VARIANT I

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

In ancient times, there was a King who decided to have an experiment. He placed a huge stone on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove it. Some of the king`s wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the road clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along: he was caring a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the huge rock, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying on the road where the rock had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

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| 1 | The story happened long ago. |  |  |
| 2 | The King ordered his servants to place a huge stone on a roadway. |  |  |
| 3 | The peasant was carrying some wood. |  |  |
| 4 | Under the rock there was a purse. |  |  |
| 5 | The King went out of the shelter and thanked the peasant for his job. |  |  |

VARIANT I

1. Complete the text with the words from the box.

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**Chicago: the City That Works**

Chicago, Illinois was (1) …………………………………… in 1833, near a canal between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi (2) ………………………………………. .

It boasts the United States` tallest building and one of the world`s largest office (3) …………………………………….. . With the elevated trains, the city looks, feels, and in fact is big.

Chicago is the home of the blues and the truth of jazz, the (4) ……………………………… of comedy and the idea of the skyscraper.

As the hub of the Midwest, Chicago is easy to find – its picturesque skyline calls across the (5) …………………………………… of the Lake Michigan, a first impression that soon reveals world-class museums of art and science, miles of (6) ……………………………………. beaches, huge parks and perhaps the finest downtown collection of modern architecture in the world.

Chicago is a stronghold of the Democratic Party and has been home to many influential (7) ………………………………………. .

The city`s popular (8) …………………………………… is found in novels, plays, movies and songs. Chicago has numerous (9) ……………………………………. , the best-known include: “Chi-town”, “Windy City”, “Second City” and the “City of Big Shoulders”. Chicago has also been called “the most (10) …………………………………………. of big cities”.

VARIANT I

1. Comment on the following issues.

Describe a visit to a place that you will always remember.

* Write what place it was and describe it.
* Describe what you were doing there
* Explain why you will remember it.

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VARIANT II

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

Once there was a man who had three daughters and was a single parent to his children. One morning he asked his eldest daughter, Sonia, to wash the breakfast dishes before going to school. But she was already running late, so she burst into tears. The father decided that she was just trying to get out of an unpleasant chore, and he demanded that she dry her tears and get back to work immediately. She silently obeyed him, but that day they were driving to school in silence.

The man dropped his daughters and moved to the office. He tried to work but couldn`t concentrate – all he could see was his daughter`s scared, tear-stained face as she climbed out of the car. So he decided to say sorry to his daughter. He took the permission from the school to take his daughter for lunch. When she came out he turned towards his daughter and said, “Sonya, I am sorry. It`s not that I shouldn`t have asked you to help out at home, but I had no right to it this morning without any previous warning. I upset you at a time when you most needed my love and support. And I let you go without saying, “I love you. Please forgive me.”

Sonia put her arms around her father`s neck and said, “Oh, Dad, of course I forgive you. I love you too.”

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| 1 | The man in the story had no wife. |  |  |
| 2 | It was Sonya`s duty to wash the dishes every morning. |  |  |
| 3 | Sonya didn`t want to wash the dishes because she didn`t like it. |  |  |
| 4 | The father was rude to his daughter. |  |  |
| 5 | Sonya easily forgave her father. |  |  |

VARIANT II

1. Complete the text with the words from the table.

Brazilian New Year is one of (1) ………………. traditionally celebrated festivals for people living there. New Year in Brazil is (2) …………… Ano Nove (Portuguese) but is more popularly known as Revillion. It is celebrated (3) ………. January 1.

New Year is the time (4) …………… people from various parts of the world like to celebrate it in Brazil. Pubs, party halls, clubs, beaches and even roads (5) ……... overcrowded. New Year`s celebration in Brazil reflect (6) ………….. culture and tradition. (7) …………… the New Year`s Day, it`s a tradition to eat lentils and rice. It is (8) …………… to bring in wealth, health and good fortune in the coming year. New Year is celebrated with (9) …………… devotion and sincerity by the (10) …………… of the city. They believe the catch at the time reflects the catch for rest of the year.

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| 5 | have | is | are |
| 6 | her | his | its |
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| 8 | believes | believed | to believe |
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VARIANT II

1. Comment on the following issues.

Think about the most memorable event in your life

- Describe what happened.

- Consider how this event changed you as a person

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VARIANT III

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

The morning of June 27th was clear and sunny, the flowers were blossoming and the grass was richly green. The people of the village began to gather in the square, between the post office and the bank, around ten o`clock. In some towns there were so many people that the lottery took two days. But in the village, there were only about three hundred people, the whole lottery took less than two hours. The children assembled first, of course. School was recently over for the summer, but their talk was still of the classroom, books and teachers.

