C Laugh

D Write Down Your Feelings

E Communicate and Relax

F Eat Something Tasty!

G Make Something

H Exercise Every Day!

**Task 2**

**Read the text. For questions 6-10 choose the correct answer A, B. C or D.**

16-year-old Australian Begins Her Solo Adventure

A 16-year-old Australian girl sailed her yacht out of Sydney harbor today, beginning an attempt to become the youngest person to single-handedly navigate the globe unassisted, despite concerns over her age and expertise. If all goes to plan, Jessica Watson will spend the next eight months alone on board her 10-metre vessel, navigating 28.000 miles through some of the world’s most dangerous seas.

Around 100 boats gathered under grey skies in the harbor to see her off. Watson did not speak to reporters before she left, but her mother Julie, posted an update on the solo sailor’s blog. “I know you are all anxious to hear from Jess, but she is a little preoccupied on her first day, so she asked me to post a quick note to let everyone know that the departure went well this morning,” she wrote.

While Watson’s family insists the teenager is a sufficiently skilled and experienced sailor, with expertise in navigation, electronics and maritime safety, her plan has sparked a debate in Australia about whether someone so young is ready for such a challenge. There was further worry after Watson’s yacht collided with a Chinese cargo ship last month.

Some of Australia’s most experienced sailors, and the government of Watson’s home state, Queensland, have urged her not to go ahead with the voyage. Watson will be in contact with her family and support team via radio and email, as well as updating her blog. “I think a lot of Australians are nervous for Jessica. I’m nervous for her,” the country’s deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, told Nine Network TV. “Since she’s determined to go, I wish her the best of luck and urge her to keep safe.”

A British 17-year-old, Mike Perham, became the youngest solo round-the-world sailor in August following a nine-month voyage, although a stop for repairs ‘en route’ meant his trip did not count as unassisted. The youngest sailor to complete the voyage unassisted is another Australian, Jesse Martin, who was 18 when he completed it in 1999.

6 In paragraph 1 the author states that Jessica \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A is the world record holder in solo sailing

B has started on a risky round-the-world voyage

C plans to spend half a year in the open sea

D lacks the experience for a round-the-world trip

7 According to the text, what happened the day of Jessica’s departure?

A A lot of ships followed Jessica’a yacht.

B Jessica refused to talk to the journalists.

C The weather changed for the worse.

D Julie informed the public of Jessica’s voyage.

8 All of the following are mentioned in paragraph 3 EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A Jessica’s parents are sure she has received enough training

B Jessica’s age has been a major concern for the public

C Jessica’s yacht has expensive equipment on board

D Jessica’s vessel has recently been hit in an accident

9 Which of the following is TRUE according to paragraph 4?

A Jessica can get professional advice during her voyage.

B The state’s authorities assist in Jessica’s solo trip.

C The people of Australia are proud of their young heroine.

D Jessica’s voyage is covered on her parents’ webpage.

10 The expression ‘en route’ in line 27 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A while sailing

B while relaxing

C while daparting

D while training

**Task 3**

**Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to 11-16. There are two choices you do not need to use.**

11 12

**Jack of the Wood**

**95 Patton Ave.**

A cozy café-restaurant.

Features the best acoustic music and dancing in the evening. The menu includes international cuisine, vegetarian fare and barbecue.

Coffee and cakes in the afternoon from 15.00-17.00

**Whisky Tavern**

81 Broadway St.

The best new place to hang out in downtown Ashville. Come by and have national food, good spirits and a fun time. Live jazz every Monday and Tuesday nights. Open nightly year round or for lunch Saturday and Sunday during football season.

13 14

**Prir Frakkar**

Specialities: French seafood and Whale meat

Open daily for lunch and dinner except Sat/Sun. for dinner only

**Reservation tel.** 552 3939

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**Welcome to Sjanghe Restaurant**

At our Chinese restaurant you will find not only fresh seafood and meat but we are also the only restaurant in Iceland with expert chefs from China. Our species are flown in directly from Asia. Wine and locally brewed beer available. We offer you various menus to choose from.

15 16

**VEGETERIAN**

A totally vegetarian restaurant specializing in international cuisine that features fresh local produce with mostly organic ingredients.

Daily specials, fast food and take out.

Tel. 552 2028

Open:

11.30-21.00 weekdays

16.00-21.00 Sat./Sun/

**HOTEL LOFTLEIDIDIR**

At our two restaurants we serve the freshest and tastiest veal and lamb you’ll find anywhere.

Our chefs’ culinary skills, combined with the finest available ingredients, guarantee you a meal of the highest quality. We also offer an international selection of beers and wines.

Open:

Mon.-Thur. 9.30-21.00 Fri., Sat., Sun. 10.00-22.00 Tel. 5050 925

At this restaurant \_\_\_\_\_\_.

A oriental food and local beer are served

B they mainly serve seafood

C unique and delicious meat courses are offered

D you can make on-line reservations

E you can enjoy live music twice a week

F traditional cuisine and music are offered

G you can eat in or take away

H meat as well as vegetarian dishes is available

**Task 4**

**Read the text below and choose from A-H the one which best fits each space 17-22.**

**There are two choices you do not need to use.**

**Amazon Parrots**

Amazon parrots are native to the New World. Indeed, **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he brought back to Europe after his first voyage here. There are 27 species of Amazon parrots. Most parrot species are bred successfully in captivity and several types of Amazons are available from breeders and pet stores here in Canada. Prices generally range, depending on the species, from $800 to $1600, **(18)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Amazon parrots are very good at talking and imitating sounds. One test subject, Alex – a parrot, can name about 40 objects, identify seven different colours, and say whether the two objects are same or different; and indisputably, **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Studies put the intelligence of these feathered chatterboxes on the same level as three-year-old humans, dolphins and monkeys.

