

ЧАСТИНА «ЧИТАННЯ»

Task 1

Match choices (A-H) to texts (1-5). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

<p>1</p> <p>Experience true Italian hospitality when dining at Cascina. Serving countrystyle Italian fare, Cascina's dishes are simple yet abundant in flavor. The cozy atmosphere combines with the friendly service and delicious cuisine, providing the ideal place to relax and unwind with family and friends. Cascina also offers a pre-theatre dinner.</p> <p><i>web-site:</i> www.cascina.com <i>e-mail:</i> scina.com.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>A great way to top off your Gray Line Tour is with a refreshing Circle Line Cruise. As you cruise through the harbor and around Manhattan Island, knowledgeable and friendly tour guides bring life to the breathtaking sights and the fascinating history of New York. Get the BIG picture aboard the 3-hour Full Island Cruise. If you're pressed for time, the 2-hour Semi-Circle or romantic Harbor Lights Cruises capture all the highlights.</p> <p>RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Call: 1-800-669-0051</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Did they send me an e-mail? ...Need to check ASAP High speed low cost Internet access! Get online now @</p> <p>easyInternetcafé the cheapest way to get online</p>
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A Presentation - **5**

B Travelling

C Restaurant - **1**

D Theatre - **4**

E Acquaintance - **3**

F Services

G Shopping

H Sightseeing - **2**

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (6 – 11) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The Magic of Friendship

Relationships make the world go round - everyone is seeking someone who will love and understand them. And that's just as true of friendship as it is of romantic relationships. In many countries, especially in tribal cultures, friendship is admired and marked by rituals - from blood brotherhood to blessed 'marriages' between friends - that formalize an unbreakable bond.

Friendship can so often happen by the purest chance, but what is it that makes you compatible with one person and not another? It may lie in the stars - your Zodiac sign can reveal the type of friend you are and who might be a suitable best friend.

Certainly, with your very best friend you can feel that you are 'soul mates' - and in such cases, you can be sure that your friendship goes beyond your shared taste in music!

Historically, friendship has been regarded far more highly than it is today. As time has passed and society's emphasis has shifted from friendship to romantic partnerships, the formality surrounding our relations with friends has diminished. Friendship is very often seen as secondary to relationships between lovers.

The Greeks and Romans celebrated classical friendships - platonic relationships with many of the characteristic of modern-day love. In Greek mythology, for example, famous friendships existed between male heroes, such as Achilles and Patroclus.

Later, during the Renaissance, this type of friendship made a reappearance in the form of romantic friendship. In these relations it was not usual for friends to set up home together as 'husband and wife'.

Many of the sentimental things we see lovers doing today - writing poems, holding hands, carving each other's names on tree trunks - would then have been practised by close friends. These romantic friendships existed between women only into the early part of the 20th century, but something of their intensity still survives between best friends today.

6 The author _____.

- A wonders how people make friends
- B celebrates the reappearance of romantic friendship
- C tries make sense of friendship
- D traces the evolution of the notion of friendship**

7 Everyone is looking for _____ .

- A a blessed 'marriage'
- B blood brotherhood
- C an unbreakable bond
- D love and personal support**

8 Your Zodiac sign reveals _____ .

- A personal information about you**
- B suitable close friend
- C your taste in music
- D your soul mate

9 You and your very best friend _____ .

- A share a common taste in music
- B have common physical traits
- C feel that you are 'soul mates'**
- D agree about most things

10 Platonic relationships _____ .

- A are a thing of the past
- B existed between Greek heroes**
- C were usual only for women
- D are a modern phenomenon

11 Carving each other's names on tree trunks _____ .

- A was introduced only in the early part of the 21st century
- B was celebrated during marriage rituals in the 20th century
- C is a symbol of platonic friendships nowadays
- D is a tradition that romantic partners practice in modern time**

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A – H) to texts (12 – 16). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

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- A** Pete wants to go sightseeing. - 13
B Greg was asked to send a parcel.
C Mary would like to listen to classical music.
D Kelly wants to see a performance. - 16
E Chris would like to eat out with his girlfriend. - 15
F Nick wants to have a quick meal.
G Matt's addressee hasn't got his letter. - 12
H Alice wants to use public transport. - 14

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A–H) the one which best fits each of (17–22). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

What Do Clairvoyants Believe?

If the messages clairvoyants receive are not from friendly spirits, then where do they come from?

