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PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION. TIME: 35 minutes. Maximum: 25 points.

TASK 1.1. Read the reviews and answer the questions by writing the correct letter A, B or C. You can get 1 point for each correct answer.

Best websites for learning how to play the guitar

A guitarhome.com

Many of the good things about other websites for learning how to play the guitar are also true of guitarhome.com – after all, competition is strong, so they generally have similar features. One thing that stands out about this one is the site’s Nub Learning technique, which takes you through the basics to an intermediate level in an effective way. If you’re just starting out, you’ll be playing simple solos in no time, but if you can already do this, other sites might be more useful. The ability to download video content to your computer is useful, and the lessons themselves are great, but they don’t try to include too much at once. Another thing that’s good is the free trial. Go to the website, fill in your email address, and start learning! One word of warning – you’ll be sent lots of emails advertising the lessons, but this is understandable since the more people who choose to sign up and pay a monthly fee, the more they can keep delivering a high-quality service.

B jerrysguitars.com

This website has fans from all over the world. There’s a long list of song options to choose from, and you’re sure to find your favourite. The free lessons teach everything from the basic notes to impressive solos, and the enthusiasm shown by the tutor Jerry makes learning a pleasure. So just select the song you want to learn, and watch the lesson. The site is well-organised so it’s easy to find what you want. For example, if you want to focus on advanced technique, there’s a section for that, and there are also lessons for those with some previous experience. Although perhaps there’s less information in the beginner lessons than you would get from sites you pay for, it’s still worth a look.

C easyguitar.com

This is one of the biggest guitar lesson websites around, and has all the top-quality features you’d expect. There are over 5,000 lessons, so whatever your taste in music, you’ll find it here. Members are really happy with the service – any negative comments are generally to complain that lessons aren’t free. But considering what you get, \$6.99 a month seems reasonable. Learning with easyguitar.com is fun, and you’ll see big improvements no matter how experienced you are. A highlight of this site is that you can video-chat online with instructors from the comfort of your home. There are also lessons recorded by some famous guitarists, which show the techniques used in some of music’s most well-known songs, although these will probably be of more practical use for advanced players. The organization of the beginner’s section is a bit complicated, with many choices to make and different teachers. But once you’ve found your way around the site, you’ll love discovering new and unexpected styles from all over the world.

Which review ...

- describes a website which allows learners to speak directly with teachers? **1** _____
- compares the amount of content in lessons with websites that are not free? **2** _____
- suggests that the site may not be suitable for more experienced players? **3** _____

suggests that the number of options on the website for new players may be confusing? 4 ____
 remarks on the positive effect of the teacher's personality? 5 ____
 comments that the lessons contain an appropriate amount of information? 6 ____
 mentions that guitar players of all levels will make progress? 7 ____
 comments that it is acceptable for the site to encourage membership? 8 ____

Task 1.2. Fill in the gaps with correct parts of sentences. Two parts of sentences are extra. You can get 1 point for each correct answer.

Coca-Cola

What is the most recognizable object in the world? Could it be a football? Or a Big Mac? No, the answer is a Coca-Cola bottle. The famous Coca-Cola bottle is over 100 years old!

Football and Big Macs (9) _____; but Coca-Cola is now a permanent part of world culture. People know and drink Coca-Cola all over the world.

It is said that the Coca-Cola bottle is the most recognised object in the world. Hundreds of millions of people can recognise a Coke bottle by its shape, (10) _____! And the famous Coca-Cola logo is the most famous logo in the world. Unlike any other famous commercial logo, (11) _____!

But the story of Coca-Cola is even older than that. It was in 1886 that John Pemberton, a druggist in Atlanta, Georgia, invented a new type of syrup. Pemberton sold it as a medicine. However, Pemberton's medicine was not very successful, so he sold his secret formula to another druggist, Asa Candler. Candler was interested, (12) _____; he thought that Pemberton's "medicine" would be much better if it was mixed with soda.

Candler was (13) _____ really invented the drink Coca-Cola. At first he sold it in his drugstore; then he began selling the syrup to other drugstores, which used it with their soda fountains. Candler also advertised his new drink, and soon (14) _____ just to get a drink of Coca-Cola.

Before long, other people became interested in the product, including a couple of businessmen who wanted to sell it in bottles. Candler sold them a license to bottle the drink, and very quickly the men became millionaires. The famous bottle, (15) _____, was designed in 1916.

Today, Coca-Cola is made in countries all over the world; it is the world's most popular drink.

- A. wanted to be free and run their own operations
- B. thus the man who
- C. with its very distinctive shape
- D. are certainly part of life for lots of people
- E. because he had another idea
- F. even if they cannot see it
- G. but the Sixties Generation rediscovered it
- H. people were going to drugstores
- I. it has not changed in 100 years

Task 1.3. Read the text and fill in the gaps with ONE word only. You can get 1 point for each correct answer.

We British love tea. We drink more tea per head of population (16) _____ any other country in the world, except (17) _____ Ireland. If you go to the Tea Council website, you will see a counter at the top of the page which shows how many cups of tea we have drunk so (18) _____ today. By the end of the day, the counter will reach 165 million – that is three cups of tea (19) _____ person a day. Coffee has become more popular in Britain in recent years, but even today we drink more than twice as (20) _____ tea as coffee.

However, tea drinking is not an old tradition in Britain. We made our first cup of tea sometime in the middle of the 17th century. We found that we liked it, that it refreshed us and (21) _____ us strong and happy, and we have continued drinking tea ever (22) _____. In the 19th century, tea became popular among working-class people, and it has remained the favourite drink of ordinary British people. And it is well-known that the Queen likes a nice cup of tea, as well.