Amazons are actually very similar in personality to monkeys. Parrots are very energetic, playful, social creatures that crave lots of interaction with their human owners. The best pet birds are hand-raised and have bonded early with human companions. More than other parrot species, **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They can be, at different times, loud, quiet, stubborn, silly, playfully aggressive of irritable. They will play and fight with their toys for hours on end **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Sometimes, an Amazon may temporarily become quite aggressive. Careless owners have had fingers or ears bitten.

You really have to understand your bird’s mood and behaviours **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Amazon parrots are definitely not for all pet owners, they need much more love and attention than most people would expect. Owning an Amazon is very similar to owning a dog with wings.

A with a premium paid for the breeds that are considered to be better “talkers”

B even rolling over on their backs to juggle a ball or play with some string

C the research has clearly shown that it is very intelligent and will speak in context

D as the trickier aspect of owning an Amazon parrot

E and talking ability will vary from species to species and from bird to bird

F Christopher Columbus himself apparently gave the name “Amazon” to the green. Short winged parrots

G they also love being around people, and they are particularly good at speaking

H Amazons are well known for their strong or often moody characters

**Task 5**

**Read the text below. For questions 23-32 choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).**

**Advertising**

Whether it is in print or on television, radio, or billboards, advertising profoundly **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our life. The ads we see, hear, and smell (in the case of open-and-sniff perfume inserts in magazines) **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how we feel and what we think about a wide range of products. Companies pay a lot of money to persuade us that their products are the best.

Advertising has a long history in North America. As early as the 1600s, ads were used to **(25)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English settlers to the Colonies. According to historian Daniel Boorstin, these brochures **(26)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “hopeful overstatements, half-truths, and downright lies…”

In the 1700s famous **(27)** \_\_\_\_ were involved in the advertising business, **(28)** \_\_\_\_\_ them Benjamin Franklin, who ran ads in his publications. And with the boom in mass-circulation magazines, the advertising became the powerful force it is today. Television arrived in the 1940s and **(29)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a new, action-packed advertising medium.

Creating a good ad isn’t as **(30)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as it might seem. One key is to find the right spokes person. An effective approach is to have the company president speak. Still another option is to create **(31)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ characters, such as Speedy Alka-Seltzer fellow, or an animated parrot (Gillette).

A memorable slogan is helpful as well: “I can’t **(32)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I ate the whole thing”; “Where’s the beef?”; “You deserve a break today”…

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| **23** | **A** | influences | **B** | inherits | **C** | installs | **D** | introduces |
| **24** | **A** | accept | **B** | infect | **C** | affect | **D** | protest |
| **25** | **A** | win | **B** | attract | **C** | invade | **D** | involve |
| **26** | **A** | contained | **B** | consisted | **C** | located | **D** | contributed |
| **27** | **A** | numbers | **B** | members | **C** | peoples | **D** | figures |
| **28** | **A** | along | **B** | among | **C** | between | **D** | through |
| **29** | **A** | stayed | **B** | remained | **C** | created | **D** | resulted |
| **30** | **A** | slight | **B** | easy | **C** | light | **D** | heavy |
| **31** | **A** | undesirable | **B** | unforgivable | **C** | uninviting | **D** | unforgettable |
| **32** | **A** | suppose | **B** | consider | **C** | hope | **D** | believe |

**Task 6**

**Read the text below. For questions 33-42 choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).**

**Planting the seeds of change**

The Green Wave project aims to help meet the goals of the United Nations Convention **(33)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ Biological Diversity by **(34)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ young people on the importance of biodiversity. In an ambitious program, students from schools all across the world **(35)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to mark the International Day for Biodiversity each year by planting a single tree of an inborn of locally important species. On May, 22, **(36)** \_\_\_\_\_\_ student groups will each plant their tree – uniting to send a ‘green wave’ from east to west around the planet. Promoting research and learning about nature, encouraging team-work and partnership across countries and continents, The Green Wave **(37)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a positive step toward maintaining biodiversity all over the world.

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| 33 | A | about | B | on | C | for | D | of |
| 34 | A | educate | B | educated | C | educating | D | educates |
| 35 | A | have been invited | B | have been inviting | C | invite | D | have invited |
| 36 | A | this | B | those | C | that | D | these |
| 37 | A | take | B | is taking | C | taking | D | taken |

**A Skiing City Break in Austria**

Postcard-pretty Innsbruck is the ideal destination for everyone who wants (38) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a skiing holiday with a city break. The capital of the Habsburg Empire in the late middle ages, it has a charming old town with many ornate medieval buildings, together with natural baroque additions, (39) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cathedral. The city is home to a wealth (40) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ museums, galleries, bars and restaurants, and (41) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ twice played host to the Winter Olympics, so it has plenty of winter-sports facilities, and – just a short train ride out of town – ski tracks to challenge the most (42) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of skiers.

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| 38 | A | combine | B | to combine | C | combines | D | combined |
| 39 | A | included | B | include | C | including | D | includes |
| 40 | A | for | B | Off | C | in | D | of |
| 41 | A | has | B | have | C | had | D | is having |
| 42 | A | accomplishing | B | accomplish | C | accomplished | D | accomplishes |

Writing

43 You were going to visit your friend in London at the beginning of June. But unfortunately the schedule of the independent testing has been changed. Write a letter to your friend and:

* Apologize for breaking your plans
* State the reason of your not coming
* Express your regret about postponing your meeting
* Ask if it is possible to come later in the summer

Write a letter of at least 100 words. Do not write your own name, any dates, addresses or other personal information.