Clairvoyants are thought to „see clearly“ into the lives of their clients and give them psychic information. There are a number of different ways in which these psychic abilities can be explained:

Some clairvoyants believe there is a visible vibration or frequency around the body that looks like a colourful blur. This is called the Kirilian aura and it is said to be a personal indicator of physical, mental and spiritual well-being:

A strong aura may mean that the person is healthy, open and friendly.

(17) _____ .

Auras have been caught on film on many occasions, and some Kirilian photographs of people with missing limbs actually show an aura around the space where their limb once was.

A more scientific view of clairvoyance is the belief in a ‘third eye’. (18) _____ . Its usage has since diminished due to the relative safety of modern life.

This ‘eye’ is able to look upon the psychic plane and see the past, present and future, or anything the clairvoyant is searching for.

The ‘third eye’ is also important in several forms of spiritual healing, such as Reiki. The third eye is located at the brow Chakra.

(19) _____ . Parapsychologists have long held this view and believe that it is only our limited senses that prevent us from perceiving a fourth dimension on which time exists as a whole.

(20) _____. In the fourth dimension, clairvoyants are able to make contact with spirits from the past and even from the future, for example, the spirits of children not yet born.

Though not all people are gifted with clairvoyance, there is no shortage of those who are. (21) _____.

The difference between clairvoyants today is not so much measured by their psychic power, but rather by what they choose to do with their abilities for the service of other people.

(22) _____. The very nature of this gift, however, would make it very difficult for it to be used to hurt others. Many clairvoyants also believe that to use their gift for the wrong reasons, such as for financial gain, would be a betrayal.

A Whatever spiritual source clairvoyants believe their power comes from, most see it as a gift, which they should only use to help others - 22

B Present-day clairvoyants come from all walks of life — proof that anyone can be born with this psychic talent - 21

C At any one time there were many gifted people, who were able to see the past, present and future

D A weak aura may indicate some type of health problem or character weakness - 17

E A clairvoyant is able to look into this fourth dimension and, through trance, see the past, present and future on the plane of spirits - 20

F And, conversely, those who have frail auras are usually weak-willed and suffer from chronic illnesses

G The concept that the past, present and future exist together simultaneously is one that scientists, even those most cynical of the paranormal, will now consider - 19

H This is thought to be a part of the brain used by primitive human societies in the past to detect danger - 18

Task 5

Read the text below. For questions (23–34) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

There Was a Crooked Man!

David Suchet plays disgraced tycoon Robert Maxwell

Maxwell

BBC2 Friday

There's a 'you couldn't make it up' quality to the life story of newspaper baron Robert Maxwell. He was born into extreme poverty in Czechoslovakia in 1923, and (23) _____ he arrived in this country (24) _____ the age of 17, he couldn't speak a (25) _____ of English. Yet he (26) _____ to become a war hero, fighting (27) _____ a captain in the British Army, and one of the most high-profile — and controversial — business magnates of the 20th Century.

This week's BBC2 drama Maxwell (28) _____ the story of the final months of his life, leading up to his mysterious drowning off the coast of Tenerife in 1991.

His media empire, which included *the Daily Mirror*, *Macmillan Publishing* and *the New York Daily News*, was haemorrhaging cash. In a desperate attempt to staunch the losses, Maxwell (played by David Suchet) started to raid the pension funds of his companies, stealing about £500,000.

'He (29) _____ nothing to become this huge business magnate and massively colourful figure,' says David, best known for his role as Agatha Christie's Belgian detective Hercule Poirot.

'Even though Maxwell gatecrashed society events and made (30) _____ he was photographed with powerful figures such as Russia's President Gorbachev, he never felt embraced by society. He became a media tycoon (31) _____ he was desperate to have influence.'

David (32) _____ hours of footage of Maxwell and says he developed a strong sense of his character's intimidating natural authority.

'Playing Maxwell, I felt the (33) _____ power of the man,' he says. 'That's dangerously intoxicating for everyone. Down the centuries, nothing has been abused more than power — from Napoleon and Hitler to Saddam Hussein. If you know that when you (34) _____ your fingers people will jump to attention, it can be very seductive.'

