***Task 1.*** *For questions* ***1-9****, read the article and choose the best answer (****A, B, C*** *or* ***D****). (****9 points****)*

**REALITY TELEVISION**

Reality television is a genre of television programming which, it is claimed, presents unscripted dramatic or humorous situations, documents actual events, and features ordinary people rather than professional actors. It could be described as a form of artificial or “heightened” documentary. Although the genre has existed in some form or another since the early years of television, the current explosion of popularity dates from around 2000.

Reality television covers a wide range of television programming formats, from game or quiz shows which resemble the frantic, often demeaning programmes produced in Japan in the 1980s and 1990s (a modern example is Gaki no tsukai), to surveillance- or voyeurism- focused productions such as *Big Brothe*r.

Critics say that the term “reality television” is somewhat of a misnomer and that such shows frequently portray a modified and highly influenced form of reality, with participants put in exotic locations or abnormal situations, sometimes coached to act in certain ways by off-screen handlers, and with events on screen manipulated through editing and other post-production techniques.

Part of reality television’s appeal is due to its ability to place ordinary people in extraordinary situations. For example, on the ABC show, *The Bachelor*, an eligible male dates a dozen women simultaneously, travelling on extraordinary dates to scenic locales. Reality television also has the potential to turn its participants into national celebrities, outwardly in talent and performance programs such as Pop Idol, though frequently Survivor and Big Brother participants also reach some degree of celebrity.

Some commentators have said that the name “reality television” is an inaccurate description for several styles of program included in the genre. In competition-based programs such as Big Brother and Survivor, and other special-living-environment shows like The Real World, the producers design the format of the show and control the day-to-day activities and the environment, creating a completely fabricated world in which the competition plays out. Producers specifically select the participants, and use carefully designed scenarios, challenges, events, and settings to encourage particular behaviour and conflicts. Mark Burnett, creator of Survivor and other reality shows, has agreed with this assessment, and avoids the word “reality” to describe his shows; he has said, “I tell good stories. It really is not reality TV. It really is unscripted drama.”

1. In the first line, the writer says ‘it is claimed’ because
2. they agree with the statement.
3. everyone agrees with the statement.
4. no one agrees with the statement.
5. they want to distance themselves from the statement.
6. Reality television has
7. always been this popular.
8. has been popular since well before 2000.
9. has only been popular since 2000.
10. has been popular since approximately 2000.
11. Japan
12. is the only place to produce demeaning TV shows.
13. has produced demeaning TV shows copied elsewhere.
14. produced Big Brother.
15. invented surveillance focused productions.
16. People have criticised reality television because
17. it is demeaning. **C**the name is inaccurate.
18. it uses exotic locations. **D**it shows reality.
19. Reality TV appeals to some because
20. it shows eligible males dating women. **C**it shows average people in exceptional circumstances.
21. it uses exotic locations. **D**it can turn ordinary people into celebrities.
22. Pop Idol
23. turns all its participants into celebrities.
24. is more likely to turn its participants into celebrities than Big Brother.
25. is less likely to turn its participants into celebrities than Big Brother.
26. is a dating show.
27. Producers choose the participants
28. on the ground of talent.
29. only for special-living-environment shows.
30. to create conflict among other things.
31. to make a fabricated world.
32. Mark Burnett
33. was a participant on Survivor. **C**thinks the term ‘reality television’ is inaccurate.
34. is a critic of reality TV. **D**writes the script for Survivor.
35. Shows like Survivor
36. are definitely reality TV. **C**have good narratives.
37. are scripted. **D**are theatre.

***Task 2.*** *For questions* ***10-22****, read the text below and choose the best answer (****A, B, C*** *or* ***D****) (****13 points****) which fits each gap.*

**THE FASTEST DINOSAURS**

According to computer models that were used to estimate the running speeds of dinosaurs, the Tyrannosaurus Rex would have been able to outrun a footballer. The study shows that the dinosaur could reach a top **(10.) ………**of 8 metres a second, which is **(11.) ………**faster than the average professional footballer. There has been a lot of controversy about whether the Tyrannosaurus Rex was a predator or a scavenger; some believe that its highly developed sense of smell indicates that it was a scavenger, **(12.) ………**others say that its keen eyesight shows that it was a hunter. The **(13.) ………**group will appreciate the recent study, as a hunter is more **(14.) ………**to require such speed

The University of Manchester study used a powerful supercomputer to calculate the running speeds of five meat-eating dinosaurs and used data taken **(15.) ………**from dinosaur fossils, **(16.) ………**than referring to previous work on modern animals.  The Tyrannosaurus Rex, **(17.) ………**, was not the fastest dinosaur. A small dinosaur **(18.) ………**Compsognathus, which was about the **(19.) ………**of a chicken, could run at 18 metres a second, **(20.) ………**is faster than the ostrich, the fastest two-legged animal today. It could run 100 metres in a little over six seconds, which would **(21.) ………**modern Olympic **(22.) ………** more than a third of the track behind.

