

Part 5

Questions 33-40

David and Victoria, a young couple with a baby, are interested to buy a house. Below are six different houses they have viewed and the descriptions of each house. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

A - BUNGALOW

This twelve-year-old bungalow is located in the outskirts of town. It takes both Victoria and David about 45 minutes to travel from home to work. The house is partially furnished with two bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, kitchen, two bathrooms and a large basement. The place also has a large backyard. However, the asking price is a little over the couple's budget.

B - DOUBLE-STOREY HOUSE

This place is about twenty minutes away from their office. The house is fully furnished and well maintained. It has four rooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room and a separate dining space, and a nice backyard. This property is affordable for the couple.

C - APARTMENT

The couple viewed an apartment on the 10th floor of a nice well-maintained building. It is right in the middle of the city, which is rather busy and noisy. The apartment has two bedrooms and one bathroom, a kitchen, a living room, and a parking space in the basement. This place is rather expensive but it is so because of its location and convenience.

D - SINGLE-STOREY TERRACE HOUSE

This house is located right in the town where both Victoria and David work. It takes them only about 5 minutes to commute to their workplace. However, it needs major repairs and that could cost them a lot. The house has three medium-sized bedrooms with two bathrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a small garden beside a porch. The asking price is within budget.

E - TOWNHOUSE

This place is about three blocks away from their workplace. It is not furnished but has three large bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room. The price is within their budget. However, there is only a small porch and no garden or backyard.

F - STUDIO APARTMENT

This apartment is in the middle of town and has everything. It is compact, partially furnished and priced within their budget. However, it is not suitable for a growing family as they have a baby and will later need more space.

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Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following types of house? For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Statements	Paragraph
33. This property is located out of town.	_____
34. This house is the most convenient for the couple, work wise.	_____
35. This property is on the high-end side due to its location.	_____
36. This house is in good location but lacks room for a family.	_____

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Victoria has asked for her best friend’s opinion, Mel B about buying the house. Complete the email below using information from the text. Use **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer. Write your answers in the space provided.

To :	vicky@gmail.com
From :	melbdabomb@gmail.com
Subject :	Suitable houses
<p>Hi Victoria,</p> <p>Looks like you have seen a lot of houses! From your description, I think the best choice would be the double storey house. It is spacious and convenient, has a (37)_____ and it matches your budget too. A (38) _____ minute walk or ride to the office does not sound too bad. Another suitable option is the townhouse. Although it does not have a large outside area, you can at least park your car in the (39) _____. You always said that you want more kids so the set up of the house is suitable for you as it has more than three (40)_____.</p> <p>Hope these help! I will be visiting your new house soon.</p> <p>Kisses,</p> <p>Mel B</p>	

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Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Janet and Peter, a young couple with a baby, are interested to buy a house. Below are six different houses they have viewed and the descriptions of each house. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

A – SINGLE-STOREY TERRACE HOUSE

This house is located in the middle of the town where both Janet and Peter work. They need to take only about 7 minutes to go to their workplace. However, it needs to be repaired a lot and that could cost a bomb. The house has three medium-sized bedrooms with two bathrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a small garden beside a porch. The asking price is within budget.

B – STUDIO APARTMENT

This apartment is right in the town and has everything Janet and Peter need. It is a compact, partly furnished and priced within their budget. However as in future, it is not suitable for a growing family as they have a baby and need more space later on.

C - BUNGALOW

This twelve-year-old bungalow is located in the outskirts of town. Janet and Peter will take about 50 minutes to travel from home to work. The house is partly equipped with five bedrooms, a dining room, a living room, a kitchen, three bathrooms and a large basement. The back yard is also huge. However, the asking price is a little over their budget.

D - APARTMENT

The couple viewed an apartment on the 12th floor of a nice well-maintained building. It is in the middle of the city, which is quite busy and noisy. The apartment has two bedrooms and one bathroom, a kitchen, a living room and a parking space in the basement. This price is quite expensive. It is because of the location and accessibility.

E – DOUBLE-STOREY HOUSE

This place is about 15 minutes away from their office. The house is fully furnished and well-maintained. It has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen, a living room, a dining space, and a nice back yard. This property also suited their budget.

F - TOWNHOUSE

This place is about two blocks away from their workplace. It is not furnished but it has three spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room. The price is in their budget. However, there is only a small porch and no garden or back yard.

