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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1: If we are not busy this weekend, we _____ the new fruit farm in the countryside.

- A. would have visited B. will visit C. would visit D. visited

Question 2: It was so noisy outside that she couldn't concentrate _____ her work.

- A. in B. on C. with D. at

Question 3: I think mobile phones are _____ for people of all ages.

- A. use B. usefully C. usage D. useful

Question 4: In spite of their disabilities, the children at Spring School manage to _____ an active social life.

- A. gather B. lead C. take D. save

Question 5: Children are encouraged to read books _____ they are a wonderful source of knowledge.

- A. although B. in spite of C. because of D. because

Question 6: _____, they get on well with each other.

- A. To quarrel a lot like most siblings at their age B. For most siblings to quarrel a lot at their age
C. But most siblings at their age quarrel a lot D. While most siblings at their age quarrel a lot

Question 7: I will never forget _____ to the Royal Garden Party, where superb cuisines were served amid luxurious surroundings.

- A. to invite B. being invited C. to be invited D. inviting

Question 8: This is _____ most interesting book I've ever read.

- A. the B. a C. Ø D. an

Question 9: Nicholas had never chaired a meeting before, but he rose to the _____ yesterday when he presided over a forum.

- A. incident B. issue C. difficulty D. occasion

Question 10: She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-seek with her friends.

- A. was playing B. played C. had played D. is playing

Question 11: If _____ with pictures and diagrams, a lesson will be more interesting and comprehensible.

- A. illustrated B. illustrating C. have illustrated D. was illustrated

Question 12: The students were worried that they wouldn't be able to _____ the deadline for the assignment.

- A. match B. beat C. meet D. answer

Question 13: We all wish to create a friendly and supportive environment _____ to learning.

- A. conducive B. detrimental C. liable D. accommodating

Question 14: My sister really enjoys acting as a hobby, but she doesn't want to do it for a(n) _____.

- A. existence B. living C. occupation D. survival

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 15: Peter and Mary are talking about social networks.

- Peter: "Using social networks may have negative effects on students."

- Mary: "_____. It distracts them from their studies."

- A. That's quite true B. I don't quite agree
C. You're wrong D. I'm not sure about that

Question 16: David is apologising to his teacher for being late.

- David: "Sorry I'm late! The traffic is so heavy."

- Teacher: "_____. Come in and sit down."

- A. It's alright B. Thank you C. Me neither D. You're so kind

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 17: I have tried hard, but it is difficult to find the solution to this maths problem.

- A. answer B. reply C. link D. relation

Question 18: Though considered the king sport in many parts of the world, soccer has never really caught on in the United States.

- A. remained silent B. been active C. been consolidated D. become popular

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 19: Such terrible acts of child abuse were not ignored thanks to the continuing protests of the online community.

- A. unsolved B. witnessed C. noticed D. disregarded

Question 20: Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Nina and her husband are at odds when it comes to child rearing.

- A. in agreement B. at liberty C. in conflict D. under pressure

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 21: A. return B. deny C. travel D. connect

Question 22: A. exercise B. addition C. energy D. article

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 23: A. sound B. doubt C. count D. group

Question 24: A. reduced B. happened C. bothered D. survived

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 25 to 29.

The importance of fairy tales for children

Fairy tales are the stories that adults, especially parents, tell young children. In view of their name, it is surprising that hardly any of them are actually about fairies. (25) _____ most fairy tales have happy endings, the stories usually deal with very (26) _____ situations – children abandoned in the forest, terrifying giants, cruel stepmothers. However, despite being scared when they are told the stories, children will often ask to hear them over and over again.

Many psychologists believe that what fairy tales do, in addition to (27) _____ children's imagination, is to show that there are problems in the world and that they can be overcome. Just like adults, children have fears and worries; theirs are of things such as abandonment, loss, injuries, witches. Fairy tales present real problems in a fantasy form (28) _____ children are able to understand. This, it is claimed, allows them to (29) _____ their fears and to realise, if ever in their unconscious mind, that no matter how difficult the circumstances, there are always ways of coping.

(Adapted from "Richmond Practice Tests for Cambridge English: Advanced")

Question 25: A. Despite B. Because C. Although D. Therefore

Question 26: A. frightening B. frighteningly C. fright D. frighten

Question 27: A. speculating B. inciting C. stimulating D. motivating

Question 28: A. where B. who C. that D. why

Question 29: A. suffer B. confront C. alter D. nurture

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 30 to 34.

