

АНГЛІЙСЬКА МОВА

READING

Task 1

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

Coping with Writing Anxiety

(1) _____

Start writing at whatever point you like. If you want to begin in the middle, fine. Leave the introduction or first section until later. The reader will never know that you wrote the paper “backwards.” Besides, some writers routinely save the introduction until later when they have a clearer idea of what the main idea and purpose will be.

(2) _____

“Talk” the paper to someone — your teacher, a friend, a roommate, a tutor in the Writing Lab. Just pick someone who’s willing to give you fifteen to thirty minutes to talk about the topic and whose main aim is to help you start writing. Have the person take notes while you talk or tape your conversation. Talking will be helpful because you’ll probably be more natural and spontaneous in speech than in writing. Your listener can ask questions and guide you as you speak, and you’ll feel more as though you’re telling someone about something than completing an assignment.

(3) _____

Talk into a tape recorder, imagining your audience sitting in chairs or standing in a group. Then, transcribe the tape-recorded material. You’ll at least have some ideas down on paper to work with and move around.

(4) _____

Pretend that you’re writing to a child, to a close friend, to a parent, to a person who sharply disagrees with you, to someone who’s new to the subject and needs to have you explain your paper’s topic slowly and clearly. Changing the audience can clarify your purpose. (*Who am I writing to when I explain how to change the oil in a car? That guy down the hall who’s always asking everyone for help.*) Changing the audience can also make you feel more comfortable and help you write more easily.

(5) _____

Pretend you are someone else writing the paper. For instance, assume you are the president of a strong feminist movement such as NOW and are asked to write about sexist advertising. Or, pretend you are the president of a major oil company asked to defend the high price of oil. Consider being someone in another time period, perhaps Abraham Lincoln, or someone with a different perspective from your own on things--someone living in Hiroshima at the time the bomb was dropped. Pulling yourself out of your usual perspective can help you think more about the subject than writing about the subject.

A Change the Audience

B Talk the Paper

C Re-Read

D Play a Role

E Tape the Paper

F Break the Task up into Steps

G Experiment

H Focus Your Energy by Rehearsing the Task in Your Head

Task 2

**Read the text below. For questions (6-10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).
Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

End of the Small Town?*(from Syracuse Herald-Journal)*

The American small town may become as extinct as a nickel cup of coffee. Although planners are urging an exodus to the small towns and rural spaces still available, the small town we knew a few decades back is on the road to extinction, for it harbored a way of life that was changed by the super highway, central school, and TV antenna.

In a small town, children were taught to respect their elders. They were expected to be properly groomed when attending school and church. Fathers were apt to apply the flat of their hand on the seat of the pants, and teachers were apt to lay the side of a ruler on an open hand for disobedience, for lying and cheating.

Today, this way of life is considered “worthless.” But is it so worthless to believe in cleanliness, proper grooming for school and church, honesty, respect for elders, duty, and conscience?

Our town had a population of 4,500. It depended on mills, a milk plant, lumberyards, and nearby dairy farms for its existence.

A woman could leave a bag of groceries outside a store while she went elsewhere for another purchase, and nothing would be taken. A deliveryman could leave a package on the front steps after dark, and it would be there in the morning. A family could put a holiday decoration in the yard, and no roving gang would destroy it within minutes.

Of course, it wasn't paradise. *Money was scarce*, and men worked hard for it. On Saturday nights, more rusty pickup trucks than shiny cars were parked along the curbs. Most men and boys had one suit — their “Sunday suit” complete with vest.

Our town had been there for a long time. It had supplied its youth for Lincoln and Grant in the 1860's, for San Juan Hill and Manila Bay, for Pershing in 1917, for Eisenhower and MacArthur in the 1940's, for Korea, and for Vietnam.

We are sorry that its way of life has become a target for the slings and arrows of outrageous liberals. Its values were the strength of America. They should not become extinct.

