

Five room-sized chambers carved inside the mountain will commemorate the clock's one-year, ten-year, 100-year, 1000-year and 10,000-year anniversaries. At the end of the inaugural year, the first chamber will animate an 8-foot-tall model of the solar system. While Bezos and his team are seeking ideas to celebrate the clock's ten-year anniversary, they will let future generations decide the best way to mark its 100-year, 1,000-year and 10,000-year birthdays.

However, the celebrations may never happen given that the remote mountain is far from any airport. Even if some brave souls do make it there, they will have to hike up a steep 1,500-foot hill to get to the double steel door entrance. They will then ascend in total darkness up a spiral stairway. Along the way, they will encounter massive stone disks the size of a car that act as counterweights to the clock's drive system. Those who **persevere** all the way to the top will be rewarded with the clock's 8-foot-wide face, which artistically depicts astronomical time with stars and planets.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. The Slowest Clock

- B. The Oldest Timepiece
C. Telling Time
D. Bigger is Always Better

37. What was the model clock used for?
- A. The Olympics
B. The millennium
C. A world clock
D. Scientific experiments

38. Why was the clock difficult to make?
- A. Location
B. Accuracy
C. Money
D. Planning

39. The centenary anniversary will be decided by _____.
- A. Bezos and his team
B. people in Switzerland
C. people later on
D. Americans on the web

40. What is the meaning of the word 'persevere' in the last paragraph?
- A. Strengthen
B. Count
C. Stop trying
D. Continue

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Declan : I am glad your new training schedule is working _____. You look much healthier.
- A. in
B. on
C. up
D. out

42. Candace : This _____ by our new teacher and I'm pleased with my result.

Jane : Me too.

- A. is marking
B. was marked
C. had be marked
D. has marked

43. Mother : Well done for your sports achievement award this year.