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Using the information given, which text (A - F) describes the following statements?
For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Statements	Paragraph
33 This house is the most convenient for the couple in terms of work.	_____
34 The house is in good condition but lacks room for a family.	_____
35 This property is on the high-end side due to its location.	_____
36 The property is in the rural area.	_____

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*Janet has asked for her friend's opinion, Ellena about buying a house. Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer. Write your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.*

To	janet_97@gmail.com
From	ellena@gmail.com
Subject	The Right House
<p>Hi Janet,</p> <p>Looks like you have seen a lot of houses! From your description, I think the best choice would be the double storey house. It is convenient, spacious, fully equipped with furniture and it matches your (37) _____ too. You only need a quarter-hour to the (38) _____ which does not sound too bad. Another suitable option is the townhouse. Although it does not have a large outside area, you can at least park your car in the (39) _____. You said that you want more kids so the set-up of the house is suitable for you as it has large (40) _____.</p> <p>Hope this helps! I will be visiting your new house soon.</p> <p>Hugs, <i>Ellena</i></p>	

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So That's What They Are For!

A – The tiny pockets in your blue jeans...

...is for your pocket watch. Well, maybe not yours, but the American cowboys who made blue jeans famous in the 1800 were grateful for it. Typically, watches were carried on chains and worn in waistcoats, but hard manual labour made that less practical. Outdoors, the watch pocket on any pair of jeans did just the trick- even after watches moved to wrists.

B – The funky orange thing...

...first appeared in Lego sets back in 2011. What is it for? Well, it's called a separator and it does precisely what its name suggests. One end can detach Lego bricks from the top and bottom of each other while the other end is useful for the tiny pieces that are impossible to separate otherwise. Code name 4654448, it's become an essential tool that saves your teeth, nails and sanity.

C – That little strawberry attached to your tomato pincushion...

...is an emery board for your needles, filled with tough emery sand – a combination of aluminium and iron oxides – the strawberry is historically a tool for polishing, sharpening and removing rust from your pins and needles.

D – The arrow next to the petrol symbol on your dashboard...

...is a perpetual reminder of which side your petrol cap is on. If the arrow points right, your petrol tank is on the right side, and vice versa. This handy guide is now used by most car manufacturers so you will never be stumped at the service station again!

E – The perforations on the sides of your aluminium – wrap container...

...are called end locks and, when pushed in, are meant to keep your roll secure inside the box. Many similar kitchen products, such as plastic wraps, come equipped with the same feature so you'll never rip the whole roll out of the box when you want just a single piece.

F – Washing machine dryer symbols...

...are an important part of the clothing care process, but we've all heard those scary stories of cashmere sweaters that come out of the wash three sizes too small. Knowing the dryer symbols on your clothes, like the square with a circle in the middle that indicates tumble drying allowed, can help you avoid putting the wrong garment in the tumble dryer.

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Which paragraph (A – F) describes the following information on things frequently used. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Statements	Paragraph
33. I use this to detach parts of a toy.
34. I use it to tear the sheets.
35. I keep my loose change in it.
36. I refer to it when I'm filling the fuel tank.

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Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Random Items Explained

- The strawberry helps prevent your pins and needles from (37) _____ and bluntness.
- The key to well – laundered clothes are the (38) _____ on them.
- Watches attached to (39) _____ might be fashionable but impractical.
- The separator helps you to maintain your (40) _____ while playing with Lego.

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Read the information below on '*An Encyclopedia Entry*' and answer the questions that follow.

Reading text: An encyclopedia entry

The Taj Mahal (pronounced /tɑːdʒ m'hɑːl/) is a famous mausoleum next to the river Yamuna in the Indian city of Agra. A mausoleum is a building where people bury the dead. The name Taj Mahal means 'the crown of palaces'.



[A] The most famous part of the Taj Mahal is the large white dome in the centre. It is 35 metres high and is surrounded by four smaller domes. The rooms inside the building are decorated with beautiful archways and precious stones on the walls. The buildings are surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, fountains and green gardens.

[B] The construction of the Taj Mahal began in 1632 and finished in 1653. It was built with materials from all over India and Asia, but the main material is white marble. Historians believe that the materials were transported by over 1,000 elephants for the construction.

[C] The emperor Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal as a burial place for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. According to legend, he wanted to build another Taj Mahal in black on the other side of the river, but this never happened. During the Indian Rebellion of 1857, many parts of the Taj Mahal were damaged by British soldiers, who took some of the precious stones from its walls. Over the years, the Taj Mahal has suffered from environmental damage, and there have been many government attempts to conserve its beauty.