Soon the men began to gather, watching their own children, speaking of planting and rain, tractors and taxes. The women, wearing faded house dresses and sweaters, came shortly after their men. They greeted one another and exchanged bits of gossip as they went to join their husbands. Soon the women, standing by their husbands, began to call their children. But the children didn`t want to come, so they had to be called four or five times.

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|  |  | True | False |
| 1 | The flowers were in full blossom on that day. |  |  |
| 2 | The people of the village began to gather around the post office and the riverbank. |  |  |
| 3 | The lottery didn`t start exactly at ten o`clock. |  |  |
| 4 | The lottery in the village took two days. |  |  |
| 5 | There were not many people in the village, and that allowed the lottery to go quickly. |  |  |

VARIANT III

1. Complete the text with the words from the table.

Edward Bellamy was born (1) ……… 1850 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, to a long line of New England Baptist ministers. He was (2) ……………………… in the United States and in Germany, and at length (3) …………………………… law. Working (4) …………………. a journalist and editor in New York and (5) ………………………….. Springfield, he began to publish fiction in 1879, and by 1898 he (6) ………………. published five novels and a collection of short stories. (7) …………………………….. them was the novel now considered the (8) ………………………………….. masterpiece, *Looking Backward*. The visionary novel not only (9) ……………………………… literary fame to Bellamy but established (10) …………………………….. as an important social and economic theorist.

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| 8 | author`s | authors | authors` |
| 9 | broke | bought | Brought |
| 10 | him | himself | his |

VARIANT III

1. Comment on the following issues.

There are thousands of professions in the world.

* Explain the importance of different professions.
* Specify what professions are the most important to well-being of society
* Why are they important ?

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VARIANT IV

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

Once upon a time there was a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule fell into the farmer`s well.

After carefully analyzing the situation, the farmer decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he called his neighbours together, told them what had happened, and asked them to help bring dirt to bury the old mule in the well.

When the old mule heard that, he was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbours started throwing dirt into the well, a thought struck the mule. He realized that he was able to shake the dirt off and step up!

This was what he did. “Shake it off and step up … shake it off and step up … shake it off and step up!” He repeated to encourage himself. No matter how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up.

It wasn`t long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of the well! What seemed like it would bury him actually helped him… all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

That`s a life! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness or self-pity, the problems that come to us usually have within them the potential to benefit us.

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| 1 | The mule in the story was young and strong. |  |  |
| 2 | The farmer wanted to help the mule, but didn`t know how to do it. |  |  |
| 3 | First the mule was in despair. |  |  |
| 4 | It was a hard and often painful job of shaking the dirt off and stepping up. |  |  |
| 5 | The mule managed to change the situation in his favour. |  |  |

VARIANT IV

1. Complete the text with the words from the table.

What (1) ………………………………... you think of when you hear the word “desert”? We usually think of deserts as hot, dry places, but there can be (2) ………………….. hot and cold deserts. Scientists define deserts as areas of land where (3) …………. than ten inches of rain falls per year and (4) ………………………….. plants can grow. In Arctic and Antarctic regions, there is very (5) ……………………………….. rain. Precipitation is almost always (6) ………………………………. In the form of ice or snow, and because it stays frozen on the ground, plants cannot (7) ………………………….. it to grow. So these regions (8) ……………………………………………………………. deserts and given the special label “cold desert” to describe (9) …………………… temperatures, which can range from 10 to 50 F (10) ……………… summer and from -50 to 10 F in winter.

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| 7 | use | to use | used |
| 8 | are considered | are considering | have considered |
| 9 | them | there | their |
| 10 | at | in | on |

VARIANT IV

3.Comment on the following issues.

People live in different places all over the world.

* Describe your living situation to a friend.
* Explain if you like the place where you are living
* Mention the location and conveniences.

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VARIANT V

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

**School Life for a British Schoolboy**

I leave home at 6:45 and walk 20 minutes to catch a bus to school. The journey takes an hour because the bus has to keep stopping to pick up other students along the way. On arriving I collect my Tablet PC from the Learning Center and go to my Tutor Room for registration at 8:30.

We do our early morning work while our class teacher takes the attendance register. The attendance of every child is recorded in a special registration book each morning and afternoon. The teacher reads out each child`s name in turn, a child replies and the teacher writes down in the book whether the child is in school or not.

