

Task 1

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You are going to read a text about money. Some words are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-P) the correct part for each gap (1-13) 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.

Village Revives Franc, Hoping For a Return

Christine Amrane says it is mostly about profit, not just protest and nostalgia. This village deep in Provence has decided to accept the French Franc in (0) commerce, along with the Euro and the colorful old bills adorned with French (Q1) and writers have people thinking.

Not too radically, of course. Not enough to upset things in this (Q2) place of 1,600 people, with its perfect tiled village square, commanded by a town hall and a café, and its table of old men playing cards and drinking pastis, shaded by huge plane trees from the hot southern sun.

“We (Q3) something with the Franc,” said Ms. Amrane, the mayor of Collobrières since 2001. “We lost an identity. We (Q4) very quickly into Europe, maybe too quickly.” Along with mostly visa-free travel, the (Q5) of the Euro in 2002 was heralded as a great step in building a united Europe. But printed with abstract (Q6) of bridges and buildings and with no portraits of anyone, living or dead, Euro bills are as faceless as the Eurocrats who (Q7) the new Europe.

Europeans think that the new currency caused inflation by (Q8) merchants to round up costs. With the (Q9) of a European Central Bank, countries can no longer adjust their (Q10) rates and exchange rates to suit their economic circumstances.

Nathalie Lepeltier, 39, a baker who came (Q11) with the idea of accepting the Franc here as a way (Q12) getting people to spend more, says “The Euro has made life more (Q13); prices are much higher.” Whether the Euro is at fault or not, people certainly believe it is. “People have lost the concept of the value of money with the Euro,” Ms. Lepertier said.

- A allowing
- B images
- C careful
- D creation
- ~~E~~ everyday
- F expensive
- G heroes
- H interest
- I introduction
- J lost
- K moved
- L of
- M picturesque
- N run
- O to
- P up

0	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13
<i>E</i>													

Task 2

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You are going to read a text about Harriet Tubman, a spy in the American Civil War. Some words are missing from the text. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each gap (14-23) in the text. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Harriet Tubman: Civil War Spy

Harriet Tubman is well known for risking her life as a “conductor” in the Underground Railroad, which led (0) ... slaves to freedom in the North. But did you know that the former slave also served (Q14) ... a spy for the Union during the Civil War and was the first woman in American history to lead a military expedition?



During a time when women were usually restricted to traditional roles like cooking and nursing, she did her share of those jobs. But she also worked side-by-side with men, says writer Tom Allen, who tells her (Q15) ... story in the National Geographic book, *Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent*.

Tubman decided to help the Union Army because she wanted freedom for (Q16) ... of the people who were forced into slavery, not (Q17) ... the few she could help by herself. And she convinced many other brave African Americans to join her as spies, even at the risk of (Q18) ...if they were caught.

In one of her most dramatic and dangerous roles, Tubman helped Colonel James Montgomery plan a raid to (Q19) ... slaves from plantations along the Combahee (pronounced “KUM-bee”) River in South Carolina. Early on the morning of June 1, 1863, three gunboats carrying several hundred male soldiers (Q20) ... Harriet Tubman set out on their mission.

Tubman had gathered key information from her scouts about the Confederate positions. She knew where they (Q21)... along the shore. She also found out where they had placed torpedoes, or barrels filled with gunpowder, in the water.

(Q22) ...the early morning fog lifted on some of the South’s most important rice plantations, the Union expedition hit hard. The raiders set fire to buildings and destroyed bridges, so they couldn’t be used by the Confederate Army. They also freed about 750 slaves—men, women, children, and babies—and did not lose one soldier in the attack.

Allen, who writes about this adventure and many others, (Q23) ...Tubman well through the months of research he did for the book. The historic details he shares bring Tubman and many other important figures of her time to life.

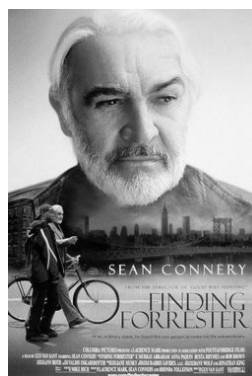
0	A	escaped	B	captured	C	fled	D	tortured
Q14	A	by	B	as	C	like	D	for
Q15	A	excited	B	fictional	C	exciting	D	supportive
Q16	A	everyone	B	all	C	some	D	any
Q17	A	just	B	even	C	always	D	especially
Q18	A	be hanging	B	being hanged	C	been hanged	D	be hanged
Q19	A	exclude	B	drive	C	expel	D	free
Q20	A	between them	B	along with	C	while	D	next to
Q21	A	were hiding	B	had been hidden	C	has hidden	D	hid
Q22	A	For	B	Though	C	Because of	D	As
Q23	A	knew	B	liked	C	got to know	D	admired

0	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
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Task 3

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You are going to read a text about a student and his secret passion, writing. In most lines of the text there is an unnecessary word. Write the unnecessary word in the space provided after each line. Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.



Finding Forrester

When he saw his six notebooks, he gave a sigh of relief. They	<u>✓</u>	0
were his secret passion, his real work in the world. For two years	<u>For</u>	00
of hard work and hard thinking had been gone into those notebooks:	_____	Q24
everything as he could ever hope to be was contained in them.	_____	Q25
No one had ever read a word he has had written, or even laid eyes	_____	Q26
on the notebooks, and he was not sure that anyone ever	_____	Q27
would. Those notebooks were the one thing in the life that belonged	_____	Q28
to him, and to him something alone.	_____	Q29
He took a deep breath and cracked open the top off notebook. His	_____	Q30
eyes widened since as they raced down the first page.	_____	Q31
He stopped still breathing. He leafed the notebook with feverish haste,	_____	Q32
then opened the any others and scanned through the contents.	_____	Q33
Notes everywhere. Notes filled the margins of every page. They	_____	Q34
were written in a real tiny, precise hand, and the more Jamal studied	_____	Q35
them the more struck he was with their brilliance. The man had torn	_____	Q36
his work to shreds, and yet the care of and insight that had gone into	_____	Q37
his critiques were signs on to Jamal that his work had value.	_____	Q38
Hours passed. He was oblivious to the phone, to his mother		
pounding on the door threatening to bust in, to his hunger and thirst.		