[D] The Taj Mahal is one of India's most famous landmarks. There are millions of visitors to the mausoleum every year. The Taj Mahal is almost always included in lists of famous buildings to visit and is considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

[E]

- Encyclopedia Britannica article on the Taj Mahal: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Taj-Mahal>
- Official site of the Taj Mahal: <https://www.tajmahal.gov.in/>
- UNESCO Profile of the Taj Mahal: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/252>

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Which paragraph (A - D) that matches the paragraphs from '*An Encyclopedia Entry*'? Write your answers in the blanks given.

	Statements	Paragraph
33	History	
34	Tourism	
35	Architecture	
36	Construction	

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Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer. Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

'An Encyclopedia Entry'

Taj Mahal is surrounded by gardens with pathways, pools, (37) _____ and green gardens. The materials for the Taj Mahal are not all from India but also from Asia and the main material is (38) _____ marble. According to legend, Shah Jahan wanted to build a (39) _____ Taj Mahal on the other side of the river, but this never happened. The Indian government is trying to protect and (40) _____ the beauty of the Taj Mahal.

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We interviewed six teenagers about advantages of hobbies. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Advantages of Hobbies

A – Meena

I love reading books, especially non-fiction ones. For example, I am currently reading a book called *The Unconquered* which focuses on a tribe of native Indians that lives in isolation in the Amazon forest. Every book I read teaches me something about the world and gives me a new perspective on life. Reading is a wonderful way to transport me to different places and times without actually leaving home.

B – Peter

One of my favourite hobbies is cooking. Cooking has taught me so much about patience and focus because those two are essential ingredients to make delicious food. The more I cook, the better I get at it. Of course, I have also cooked food that did not turn out so well, but I learned from my mistakes and improved each time. I cook food that I enjoy eating. Best of all, it is generally cheaper and tastes better than eating out at most restaurants.

C – Jasmine

Quite a few years ago, I decided to exercise regularly and it has been a wonderful hobby for me, although some may argue it is more of a necessity rather than a hobby, much like brushing your teeth. However, I really enjoy all sorts of exercise: going to the gym, lifting weights, running and walking. The longer I do it, the more I enjoy it. I have also met a lot of wonderful people who share this passion.

D – Alicia

Edible gardens have become popular nowadays. I started growing my first edible garden several years ago. Not only does my garden provide me with herbs and vegetables that I can use in my favourite dishes, it also provides me with a healthy and totally organic food source. I love knowing exactly what goes into my cooking. Though gardening requires some patience, it is worth it when I get to dig into a plate of my own fresh produce.

E – Henry

It was 3 years ago when I decided to take up fishing. Initially, I saw this as a time commitment that I could not really afford, but once I was able to find the time in my busy schedule to be in nature, it has helped me to leave my hectic life aside for a while. Fishing has allowed me to relieve stress and become more relaxed and in turn, it has helped me to improve my relationship with other people too.

F – Nick

Sitting with a guitar and learning to strum the chords to my favourite song helps improve my concentration. Learning to play the guitar helps develop hand-eye coordination as my hands, fingers and mind work together to combine notes, chords, and scales. To me, playing the guitar has the same benefits as journaling: the instrument helps me to express myself and acts as a creative channel to communicate my feelings to others or even just to myself.

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Which paragraph (A - F) describes the following opinions on the advantages of hobbies?
Mark your answer on **the separate answer sheet**.

	Statements	Paragraph
33	I am able to build relationships with people who share the same interest.	_____
34	I can enjoy delicious homemade meals and save money.	_____
35	I can transport myself to a whole new world without leaving home.	_____
36	Taking time off and enjoying nature has made me a better person.	_____

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Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.
Mark your answers on **the separate answer sheet**.

Things We Know About Hobbies

- An avid reader usually gains a new life (37) _____ as they read various genres of books.
- One of the benefits of (38) _____ an edible garden is having an organic food source.
- Being close to nature helps to relieve stress and makes you feel more (39) _____.
- One can (40) _____ oneself through music as an effective way to communicate feelings.

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[Time suggested: Twenty minutes]

We interviewed ardent readers to review their favourite book choice. Read the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Readers' Top Picks**A - Kirkus - Ralph Ellison's The Invisible Man**

An extremely powerful story of a young Southern Negro, from his late high school days through three years of college to his life in Harlem. His early training prepared him for a life of humility before white men, but through injustices- large and small, he came to realize that he was an "invisible man".

B - Lyndsey - George Orwell's 1984 on Goodreads

Oh my God. I got the chills so many times toward the end of this book. It completely blew my mind. It managed to surpass my high expectations and be nothing at all like I expected. If I sound stunningly inarticulate at times in this review, I can't help it. My mind is completely fried. The world-building is so fully fleshed out and terrifying that it's almost as if George travelled to such a place, escaped from it, and then just wrote it all down.