Norwich is the capital of East Anglia, an area on the east coast of England which is famous for its natural beauty and impressive architecture. Norwich is a wonderful city to explore and is popular with tourists all year round.

Norwich is not a city of luxurious hotels, but it has a good selection of reasonably priced places to stay in, both in the city centre and further out. The Beeches Hotel, for example, next to the cathedral, has a beautiful Victorian garden. Comfortable accommodation costs £65 for two nights' bed and

breakfast per person. Norwich is famous for its magnificent cathedral. The cathedral has a summer programme of music and events which is open to the general public. One event, "Fire from Heaven", is a drama and musical performance with fireworks, a laser light show and a carnival with local people dressed in colourful costumes.

Norwich is also home to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, a world-class collection of international art in a building at the University of East Anglia. This is well worth a visit and there is a lovely canteen with an excellent selection of hot and cold snacks. It also specializes in vegetarian food. In addition, the city has a new professional theatre, the Playhouse, on the River Wensum. The city's annual international arts festival is from 10 to 20 October.

Finally, if you fancy a complete break from the stresses of everyday life, you could hire a boat and spend a few days **cruising** along the rivers of the famous Norfolk Broads National Park. In our environmentally friendly age, the emphasis has moved towards the quiet enjoyment of nature and wildlife. You can hire a boat, big or small, for an hour or two or even up to a week or two. This makes a perfect day out or holiday for people of all ages.

(Adapted from "Succeed in Cambridge English Preliminary" by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)

Question 30: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Holidays in Norwich B. A Destination Guide to England
C. Daily Life in Norwich D. England's Famous Cities

Question 31: The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. selection B. Norwich C. the Beeches Hotel D. the city centre

Question 32: According to paragraph 2, which is NOT part of "Fire from Heaven"?

- A. A carnival B. A fireworks display C. A campfire D. A laser light show

Question 33: The word "**cruising**" in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. moving on land B. surfing C. travelling by boat D. swimming

Question 34: According to the passage, where is the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts located?

- A. In a building at the University of East Anglia
B. In an international art museum
C. In a new professional theatre on the River Wensum
D. In the Norfolk Broads National Park

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 42.

The United Nations recently outlined the extent of the global water crisis, saying that 2.7 billion people would face severe water shortages by 2025 if consumption continues at current rates. Today, an estimated 1.2 billion people drink unclean water, and about 2.5 billion lack proper toilets or waste disposal systems. More than five million people die each year from diseases related to unclean water. Humans are pumping water out of the ground faster than it can be replenished. In this difficult situation, a water conservationist, Neil MacLeod in South Africa, has found innovative ways to improve his local water situation.

Neil MacLeod took over as head of Durban Metro Water Services in 1992. The situation he found was a **catastrophe**. Durban had one million people living in the city and another 1.5 million people who lived in poverty just outside it. The entire city was rife with broken water pipes, leaky toilets, and faulty plumbing whereby 42 percent of the region's water was simply being wasted.

MacLeod's crews began repairing and replacing water pipes. They put water meters on residences, replaced eight-liter toilets with four-liter models, and changed wasteful showers and water taps. To ensure that the poor would receive a basic supply of water, MacLeod installed tanks in homes and apartments to provide 190 liters of water a day free to each household. Water consumption in Durban is now less than **it** was in 1996, even as 800,000 more people have received service. Through sensible water use, Durban's conservation measures paid for themselves within a year. No new reservoirs will be needed in the coming decades, despite the expected addition of about 300,000 inhabitants.

MacLeod has also turned to water recycling. At the water recycling plant, wastewater is turned into clean water in just 12 hours. Most people are unable to **discern** a difference between the usual city drinking water and the treated wastewater, although it is actually intended for industrial purposes.

Some people still hope that new technology, such as the desalination of seawater, will solve the

world's water problems. "But the fact is, water conservation is where the big gains are to be made," says Sandra Postel of the Global Water Policy Project. The dedication and resourcefulness of people like Neil MacLeod offer inspiration for implementing timely and lasting solutions to the world's water concerns.

(Adapted from "Reading Explorer 4" by Paul MacIntyre and Nancy Hubley)

Question 35: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. The United Nations to Address Local Water Situations
- B. Tackling Water Problems: A Story from South Africa
- C. Drinkable Seawater – A Dream Turning Sour?
- D. South Africa to Successfully Desalinate Seawater

Question 36: According to the passage, how many people have to drink unclean water worldwide?