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|  | **A** | fast | **B** | speed | **C** | swift | **D** | rate |
|  | **A** | fraction | **B** | fractional | **C** | fractionally | **D** | fractionals |
|  | **A** | since | **B** | while | **C** | however | **D** | as |
|  | **A** | former | **B** | later | **C** | latter | **D** | first |
|  | **A** | likely | **B** | probable | **C** | probably | **D** | possible |
|  | **A** | directs | **B** | direction | **C** | directed | **D** | directly |
|  | **A** | instead | **B** | rather | **C** | other | **D** | better |
|  | **A** | therefore | **B** | hence | **C** | since | **D** | however |
|  | **A** | called | **B** | named as | **C** | known | **D** | name |
|  | **A** | shape | **B** | size | **C** | form | **D** | same |
|  | **A** | who | **B** | that | **C** | when | **D** | which |
|  | **A** | leave | **B** | chase | **C** | run | **D** | beat |
|  | **A** | athlete | **B** | athletic | **C** | athletics | **D** | athletes |

***Task 3.*** *Choose the best alternative (****A, B, C*** *or* ***D****)to complete the following sentences. (****8 points****)*

1. It’s not a good idea to ……… unnecessary risks when you are doing dangerous sports.

**A** make **B** have **C** take **D** give

1. When Irene was injured, Janet was chosen as a last-minute ……… for the hockey team.

**A** preference **B** change **C** alternative **D** replacement

1. The Boston Marathon ……… every year.

**A** gets on **B** takes place **C** goes through **D** takes part

1. A prize of $25,000 is offered to whoever ……… the one-hour cycling record of 90 kilometres.

**A** breaks **B** tears **C** rips **D** splits

1. If someone wants to do something dangerous, I always advise them to think ……… !

**A** once **B** twice **C** often **D** double

1. I ……… cycling by accident, but once I had started, I loved it.

**A** got by **B** got over **C** got through **D** got into

1. You can get a much better ……… for a new town if you explore it on foot.

**A** way **B** understanding **C** knowledge **D** feel

1. When you’re riding on the back of a motorbike, you need to ……… tightly.

**A** stick down **B** hang on **C**hold up **D** sit up

***Task 4.*** *Complete the following sentences, using the correct form of the word in capitals. (****10 points****)*

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| 1. The English footballer David Beckham became famous for his goal-kicking …………………
 | **ABLE** |
| 1. The record of 47 hours for watching TV without stopping was set last year and is still …………………
 | **BREAK** |
| 1. The David Coulthard victory over Michael Schumacher in the Australian Grand Prix was …………………
 | **EXPECT** |
| 1. That bridge looks rather ………………… ; I don’t think we should drive the car across.
 | **SAFE** |
| 1. I found the drive over the mountains very …………………
 | **FRIGHT** |
| 1. Although I was ………………… in the competition, I was still glad I’d taken part.
 | **SUCCESS** |
| 1. I thought it would be ………………… for me to climb that mountain, but somehow I managed it.
 | **POSSIBLE** |
| 1. People say that you need to take regular exercise in order to be …………………
 | **HEALTH** |
| 1. I can swim, but I don’t have much ………………… in the water.
 | **CONFIDENT** |
| 1. I’m really rather ………………… I’m happiest just staying at home with a good book.
 | **ADVENTURE** |

***Task 5.*** *Choose the correct way to complete each sentence. (****10 points****)*

1. The UK’s national flowers are:
2. the rose, the thistle, the daffodil, the shamrock;
3. the rose the chamomile, the daffodil, the thistle;
4. the rose, the thistle, the daffodil, the carnation
5. How long did Queen Victoria ruled ? ………………………………………………………………….
6. Where can you see a monument to Queen Victoria?…………………………………………………...
7. Which state in the USA has the nicknames Tobaco ? …………………………………………………
8. Football and cricket
9. were first played in the UK in the 18th century.
10. were first played a very long time ago.
11. The word soccer
12. describes a different form of football
13. is another way of saying football.
14. When people from the UK moved to countries like India and Africa
15. they showed the people living there how to play cricket
16. They learned how to play cricket
17. The Hobbit
18. was first written in a foreign language
19. has sold more copies than any other book
20. was published before *The Lord 0f the Rings*
21. Who was the designer of St.Paul’s Cathedral? …………………………………………………………
22. What languages are spoken in Wales? …………………………………………………………………..