C - Emily - Anissa Gray's The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls

I am still dipping my toes into the literal fiction pool, finding what works for me and what doesn't. Books like this are definitely my cup of tea. Althea and Proctor Cochran had been pillars of their economically disadvantaged community for years – with their local restaurant/small market and their charity drives. Until they are found guilty of fraud for stealing and keeping most of the money they raised and sent to jail.

D - Melissa - Angie Thomas' The Hate U Give

I can't imagine how challenging it would be to tackle the voice of a movement like Black Lives Matter, but I do know that Thomas did it with finesse only a talented author like herself possibly could. With an unapologetically realistic delivery packed with emotion, The Hate U Give is a crucially important portrayal of the difficulties minorities face in our country every single day.

E - James - Margaret Wise Brown's Goodnight

This picture book was such a delight. I hadn't remembered reading it when I was a child,

but it might have been read to me. Either way, it was like a whole new experience! It's always so difficult to convince a child to fall asleep at night. I babysat a lot as a teenager and I have tons of younger cousins, nieces, and nephews, so I've been through it before, too. This was a believable experience, and it really helps show kids how to relax and just let go when it's time to sleep.

F - Karlyn - Nora Roberts' Dark Witch

Great world-building, weak romance, but still worth the read. I hesitate to describe this book as a 'romance' novel simply because the book spent little time actually exploring the romance between Iona and Boyle. The meat of this book is far more focused on the story of the Dark witch and her magically-gifted descendants living in Ireland.

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Which paragraph (A - F) matches the descriptions below? Write your answers in the space given below.

Description	Paragraph
33 A picture book to help kids to sleep.	_____
34 A fiction book about the abuse of charity funds.	_____
35 A horror book about a terrifying place.	_____
36 A concoction of magical and romance genres.	_____

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*Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the passage for each answer.*

*Mark your answers on the **separate answer sheet**.*

Recommended Books

- From late high school to three years of college to life in Harlem, this is a (37)_____ story of a young Southern Negro.
- The world-building is so detailed and (38)_____ that it's almost as if George went to the location, escaped, and then wrote it all down.
- A story depicts the (39)_____ that minorities face on a daily basis in our country.
- The focus of this book is on the mystical world and the magically-gifted (40)_____ of a dark witch who lives in Ireland.

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Questions 33 to 40 are based on the following texts.

Read the texts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Main Components to Build Financial Literacy**A - Interest**

Regardless of whether you are earning it or paying it, interest can have a big impact on finance. If you have a loan, the interest is calculated based on the balance of the loan plus interest that has increased since the last payment. As a result, it is important to try to avoid high-interest debt and try to invest money early and often.

B - Budgeting

Budgeting helps you to map out how you want to spend your money. To create a budget, start by calculating the average monthly income over the past few months. Write out all the expenses and categorize them, to identify where the money has been spent. Once this information is found, you can track where you can cut back and reallocate those funds towards goals that are more important.

C - Debt Management

For many, debt is the biggest obstacle to reaching their financial goals. Certain types of debt can be a financial burden. Learn which debts to pay off first and how to achieve that goal. The process of paying off loans and credit cards can take a few months to several years, so it can be easy to get discouraged.

D - Identity Theft Protection

Identity theft can occur when someone manages to steal personal information, such as Identification Card number, login information for online accounts, or credit card details. Certain forms of identity theft are easy to clean up. However, if someone uses this information to open credit accounts in your name or file false health insurance claims or tax returns, it can take months or even years to recover.

E - Savings

Savings should be made a priority. First in line is the emergency savings. Financial experts typically recommend having 3 to 6 months' worth of living expenses set aside in a savings account. Retirement savings are also crucial. Including savings in the budget is important to achieving financial goals.

F - Financial Goals

Everyone wants to achieve financial security, but it can be challenging to make progress toward it without clear goals. This can include short-term goals like emergency savings; mid-terms goals, such as saving for a down payment on a house; or long-term goals such as retirement plans and education savings. You may need to re-evaluate your financial goals from time to time.

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Using the information given, which text (A to F) describes the following components of financial literacy? For each question, mark your answer on the answer sheet.

	Statement	Paragraph
33	Ahmad wants to learn to plan and track his spending.	_____
34	Asyikin learns that financial goals can change from time to time.	_____
35	Dishonest individuals may use our own personal information to get a credit card for themselves	_____
36	We should draw up a strategy to gradually pay off our debts.	_____

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Using words from the text, complete the summary below. Choose no more than one word for each blank.

