

**Exercise 1: 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 sentences.**

**Question 1.** "Stop smoking or you'll be ill," the doctor told me.

- A. The doctor advised me to give up smoking to avoid illness.
- B. The doctor suggested smoking to treat illness.
- C. I was warned against smoking a lot of cigarettes.
- D. I was ordered not to smoke to recover from illness.

**Question 2.** If we can solve this problem soon, it will be better for all concerned.

- A. It would be better for all concerned if we can solve this problem soon.
- B. The sooner we solve this problem, the better it will be for all concerned.
- C. If we could solve this problem soon, it would be better for all concerned.
- D. If all concerned are better, we can solve this problem soon.

**Question 3.** He survived the operation thanks to the skillful surgeon.

- A. He wouldn't have survived the operation without the skillful surgeon.
- B. Though the surgeon was skillful, he couldn't survive the operation.
- C. He survived because he was a skillful surgeon.
- D. There was no skillful surgeon, so he died.

**Exercise 2: 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 4.** They have been forced to live in marginal environments, such as deserts and arctic wastelands.

- A. suburban
- B. forgotten
- C. abandoned
- D. disadvantaged

**Question 5.** Only during the nineteenth century did silent reading become commonplace.

- A. attracting attention
- B. widely used
- C. for everybody's use
- D. most preferable

**Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part the needs correction in each of the following questions.**

**Question 6.** They asked us whether we thought that the statistics had presented fairly and accurately

- A. whether
- B. thought
- C. had presented
- D. fairly

**Question 7.** Sam found it hard to concentrate on his work because the noise.

- A. it
- B. concentrate
- C. work
- D. because

**Question 8.** Ms. Phuong hardly never misses an opportunity to play in the tennis tournaments.

- A. hardly never
- B. an
- C. to play
- D. in

**Exercise 4: 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 9.** We didn't want to spend a lot of money. We stayed in a cheap hotel.

- A. Rather than spending a lot of money, we stayed in a cheap hotel.
- B. In spite of spending a lot of money, we stayed in a cheap hotel.
- C. We didn't stay in a cheap hotel as we had a lot of money to spend.
- D. We stayed in a cheap hotel, but we had to spend a lot of money.

**Question 10.** I left the office. There was a power cut just then.

- A. I left the office after there was a power cut.
- B. Hardly I had left the office when there was a power cut.
- C. No sooner had I left the office than there was a power cut.
- D. I left the office long before there was a power cut.

**Exercise 5: 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**

#### **A YEAR WITH OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS**

I was with Overseas Volunteers (OV) for a year after leaving university, and I was sent to an isolated village in Chad, about 500 kilometers from the capital N'Djamena. Coming from a rich



country, I got quite a shock, as conditions were much harder than I had expected. But after a few days I got used to (11)\_\_\_\_\_ there. The people were always very friendly and helpful, and I soon began to appreciate how beautiful the countryside was.

One of my jobs was to supply the village (12)\_\_\_\_\_ water. The well was a long walk away, and the women used to spend a long time every day (13)\_\_\_\_\_ heavy pots backwards and forwards. So I contacted the organization and arranged to have some pipes delivered. (14)\_\_\_\_\_ these pipes were not really perfect, they still made a great difference to the villagers.

All in all, I think my time with OV was a good experience. Although it was not paid, it was well worth doing and I would recommend it to anyone (15)\_\_\_\_\_ was considering working for a charity.

Question 11. A. live B. living C. lively D. lived

Question 12. A. on B. for C. with D. from

Question 13. A. holding B. drinking C. wearing D. carrying

Question 14. A. Because B. When C. Although D. If

Question 15. A. when B. which C. who D. where

**Exercise 6: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.**

Question 16. A. popular B. reduction C. romantic D. financial

Question 17. A. cover B. balance C. invent D. ancient **Exercise**

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

Question 18. We \_\_\_\_\_ in silence when he suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ me to help him.

A. walked - was asking B. were walking - asked

C. were walking - was asking D. walked - asked

Question 19. Xoan singing is a vocal art of villages in the ancestral land of Phu Tho. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ for generations and the oral tradition is still very much alive today.

A. handed down B. landed on C. passed by D. taken over

Question 20. Any pupil caught \_\_\_\_\_ was made to stand at the front of the class.

A. misbehaved B. misbehave C. misbehavior D. misbehaving

Question 21. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in my bedroom.