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| 23 | A | when | B | for | C | while | D | as |
| 24 | A | in | B | of | C | at | D | on |
| 25 | A | sound | B | word | C | phrase | D | speech |
| 26 | A | went up | B | went for | C | went in | D | went on |
| 27 | A | like | B | as if | C | with | D | as |
| 28 | A | says | B | tells | C | speaks | D | talks |
| 29 | A | rose from | B | rose above | C | rose in | D | rose out |
| 30 | A | confident | B | positive | C | sure | D | self-assured |
| 31 | A | though | B | when | C | that's why | D | because |
| 32 | A | investigated | B | studied | C | shot | D | learned |
| 33 | A | sheer | B | clean | C | sincere | D | transparent |
| 34 | A | bend | B | crack | C | click | D | clap |

Task 6

Read the text below. For questions (35–46) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

18th-century America's Santa Claus was not the only St. Nicholas-inspired gift-giver to make an appearance at Christmastime. Similar figures were popular all over the world. Christkind or Kris Kringle (35) _____ to deliver presents to well-behaved Swiss and German children. Meaning "Christ child", Christkind is an angel-like figure often (36) _____ by St. Nicholas on his holiday missions. In Scandinavia, a jolly elf named Jultomten was thought to deliver gifts in a sleigh drawn by goats. English legend explains that Father Christmas visits each home (37) _____ Christmas Eve to fill children's stockings with holiday treats. Pere Noel is responsible for filling the shoes of French children. In some regions of Russia, it is believed that an elderly woman called Babushka (38) _____

gave the wise men wrong directions to Bethlehem so that they couldn't find Jesus. Later, she felt remorseful, but could not find (39) _____ to undo the damage. To this day, on January 6, Babushka visits Russian children leaving gifts at (40) _____ bedsides in the hope that one of them is the baby Jesus and she will be forgiven. In Italy, a similar story exists about a woman called La Befana, a kindly witch who rides a broomstick down the chimneys of Italian homes to deliver toys into the stockings of lucky children.

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| 35 | A | believes | B | believing | C | was believed | D | believed |
| 36 | A | accompanying | B | accompanied | C | to accompany | D | accompany |
| 37 | A | on | B | at | C | in | D | for |
| 38 | A | purposeful | B | purposive | C | purposeless | D | purposely |
| 39 | A | men | B | the men | C | the man | D | a man |
| 40 | A | their | B | they | C | theirs | D | them |

Planting the Seeds of Change

The Green Wave project aims to help meet the goals of the United Nations Convention (41) _____. Biological Diversity by (42) _____ young people on the importance of biodiversity. In an ambitious program, students from schools all across the world (43) _____ to mark the International Day for Biodiversity by planting a single tree of an indigenous or locally important species. At 10 a.m. local time on May 22, 2009, (44) _____ student groups will each plant or water their tree — uniting to send a „green wave“ from east to west around the planet. Promoting planning, research and learning about nature, long-term care and commitment, and encouraging team-work and partnership across countries and continents, The Green Wave (45) _____ a positive step toward (46) _____ biodiversity all over the world.

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| 41 | A | about | B | on | C | for | D | of |
| 42 | A | educate | B | educated | C | educating | D | educational |
| 43 | A | have been invited | B | have been inviting | C | invite | D | have invited |
| 44 | A | this | B | those | C | that | D | these |
| 45 | A | take | B | is taking | C | taking | D | taken |
| 46 | A | sustaining | B | to sustain | C | sustain | D | Is sustaining |

ЧАСТИНА «ПИСЬМО»

Writing

Task 1

Read the texts below. Fill in the gap with the one word which best fits each of (47 – 50). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Wildlife In the Arctic

How do you outfox a fox? The red-breasted goose sometimes manages to foil its old adversary, the Arctic fox, by nesting near the falcon. The falcon repels approaching foxes, which makes a safer home for the goose. Having a bodyguard is especially useful in summer; geese

arrive (47) _____ their breeding grounds in June as the (48) _____ melts, nesting in colonies of five pairs, and the new families (49) _____ particularly vulnerable until the chicks fledge. But foxes aren't the only (50) _____ to the geese; faced with hunting, habitat loss and recent reductions in winter wheat, survival has never been trickier.

Task 2

51. You were going to visit your friend in London at the beginning of June. But unfortunately the schedule of the independent testing has been changed. Write a letter to your friend and:

- apologize for breaking your plans
- state the reason of your not coming
- express your regret about postponing your meeting
- ask if it is possible to come later in the summer