- A. 2.5 billion
- B. 2.7 billion
- C. Around 1.2 billion
- D. About 5 million

Question 37: The word "catastrophe" in paragraph 2 is mostly a situation which is _____.

- A. local
- B. disastrous
- C. familiar
- D. unlikely

Question 38: The word "it" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. water consumption
- B. household
- C. Durban
- D. service

Question 39: The word "discern" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.

- A. emphasize
- B. recognize
- C. appreciate
- D. examine

Question 40: What is the essence of Neil MacLeod's solutions to the water problems in Durban?

- A. Conservation of water
- B. Reliance on foreign aid
- C. Exploitation of ground water
- D. Construction of new reservoirs

Question 41: Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Money saved from sensible water use helped cover the cost of reservoir construction in Durban.
- B. Provision of desalinated seawater is the ultimate solution to the world's water problems.
- C. Over forty percent of Durban's water was wasted through faulty plumbing, leaks and bursts.
- D. In Durban, treated wastewater is provided free of charge to meet the residents' daily needs.

Question 42: What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. It used to take about half a day to convert wastewater into drinkable water.
- B. A growth in population normally necessitates a rise in the number of reservoirs.
- C. Each Durban household is not allowed to use more than 190 liters of water per day.
- D. Water shortages are the most severe in areas with substandard toilet facilities.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 43: Paul likes reading comic books more than watching cartoons.

- A. Paul doesn't like reading comic books as much as watching cartoons.
- B. Paul likes watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- C. Paul doesn't like watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- D. Paul likes watching cartoons more than reading comic books.

Question 44: I thought it was not necessary to book tickets for the film in advance, but I was wrong.

- A. I couldn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- B. I needn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- C. I should have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- D. I must have booked tickets for the film in advance.

Question 45: "When did you start practising yoga?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom wanted to know when I was starting to practise yoga.
- B. Tom wanted to know when had I started practising yoga.
- C. Tom wanted to know when I had started practising yoga.
- D. Tom wanted to know when did I start practising yoga.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 46: The villagers are highly appreciable of the volunteers' efforts in reconstructing their

A

B

C

houses after the devastating storm.

D

Question 47: Household chores should share among members of the family.

A B C D

Question 48: Reading books has been always my hobby since I was very young.

A B C D

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 49: The coach changed his tactics in the second half. His football team won the match.

A. But for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team could have won the match.

B. Only if the coach had changed his tactics in the second half could his football team have won the match.

C. Had it not been for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team wouldn't have won the match.

D. Not until his football team had won the match did the coach change his tactics in the second half.

Question 50: Her parents didn't attend her graduation ceremony. They regret it now.

A. Her parents regret having attended her graduation ceremony.

B. If her parents attended her graduation ceremony, they would regret it.

C. Her parents wish they had attended her graduation ceremony.

D. If only her parents could attend her graduation ceremony.

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- Question 1: The scientists are working on a drug capable of _____ the spread of cancerous cells.
A. seizing B. arresting C. grasping D. catching
- Question 2: This is _____ most beautiful song I've ever listened to.
A. Ø B. an C. the D. a
- Question 3: His choice of future career is quite similar _____ mine.
A. to B. with C. for D. at
- Question 4: It's time he acted like a _____ adult and stopped blaming others for his wrongdoings.
A. responsible B. sociable C. suitable D. believable
- Question 5: Once _____ for viruses, the software can be installed in the school computer system for use.
A. has tested B. tested C. testing D. is tested
- Question 6: The residents of the village are living a happy life _____ they lack modern facilities.
A. because of B. despite C. although D. therefore
- Question 7: The teacher entered the room while the students _____ their plan for the excursion.
A. are discussing B. discussed C. were discussing D. discuss
- Question 8: One recipe for success is to stay focused and _____ yourself to whatever you do.
A. attach B. assign C. adhere D. apply
- Question 9: As they remembered _____ about the danger of getting lost in the forest, the tourists closely followed the tour guide.
A. to be warned B. being warned C. warning D. to warn
- Question 10: With his good sense of humour, Martin is quite _____ with the students.
A. popular B. popularise C. popularity D. popularly
- Question 11: The little boy took an instant liking to his babysitter _____.
A. prior to their first meeting B. before he first met her
C. upon their first meeting D. as soon as he meets her
- Question 12: We _____ on a field trip if the weather is fine this weekend.
A. will go B. went C. could have gone D. would go
- Question 13: It's not my _____ to tell you how to run your life, but I think you should settle down and have a family.
A. work B. job C. career D. chore
- Question 14: Action films with big stars tend to _____ great public attention.
A. achieve B. show C. reach D. attract