- 6 The author believes that _____.
 A the small town is a paradise
 B people should be dressed better
 C moral values couldn't become extinct
 D the only thing people have to care about is the strength of America
- 7 It can be inferred from the text that _____.
 A children in the small towns are more disobedient than in cities
 B the small towns are the rarity in the USA
 C people were used for huge profits in the small towns
 D city dwellers are rather greedy

- 8 The real reason of the small American town's extinction is (that) _____.
 A urbanization
 B they loose their values
 C they're considered to be worthless
 D the sneer and criticism of outrageous liberals
- 9 According to the author, what are the advantages of the small towns?
 A Teachers are apt to punish their pupils for talking back
 B Dairy farms and pick-up tracks
 C Decency of people
 D Rural spaces
- 10 Saying "*Money was scarce*" (paragraph 5) the author means that _____.
 A it was shortage of it
 B taxes were high
 C people don't get welfare
 D it was easy money

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A—H) to (11—15). There are three choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

11. The Georgian Terrace Hotel boasts a fantastic central location on **Peachtree Street, in the city centre of Atlanta**. Offering excellent **3-star accommodation**, **this Atlanta hotel** is situated just across the road from the Fox Theatre and within walking distance of many fabulous tourist sites as well as two MARTA stations. It would really be hard to find a more convenient location for your business trip or vacation in this beautiful city. The Georgian Terrace Hotel opened 1911, hosted the world première reception for *Gone With the Wind* in 1939, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

12. The Los Angeles Adventurer Hotel is conveniently located near **LAX airport in Inglewood, California**. With its proximity to major freeways and complimentary shuttle service to local attractions, this welcoming hotel is the perfect point of departure for your Los Angeles area adventures. The LA Adventurer can satisfy the accommodation needs of almost any traveler, from business guests and groups or couples looking to have a great time in California, to the globe-trotting backpacker who needs a comfortable night's rest.

13. If you want to know how it feels to spend a few nights in the entertainment capital of the world but don't have a fortune to spend, the **Best Western Hollywood Plaza Inn Hotel, Los Angeles**, is just the place to stay. It is located in the heart of Hollywood. Take a peek at the hotel surroundings and you are sure to find tons of photo opportunities with the **famous Hollywood Hills as your backdrop**. Family vacationers, weekend travelers, movie fans and business travelers alike will all find themselves taking a two-minute walk to Grauman's Chinese Theater and Hollywood *Walk of Fame* or the Kodak Theater — where you can get a glimpse at where stars walk the red carpet during the Oscar Awards. And who could pass up a stroll through Beverly Hills, shopping on Rodeo Drive, or a tour of CBS or NBC television studios.

14. The Hollywood Downtowner Inn is a charming hotel located in Los Angeles on **Hollywood Boulevard** — home of the Hollywood Walk of Fame where you can take pictures with your favorite movie stars — and within walking distance from many of the most famous attractions in the world. This vintage two-story inn provides a cozy and peaceful place to stay in the Hollywood/Los Angeles area, with a delightful 1960s twist. Before you visit all the exciting places in Hollywood, enjoy a hot cup of coffee and a tasty continental breakfast for a boost of energy, and then let the *Downtowner's* knowledgeable staff help you with all the details that you need to make your stay in LA an experience to remember.

15. For a distinctive taste of fun and glamour, **The Standard Hotel, Los Angeles, California**, offers the hippest vibes on the **Hollywood Sunset Boulevard strip**. Welcoming guests over the age of 21, the stylish ambiance of The Standard Hotel fuses retro-irony with futuristic playfulness. Friendly staff will endeavor to get you onto the coolest guest lists in town, although the hotel's own entertainment program features the most sought-after international DJs to get you making some moves. The gorgeous *Purple Lounge and Cactus Bar* are great spots to relax and enjoy signature cocktails. The hotel restaurant serves succulent dishes 24 hours a day, so from the heartiest of breakfasts to the most decadent of midnight snacks, your taste buds won't be disappointed. Sun bunnies will appreciate the outdoor swimming pool, which offers spectacular Los Angeles views. Stretch out on the loungers, treat yourself to a soothing massage, or succumb to the scissors in *Rudy's Barbershop* in the lobby, for a really sharp new look. The hotel is even perfect for those who can't bear to be parted from their pooches!

This hotel _____.

