

Variant One

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

A book I recommend

I found *Escape from Time* by Andy Treen very exciting and I really (1) _____ reading it. It's a story (2) _____ a boy called Troy who goes on a journey to (3) _____ for his friend Zyra. It wasn't what I had expected, although I am interested (4) _____ science fiction. I thought this story would be like films I had seen, but I (5) _____ after a few pages that it was (6) _____ interesting than a film.

Troy goes to many places and times. He (7) _____ his knowledge with different (8) _____ of people and learns new skills from them. Then he moves on. The last part of the book (9) _____ the meeting between Troy and Zyra when they are both caught by some space criminals from the future. But that's enough information from me (10) _____. I don't want to spoil it for you. It's really quite (11) _____, too, with some excellent jokes about time travel in it.

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| 1 | A amused | B pleased | C enjoyed | D delighted |
| 2 | A from | B about | C on | D with |
| 3 | A ask | B follow | C look | D find |
| 4 | A by | B with | C of | D in |
| 5 | A explained | B realised | C showed | D believed |
| 6 | A even | B more | C much | D too |
| 7 | A divides | B joins | C shares | D adds |
| 8 | A kinds | B variety | C range | D qualities |
| 9 | A shows | B discovers | C describes | D says |
| 10 | A when | B because | C if | D unless |
| 11 | A funny | B sad | C shocking | D frightening |

Task 2 For Questions 12-24, put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

12. She _____ (take) a salsa dancing class every Tuesday.
13. Julie _____ (read) in the garden. Call her in.
14. Yesterday, I _____ (see) all my friends. It was great.
15. She _____ (watch) TV yesterday, when her mother came home.
16. I _____ (lose) my keys – can you help me look for them?
17. Jake _____ (write) his essay by 8 p.m. last Monday.
18. How often _____ (you/go) to restaurants?
19. What _____ (you/eat) at the moment?
20. Where _____ (she/go) when you met her in the morning?
21. How long ago _____ (she/leave) school? She looks so young!
22. What _____ (you/do) so far?
23. _____ (you/see) this film before you read the novel in the original?
24. If he _____ (arrive) late, we'll go without him.

Variant Two

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

The airport man

Yesterday Ahmed (1) _____ his home for the first time in eleven years. But his home is a very unusual one – he has (2) _____ the last eleven years living in an international airport. Ahmed had no family in his own country, so eleven years ago he set off to search (3) _____ his sister who lived in Scotland. He hadn't heard from her for (4) _____, but he had an old address. He never (5) _____ Scotland, however, because while he was (6) _____ for a connecting flight, all his documents (7) _____ stolen and he had to ask for new ones. (8) _____ he had nowhere to go, he stayed in the airport. After a (9) _____ weeks, he was still there. He became (10) _____ as "Sir George" and all the airport staff liked him. Eleven years (11) _____ his documents arrived and he was free to go. But he no longer wanted to!

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| 1 | A went | B left | C removed | D departed |
| 2 | A taken | B passed | C spent | D used |
| 3 | A to | B for | C from | D at |
| 4 | A years | B times | C long | D ever |
| 5 | A got | B arrived | C travelled | D reached |
| 6 | A waiting | B thinking | C booking | D sitting |
| 7 | A had | B were | C are | D have |
| 8 | A Although | B Even | C As | D If |
| 9 | A several | B many | C lot | D few |
| 10 | A called | B known | C told | D said |
| 11 | A following | B since | C later | D next |

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- The film _____ (begin) before we came to the cinema. We missed the start.
- Where _____ (they/go) on holiday last summer?
- Take your umbrella, it _____ (rain).
- _____ (you/do) what I asked you to?
- Mum _____ (cook) dinner when the storm began.
- I _____ (see) Julie three times this week!
- How many countries _____ (you/visit) before you first went to the USA?
- The bag _____ (belong) to Jack.
- If she _____ (call) me tonight, I'll help her with her homework.
- Look! What _____ (she/do)? Tell her to stop.
- What time _____ (your sister/wake up) on Sundays?
- Last year I _____ (visit) Paris.
- What _____ (you/read) on the bus when I saw you?