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

- Question 15: A. touch B. round C. ground D. shout
Question 16: A. behaved B. travelled C. combined D. practised

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

- Question 17: A. consist B. remove C. carry D. protect
Question 18: A. solution B. continent C. principal D. passenger

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

- Question 19: Ann and Peter are talking about housework.
- Ann: "I think children should be paid for doing the housework."
- Peter: "_____. It's their duty in the family."

- A. I don't think so B. There's no doubt about it
C. You're exactly right D. That's what I think

Question 20: A shop assistant is talking to a customer.

- Shop assistant: "Do you need anything else?"

- Customer: "_____"

A. With pleasure.

B. You're welcome.

C. Good job!

D. That's all. Thanks.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 21: It's quite disappointing that some people still turn a blind eye to acts of injustice they witness in the street.

A. take no notice of

B. have no feeling for

C. pay attention to

D. show respect for

Question 22: Children brought up in a caring environment tend to grow more sympathetic towards others.

A. healthy

B. hateful

C. dishonest

D. loving

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 23: These photos brought back many sweet memories of our trip to Hanoi last year.

A. revised

B. caught

C. recalled

D. released

Question 24: At first, John said he hadn't broken the vase, but later he accepted it.

A. protected

B. denied

C. discussed

D. admitted

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 25 to 29.

Becoming an independent language learner

In an educational context, the term 'learner independence' has gained increasing importance in recent years. It is of particular (25) _____ to language learning and commonly refers to the way students confidently control and organise their own language learning process. While some people seem to have an almost (26) _____ flair for languages, others have to rely on strategies to maximise their skills and learn a foreign language more effectively.

The main thing to remember is that becoming a truly independent learner ultimately depends above all on taking responsibility for your own learning and being prepared to take every opportunity available to you to learn. You also increase your chances of (27) _____ by learning according to your own needs and interests, using all available resources. Research shows that learners (28) _____ adopt this approach will undoubtedly manage to broaden their language abilities considerably and, (29) _____, are more likely to achieve their objectives in the longer term.

(Adapted from "Complete Advanced" by Laura Matthews and Barbara Thomas)

Question 25: A. acceptance

B. relevance

C. acquaintance

D. resemblance

Question 26: A. instinctive

B. spiritual

C. perceptive

D. habitual

Question 27: A. success

B. successful

C. successfully

D. succeed

Question 28: A. where

B. why

C. which

D. who

Question 29: A. though

B. in contrast

C. because

D. as a result

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 30 to 34.

Tribal tourism is a relatively new type of tourism. It involves travellers going to remote destinations, staying with local people and learning about their culture and way of life. **They** stay in local accommodation, share facilities with local people, and join in with meals and celebrations. At the moment, less than one percent of holidays are tribal tourism holidays, but this is set to change.

Tribal tourism is often compared with foreign exchange visits. However, a foreign exchange involves staying with people who often share the same values. Tribal tourism takes visitors to places where the lifestyle is very different from that in their home location. Those who have been on a tribal holiday explain that experiencing this lifestyle is the main attraction. They say that it offers them the chance to live in a way they never have before.

Not everyone is convinced that tribal tourism is a good thing, and opinions are **divided**. The argument is about whether or not it helps the local population, or whether it exploits them. The main

problem is that, because tribal tourism is relatively new, the long-term influences on local populations have not been studied in much detail. Where studies have been carried out, the effects have been found to be negative.

So, is it possible to experience an exotic culture without harming it in some way? "With a bit of thought, we can maximise the positive influences and minimise the negative," says travel company director Hilary Waterhouse. "The most important thing for a tribal tourist is to show respect for, learn about, and be aware of, local customs and traditions. Always remember you're a guest."

(Adapted from "Complete IELTS" by Rawdon Wyatt)

Question 30: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Holidays with a Difference
B. Peak Holiday Seasons
C. Different Customs of a Tribe
D. An Old Tourist Destination

Question 31: The word "**They**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. remote destinations
B. facilities
C. local people
D. travellers

Question 32: According to paragraph 2, what is the main attraction of tribal tourism?