At about 8:50 we leave our Tutor Room to go to the Assembly Hall. In the hall we listen quietly to the music playing. Each week has a different musical theme and the children are asked to listen out for particular things.

Every day I have a different first lesson. Normally it is English but I also have Maths, Computers, Drama and Music and French on other days.

Every student carries a swipe card. We swipe into every lesson to let the school know that we have attended that certain lesson and to know where we are when something happens.

The children can bring a snack from home to eat in the playgrounds. It is usually a packet of crisps, fruit or a couple of biscuits. We play games on either of our two playgrounds, adventure playground or in the large playing field.

Lunch time is from noon to 1:10 p.m. Some children will have a school dinner cooked in our school kitchen. In the afternoon the lessons resume with reading activities. The rest of the afternoon is spent learning one or two of our other school subjects. Afternoon lessons continue until 3:15 p.m. when we go home.

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| 1 | The boy gets up early and walks to school. |  |  |
| 2 | The bus takes each child to school personally. |  |  |
| 3 | Every morning the teachers record attendance in a special book. |  |  |
| 4 | Each pupil swipes his card before the lessons. |  |  |
| 5 | The children never take snacks from home. |  |  |

VARIANT V

1. Complete the text with the words from the box.

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In the Chinese zodiac, rats (1) …………………………………. considered witty, imaginative and curious. Now scientists (2) …………………………………… discovered another attribute.

They have (3) ……………………… that rats can be helpful. The (4) ………………………… placed a free-roaming rat in an arena with a caged rat. In a few days, the free rats realized they (5) ……………………………………… push the door open and release the caged rat.

After figuring this out, they did so (6) ……………………………………….. , day after day.

They then did (7) ………………………………………….. we refer to as a celebration. The trapped rat was (8) ……………………………………. around the arena, and the free rat ran (9) ……………………………………………… the trapped rat.

There was also a (10) ……………………………………. in the behavior of male rats and female rats.

VARIANT V

3.Comment on the following issues.

Imagine you are doing a project on eating habits and customs in Ukraine.

* Describe what the traditional meals in Ukraine are
* Explain why you like Ukrainian cuisine
* Mention your favourite Ukrainian dish.

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VARIANT VI

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

Once upon a time there lived a young man and his wife. They lived poorly but happily as they loved and respected each other greatly. One day, the wife, who was beautiful and had very long hair, asked him to buy her a comb for her hair to grow well and to be well-groomed.

The man felt very sorry but he had to say no. He explained that he did not even have enough money to fix the trap of his watch he had just broken.

The wife did not insist on her request.

The man went to work and passed by a watch shop, sold his damaged watch at a low price and went to buy a comb for his wife.

He came home in the evening with a comb in his hand ready to give it to his wife.

He was surprised when he saw his wife with a very short haircut. She had sold her hair and was holding a new watch band.

They looked at each other and tears flowed from their eyes, not for the nobility of their actions, but for the sincerity of their love.

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| 1 | The man and his wife were old and unhappy. |  |  |
| 2 | They didn`t have much money. |  |  |
| 3 | The wife had a short haircut. |  |  |
| 4 | The man went to a shop to buy a new watchstrap. |  |  |
| 5 | The wife sold her hair in order to make a present for her husband. |  |  |

**VARIANT VI**

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**Koba the Hunter Who Stopped Hunting**

There was once a man called Koba, a hunter. One day he left his house and went off to hunt in a place (1) ………………………………….. was far away.

When he was out hunting, he suddenly heard the mighty roar of a lion very close to him. Never had he heard(2) ………………………………… roar before. Greatly alarmed, Koba turned and ran as fast as he could (3) …………………………………………. his camp. He (4) …………………………………………. а bow and more arrows. On the way his bow (5) ……………………………………………….. in the low branches of a tree. He pulled but (6) ……………………………………… not release the bow, and he (7) ………………………………………. it was the lion who had caught it, but he was (8) ……………………………….. frightened to turn his head to look.

“Please, King of Animals,” cried Koba, “ let go of my bow. I (9) …………………………….. not come to hunt you.” He waited (10) …………………………………… an answer from the lion, but as it was the branches of a tree holding his bow, there was no answer. From that day onwards, for the rest of his life, Koba never hunted again. He became a farmer.

VARIANT VI

3.Comment on the following issues.

What school subject will be the most helpful in your future career?

