35. **kept ringing in his ears**

A was ignored

B was remembered

C was advised

D was forgotten

SECTION D: STRUCTURE AND USAGE (25%)

For each question, select the best answer from the options to fit each numbered blank.

Text 1

Once upon a time, there was a man called Rip Van Winkle. He was a likeable ___**36**___ lazy man who never did an ounce of work in his life. His wife was always nagging ___**37**___ him for being so lazy.

One day, to ___**38**___ his wife's nagging, Rip Van Winkle took a stroll in the woods. In these mysterious woods, he encountered a group of old men with long beards. When they saw Rip Van Winkle, they offered him a drink from a flask. Rip Van Winkle took a ___**39**___ and found the drink delicious. As he was very thirsty, he drank to his heart's ___**40**___ . Immediately after the drink, he felt his eyelids becoming heavy. Before he knew it, he had fallen into a deep sleep.

When he woke up, the sun was shining brightly.

"I must have slept the whole night," he thought to ___**41**___.

As Rip Van Winkle ___**42**___ his way home, he discovered, to his astonishment, that the landscape around him had changed. As he approached his village, he was even more dumbfounded. He found that he could not recognise ___**43**___ in the village ! Not only did the people look different, they were also dressed in a different fashion. Everyone was staring at his chin. As Rip Van Winkle looked down at his own chin, he realised, to his surprise, that he had ___**44**___ a very long beard.

After making some enquiries, Rip Van Winkle realised that one hundred years had passed from the time he drank the liquid ___**45**___ the time he woke up. This meant that he had been asleep for one hundred years !

36. A or
B and
C but

37. A to
B from
C before

38. A run away
B avoid
C prevent

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	D	because		D	at		D	stop
39.	A	dip	40.	A	joy	41.	A	oneself
	B	try		B	satisfy		B	himself
	C	sip		C	full		C	hisself
	D	lick		D	content		D	myself
42.	A	made	43.	A	someone	44.	A	grew
	B	were		B	anyone		B	growing
	C	walk		C	no one		C	grows
	D	run		D	all		D	grown
45.	A	between						
	B	since						
	C	too						
	D	to						

Text 2

The sky was getting darker by the minute and strong wind was ___**46**___ across the field. Soon, ___**47**___ of water were falling down from the overcast sky.

Peter did not ___**48**___ the rain at all. It was ___**49**___ than playing under the hot sun. He liked the ___**50**___ of rain on his face and the cold sensation ___**51**___ it soaked through his football jersey.

His team had been ___**52**___ hard for the tournament. It had been two years ___**53**___ they last won the Inter-Constituency Football Cup. Last year, in the game ___**54**___ Rockingham, their team had lost ___**55**___ just one goal. They were determined to win the Cup back this year.

"Goal !"

His team had ___**56**___ again. Peter wanted to score the next goal. If only he could get ___**57**___ the two defenders, he would be able to ___**58**___ the ball into the goal easily.

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He did not get to score his goal because the rain was pouring too ___59___ and the field was getting too wet. As the boys ended their game and walked across the field, Peter sneezed. he felt and unpleasant tingle of coldness running ___60___ his body.

46. A blew
B blow
C blowing
D blown

47. A drop
B drops
C droppings
D dropped

48. A like
B enjoy
C feel
D mind

49. A better
B best
C good
D well

50. A feeling
B wet
C fresh
D touched

51. A since
B when
C although
D yet

52. A practicing
B practised
C practising
D practiced

53. A before
B when
C while
D since

54. A against
B after
C in front of
D up

55. A in
B by
C for
D only

56. A kicked
B done
C scored
D failed

57. A passed
B past
C out of
D away

58. A kick
B kicked
C kicking
D kicks

59. A harder
B hardly
C hard
D hardest

60. A down
B across
C around
D in

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