



21. You will never know the language unless you will work a lot. \_\_\_\_\_
22. Have you heard the last news? \_\_\_\_\_
23. We are here since we came in an hour ago. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Do you always work hardly at your English? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Do you know him good? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What a nice weather we are having today! \_\_\_\_\_
27. I am thinking that Jack will come soon. \_\_\_\_\_
28. This book is more expensive as that one. \_\_\_\_\_

**READING - 5 баллов (1 балл за правильный ответ), 15 минут**

**Task 1. Read the text. Answer the questions. You can give short answers.**

**Money today**

When I was young, I got 50p a week pocket money from my parents. That's about fifty-eight cents today. To get this money I had to help my parents in the house. I usually spent some of my money on sweets but I also saved some. When I was sixteen, I got a part-time job. It was what you did in those days. I worked 13.5 hours a week in a local shop and loved it.

Today, many of my friends give their children ten euros a week pocket money. This is not to spend on big things like mobile phones but for new CDs, going out and daily life. Their children have TVs and computers in their bedrooms and always want money to follow the latest fashion. Although their parents' wages might not go up much each year, pocket money always does.

As a society, are we spending more and why? Some people think we are richer now, others think the products we buy are cheaper and we buy more of them. I'm not sure. I never had a computer as a child, but now, most children I know have one. A computer is necessary for school and modern life – in the same way that mobile phones and MP3s are.

But, are we really richer now? We may earn more money but we spend a lot more too and generally, things cost more, especially large electrical products. Perhaps it's because we follow fashion more and don't want to wait and save. It's good to have the latest new products. My parents had to wait until they had enough money to buy something new.

My parents also never spent money they didn't have. Perhaps this is the biggest difference with money these days. It doesn't have to be cash. We don't have to have the money at this moment, either in the bank or our pocket. Today many people live on credit and use credit cards. It's a 'spend now and pay later' society.

29. What did the writer do with his/her pocket money?  
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30. What does the writer say children spend their pocket money on?  
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31. What do most children have now, which the author didn't have?  
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32. What did the writer's parents have to do when they wanted to buy something?  
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33. How do people often pay for things these days?  
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