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Listen to the recording and fill in the blank with a suitable word.

The vanishing invention

In (1) _____, a Valencian professor made an amazing claim. Professor Antonio Cervilla discovered how to use water as a substitute for petrol.

The scientist said that you could drive from Bilbao to Valencia on just half a litre of water. His invention uses a molybdenum (2) _____ to break down water into hydrogen and oxygen. Unlike other methods, no electricity is required and the reaction happens at atmospheric temperature.

This impressive technology is based on the way plant enzymes break down water. The molybdenum is the perfect choice because, although rare, it is (3) _____ and found all around the planet.

Since the claims were made, nothing more has been heard about this fabulous technology. There is no explanation for the disappearance anywhere on the internet, apart from a list of similar inventions which have also vanished. An inventor from the Philippines called Daniel Dingel developed a water-fuelled car but was arrested at the age of (4) _____ and sentenced to 20 years in prison.

If this technology were to become widely (5) _____, it would prove disastrous for petrol station owners and would also save the planet from the impending environmental catastrophes being caused by pollution.

Choose 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.

6. A. disadvantaged B. talented C. moved D. smiled
 7. A. musician B. compose C. contestant D. economical

Choose 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.

8. A. passionate B. talented C. charity D. composer
 9. A. invention B. handicapped C. instrument D. imitate
 10. A. music B. career C. digest D. perform

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. Some snakes are poisonous, _____ others are harmless.
A. but B. so C. for D. despite
12. The washing machine is used for _____ clothes.
A. washed B. washing C. wash D. to wash
13. I feel bored _____ this movie. I want to turn off the TV.
A. about B. in C. at D. with
14. We set up this organization to donate money for _____ people.
A. disadvantaged B. portable C. versatile D. economical
15. Tomorrow I _____ my relatives with my parents.
A. am going to visit B. will have visited
C. have visited D. visit
16. Doing volunteer work is a _____ job. It makes you feel happy and makes community better.
A. meaning B. meaningful C. meaningless D. mean
17. John _____ a book when I saw him.
A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. has read
18. Most people consider it women's _____ to take care of children and do housework.
A. limit B. responsibility
C. relationship D. respect
19. The students were _____ to hear that they had won the competition.
A. excited B. exciting C. excitement D. excitedly
20. Mai: "What a beautiful dress you have!"
Hoa: " _____ ."
A. Thanks a lot B. You're welcome
C. Yes, I'd love to D. Sure

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction.

21. (A) When I was young, I used to (B) taking (C) my dog out for a walk (D) in the park.
22. The teacher asked him (A) why (B) hadn't he done his homework, (C) but he (D) said nothing.

Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbers blanks.

Plants provide food, clothing, and shelter for people. Many of our most useful medicines are also (23) _____ from plants. Besides, plants add beauty and pleasure (24) _____ our lives. Most people enjoy the smell of flowers, the sight field of waving grain, and the quiet of a forest. Not all plants are helpful to man. Some species grow in fields and gardens as weeds that choke off useful plants. Tiny hits of pollen from certain plants cause such (25) _____ as asthma and hay fever. Some plants are (26) _____ if we eat them. (27) _____ irritate the skin.

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| 23. A. made | B. done | C. learnt | D. gained |
| 24. A. for | B. to | C. in | D. from |
| 25. A. matter | B. allergies | C. difficulties | D. illnesses |
| 26. A. poison | B. harm | C. poisonous | D. harmless |
| 27. A. Others | B. Other | C. Another | D. The other |

Reading the passage and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

Thomas Alva Edison was probably the greatest inventor who ever lived, though at school he never did really well. In fact, he went to the bottom of his class and stayed at the bottom for three months. Shortly after, at the age of 12, he left school and never went back! His first job was selling newspapers on trains, and later, at the age of 16, he got a job working in a telegraph office. Not all of Edison's inventions were successful. In fact, his first one was a failure. Many that followed, however, were spectacular successes and Edison became famous. Most people regard him as a genius.

Edison worked hard all his life, often working all night in his laboratory, and would not come home for days at a time. When asked what makes a genius he

said, "Genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration." Edison married his first wife, Mary Stilwell, when he was 24. She was only 16 at the time. The story goes that he tapped out his proposal to her in Morse code on a gas-pipe: "Will you marry me?" "I will" came the reply, also in Morse code.

Mary died when Edison was 37 years old and two years later he married his second wife, Mina Miller. Although most of the inventions which made Edison famous were made in the first half of his life, Edison continued to work and invent till he was over 70, often working 16 hours a day! During his long and productive life Edison made 1,300 inventions. Edison died on October 18, 1931, at the age of 84. America and the world mourned his passing.

28. Edison sometimes worked longer than 12 hours a day.

29. Edison knew Morse code, but Mary Stilwell didn't.

30. Edison returned to his old school after becoming famous.

31. Mina Miller became Edison's wife 2 years after Mary died.

32. Edison made his greatest inventions before he was 42.

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before it.

34. Mark started playing the piano when he was 6.

→ Mark has _____.

35. I used milk to make this cake.

→ Milk _____.