A. an old square wooden table B. a square wooden old table

C. an old wooden square table D. a wooden old square table

Question 22. If I were in charge, I \_\_\_\_\_ things differently.

A. had done B. would do C. would have done D. will do

Question 23. The latest heritage at risk register revealed that 5,831 listed buildings, monuments, archaeological sites, and landscapes in England are at \_\_\_\_\_ of being lost.

A. edge B. risk C. ease D. danger

Question 24. Next year, I have to decide which area of medicine I want to \_\_\_\_\_ in.

A. focus B. hand C. specialise D. come

Question 25. Is it acceptable to touch \_\_\_\_\_ person on \_\_\_\_\_ shoulder in a conversation?

A. a - the B. the - a C. the - the D. a - a

Question 26. \_\_\_\_\_ he had no money for a bus, he had to walk all the way home.

A. As B. Thus C. For D. So

Question 27. The Complex of Hue Monuments was the first site in Viet Nam as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

A. recognised B. to be recognised C. recognising D. to recognise



**Question 28.** We need \_\_\_\_\_ actions and interventions of the local authorities to prevent national parks from being destroyed by pollution.

- A. timely                      B. excitedly                      C. reckless                      D. threateningly

**Question 29.** After a six-year relation, Martha and Billy have decided to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. break the bank                      B. tie the knot                      C. turn the page                      D. make ends meet

**Question 30.** Being helpful is good, but don't allow others to \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of your generosity.

- A. get                      B. take                      C. use                      D. make

**Question 31.** Peter lost the race because he \_\_\_\_\_ petrol on the last lap.

- A. put out of                      B. got out of                      C. made out of                      D. ran out of

**Exercise 8: 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**

It is estimated that over 99 percent of all species that have existed have become extinct. What causes extinction? When a species is no longer adapted to a changed environment, it may perish. The exact causes of a species' death vary from situation to situation. Rapid ecological change may render an environment hostile to a species. For example, temperatures may change and a species may not be able to adapt. Food resources may be affected by environmental changes, which will then cause problems for a species requiring these resources. Other species may become better adapted to an environment, resulting in competition and, ***ultimately***, in the death of a species.

The fossil record reveals that extinction has occurred throughout the history of Earth. Recent analyses have also revealed that on some occasions, many species became extinct at the same time- a mass extinction. One of the best-known examples of mass extinction occurred 65 million years ago with the ***demise*** of dinosaurs and many other forms of life. Perhaps the largest mass extinction was the one that occurred 225 million years ago, when approximately 95 percent of all species died. Mass extinction can be caused by a relatively rapid change in the environment and can be worsened by the close interrelationship of many species. If, for example, something were to happen to destroy much of the plankton in the oceans, then the oxygen content of Earth would drop, affecting even organisms not living in the oceans. Such a change would probably lead to a mass extinction.

One interesting, and controversial, finding is that extinctions during the past 250 million years have tended to be more intensive every 26 million years. This periodic extinction might be due to intersection of the Earth's orbit with a cloud of comets, but this theory is purely speculative. Some researchers have also speculated that extinction may often be random. That is, certain species may be eliminated and others may survive for no particular reason. A species' survival may have nothing to do with its ability or inability to adapt. If so, some of evolutionary history may reflect a sequence of essentially random events.

**Question 32.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 1 as resulting from rapid ecological change?

- A. Availability of food sources                      B. Temperature changes  
C. Introduction of new species                      D. Competition among species

**Question 33.** According to paragraph 2, evidence from fossil fuels suggests that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. extinction of species has occurred from time to time throughout Earth's history  
B. dinosaurs became extinct much earlier than scientists originally believed  
C. extinction on Earth have generally been massive  
D. there has been only one mass extinction in Earth's history

**Question 34.** The word "***ultimately***" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to

- A. exceptionally                      B. dramatically                      C. unfortunately                      D. eventually

**Question 35.** In paragraph 3, the author makes which of the following statements about a species survival?

- A. It reflects the interrelationship of many species.



- B. It is associated with astronomical conditions.
- C. It doesn't vary greatly from species to species.
- D. It may depend on chance events.