- A. Tourists can stay with people of the same values.
B. Tourists can interact with other foreign visitors.
C. Tourists can explore beauty spots in remote areas.
D. Tourists can experience a different lifestyle.

Question 33: The word "**divided**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. interesting
B. important
C. different
D. similar

Question 34: According to Hilary Waterhouse, the most important thing for a tribal tourist is to _____.

- A. be accompanied by other travellers
B. forget about negative experiences
C. learn about other guests
D. respect local customs and traditions

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 42.

E-waste is being produced on a scale never seen before. Computers and other electronic equipment become **obsolete** in just a few years, leaving customers with little choice but to buy newer ones to keep up. Millions of tons of computers, TVs, smartphones, and other equipment are discarded each year. In most countries, all this waste ends up in landfills, where it poisons the environment – e-waste contains many toxic substances such as lead, mercury, and arsenic that leak into the ground.

Recycling is the ideal solution to the problem. E-waste contains significant amounts of valuable metals like gold and silver that make it attractive to recycle. In theory, recycling gold from old computers is more efficient – and less environmentally destructive – than digging it from the earth. The problem is that a large percentage of e-waste dropped off for recycling in wealthy countries is sold and diverted to the developing world, posing an increasing threat to the health of the people there.

To address the problem of the international trade in e-waste, 170 nations signed the 1989 Basel Convention, an agreement requiring that developed nations **notify** developing nations of hazardous waste shipments coming into their countries. Then, in 1995 the Basel Convention was modified to ban hazardous waste shipments to poor countries completely. Although the ban hasn't taken effect, the European Union, where recycling infrastructure is well developed, has already written **it** into their laws. One law holds manufacturers responsible for the safe disposal of electronics they produce.

Companies like Creative Recycling Systems in Florida, the USA, are hoping to profit from clean e-waste recycling. The key to their business is a huge, building-size machine able to separate electronic products into their component materials. As the machine's steel teeth break up e-waste, all the toxic dust is removed from the process. This machine can handle some 70,000 tons of electronics a year. Although this is only a fraction of the total, it wouldn't take many more machines like this to process the entire USA's output of high-tech trash.

Unfortunately, under current policies, domestic processing of e-waste is not compulsory, and while shipping waste abroad is ethically questionable, it is still more profitable than processing it safely in the USA. Creative Recycling Systems is hoping that the US government will soon create laws deterring people from sending e-waste overseas.

(Adapted from "Reading Explorer 4" by Paul MacIntyre and Nancy Hubley)

Question 35: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. E-waste – An Export Commodity of the Future B. E-waste – A Mess to Clear up
C. Waste Recycling: A Storm in a Teacup D. Domestic Recycling: Pros and Cons

Question 36: The word “**obsolete**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. inaccurate B. broken C. incomplete D. outdated

Question 37: As stated in paragraph 2, a large percentage of e-waste meant for recycling in the developed countries _____.

- A. is eventually sent to developing nations B. is later recycled in local factories
C. is buried deep in the soil at landfills D. contains all valuable metals except gold

Question 38: The word “**notify**” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. assure B. excuse C. inform D. notice

Question 39: The word “**it**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. recycling infrastructure B. the ban
C. the European Union D. the Basel Convention

Question 40: According to the European Union’s laws, electronics manufacturers are required to _____.

- A. upgrade their recycling infrastructure regularly
B. sell their e-waste to developed nations only
C. take responsibility for disposing of their products safely
D. sign the Basel Convention

Question 41: Which of the following statements is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. The USA’s total e-waste output amounts to 70,000 tons per year.
B. Creative Recycling Systems has made a fortune from their recycling machine.
C. Shipping e-waste abroad yields greater profit than recycling it safely in the USA.
D. The Basel Convention originally banned the import of high-tech trash into European countries.

Question 42: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Strict laws against sending e-waste abroad have recently been upheld in Florida.
B. Legislative action is fundamental to solving the problem of e-waste effectively.
C. Developing nations benefit more from the trade in e-waste than their developed counterparts.
D. Most countries have made enormous efforts to manage their e-waste exports.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 43: Peter moved abroad for a fresh start. He regrets it now.

- A. Peter regrets not having moved abroad for a fresh start.
B. If only Peter had moved abroad for a fresh start.
C. Peter wishes he hadn’t moved abroad for a fresh start.
D. If Peter moved abroad for a fresh start, he would regret it.

Question 44: Smartphones are becoming reasonably priced. New applications make them more appealing.