Tea drinking has a much longer history in China, where people have drunk tea for thousands of (23) _____. But British tea is not pale and delicate like tea in China. It has a rich brown colour and a strong taste.

Nearly everyone in Britain puts milk in (24) _____ tea, and about a third of people add sugar to make the tea (25) _____. It is well known that no-one outside Britain knows how to make tea properly.

PART 2. USE OF ENGLISH. TIME: 45 minutes. Maximum: 45 points.

Task 2.1. Complete the sentences with words. The first letter of each word is given. The number of letters missing is indicated by low lines (e.g. s_ _ _ = soon).

1. Most teenagers nowadays are a _ _ _ _ of the link between sport and health.
2. The Olympic Games are always b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ live on television in many countries.
3. Scientists spent much effort searching for a c _ _ _ for malaria.
4. The theatre was badly d _ _ _ _ _ in a serious earthquake last year.
5. Nobody knows for sure why dinosaurs became e _ _ _ _ _ millions of years ago.
6. Although many people are afraid of spiders, they are actually quite h _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
7. Immigration is one of the most controversial i _ _ _ _ _ facing European countries.
8. It snowed during the night, but when the sun came out it soon m _ _ _ _ _.
9. Unfortunately, my pullover has s _ _ _ _ _ in the wash, so it doesn't fit anymore.
10. Stephen is not at school today – apparently he's got a sore t _ _ _ _ _.
11. It was rather embarrassing that his painting was hung u _ _ _ _ _ d _ _ _ _ and no-one noticed.
12. I w _ _ _ _ _ him about the dangers of hang-gliding, but he refused to listen!

Task 2.2. Read the text and look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If a line is correct, put a tick (✓). If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word.

(13) _____	What a strange word – macaroon! It seems that it has appeared about recently
(14) _____	and belongs to these modern words. But it is not true.
(15) _____	The macaroon is a some soft cake of rounded shape that people have tasted
(16) _____	since the middle Ages. It has from 3 to 5 cm down in diameter.
(17) _____	The macaroon recipe varies by the cook's skills. Professionals are cook more
(18) _____	complicated recipes, but housewives can try to cook light variant of them.
(19) _____	Indeed, the preparation and cooking of macaroons is difficult even though for
(20) _____	professionals. To make above a traditional macaroon, you need almond
(21) _____	powder, icing sugar, sugar and egg whites. The amount of almond is equal to
(22) _____	the amount of icing sugar. The macaroon has different flavors and colors.
(23) _____	Generally, the pink macaroon is made of with strawberry or raspberry. The
(24) _____	beige macaroon has no vanilla flavor. The brown macaroon is made of
(25) _____	chocolate or coffee. The yellow macaroon is made with lemon.
(26) _____	Recently there has been cooked a special macaroon which it has two flavors.
(27) _____	For example, pear-orange and cherry-apple macaroons are completely very popular.

Task 2.3. Put the words in the right order to make a proverb. You will get 2 points for each correct answer.

28. Rome, roads, all, to, lead.
29. good, good, a, makes, ending, beginning, a.
30. enemy, the, good, best, is, of, the, often.
31. best, last, laughs, who, he, laughs.
32. catches, the, the, worm, bird, early.
33. makes, work, play, Jack, and, no, boy, all, a, dull.
34. of, together, a, flock, birds, feather.
35. the, side, the, the, grass, is, other, greener, always, fence, on, of.
36. he, the, by, is, man, keeps, a, known, company.

PART 3. COUNTRY STUDY. TIME: 10 minutes. Maximum: 10 points.

Task 3.1. Choose the correct letter A, B, C or D to answer the questions.

1. What is the official residence of the British Queen?

- A. Westminster Abbey
- B. Buckingham Palace
- C. White House
- D. Whitehall Palace

2. What is the central square of London?

- A. Fair Square
- B. Churchill Square
- C. Forecourt Square
- D. Trafalgar Square

3. In what lake of Scotland does a mysterious monster live?

- A. Michigan
- B. Loch Ness
- C. Loch Mann
- D. Superior

4. How many states does the USA consist of?

- A. 49
- B. 50
- C. 51
- D. 52

5. What oceans is the USA washed by?

- A. The Atlantic and the Pacific oceans
- B. The Arctic and the Atlantic oceans
- C. The Pacific and the Indian oceans
- D. The Pacific and the South oceans

6. What are the official languages in Canada?

- A. English and French
- B. English and Spanish
- C. English and German
- D. English and Italian

7. Name an English poet and writer who wrote beautiful poems called sonnets.

- A. Longfellow
- B. Defo
- C. Shakespeare
- D. Byron

8. What city is the birthplace of the Beatles?

- A. Leeds
- B. Liverpool
- C. London
- D. Manchester

9. Who is the head of state in Scotland?

- A. The Queen of Scotland
- B. The President of Scotland
- C. Prime Minister
- D. The Queen of the United Kingdom

10. What holiday do the British celebrate on the 5th of November?

- A. Easter
- B. Mother's Day

- C. Guy Fawkes' Night
- D. Halloween

Part 4. WRITING. TIME: 60 minutes. Maximum: 20 points.

You see this announcement on an English-language website.

Competition!

Write an article on "*The most useful thing I have ever learned*".

The article must be 200-250 words long.

We will publish the best articles on our website.