

Task 4

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (17-21). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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Be healthy! Be Wealthy!

Our new program is specially designed for you! Train three times a week! Professional coaches and a spacious gym!

Attend a **free demo lesson** only this Friday!

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Shopping BOOM!

Dresses! Skirts! Trousers! Shorts and Tracksuits! Shoes and accessories! World brands!

At great prices!
New and preowned items!
NO REFUND. NO EXCHANGE.

Visit us at 34, Button Str. Daily from 10 am to 8 pm

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Let's colour the world!

Do you enjoy painting and drawing? Is an album or a sketchbook the best present for you? Join our classes and become a professional painter, designer or a future **Dali!**

Schedule: Mon: 5pm – 7 pm
Friday: 6pm – 8 pm

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Fresh, juicy, **home-grown** with no pesticides!
Only the **best quality** vegetables and fruit for your healthy life!

Gathered from local farmers and delivered to our store!

NEW SERVICE!

Door-to-door delivery for our regular customers!

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This Sunday!

Don't know how to put words in lines? How to express your emotions through letters, song, poems and essays?

A **free workshop** from a talented author
Bill Crew!

Where: Green Park (*near the fountain*)
Time: 12 pm – 4 pm

Which of the advertisements deals with:

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- A** a writing class
- B** a vocal course
- C** an art course
- D** grocery shop
- E** a stock shop
- F** a fitness course
- G** a supermarket
- H** an acting class

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (22-26) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Most Difficult Exam in the World

Preparation for Gaokao – the state entrance exam for higher education institutions in China – begins as early as elementary school. Initially, the term is used as a distant incentive for students to study hard, and later, tempered by years of stress and often expectations, students are aware of how high the stakes are since China's leading universities can enrol only one in 50,000 entrants.

The choice of an educational institution is responsible, the unemployment rate among university graduates is about 16%, so Alma Mater directly affects not only a career but also marital prospects. But the choice is not quite a choice, because it all depends on one single factor – the three-digit result of Gaokao. The maximum number of points is 750 and to score at least 690 means to get into the elite universities of the capital.

Gaokao is four or three-hour exams that take two days: Chinese, English, math and science (biology, chemistry, physics), or humanities (geography, history, political science), at the student's choice. For the most part, the questions are in the form of tests, but not at all simple ones. For example, a math exam is compared to university-level math in the UK. But for many graduates, the most terrifying work is the Chinese language exam. Most Chinese students believe that everything has the right answer, but the work is a free expression of thought through choosing a topic to discuss that cannot be true or false.

Gaokao is a symbol of the Chinese education system as a whole. In the west, it is often seen as monolithic and mechanical, and in China as strict but fair. In Europe and America, there is a perception that Chinese students are unable to think critically. Despite these thoughts, Chinese education is considered to be among the most prestigious and sufficient ones.

The tradition of a single exam that addresses a young person's perspective goes back to ancient times in China. Imperial exams, the so-called Keju, during which candidates for government positions were tested, were introduced during the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD) and became the only selection criterion for the VII century and until the cancellation in 1905, the applicants were taking the exam for three days. Only 1% of the best among the best were selected. Nervous breakdowns were commonplace, as there was no chance to re-sit the exam.

Hao-Kao is still a distant relative of Keju. First introduced in 1952, the exam was cancelled during the Cultural Revolution. At that time, most universities closed, and the rest of the seats were allocated according to political preferences rather than academic abilities. And in 1977, a year after Mao's death, Hao-Kao resumed its present form. Since 1978, Hao-Kao is held annually.

- 22** What does the choice of a future university depend on?
- A. marital status of a student-to-be
 - B. only maximum of points to enter the university
 - C. final marks of the exam
 - D. financial support of parents
- 23** What is NOT true about Gaokao?
- A. It is not taken in one day.
 - B. Students may choose the subjects to take.
 - C. The math exam is the most difficult one.
 - D. Students need to write an essay.
- 24** How Chinese education is seen in the world?
- A. one of the world's leading educational systems
 - B. highly digital and computerized
 - C. too strict and difficult
 - D. not creative due to the critical method of learning
- 25** What is said about Keju exam in paragraph 5?
- A. The exam is still run for three hours.
 - B. There was no chance to sit during the exam.
 - C. It was designed for state employees.
 - D. Only one per cent of young politicians could take it.
- 26** What happened during the period of the 1950s-1980s?
- A. Keju was cancelled in 1952.
 - B. All universities stopped their work.
 - C. Students could enter the university only due to their academic performance.
 - D. The state test became an every year exam.

Task 6

Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Luxurious Ski Resorts

27 The ski resort of Verbier in Switzerland, due to the altitude of snow is maintained throughout the holiday season, and the reliefs there provides many opportunities for freeriding. It is believed that it is best to go to the Verbier highways for advanced amateurs and professional skiers as there is a freeride championship here every year. At night, the resort becomes even more lively, as even in the dark you can ride from the mountains.

28 Kitzbühel is a cosy old town located in the eastern part of Tirol. This winter resort is one of the most famous and oldest not only the Alps but also the world. It mesmerizingly combines classic Tyrolean village houses with designer boutiques of international brands. The legendary Hahnenkamm the glory of extremely challenging ski run of all times.

29 The first impression of Le Menouir is the mild climate and the exceptionally warm and friendly atmosphere. Well, the second is a sign of quality, which marks only the best resorts for children. There is a special ski area here for those who have just skied and challenging trails for experienced athletes in the area of the Massif La Massa.