- A. Whatever new applications smartphones have, they are becoming more appealing with reasonable prices.
B. No matter how reasonable the prices of smartphones are, they are not so appealing with new applications.
C. Appealing though smartphones are with new applications, they are becoming less affordably priced.
D. Not only are smartphones becoming more affordable but, with new applications, they are also more appealing.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 45: It was wrong of you to criticise your son in front of his friends.

- A. You shouldn’t have criticised your son in front of his friends.
B. You could have criticised your son in front of his friends.
C. You mightn’t have criticised your son in front of his friends.
D. You must have criticised your son in front of his friends.

Question 46: My father likes reading newspapers more than watching TV.

- A. My father doesn't like reading newspapers as much as watching TV.
- B. My father likes watching TV more than reading newspapers.
- C. My father doesn't like watching TV as much as reading newspapers.
- D. My father likes watching TV as much as reading newspapers.

Question 47: "How long have you lived here, Lucy?" asked Jack.

- A. Jack asked Lucy how long she had lived there.
- B. Jack asked Lucy how long she lived here.
- C. Jack asked Lucy how long did she live here.
- D. Jack asked Lucy how long had she lived there.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 48: The money raised in the appeal will use to help those in need in remote areas.

A B C D

Question 49: My mother gets up usually early to prepare breakfast for the whole family.

A B C D

Question 50: At the beginning of the ceremony, there was a respectable one-minute silence

A B

in remembrance of the victims of the earthquake.

C D

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 1: A. performed B. discussed C. cancelled D. followed

Question 2: A. leave B. teach C. speak D. learn

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 3: A. terrific B. chemical C. general D. beautiful

Question 4: A. provide B. collect C. repeat D. listen

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 5: Backpacking is best suited for those who are in good physical condition _____.

- A. without being required to walk several miles B. so that it would require walking several miles
C. so as not to require walking several miles D. as it may require walking several miles

Question 6: Joseph would never forget _____ by his boss through no fault of his own.

- A. to be criticised B. to criticise C. being criticised D. criticising

Question 7: The aroma of freshly baked bread in the morning has always _____ memories of his childhood home.

- A. incited B. instilled C. reminisced D. evoked

Question 8: If you follow my directions, you _____ her house easily.

- A. would find B. would have found C. found D. will find

Question 9: Linda took great photos of butterflies while she _____ in the forest.

- A. was hiking B. is hiking C. hiked D. had hiked

Question 10: Once _____ with sufficient information, the freshmen will feel more confident to start the new course.

- A. providing B. having provided C. provided D. are provided

Question 11: A key component of Industry 4.0 is the Internet of Things characterised by the connections of all mobile _____.

- A. devices B. vehicles C. utensils D. accessories

Question 12: I'm sorry. I didn't mean to _____ your feelings when I said such a thing.

- A. destroy B. hurt C. injure D. break

Question 13: The children are highly excited _____ the coming summer holiday.

- A. with B. to C. for D. about

Question 14: Schoolchildren shouldn't make fun of those who are intellectually _____ to them.

- A. essential B. responsible C. familiar D. inferior

Question 15: The film was so intriguing that the audience were all _____ to the screen until the end.

- A. stuck B. glued C. hooked D. attached

Question 16: My uncle tries to spend time playing with his children _____ he is very busy.

- A. because of B. although C. despite D. moreover

Question 17: John is _____ most hard-working student I've ever known.

- A. the B. Ø C. an D. a

Question 18: Laura came to _____ me for taking care of her dog when she was away.

- A. thank B. thankfully C. thankfulness D. thankful

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 19: The young singer's career took off after her latest album topped the charts.

- A. became successful B. ended in failure C. went unnoticed D. remained unchanged

Question 20: Many experts support the view that children should start learning English as early as possible.

- A. problem B. reaction C. reason D. opinion

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 21: My kids only have a faint memory of our hometown as they have lived away from it for a long time.

- A. quick B. clear C. poor D. vague

Question 22: For a fruitful discussion, the chairman should make sure that every member is at liberty to voice their opinions.

- A. having no freedom B. getting satisfaction C. getting approval D. having no restriction

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 23: Linda and Peter are talking about safe driving.

- Linda: "I think drink-driving should be severely punished."

- Peter: "_____". It may cause accidents or even deaths."

- A. You must be kidding B. I don't think so
C. I don't understand what you mean D. I absolutely agree with you

Question 24: A porter is talking to Mary in the hotel lobby.