* Mention what favourite subject you have at school
* Сlarify how the knowledge of this subject might influence your future
* Describe how much your attitude to the subject depends on the teachers.

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VARIANT VII

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

There was a little boy who had a bad temper. His father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn`t lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The day passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, “ You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one.”

You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won`t matter how many times you say “I am sorry”, but the wound is still there.

Make sure you control your temper the next time you are tempted to say something you will regret later, because spoken words once out never come back.

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|  |  | True | False |
| 1 | The main character in the story was kind and good-natured. |  |  |
| 2 | His father gave him a bag of nails in order to build a fence. |  |  |
| 3 | First, the boy drove many nails into the fence. |  |  |
| 4 | Finally the day came when there were no nails left. |  |  |
| 5 | Using the example of the fence the father wanted to demonstrate that words can be as painful as a knife. |  |  |

VARIANT VII

1. Complete the text with the words from the box.

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Jane Adams (1) …………………………… born in 1860. In 1889 she decided to start (2) …………………………………….. the poverty she saw in Chicago. She wanted to live (3) …………………………… the poor people, so she found and rented Hull House. The “house” became a social centre. She (4) …………………………………….. the way to improvement was through education.

The people in the (5) ………………………………………. needed a cultural and intellectual life. Some Hull house (6) …………………………………. included a cultural reading classes for young women, kindergarten classes, and a Boy`s Club. They wanted laws for (7) ………………………………………. housing, an eight-hour working day, and the right for(8) ……………………………………….. to vote.

Jane Adams also (9) …………………………………… to help immigrants. She (10) …………………………………….. that the multi-cultural experiences brought to America would be the key to word peace.

VARIANT VII

3.Comment on the following issues.

Holidays are significant in almost every culture.

* Mention your family holiday
* Describe some special traditions in your family
* Describe the way you celebrate your favourite holiday

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VARIANT VIII

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

**Caring for a Pet Hamster**

You and your parents agree that you are ready for a pet. A dog is too big for a small flat. Mom is allergic to cats. So a hamster is the best choice. What will it take to keep your new pet safe and happy?

Choose a hamster from a pet shop that is clean and whose staff seems to know about the animals. If you want to tame and handle your hamster, you`d better choose a younger pet.

Before you get your hamster, you should prepare its new home. Here are the items your hamster must have: a cage, bedding made of wood shavings, nesting materials, an exercise wheel, a water bottle, a food dish and food.

Almost all of your hamster`s life will be spent in the cage. So, buy the largest cage you can afford.

Make sure that your hamster has fresh water at all times. A general hamster mix from the pet shop will make up most of your pet`s diet. You can also give it carrots, raisins, cheese, dog biscuits and acorns as treats. In general, do not feed your hamster sweets or prepared foods. With daily food and water, regular attention and a weekly cage cleaning, your hamster should be a happy addition to your household for several years.

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|  |  | True | False |
| 1 | Dogs make good pets when you live in a small flat. |  |  |
| 2 | It is better to buy a fully-grown animal than a young one. |  |  |
| 3 | A hamster`s cage must be big enough to allow your hamster to move around. |  |  |
| 4 | A hamster sleeps in wood shavings. |  |  |
| 5 | You should clean your hamster`s cage every year. |  |  |

VARIANT VIII

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Toronto(1) ………………………… a huge sports stadium, a science centre and great museum. But (2) ………………………….. is one attraction it doesn`t have that (3) ……………………………. big cities have – a large aquarium.

Now, an aquarium may be (4) ……………………………… in Toronto. If it is approved by the City Council, it could be ready (5) …………………….. July 2015. The aquarium would be in a large building. It could have many (6) ……………………………….. of fish and marine animals including sharks. One idea is to have a jellyfish room (7) ………………….. special lighting and mirrors. Another idea is for a tunnel that people could walk (8) ……………………………… to see the fish swimming around and above them.

An aquarium would make a lot of money for Toronto. It would also (9) ………………………….. school groups for field trips to see the life that (10) ………………………………. underwater.

VARIANT VIII

1. Comment on the following issues.

Families are an important part of all cultures.

* Describe your family members
* Mention some main traits of their characters
* Describe their appearance, activities .

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VARIANT IX

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend. It was close to Christmas, and she secretly dreamed to herself that it would be the perfect time to get married.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her. When the bandages came off, she was able to see everything, including her boyfriend.

He asked her, “Now that you can see the world, will you marry me?”