30 Courchevel is one of the best places in the Alps for not ski lovers. In terms of shopping opportunities, it is in serious competition with other elite resorts. Of course, the choice in Courchevel is not limited to skating and shopping. Hockey games are regularly held here as well as the Forum sports complex features a squash court, bowling alley and fitness centre.

31 Grand Monnet resort is famous for its glacier, which is has visitors all year round. A high-speed subway leads to the foot of the Tin Glacier. Above, up to 3456 meters, there is another lift in the wagon. On the glacier there are trails that are perfectly suited for carving (a sport based on performing cut turns by skiing by pointing your knees toward the turn).

32 Hemsedal is very popular with families vacationing with their children. This ski resort is Norway's largest children's area, combining 6 slopes, 7 lifts, a snow park, a sloping slope and plenty of fun for children. In Hemsedal, children up to 7 years old can ride for free with a ski helmet. In general, the resort offers many interesting activities for families with children, but families with no children have nothing to do there.

Which shopping mall _____ ?

- A** has ski tracks only for children and beginner skiers
- B** provides opportunities for kids as well as for skilled skiers
- C** offers a range of sporting events and wellness procedures
- D** is not recommended for beginners
- E** is designed only for shopping and fitness
- F** owns the most difficult track in the world
- G** will not suit for childfree couples
- H** is located on the dense ice body, which never melts

Task 8

Read the texts below. For questions (39-48) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Japanese Anti-Aging Secrets

Ageing is the harmful side (39)_____ of life, even though opinions on the subject might differ. People withdraw and spend enormous amounts of money just to stop the clock from ticking. But there is an easier way to (40)_____ the problem.

Let's take a look at the Japanese women and their radiant skin that makes hard to guess the age. The reasons why they look so young and beautiful are oil-free diet and natural skincare.

The first secret is to drink green tea and eat seaweed. (41)_____ both every day or at least several times a week would be enough. Next is to (42)_____ face massages, use the most natural and gentlest cleansers. Skipping the toner, applying collagen and giving yourself days (43)_____ makeup can help you look young for a long time.

39	A	effect	B	affect	C	result	D	issue
40	A	work out	B	clear up	C	deal with	D	keep up
41	A	to consume	B	consuming	C	consume	D	consumer
42	A	make	B	cause	C	fulfil	D	do
43	A	without	B	off	C	lacking	D	over

Life-changing inventions

At present, the world faces millions of new inventions appearing every day. They change the way we **(44)**____ reality and help us in our lives. The devices discussed below for sure will catch your attention.

Eyelights is a technology that uses holograph to show information like maps, stats related to the car, speed, etc., which grants you an opportunity to **(45)**____ solemnly to the road, even when you are interacting with the system.

Key-X allows people with disabilities to **(46)**____ their dreams. The key concept is that every button has **(47)**____ letters around each of them. It also supports some other accessories, so that people with severe problems can use it.

Geopress purifier empowers you with gaining clean water wherever you go. Not only the device cleanses the liquid from all **(48)**____ of bacteria but prevents diseases like Rotavirus and Hepatitis A entering your system.

44	A	fancy	B	accept	C	stick	D	embrace
45	A	catch attention	B	pay attention	C	hold attention	D	come to attention
46	A	access	B	reach	C	attain	D	gain
47	A	A few	B	various	C	several	D	some
48	A	sorts	B	forms	C	breeds	D	types

Task 9

Read the texts below. For questions (49-58) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Traditions in the UK

Double-deckers, five o'clock tea, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace – all of those are symbols of the United Kingdom, but it is not all that you **(49)** see and experience in Great Britain. There are plenty of interesting and sometimes strange traditions too.

English Cheese Rolling, for example, as bizarre as it **(50)** sound, it **(51)** each year at Cooper Hill in Gloucester. Thousands of people roll and chase a 4 kg barrel of Gloucestershire cheese down the hill.

Another tradition is a British Bonfire Night that **(52)** with fireworks, bonfires and a lot of toffee apples. The celebration is about the failed plan of Guy Fawkes in trying to **(53)** the House of Parliament in 17th century London.

These are only a few on a long list of celebrations that one can experience during his/her visit to the UK.

49	A	can	B	might	C	would	D	should
50	A	can	B	shall	C	may	D	might
51	A	is happening	B	happened	C	will happen	D	happens
52	A	fill	B	is filled	C	filled	D	fills
53	A	wipe out	B	black out	C	rub out	D	snuff out

4C skills of 21st century

(54)____ about 4C of the 21st century? If not, it is okay; there is plenty of information on the internet as well as a questionnaire to complete.

So, the 4C of the 21st century are critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity. Unfortunately, not all schools (55)____ teaching based on these essential skills, which is rather disturbing news because how we (56)____ prepare children for adult life when they (57)____ vital knowledge and skills that can save them. The most important of 4C is critical thinking because of the ability to filter, analyse and draw conclusions is literally life-saving.

However, few schools are worried sick about how youth (58)____ to the world full of changes, teachers use programs that develop 4C skills, and hopefully, they will succeed.

54	A	Do you hear	B	Did you hear	C	Had you heard	D	Have you heard
55	A	implemented	B	had implemented	C	had been implementing	D	have implemented
56	A	must	B	can	C	should	D	shall
57	A	denied	B	are denying	C	are denied	D	deny
58	A	adapt	B	will be adapting	C	is going to adapt	D	will adapt