- Porter: "May I help you with your suitcase?"

- Mary: "_____"

- A. What a shame! B. Me too. C. You're welcome. D. Yes, please.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 25: He badly suffered cyberbullying himself. He realised the true dangers of social media only then.

- A. Not until he had badly suffered cyberbullying himself did he realise the true dangers of social media.
B. Such was his suffering of cyberbullying that he didn't realise the true dangers of social media.
C. Only when he had realised the true dangers of social media did he badly suffer cyberbullying himself.
D. But for his terrible suffering of cyberbullying, he wouldn't realise the true dangers of social media.

Question 26: Mike didn't follow his parents' advice on choosing his career. He regrets it now.

- A. If Mike followed his parents' advice on choosing his career, he would regret it.
B. Mike regrets having followed his parents' advice on choosing his career.
C. If only Mike followed his parents' advice on choosing his career.
D. Mike wishes he had followed his parents' advice on choosing his career.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 27: With his important contributions, Albert Einstein considered one of the greatest

- A B C D

physicists of all time.

Question 28: Jack cycles usually to work to avoid traffic jams at rush hour.

- A B C D

Question 29: Our grandfather, who had an excellent memory when young, has become very forgettable

- A B C

in recent years due to his old age.

D

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 30: "What have you done to my laptop, Jane?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom asked Jane what had she done to his laptop.
B. Tom asked Jane what has she done to his laptop.
C. Tom asked Jane what she had done to his laptop.
D. Tom asked Jane what she has done to his laptop.

Question 31: Many teenagers like facebooking more than doing sport.

- A. Many teenagers like doing sport as much as facebooking.
- B. Many teenagers don't like facebooking as much as doing sport.
- C. Many teenagers like doing sport more than facebooking.
- D. Many teenagers don't like doing sport as much as facebooking.

Question 32: I'm certain that Joe attended the ceremony as he can vividly recount the event.

- A. Joe could have attended the ceremony as he can vividly recount the event.
- B. Joe must have attended the ceremony as he can vividly recount the event.
- C. Joe mightn't have attended the ceremony as he can vividly recount the event.
- D. Joe needn't have attended the ceremony as he can vividly recount the event.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 33 to 37.

Effects of television on childhood literacy

Nowadays, television occupies a large portion of children's time. From when they start in preschool, children spend more time watching television than participating in any other (33) _____ except sleeping. (34) _____, this is not necessarily a bad thing.

The results of some research suggest that there is considerable overlap between the comprehension processes activated while reading and the processes (35) _____ take place during a period of television viewing. If this is so, it may very well be the case that children who learn comprehension skills from television viewing before they are ready to read are (36) _____ with some very important tools when they later learn to read. It has been noted that children are frequently better at recalling televised stories they have watched compared to those they have simply heard. Due to the fact that it is a visual medium, television can present information more concretely than written and spoken text, making it an ideal medium in which to (37) _____ some of the skills and knowledge needed for later reading.

(Adapted from "Complete Advanced" by Laura Matthews and Barbara Thomas)

Question 33: A. actively

B. activity

C. activate

D. active

Question 34: A. Due to

B. For example

C. However

D. Because

Question 35: A. where

B. that

C. who

D. when

Question 36: A. occupied

B. covered

C. equipped

D. obsessed

Question 37: A. allocate

B. cultivate

C. regulate

D. manipulate

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 38 to 42.

Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is in the south-east of the country. Edinburgh is situated on the coast, and the beautiful, green Pentland hills are not far from the city centre. Castle Rock stands in the centre of Edinburgh and is the best place for fantastic views of the city. With a population of almost half a million people, the city is an exciting mix of traditional and modern.

The first stop for most visitors to the city is the castle on Castle Rock. It is certainly worth a visit and the area nearby is full of shops that sell whisky and tartans to the tourists. Edinburgh's most famous street, the Royal Mile, runs from the castle to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament. Along the street, you can see many interesting buildings and you can stop for a drink at a traditional, old Scottish pub.

During your visit, you should certainly take the time to see other parts of the city. Princes Street has lovely gardens, museums and shops. The New Town is a superb area for walking with its attractive 18th century houses, offices and churches. Finally, the Grassmarket is an old part of the city, which is full of cafés, bars and restaurants.

Edinburgh's nightlife is excellent. Clubs usually stay open until three in the morning. You can hear live music in pubs, choose from a number of first-class cinemas or go to a 'ceilidh' (a traditional Scottish dance).

