

Task 1

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You are going to read a text about a woman's hitchhiking experiences. 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.



Hitching Rides

I started hitchhiking at the age of 20. I was spending the summer working in a village in mid-Wales and, without (0) ____, hitching was the only option. Because it was fun, quick and so much more (Q1) ____ public transport, I carried on. I met so many kind people, and drivers would often go out of their way to take me on my (Q2) ____ or insist on buying me cups of tea and sandwiches. Each ride seemed like an adventure and a new challenge. (Q3) ____ I got into the cab with a young lorry driver who careered along at 90mph to frighten other drivers, but I (Q4) ____, I felt indestructible and free. Then, in April 1980, I was picked up by a man who never told me his name, but was the strangest I met thumbing rides. It was an encounter I would never forget.

It was an overcast afternoon and I was hitching just outside Gloucester. I was 22, wearing jeans and a long cardigan, and I was on my way home to Weymouth. I (Q5) ____ put the men who gave me a lift into two categories: (Q6) ____ the protective fatherly types who warned me against hitching, and leering chancers who made dirty jokes. A kindly lorry driver (definitely fatherly) dropped me off (Q7) ____ service station on the M5. After a cup of tea and a chat he went on his way, while I wandered across the forecourt scanning for a possible spot to start hitching.

There was a slipway before the motorway started again and I (Q8) ____ a blue van parked on it. The man leaning on it was looking over. "You want a lift?" he asked, walking (Q9) ____. His clothes were dark and he wore a woolly jumper. His hair was wiry and curly. It seemed odd he would offer to drive me without (Q10) ____, but because I was caught off guard I told him where I was heading. ...

- 0 A own a car ~~B my own car~~ C buses driving D bus stops
- Q1 A reliable than B reliable as C easy as D easier than
- Q2 A road B move C travel D journey
- Q3 A Once B At once C At one time D At that time
- Q4 A not afraid B didn't frighten C wasn't fearing D wasn't scared
- Q5 A am used to B used to C was used to D have used to
- Q6 A it gives B he was C it gave D there were
- Q7 A in one B next to C at a D on the
- Q8 A was seeing B realized C was recognizing D noticed
- Q9 A in this direction B towards me C in this way D near to me
- Q10 A to be asked B I asked him C being asked D that I asked

Write your answers here:

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

Task 2

___ / 13 P.

You are going to read a text about a woman who reformed teaching. Some words are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-P) the correct part for each gap (11-23) in the text. There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori lived between 1870 and 1952. She was an Italian educator who has left her mark on education today. Her Montessori (0) ___ of education is widely used all round the world. Many educationalists say it is the best (Q11) ___ for child education. Montessori was also a doctor, philosopher and philanthropist. She was nominated (Q12) ___ the Nobel Peace Prize three times for her work.



Montessori was the first woman (Q13) ___ from the University of Rome's Medical School. She (Q14) ___ a psychiatrist and was interested in educating the "mentally retarded" and others (Q15) ___ learning difficulties. She had great success when her class of "problematic" 8-year-olds had (Q16) ___ scores in state reading and writing tests. This was described as "the first Montessori (Q17) ___."

Hearing about Maria's achievements, Rome's government asked her (Q18) ___ her own children's school. In 1907, the Casa del Bambini opened in a poor (Q19) ___ of Rome. Montessori experimented with a philosophy she called "spontaneous self-development," which meant letting children develop and learn (Q20) ___ their own pace. Her methods once again met with great success. More schools opened and she gained (Q21) ___ fame.

Montessori was exiled from Italy because she refused (Q22) ___ her schools to turn children into soldiers. She lived in Spain until the Spanish Civil War broke out in 1936. In 1939 she moved to India and spent ten years working on training courses, which are still (Q23) ___ innovative today. She travelled the world lecturing until her death in 1952.

- A at ~~E~~ method I seen as M to start
 B above-average F miracle J system N trained as
 C for G of K to allow O with
 D large H neighbourhood L to graduate P worldwide

Write your answers here:

0	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
<i>E</i>													

Task 3

___ / 16 P.

You are going to read a text about social networking. In most lines of the text there is a word that should not be there. Write that word in the space provided on your answer sheet. 3 - 5 lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (✓). There are two examples at the beginning.

The dangers of social networking



The explosive growth of the social networking websites, such as	the	0
MySpace.com, Friendster and Facebook, could revolutionize	✓	00
job searching for younger generations. That is, if either the	_____	Q24
questionable content on some of their personal pages doesn't	_____	Q25
entirely ruin any chance what they might have of getting a job offer.	_____	Q26
The newest Internet craze has so wonderful potential, but right	_____	Q27
now friendship sites contain dangers too many pitfalls and can	_____	Q28
do more harm than is good when it comes to your future. Some	_____	Q29
managers browse always social networking sites and peer into	_____	Q30
their employees' lives outside work. As a result, workers have	_____	Q31
been fired for trading many insider company information	_____	Q32
through blogs or such posting pictures of scandalous behavior.	_____	Q33
Hiring managers can drop off candidates from consideration for	_____	Q34
the same reasons. At the risk are recent college graduates who	_____	Q35
post amount pictures of spring break or end-of-year parties	_____	Q36
showing excessive drinking or even so drug use. Yet, the	_____	Q37
dangers of social misconduct are not limited to recent graduates	_____	Q38
looking for jobs. Current employees risk been losing their jobs as	_____	Q39
well.		

Task 4

___ / 13 P.

You are going to read a text about primary school sixty years ago. Some words are missing from the text. Use the word in brackets to form a word that fits in the gap (40-52). Write your answers in the spaces provided on your answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Learning the Hard Way

Scottish primary schools sixty years ago hadn't changed much since the 19th century. To a large extent, the (0) ___ (**educate**) of young children was still marked by fear and excessive discipline.

Most teachers were very strict and treated their pupils (Q40) ___ (**kind**). Children as young as five were frequently (Q41) ___ (**beat**) for such "crimes" as not writing in a straight line or failing to (Q42) ___ (**memory**) a poem. The children were hit on their outstretched hand with a leather strap. This unpleasant and (Q43) ___ (**pain**) form of corporal punishment was not banned till the early (Q44) ___ (**eight**). Teachers who beat their pupils almost certainly believed it was an (Q45) ___ (**effect**) way of dealing with learning difficulties and behaviour problems. Nowadays this would count as child abuse but back then parents didn't protest. Sadly, there were not in fact many parents who disapproved of their child (Q46) ___ (**be**) punished in this way.

Teachers generally had favourite pupils and they weren't ashamed of discriminating against (Q47) ___ (**child**) they didn't like. The teacher's pet pupil was given special responsibility and trusted with little jobs like (Q48) ___ (**take**) messages from one classroom to the other. Girls were often given preferential (Q49) ___ (**treat**), while boys were regularly accused of stupidity and (Q50) ___ (**lazy**). The reason for this may have been that many teachers were (Q51) ___ (**marry**) women with no husband or children of their own. At that time such a woman was still regarded in some way as a (Q52) ___ (**fail**). Perhaps these fierce female teachers were bitter and frustrated, and criticizing boys was their way of taking revenge on the male world.

Write your answers here:

0	<i>education</i>
Q40	_____
Q41	_____
Q42	_____
Q43	_____
Q44	_____
Q45	_____
Q46	_____
Q47	_____
Q48	_____
Q49	_____
Q50	_____
Q51	_____
Q52	_____