The girl looked at her boyfriend and saw that he was blind. The sight of his closed eyelids shocked her. She hadn`t expected that. The thought of looking at them the rest of her life led her to refuse to marry him. Besides he was not as handsome as some other strong, muscular, pretty guys she could now see all around her.

So she said she wouldn`t marry him.

Her boyfriend left her in tears and days later wrote a note to her saying, “Take good care of your eyes, my dear, for before they were yours, they were mine.”

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|  |  | True | False |
| 1 | The story took place in summer. |  |  |
| 2 | Nobody loved the girl. |  |  |
| 3 | The girl promised to marry the boy as soon as she could see. |  |  |
| 4 | When she saw her boyfriend, she was disappointed as he was not tall enough. |  |  |
| 5 | From his letter she found out who had given the eyes to her. |  |  |

VARIANT IX

1. Complete the text with the words from the table.

**A Museum Fit for a King**

Located on (1) …………………… Seine River in the heart of Paris, the Louvre is (2) ……………. biggest art museum in the world. It has seven major areas, (3) ……….. …………………………. One hundred different rooms, and (4) …………………………….. 3000,000 items in (5) ……………………… collection.

The Louvre is (6) …………………………………………….. of several different buildings that (7) …………………….. added over many centuries. The very first section, built more than eight hundred years ago, was originally (8) ……………………….. as a fortress to protect Paris from the Vikings. Within a hundred years, King Charles V had turned one of the towers into a library. (9) ………………………… his reign, King Henry IV added a huge selection called the Grande Galerie. After the French Revolution, the art in the Louvre was available for everyone to enjoy. The museum opened to the public for the first time (10) …………………….. November 8, 1793.

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VARIANT IX

1. Comment on the following issues.

Do you think that a room can say a lot about a person? Describe your room

* Mention what your room like
* Mention how it is furnished
* Describe what you would change if you had a chance to decorate it as you wish

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VARIANT X

1. Read the text and mark ( ˅ ) the following statements «True» or «False».

My name`s Philip and I`m going to tell you a few things about my job. I`m an American tour guide and I spend most of my time taking groups of American tourists around Europe: England and Italy mostly, but sometimes France and Germany, too.

Before starting, I`d done a two-week European trip as a tourist, then I worked in a travel agency in Chicago, and also worked for a holiday company in Turkey.

However, I still had to go through a complicated procedure before getting this job. First, you must fill in the application form and answer all sorts of questions. Next, you have a formal interview and then you have to stand up in front of a group of people and give a talk. They want to see how you can perform in a real situation, because it`s no good being shy or too timid.

There’s a lot of competition for these jobs because they give you a chance to travel and meet lots of new people. But to be a good travel guide, you`ve got to have a genuine interest not only in the travel, but also in the people. The tours can be rather long, and you`re with the same fifty people all the time. You`re never really off duty because you`re responsible for making sure all the arrangements go well and keeping everyone happy.

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|  |  | True | False |
| 1 | The most popular countries for Americans to visit are England and Italy. |  |  |
| 2 | Philip`s experience before his current job was travelling to Turkey with a tour group. |  |  |
| 3 | You cannot be a successful travel guide if you are timid and shy. |  |  |
| 4 | Getting a job with his firm is a three-step process. |  |  |
| 5 | It is difficult to get a job as an American tour guide because many young people want a job that lets them travel. |  |  |

VARIANT X

1. Complete the text with the words from the box

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The cake is homemade, decorated with “Happy Birthday Sophie” in red icing. We gather (1) …………………………… the four-year-old and sing the birthday song. Cake comes (2) ……………………………. Assorted flavours of ice cream. Sophie`s friend Duncan grabs from (3) ……………………………… little guest`s plate, and the adults make them share. When it`s finally time to (4) …………………………. gifts, Sophie`s (5) …………………………… tired to care. Sophie`s not a party animal, (6) …………………… she is a dog, as are Duncan and half the guests at the feast arranged (7) ……………………. *Doggie Heaven*, a Seattle bakery and boutique for dogs. I`m visiting my hometown after several years of living in Hong Kong, and I`m (8) ………………………. by the contrast. In parts of Asia, many people still (9) …………………………………… to cook a dog (10) …………………………...... pet it. But in America, a dog is man`s best friend.

*(From “The New Dog`s Life” by Barbara Koh)*

VARIANT X

1. Comment on the following issues.

What sport is of the great interest to you? Why?

* Name the sport you are good at or the sport you enjoy watching and explain why you like it
* Prove the importance of going in for sports
* Mention the role of sport in the life of people

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