**Task**

**Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22). There are two choices you do not need to use.**

**TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**

We were driving in a car from Switzerland toward the beautiful old Italian city of Verona. Just outside the city we met two boys, who were selling strawberries.

My friend spoke to the boys and found out that they were brothers. Nicolo, was 13, Jacopo, the smaller one, was almost 12. We bought their strawberries and continued (17)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The next morning we saw the two boys again near our hotel in Verona. They were shining the shoes of the men (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They were very busy, but they said 'hello' to us in a friendly way.

'I thought you sold strawberries,' I said. "We do many things, sir,' Nicolo answered seriously.

In the week (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we saw Nicolo and Jacopo several times. These two brothers worked all day under the hot sun, shining shoes, selling fruit and newspapers. They always looked very busy.

One morning while Nicolo was shining my shoes I said: 'You and Jacopo work very hard. Tell me, how do you spend your money?'

'We have plans, sir', the boys said. As we were soon leaving Verona we wanted to do (20)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Boys who were friendly to us.

'Well,' I said, 'can we do anything for you before we go?'

'Every Sunday we go to a village not far from Verona,' Nicolo began. 'We usually go by bus; but tomorrow, sir, may be you will take us in your car.'

On Sunday I took the boys to the village. I stopped my car where the boys asked. It was a lovely big house. The boys promised not to be long and entered the building. I waited a few minutes and then I followed the boys.

'Excuse me,' I said to a nurse who came to the door, I' just brought two small boys here.' 'Ah, yes,' she said with a smile. 'Nicolo and Jacopo came out visit their sister. They are alone in the world, except for their sister. Their mother and father died before the war. When the fascists came to Verona the boys began to carry (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the mountains. When the war ended they found their sister sick with tuberculosis.

They brought her to our hospital. And every week the boys come to pay for their sister.'

I thanked the nurse and waited outside. Soon the boys came back to the car. They sat (22)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, looking serious and proud, these two gentlemen of Verona.

A which followed

B died after the war

C who passed by

D something pleasant F beside me

E secret messages in their shoes

F beside me

G not far from Switzerland

H our way to Verona

**Task**

**Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23-32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).**

**MR. SELLYER IS SELLING BOOKS**

One day I (23)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a bookshop to look through new books. Mr. Sellyer showed me to the back of the shop where I could find some interesting books. While I was looking (24)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the books, I could watch Mr. Sellyer at work and see some of his methods.

A fashionably dressed woman was standing at the corner and Mr. Sellyer was showing a book to her.

'You are quite sure it's the (25) ?' the lady was saying to Mr. Sellyer. 'Oh, yes, Mrs. Rassel', answered the manager. 'This is Mr. Slush's latest book. It's having a wonderful sale.'

1looked at the title, the name of the book was Golden Dreams.

Another lady (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the bookshop. She was in deep mourning and looked (27)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a widow.

She asked the manager to show her some new books, something new in fiction. 'Yes, Madam, here's a charming thing Golden Dreams. The critics say that it's one of the (28)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

'Is it a good book?' asked the lady.

things, written by this author"

A charming one', said the manager. 'It's a love story - very simple and sweet and wonderfully charming. My wife was reading it aloud only last night. She was crying all the time while she was reading it.'

The lady bought Golden Dreams and (29)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shop.

'Have you (30)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good light reading for vacation time?' asked the next lady. 'Yes', said Mr. Sellyer. 'Golden Dreams is the most humorous book of the (31)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ She was laughing all the time while she was reading it.'

The lady paid (32)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the book and went out.

So every customer who entered the shop went away with Golden Dreams. To one lady the manager sold Golden Dreams as the reading for a holiday, to another as the book to read after the holiday, another bought it to read on a rainy day and the fourth as the right book for a fine day.

When I was leaving the bookshop, I went up to the manager and asked him, 'Do you like the book yourself?'

'Dear me!' said the manager. 'I've no idea of the book. I've no time to read every book. I'm selling.' "And did your wife really like the book?' I' am not married, Sir', answered the manager smiling.

23 A came B walked C went D left

24 A after B through C for D over

25 A latest B later C late D lately

26 A went B arrived C came D entered

27 A as B like C such D so

28 A sweetest B sweet C sweeter D sweeten

29 A went B left C moved D departed

30 A every B some C any D no

31 A time B period C interval D season

32 A for B to C out D off