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**A. READING COMPREHENSION**

**Lower speed limit for New York City**

Drivers in New York City will have to drive more slowly from Friday. The city has introduced a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law will apply to about 90 per cent of the city's streets. The city's Department of Transportation hopes the lower speed limit will make people drive more carefully and reduce traffic accidents and deaths. The city's mayor, Bill de Blasio, said he wanted to improve traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said: "There's a real consensus in this town that we need to have people drive more carefully, more safely and slower for the protection of our kids, our seniors." Other people say the limit will make drivers angry and increase accidents.

Road speed limits are used in most countries to set the maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. They can also set the minimum speed. The first maximum speed limit in the world was the 10 mph (16 kph) limit introduced in the United Kingdom in 1861. The highest speed limit in the world is 140 kph (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit. Perhaps the most famous of these are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, German police said the average speed on one part of the Autobahn was 142 kph (88 mph). The World Health Organisation (WHO) said that around 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more slowly.

**1. Choose a, b, or c, in each question below. Only one choice is correct.**

1. What does the New York City mayor want to end?
- a) noise pollution
  - b) driving in the city
  - c) speed limits
  - d) pedestrian deaths

2. Which two countries have the world's highest speed limit?
- a) Ecuador and Argentina
  - b) Germany and Italy
  - c) Poland and Bulgaria
  - d) South Africa and Lesotho

**2. Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)?**

- a. The old speed limit in New York was 48 mph. T / F
- b. The new speed limit will not be on 10 per cent of the city's roads. T / F
- c. The Department of Transport said it wanted to cut pollution. T / F
- d. Some people said the speed limit will mean there are more accidents. T / F

**B. COMPLETE THE WORD OR PHRASE SO THAT IT HAS THE SAME MEANING AS THE UNDERLINED PART:**

- 1. He pulled out a big fat MONEY CONTAINER stuffed with bank notes. -----
- 2. She has SMALL, BROWN SPOTS ON SKIN on her face. -----
- 3. Don't forget A BAG YOU CARRY WHEN WALKING LONG DISTANCE. -----

**C. MATCH THE WORDS WITH DEFINITIONS.**

1. scar

2. brand

3. beside

4. light

a) a product or group of products that has its own name and is made by one particular company.

b) the number of things that have been placed on top of each other

c) a strong desire for more wealth, possessions, power, etc. than a person needs

d) at the side of someone or something and close to them

e) move forward slowly and carefully

f) a signal to drive slowly, stop, or go

g) a permanent mark on your skin where you have been injured

1.	2.	3.	4.
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**D. FILL IN THE SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT WORDS AND PHRASES FROM THE WORD BANK.**

side street	take	silver	dent	scratches	value
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- Her legs were covered in ..... and bruises after her walk through the forest.
- The photos are of immense historical .....
- The weather forecast said rain, so .....your umbrella (with you) when you go out.
- I dropped a hammer on the floor, and it made a ..... on the floorboard.

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**E. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATION:**

Officer: Can you tell me what happened? You were standing in the line. And then what?  
 Victim: The man ran by and \_\_\_\_\_ my purse. He went right out the door after.  
 Officer: Is the purse large?  
 Victim: No, it is pretty small.  
 Officer: What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the purse and its \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Victim: Oh, I don't know. It isn't valuable but I had three hundred dollars in it.

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**F. TRANSLATE THE FOLLOWINGS SENTENCES INTO ENGLISH:**

- Policajac je predložio da svoje lične stvari držimo pri ruci, jer je talas kriminala vrlo visok.  
 .....  
 .....
- Skrenite desno u ul. Slobode, na drugoj raskrsnici skrenite desno, polukružno se okrenite, skrenite lijevo na prvim semaforima i tu ste.  
 .....  
 .....
- Pješaci uvijek treba da koriste pješaki prelaz kada prelaze ulicu ili će biti kažnjeni.  
 .....  
 .....

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