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TASK 1

- You are going to read an article about weddings in two different countries. Some words are missing from the text.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the options (A-D) for each gap (1-12) in the text.
- Write the letter of the appropriate answer in the white boxes below.
- There is one example (0) at the beginning.

DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN?

Kenya

For the Masai people the wedding is a great feast for the entire village. Festivities start _____ (0) dawn, when the bride - here, fourteen-year-old Yankiki, concealed by fabric and beads - _____ (1) the groom and her future brother-in-law in a slow procession from her home to the groom’s village. She _____ (2) keep her eyes forward and take one step every two seconds, remaining silent as she meditates on her new _____ (3). Along the route, her friends try to _____ (4) her to look to the side, and so cancel the wedding. After a five-hour walk, her outer clothes _____ (5) removed, and she’s renamed by her new village. _____ (6) she walks into her new hut, she officially becomes a wife.

Italy

At her extravagant wedding in Pompeii, bride Maria Rosaria Lembo’s dress weighed approximately 218 kg. But her dress’s train, the long part of her dress drawn along behind her, is _____ (7) the longest in history. _____ (8) The Guinness Book of World Records, the longest train measured 210 metres and _____ (9) carried by 186 bridesmaids and pageboys. In Italian _____ (10), Sunday weddings are the luckiest. Celebrations begin with morning mass, _____ (11) by dancing and feasting - up to fourteen courses may be served - into the early hours. The bride carries a satin bag _____ (12) she can collect the gifts of money presented to her by guests. And Italians are in it for the long term - the divorce rate is just twelve per cent, compared to the UK’s 53 per cent.
0) A) by  B) at  C) in  D) up
1) A) links  B) arrives  C) finds  D) joins
2) A) can  B) must  C) mustn’t  D) needs
3) A) area  B) field  C) role  D) job
4) A) punish  B) permit  C) persuade  D) prefer
5) A) have  B) will  C) have been  D) are
6) A) As  B) So  C) During  D) Like
7) A) all  B) quite  C) far  D) not
8) A) According to  B) Due to  C) Apart from  D) In spite of
9) A) were  B) would be  C) has been  D) was
10) A) custom  B) habit  C) tradition  D) law
11) A) followed  B) created  C) continued  D) presented
12) A) in order to  B) so  C) while  D) as

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MUSICIANS HAVE BIGGER BRAINS

Musicians aren’t just talented - they actually have bigger brains than other people, says The Times. Scientists (0) discovered that the brains of musicians contain more ‘grey matter’ than those of people (13) don’t play a musical instrument. A research study (14) out at the University of Heidelberg revealed that musicians’ brains contained 130% (15) nerve cells in their auditory cortex, a part of the brain linked to hearing, than the brains of non-musicians. Furthermore, the level of brain activity in professional musicians (16) shown to be 102% higher than normal, while the brains of amateur musicians (17) 37% more active than average. What the study could not prove, (18), was whether such differences are (19) to genetics or to the effect of music on the brain. Whatever the reason, it seems that musicians have higher brain activity than ordinary people.

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TASK 3

- You are going to read an article about what Dan, 26, says about sharing housework. Some words are missing from the text.
- Use the words in brackets to form the words that fit in the gaps (20-29).
- Then write the appropriate form of these words on the lines below.
- There might be cases when you do not have to change the word in brackets.
- Write only one word in each space.
- There is an example (0) at the beginning.

HE MISSE S MUM’S MAGIC LAUNDRY BASKET

‘When Lydia and I bought our house, we were really excited. It wasn’t until we moved in that I (0) _____________ (real) that little jobs, like laundry, were a big part of (20) _____________ (life) together, too. At home, I’d stick my dirty clothes in a magic basket and they’d reappear clean. But, even though my mum did most of the housework, I always knew Lydia and I would share.

‘We both have (21) ______________ (strong) and weaknesses. I deal with the bills because I’m a financial (22) ______________ (advise). I like (23) ______________ (iron), and I also tidy up most evenings because I get home from work first. Admittedly, I leave towels lying around, but she eats raisins out of the cereal box and drops them on the floor!

‘Decorating has been the main source of (24) ______________ (disagree). Lydia was so determined to paint the bedroom and lounge pink, I buckled under the (25) ______________ (press). We normally compromise, but I’ve developed a tactic for getting what I want: I’ll suggest something and, if she (26) ______________ (agree), I sigh and go quiet for weeks. (27) ______________ (event), she’ll come round to my way of thinking, but she’ll present it as her idea so she feels more in control.

‘That’s what happened when she wanted a fancy mirror in the lounge and I wanted a fan. After three weeks of me (28) ______________ (ignore) the issue, she suggested a fan. I did the same with the bathroom. I wanted mosaics, she wanted flowery tiles. (29) ______________ (lucy), I won. I think the pink bedroom is enough of a compromise.’

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TASK 4

- You are going to read an article about a great actress. In most lines there is one unnecessary word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the sense of the text.
- Read the text and then copy the unnecessary word in the space provided after each line.
- Some lines are correct. Indicate these lines with a tick (√).
- The task begins with two examples (0).

**LIFE STORIES**

0) Katherine Hepburn broke all Hollywood rules, yet still became ...........√...............

0) one of the most biggest stars of its golden era. ...............most.............

30) As the clock struck 8 pm on 30 June in this year, the crowd that ..................................

31) had been gathered along the Great White Way in New York’s ..................................

32) Broadway collectively hushed themselves to silence. The ..................................

33) lights on the in front of the Shubert Theater had suddenly, ..................................

34) dramatically dimmed in tribute to the actress Katherine Hepburn, ..................................

35) who had died all the day before at the grand old age of 96. ..................................

36) It was Broadway’s way of saying farewell to one of the ever ..................................

37) greats of Hollywood’s golden era, an actress who has won the first ..................................

38) of her four Oscars in 1933 and who always went on to become one ..................................

39) of the most influential actors of the very century. ..................................

40) But if it struck some onlookers as though a far too modest tribute ..................................

41) to such a legend, the actress herself would probably have been ..................................

42) pleased with the modest display. She often said she didn’t ..................................

43) want to have had any kind of public memorial, not even a funeral. ..................................

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