The best time to come to the city is in August. Thousands of people visit the Edinburgh Festival, the world's biggest arts festival held every summer. With concerts, opera, theatre and art exhibitions, there is something for everyone. For winter visitors, Hogmanay (the Scottish New Year) is also an incredible experience that you will never forget.

(Adapted from "Straightforward - Pre-intermediate" by Philip Kerr)

Question 38: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Famous Cities in Scotland B. A Description of Scotland
C. The Future of Edinburgh D. A Destination Guide to Edinburgh

Question 39: The word "mix" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. mess B. mood C. combination D. action

Question 40: The word "It" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the area B. a visit C. the castle D. the city

Question 41: According to paragraph 4, what is a 'ceilidh'?

- A. It is a kind of Scottish music. B. It is a traditional Scottish dance.
C. It is the first Scottish cinema. D. It is the name of a Scottish pub.

Question 42: According to paragraph 5, what is NOT true about the Edinburgh Festival?

- A. It attracts thousands of visitors. B. It takes place in winter.
C. It offers arts performances. D. It is a famous event.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 43 to 50.

The first impressions are rather menacing. Visitors must sign in and show identification before being allowed into the building. Such tight security gives one the feeling of entering a prison or some other dangerous place. But what a **deceptive** first impression! Manhattan Comprehensive Night High School may be the friendliest, most caring institution in all of New York City. A school of last resort for many of its students, it is their best chance to turn their lives around, and make friends in the process. Manhattan Comp, as it is called, is the first full-time night high school in America.

High school is compulsory until the age of sixteen in America, but many students drop out, either before or after they reach sixteen, and before receiving their high school diplomas. Until now, night education programmes for dropouts only provided the basics and then awarded an equivalency certificate. But now, Manhattan Comp offers the total high school experience, complete with a 'lunch' break, physical education and clubs. The students receive an academic diploma, which they say is more helpful in getting a job than an equivalency certificate. More than sixty percent of Manhattan Comp's students go on to college.

Most of the school's 450 students have either been **expelled from** or dropped out of other high schools. Some have been in two or three schools before this one. What seems to make this school work for these hard-to-please students is the staff and, most importantly, the principal. All students call him Howard. As he walks through the building, he greets students by name, asks about their families or jobs and jokes with them about the lack of variety in the school cafeteria.

Most students at Manhattan Comp are between eighteen and twenty-two years old. You must be at least seventeen to enrol. The classes run from 5 to 11 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, with all-day enrichment programmes on Sundays which explore topics like playwriting, art and video production. School terms are ten weeks long, which gives students the opportunity to take time off for family matters or jobs. Most students already have some academic credits from previous schools, so instead of the normal four years in high school, **they** spend between six months and two years at Manhattan Comp.

(Adapted from "Oxford Exam Excellence" by Danuta Gryca et al.)

Question 43: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Manhattan Comp: One of a Kind
B. The Success Story of a Typical American School
C. A Day in the Life of a Manhattan Comp Student
D. Night Schools: A Passing Fad

Question 44: The word "**deceptive**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. misleading B. subjective C. lasting D. unwelcoming

Question 45: What do Manhattan Comp students say about their academic diploma?

- A. It reflects a more thorough schooling experience.
B. It ensures their admission to well-known colleges.
C. It improves their chances of getting employed.
D. It demonstrates their superior academic competence.

Question 46: The phrase "expelled from" in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.

- A. qualified to graduate B. forced to leave C. asked to stay D. invited to attend

Question 47: The word "they" in paragraph 4 refers to _____.

- A. students B. credits C. years D. schools

Question 48: How long does it generally take students to complete the education at Manhattan Comp?

- A. From six months to two years B. Two years and a half
C. Ten weeks D. Four years

Question 49: Which statement is NOT true, according to the passage?

- A. The schooling experience at Manhattan Comp is likely to change the students' lives for the better.
B. Many students at Manhattan Comp have never had any formal schooling before.
C. All of the students at Manhattan Comp are seventeen or above.
D. Visitors to Manhattan Comp are required to go through certain security procedures.

Question 50: What can be inferred about Manhattan Comp from the passage?

- A. It has recently been equipped with state-of-the-art facilities.
B. Its students are required to work part-time while pursuing their studies there.
C. Its principal is well-liked among the students for his amiability.
D. It plays down the importance of extra-curricular activities.

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