- A gives you a chance to be a constant on the world-famous game show
- B allows ample opportunities for the diverse groups to meet and mingle, enjoying daily parties
- C provides taking pictures with your favourite film stars for a surcharge
- D is a historic landmark, getting visitors to recall famous actors
- E is a dog friendly hotel, closed for adolescents
- F is perfect for the budget-minded traveler, wanting to spend more time in the center of a buzzing city
- G displays the largest private collection of *Gone with the Wind* memorabilia
- H provides the complimentary 24-hour airport transportation to all hotel guests

Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A — H) the one which best fits each space (16-21). There are two choices you do not need to use. Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Cowboy Chocolatier

On the rare days when I happen to glimpse my distant and long-ago-life as a child, I remember my love of chocolate — a love that still exists today. I also remember cowboys — mostly through the medium of television. Growing up on the wrong side of the pond, (16) _____. They seemed a pretty hardy breed, likely to be found out in the wilderness somewhere with a horse, a gun and not much else. They didn't usually go hand in hand with gourmet foodstuff of any kind.

Much later I was fortunate enough to move to where some real cowboys live — Cody, Wyoming. Tim Kellogg the Meeteetse Chocolatier, was recently named as one of "Wyoming's 40 under 40" for 2009, proving beyond a doubt that (17) _____ and turn his knowledge and passion into a successful business operation. He runs both a Meeteetse store and an online business, reaching customers all over the world in the winter months.

Tim can be found in his store — dressed in true cowboy style — with his signature black hat. Inside, the chocolates are displayed to good effect with Tim's motto "Fear No Chocolate" inscribed on a blackboard by the door. Tim is proud of all his chocolates, some of which, he explains, are the traditional flavours — Baileys, Champagne — (18) _____, while others are unique local treats, specific to their community and to their creator's cowboy heritage.

Tim fell into chocolate-making by accident in the 1990s, explaining that it was a "way to keep chocolate in the family" after his grandmother died. Thus, (19) _____, Tim decided that he would be the baker and chocolate-maker for family occasions, and began to make truffles and other confections for his friends and family.

He is the sole chocolatier in his business (20) _____ a few miles outside of Meeteetse. This combination of roles can be seen unusual, but Tim is happy to note that although his friends do find it funny, (21) _____. He dismisses the concern as he states "I work too hard to care what people think. Come, sit and relax inside or outside at the café-style tables and stare at the surrounded mountains whilst drinking a coffee or some chocolate tea paired with a slice of cheesecake. "

- A found in fine chocolatiers all over the globe
- B cowboys were unknown and mystical to me
- C they are made with fresh, natural and organic products
- D this cowboy knows how to make delicious goodies
- E and still spends two to four days a week cowboying on a ranch
- F they have never been negative
- G in an almost certainly unprecedented move for a cowboy
- H this unexpected decision made him famous

Task 5

**Read the text below. For questions (22-33) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).
Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

Smile, you're on Traffic camera

If you drive in Los Angeles, be ready to have your picture (22) _____. At about 175 intersections in the Los Angeles area, you will find cameras ready to take your picture if you (23) _____ the law.

The idea behind the traffic cameras, the government says, is to (24) _____ the number of collisions when people run a red light, which is when drivers continue driving after the traffic light has already turned red. When drivers run red lights, they can (25) _____ head-on collisions, where the two cars' front ends hit each other, or one car can side-swipe (26) _____, which is when one car hits the side of another car. The (27) _____ for using these cameras is that they will make driving safer.

However, many unhappy drivers say that the real reason for the cameras is to (28) _____ revenue for the city. A ticket costs (29) _____ \$175 for illegal right turns and about \$400 for running a red light. About 80% of the tickets are for illegal right turns. In the U.S., drivers can make

(30) _____ right turns even when the light is red if no cars are coming IF they first make a full and complete stop. Those who don't make a complete stop can get a \$175 ticket. Some people say that not making a full stop is not really unsafe and allowing tickets for this

(31) _____ offense is just the city's way of making more money.

I have been very lucky. I haven't received (32) _____ of these tickets (yet), but I know someone who did. The camera takes a picture of the car showing the license plate and perhaps of the driver, and a copy of that picture is (33) _____ to the driver with the ticket. It's a bad day when you get a letter from the city's traffic division.