**Question 36.** The word "**demise**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to\_\_.

- A. recovery
- B. survival
- C. death
- D. change

**Question 37.** According to the passage, it is believed that the largest extinction of a species occurred \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 26 million years ago
- B. 250 million years ago
- C. 225 million years ago
- D. 65 million years ago

**Question 38.** What does the author say in paragraph 1 regarding most species in Earth's history?

- A. They have been able to adapt to ecological changes.
- B. They have caused rapid changes in the environment.
- C. They have remained basically unchanged from their original forms.
- D. They are no longer in existence.

**Question 39.** Which of the following can be inferred from the theory of periodic extinction mentioned in paragraph 3?

- A. The theory is no longer seriously considered
- B. Many scientists could be expected to disagree with it
- C. Most scientists believe the theory to be accurate
- D. Evidence to support the theory has recently been found

**Exercise 9: 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**

In the twentieth - century, people depend on unlimited energy to power their everyday lives. A wide range of energy-run devices and modern conveniences are taken for granted, and although it may seem that we will never be in danger of living without those conveniences, the fact is that many supplies of energy are dwindling rapidly. Scientists are constantly searching for new sources of power to keep modern society running. Whether future populations will continue to enjoy the benefits of abundant energy will depend on the success of this search.

Coal, oil, and natural gas supply modern civilization with most of its power. However, not only are supplies of these fuels limited, but they are a major source of pollution. If the energy demands of the future are to be met without seriously harming the environment, existing alternative energy sources must be improved or further explored and developed. These include nuclear, water, solar, wind, and geothermal power, as well as energy from new, nonpolluting types of fuels. Each of these alternatives, however, has advantages and disadvantages.

Nuclear power plants efficiently produce large amounts of electricity without polluting the atmosphere; however, they are costly to build and maintain, and they pose the daunting problem of what to do with nuclear waste. Hydroelectric power is inexpensive and environmentally safe, but impractical for communities located far from moving water. Harnessing energy from tides and waves has similar drawbacks. Solar power holds great promise for the future but methods of collecting and concentrating sunlight are as yet inefficient, as are methods of harnessing wind power.

Every source of energy has its disadvantages. One way to minimize them is to use less energy. Conservation efforts coupled with renewable energy resources, such as a combination of solar, water, wind, and geothermal energy and alternative fuels, such as alcohol and hydrogen, will ensure supplies of clean, affordable energy for humanity's future.

**Question 40.** The word "**dwindling**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to

- A. diminishing
- B. changing
- C. increasing
- D. limiting

**Question 41.** Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Our present energy sources must be eliminated and replaced with alternative sources.
- B. Demands for energy in the future are likely to decrease.



- C. The search for alternative energy sources is not over.
- D. Alternative sources of energy on this planet are very limited.

**Question 42.** It can be inferred from the passage that\_.

- A. Many alternative energy sources are environmentally hazardous
- B. solar and wind power are not promising for the future
- C. most alternative energy sources have proven to be impractical
- D. nuclear power solves one problem while creating others

**Question 43.** The passage suggests that\_\_.

- A. people use energy without giving great thought to where it's coming from
- B. modern society requires a minimum amount of energy to keep it running
- C. the search for energy sources is mainly a problem for the future
- D. scientists believe we will never have to go without our modern conveniences

**Question 44.** From the passage, it can be inferred that to solve our energy problems\_\_.

- A. a combination of conservation and invention will be needed
- B. we will have to stop using many of our modern conveniences
- C. scientists will have to find ways to increase our supplies of coal, oil, and gas
- D. scientists will have to find one major source of nonpolluting energy

**Exercise 10: Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response complete each of the following exchanges.**

**Question 45.** Jenny: "Wow! What a nice coat you are wearing!"

Peter: "\_\_\_\_\_"

- A. Thanks. My mother bought it for me.
- B. Certainly. Do you like it, too?
- C. I like you to say that.
- D. Yes, of course. It's expensive.

**Question 46.** Stranger: "Excuse me! Can you show me the way to Main Street, please?"

Man: "\_\_\_\_\_"

- A. Continue.
- B. It's easy to do it.
- C. Um, I am sorry I have no idea.
- D. Am I going right?

**Exercise 11: 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 47.** Though built almost five hundred years ago, the church remained practically intact.

- A. in perfection
- B. in completion
- C. in chaos
- D. in ruins

**Question 48.** After a long time working incessantly, all my efforts ended in failure.

- A. breakdown
- B. loss
- C. success
- D. collapse

**Exercise 12: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.**

**Question 49.** A. asked B. danced C. cached D. studied

**Question 50.** A. chapter B. chemistry C. bachelor D. teacher