Variant Three

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

Weather

Weather influences the lives (1) _____ everyone. The climate of any country depends on its position on Earth, its (2) _____ from the sea and how high it is. In countries which have sea all (3) _____ them, like Britain and New Zealand, winters are mild and summers are cool. There is not a huge change from one season to (4) _____.

Countries near the Equator have hot weather all year with some (5) _____ rain, except in deserts, where it rains (6) _____ little. Above the desert there are no clouds in the sky, so the (7) _____ of the sun can easily warm the ground during the day, but it gets very cold at night.

People are always (8) _____ in unusual weather, and pictures of tornadoes, for example, are shown on television. Strong winds and rain can (9) _____ a lot of damage to buildings, and in spite of modern (10) _____ of weather forecasting they can (11) _____ surprise us.

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| 1 | A of | B from | C by | D to |
| 2 | A distance | B space | C depth | D length |
| 3 | A through | B beside | C around | D near |
| 4 | A next | B another | C later | D other |
| 5 | A thick | B large | C heavy | D great |
| 6 | A not | B quite | C more | D very |
| 7 | A heat | B fire | C light | D temperature |
| 8 | A attracted | B interested | C keen | D excited |
| 9 | A make | B happen | C have | D cause |
| 10 | A jobs | B tools | C methods | D plans |
| 11 | A yet | B still | C already | D ever |

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- Why are you so upset? I _____ (lose) my wallet.
- What _____ (they/see) at the cinema last Saturday?
- It _____ (stop) snowing by the time he got home.
- What game _____ (he/play) when the lights went out?
- Listen! Tim _____ (sing) in the bathroom again.
- What exams _____ (you/pass) before you entered our University?
- He _____ (not go) jogging in the morning as he has no time for it.
- She _____ (finish) reading this book and is going to buy a new one.
- My brother will be very angry if she _____ (take) his things without asking.
- Where _____ (your mother/work)?
- What _____ (they/do) over there? Can you see?
- When I came home yesterday, Dad _____ (watch) football on TV.
- Three years ago we _____ (fly) to Australia. It was really great.

Variant Four

Task 1 For Questions 1-11, read the text below and decide which answer **A, B, C** or **D** best fits each space.

Olympic hopes

Yesterday Eleanor Preston (1) _____ an international swimming competition for girls (2) _____ under sixteen. She swam faster (3) _____ girls from ten other countries. This (4) _____ even better when you learn that Eleanor is only thirteen. She had to have special (5) _____ to enter, because normally competitors are fourteen or older.

Eleanor has been (6) _____ on swimming for a long time – (7) _____ she was three in fact. I wondered whether she found it hard to (8) _____ several hours a day training. She (9) _____ me that sometimes she has problems finding time for homework, but that's all. "My parents have given up so (10) _____ time driving me to local competitions, I think it's been harder for them, actually." Her aim is to swim at the Olympics.

After yesterday's performance, I think she may (11) _____ there.

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| 1 | A beat | B took | C won | D held |
| 2 | A age | B aged | C ages | D ageing |
| 3 | A that | B from | C than | D of |
| 4 | A suggests | B means | C sounds | D shows |
| 5 | A permission | B attention | C opportunity | D accommodation |
| 6 | A happy | B good | C pleased | D keen |
| 7 | A until | B since | C when | D ever |
| 8 | A take | B use | C spend | D pass |
| 9 | A told | B explained | C said | D agreed |
| 10 | A often | B much | C long | D many |
| 11 | A reach | B find | C get | D make |

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- How many pages _____ (she/read) yet?
- Kim _____ (go) to the gym twice a week.
- _____ (you/ever/take) part in competitions before you moved to Liverpool?
- Why _____ (she/cry)? – She has failed her exam.
- Last month we _____ (take) our English exam. It was difficult.
- If Mike _____ (not/manage) to finish his project in time, he'll have to retake his exam.
- I _____ (pass) my driving test at last. What a relief!
- They _____ (reach) the village before it got dark.
- _____ (you/visit) often your grandparents?
- What _____ (Jack/do) when Sandra came in?
- The boys _____ (play) in the park, when it started raining.
- Kate _____ (play) in the yard. Tell her that dinner is ready.
- When _____ (you/see) your best friend last? Where was it?