Does your city have special ways to enforce traffic laws?

22	A	given	B	taken	C	done	D	got
23	A	disturb	B	trouble	C	break	D	pass
24	A	exclude	B	reduce	C	treat	D	shorten
25	A	produce	B	begin	C	start	D	cause
26	A	another	B	different	C	other	D	new
27	A	goal	B	origin	C	rationale	D	source
28	A	add	B	enrich	C	join	D	increase
29	A	at	B	near	C	about	D	close
30	A	direct	B	true	C	legal	D	acceptable
31	A	little	B	minor	C	small	D	minimal
32	A	one	B	some	C	other	D	much
33	A	granted	B	delivered	C	presented	D	mailed

Task 6

Read the texts below. For questions (34—45) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).
Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.

The War for Talent

It's good news for workers, but bad news for companies. Firms all over the world (34) _____ a shortage of employees, and not just in the highly qualified areas where the "talent wars"

(35) _____.

According to a new survey by staffing company Manpower, the ten jobs that companies

(36) _____ most difficulty filling range from top management to factory workers. The biggest demand is for sales representatives with enough technical knowledge to sell today's complex products. "They need to understand innovations, logistics and the global picture. Selling is very different from what it was," Manpower head Jeff Joerres told *BusinessWeek*.

To remain (37) _____, companies (38) _____ labour costs by offshoring and outsourcing. At the top end, firms are training staff themselves rather than hiring expensive new employees.

Meanwhile, in Asia and India, the once (39) _____ endless supply of cheap labour seems to be drying up. Workers in Vietnam, for example, are no longer accepting low wages. Factory managers in Ho Chi Minh City recently reported that their 45\$-a-month workers went home for holidays in February and never came back.

34	A	are reported	B	reports	C	are reporting	D	have reported
35	A	are being fought	B	fight	C	fought	D	are fought
36	A	have	B	having	C	are having	D	had
37	A	competitive	B	competitful	C	compatible	D	competitive
38	A	cut	B	are cutting	C	will cut	D	have been cutting
39	A	seeming	B	seemingly	C	seemingly	D	seemless

A fisherman's catch

For the crew of a fishing boat on the Firth of Clyde, it looked as if the day's catch (40) _____ to be particularly poor — and then they pulled up something rather unexpected: a marble bust of woman's face. "We had no idea what it was," the skipper Hector Stewart told The Times. "I rang the wife and told her it (41) _____ great among the roses in our garden." But Diana Stewart suspected the bust was more than a garden ornament. (42) _____ the inscription on the back — Rinaldo Rinaldi 7 Roma 1869 — she looked up the name on the internet and discovered that the artist was an Italian sculptor whose work is in the Louvre. The fishermen contacted (43) _____ and discovered that the bust — which is believed (44) _____ from a shipwreck — could be worth £45,000. In any event, Mrs. Stewart had already decided (45) _____ it. "We have a coal fire and she would be a bugger to dust."

40	A	is going	B	was going	C	has been going	D	going
41	A	would look	B	looks	C	has looked	D	will look
42	A	Have been told	B	Have told	C	Having been told	D	Being told
43	A	Sotheby	B	Sotheby's	C	Sothebys	D	Sothebys'
44	A	has come	B	having come	C	to have come	D	have come
45	A	didn't to keep	B	don't to keep	C	doesn't to keep	D	not to keep

WRITING

1. You received a letter from your friend in which he/she wrote that he/she had quarreled with his/her parents. Write him/her a reply in which you

- tell him/her about your relationships with your parents
- explain what may cause conflicts
- give a piece of advice how to resolve conflicts
- give a piece of advice how to avoid conflicts

Write a letter of at least 100 words. Do not write any dates and addresses. Write your letter in an appropriate way.

Reading

Task 1

1	2	3	4	5
G	B	E	A	D

Task 2

6	7	8	9	10
C	B	A	C	C

Task 3

11	12	13	14	15
D	B	F	A	E

Task 4

16	17	18	19	20	21
B	D	A	G	E	F

Task 5

22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
B	C	B	D	A	C	D	C	C	B	A	D

Task 6

34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
C	A	C	D	D	B	B	A	C	C	B	D