Write your answer on the answer sheet.

Achieving Financial Literacy

Financial literacy is the ability to understand and implement certain financial skills that can improve money management. Developing a strong foundation of financial literacy can make it easier for people to achieve their financial goals and avoid certain traps that can harm their financial well-being. Many people find that debt is one of the most challenging 37 to help them achieve their financial goals. Thus, one needs to plan his or her budget to help clear off the debts. This can be done by listing down the 38. Furthermore, it is important to set aside 39 savings. Finally, you need to have 40 goals to help you gain financial security.

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You are going to read a text about five different types of exotic animals. Read them carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Exotic Animals**A Arachnids and Insect Pets**

More and more people are keeping large arachnids and insects as exotic pets. Large insects like Madagascar hissing cockroaches and stick insects are some of the popular exotic pets. Tarantulas are growing in popularity as pets as well. Despite their enormous size, they are harmless to humans. They have mild venom and can usually be held in your hands without any issue. One reason they are sought after as pets is that they are easy to maintain as they only need to be fed insects once a week. Scorpions are another exotic pet type. The most common scorpion pet is the Emperor Scorpion. Like tarantulas, Emperor Scorpions do not possess venom which are lethal to humans and are relatively harmless.

B Norwegian Forest Cat

Norwegian Forest Cat is a large, semi-longhaired cat whose rugged appearance fits its name. Despite the hardy look, this breed is very much a homebody that enjoys the company of other pets and particularly their human companions. Their relationships with you can best be described as "on their own terms." Yes, Forest Cats can be lap cats, but they will decide when to get on or off your lap. These are moderately active cats; there will be bursts of energy followed by long naps. Sensitive yet social, you will find them to be intelligent cats that adapt readily to change.

C Sugar Glider

Sugar gliders are often called flying squirrels due to their body structure, size, and prominent tail. Adults are generally 6 to 8 inches in length and weigh between 4 and 6 ounces. They have thumbs like humans which are called opposable digits that help them keep their grip. Their short, soft coat appears grey with black stripes and a white belly. Selective breeding in captivity and genetic mutations in the wild have also produced white and cream-coloured gliders. Their small size, calm nature, longer lifespan, and amusing acrobatic skills are just a few facts that make them appealing household pets.

D Flowerhorn Fish

The Flowerhorn fish can be best described as an opportunistic omnivore. It is not particularly picky about what kinds of food it eats. In captivity, plant-based food in any form including pellets compose part of its diet. It particularly enjoys peas, lettuce, and spinach. This should be supplemented with a protein-rich diet consisting of worms, shrimps, crickets, grasshoppers and other insects. Owners will need to feed them around two or three times a day. Flowerhorns are voracious eaters and will pretty much consume almost anything you feed them, so try to limit their calorie intake a little to prevent weight gain. Flowerhorn fish are sometimes considered to be signs of fortune, luck, health, and prosperity by collectors.

E Ferret

Ferrets sleep 14 to 18 hours a day and enjoy sleeping in enclosed areas such as cages. They mark territory by dragging their rear ends across the ground or spraying their urine. The anal gland which produces the unpleasant musk is surgically removed in some parts of the country before they are sold. This procedure called descenting is considered unnecessary mutilation in many countries. Ferrets sleep so deeply that one can hold, poke and yell at them and they will not wake up. This is called being "ferret dead asleep," a behaviour resulting from their need to rest after playing for some time. They enjoy dancing for joy, wrestling and chasing each other which is an amusing sight for pet owners.

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Which paragraph (A – E) fits the following descriptions of these animals? Mark your answers on the given answer sheet.

No	Description	Paragraph
33	Its daily intake consists of plants and animals.	
34	Animals that are heavy sleepers after playing.	
35	Owners love the fact that it gets along well with other pets.	
36	It has mammal characteristics which enables it to grasp objects with ease.	

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Complete the notes below using information from the text. Choose **no more than one word** from the text for each answer.

Write your answers on the given answer sheet.

Exotic Animals

- Not being too (37) _____ on what it consumes makes Flowerhorn an opportunistic omnivore.
- Arachnids that need to be fed only (38) _____ a week are sought after as pets.
- Ferrets that have undergone (39) _____ to stop the production of unpleasant musk are sold in some countries.
- The Norwegian Forest Cat is a (40) _____ as it enjoys the company of humans and other pets.

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