

Task 1

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You are going to read a text about security in London. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (1-10) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Personal Security in London



London is a large city which, like any other, has had its recent (0) ... of urban problems. It has often been a terrorist (Q1) ..., and London life is sometimes disrupted by security alerts. (Q2) ... of these turn out to be false alarms, but they should be taken (Q3) Never hesitate to approach one of London's many police constables for (Q4) ... – they are (Q5)... to help the public with any of their problems.

SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS

There is little likelihood that your stay in London will be blighted at all (Q6) ... the spectre of violent crime. (Q7) ... in the run-down and rougher parts of the town, the risk of having your pocket picked, or your bag stolen, is not very great. It is far more (Q8) ... to happen right in the middle of heaving shopping crowds in areas like Oxford Street or Camden Lock, or perhaps on a very busy platform.

Muggers and rapists prefer poorly lit or isolated places like back-streets, parks and unmanned railway stations. If you avoid these, especially at night, or travel round in a group, you should manage to (Q9) ... danger.

Pickpockets and thieves pose a much more immediate problem. Keep your (Q10) ... securely concealed. If you carry a handbag or a case never let it out of your sight – particularly in restaurants, theatres and cinemas, where it is not unknown for bags to vanish from between the feet of their owners.

- 0 A percentage ~~B share~~ C part D contribution
- Q1 A target B goal C attraction D victim
- Q2 A Almost every B Hardly any C Nearly all D Even some
- Q3 A seriously B earnestly C severely D gravely
- Q4 A kindness B encouragement C questioning D assistance
- Q5 A drilled B trained C educated D indoctrinated
- Q6 A of B by C through D from
- Q7 A Moreover B Also C Still D Even
- Q8 A likely B possible C probable D imaginable
- Q9 A hold up B stay out of C face up to D refrain from
- Q10 A valuables B worth C value D precious

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
<i>B</i>										

Task 2

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You are going to read a text about wildfires in Australia. Some words are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-R) the correct word for each gap (11-25) in the text. There are two extra words that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Wildfires in Australia

Roaring bushfires raced through south-eastern Australia this weekend. They devoured entire towns and left a (0) ... of total destruction. The firestorm ignited on Saturday in rural areas outside of Melbourne, Australia's second (Q11) ... city. It is one of the worst natural disasters (Q12) ... to strike the South Pacific nation.

Australia is used (Q13) ... battling wildfires. But the current firestorm is the deadliest to hit the country since 1983. That year, a blaze in southern Australia killed 75 people. (Q14) ..., more than 180 residents have died in this week's fires. Officials say that the number (Q15) ... rise to 300. More than 1,000 homes in 20 towns have (Q16) ... to the ground. Five thousand people have been (Q17) ... homeless.

Strong, dry winds intensified the flames. Heat-wave temperatures and drought did not help (Q18) On Saturday, the temperature in Melbourne peaked (Q19) ... a scorching 115.5°F. That is a record for the city. Thousands of fire-fighters (Q20) ... to battle more than 30 fires in the region.

Some experts are (Q21) ... global warming for conditions that added fuel to the fires. Australia is especially vulnerable to climate change because of its hot, dry environment. These ingredients combined, make Australia the most fire-prone country (Q22) ... Earth, scientists say. Most of the nation's bushfires are sparked (Q23) ... lightning. However, investigators believe the current disaster was caused by arson - people setting fires on (Q24) Humans aren't the only ones who have been affected by the (Q25) ... fires. Australia's native wildlife feels the heat, too. The blazes have torched farmland, parks and forests.



- A as
- B at
- C bigger
- D blaming
- E burned
- F by
- G continue
- H could
- I either
- J ever
- K largest
- L left
- M on
- ~~N path~~
- O purpose
- P raging
- Q so far
- R to

0	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
N															

Task 3

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You are going to read a text about a photographer in search of the last cowboys. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (26-35). Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.

The Cowboy in Winter



On a morning in a Oaxacan market, photographer Graciela Iturbide made one of the most enduring images of Zapotec life. Two black dots appeared in the distance, barely (0) ... (**vision**) through swirling snow. Drawing closer, they resolved into (Q26) ... (**recognize**) forms: a man on a horse, a dog (Q27) ... (**run**) alongside.

"That'll be Gerald," said Ken Perry, a (Q28) ... (**ranch**) who had driven photographer Sam Abell high into the Little Belt Mountains of (Q29) ... (**center**) Montana in 1985 to search for cowboys still working in the (Q30) ... (**tradition**) style. "No one else would be up here" in the forbidding Montana winter.

In Abell's tale, he grabbed his camera, pushed open the door of Perry's pickup truck and stepped into the cold. There he began (Q31) ... (**shoot**) pictures of a man named Gerald Mack, a horse named Sky and a dog named Cisco Kid.

The trio came to a stop in front of Abell. (Q32) ... (**introduce**) were made all around. Mack dismounted. Perry launched into a critique of Mack's horsemanship: *You're riding him too hot. You ought to know* (Q33) ... (**good**).

Mack hung his head. So did Cisco. The horse followed suit. Abell, a veteran of almost 40 *National Geographic* (Q34) ... (**assign**), kept shooting. The elements of a picture were there, he sensed, but they had not (Q35)...(**fall**) into place yet. He composed the frame, anticipating that Mack would eventually look up.

Write your answers here:

0	<i>visible</i>
Q26	_____
Q27	_____
Q28	_____
Q29	_____
Q30	_____
Q31	_____
Q32	_____
Q33	_____
Q34	_____
Q35	_____

Task 4

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You are going to read a text about tattooing. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (36-47). Write your answers in the spaces provided at the end of the text. The first one (0) has been done for you.

History of tattooing revealed



The image of a beautiful young Polynesian woman, whose face was tattooed with the word "murderer" on the orders of English missionaries, will be displayed for the first time this week, over 150 years after she was marked for life with the evidence of her crime.

Nicholas Thomas, an authority on the history of tattooing, has (0) ... **(cover)** her story as part of his research for Skin Deep, an (Q36) ... **(exhibit)** opening at the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich on Friday.

It has a historical (Q37) ... **(important)** beyond the tragedy for the woman: it is the first instance he has traced of tattooing being used as a (Q38) ... **(punish)**. It became common later in the 19th century.

She was tattooed by the (Q39) ... **(tradition)** Polynesian technique of raking the flesh with razor sharp toothed shell or bone blades, hammered in with a metal paddle.

The journal of Henry Byam Martin, who visited the islands as captain of HMS Grampus, recorded that she had been condemned to (Q40)... **(dead)**, but was spared in return for being tattooed. The word appeared upside down on her face because the executioner, who almost (Q41) ... **(certain)** spoke no English, knelt behind her with her head between his knees.

There is (Q42) ... **(evident)** of tattooing in ancient Britain and northern Europe, but it apparently died out until the (Q43) ... **(sail)** who went to Tahiti and other Polynesian islands with Captain Cook and other 18th century explorers, were (Q44) ... **(fascination)** by the beauty of the place and the people. Tattoos became fashionable souvenirs.

The fashion spread in ports where the first (Q45) ... **(profession)** European tattoo artists set up, and was then (Q46) ... **(take)** up by soldiers. By the late 19th century it was a mark of daring society fashion (Q47) ... **(lead)**: Winston Churchill's mother, Clementine, had a snake tattoo on one wrist, usually covered by a bracelet.

Write your answers here:

0	<i>uncovered</i>
Q36	_____
Q37	_____
Q38	_____
Q39	_____
Q40	_____
Q41	_____
Q42	_____
Q43	_____
Q44	_____
Q45	_____
Q46	_____
Q47	_____