

Unit 8 + 9 Achievement Test

Part 1

Listen to the conversation. Then circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Elena says her parents were somewhat (**lenient** / **disrespectful** / **overprotective**) when she was young because they were always worried about her.
2. Elena's parents have not been as (**strict** / **lenient** / **rebellious**) with her sister as they were with her.
3. Elena's sister often arrives home later than the (**rules** / **responsibility** / **curfew**) that her parents have set.
4. Mark thinks that if Elena's parents are too (**strict** / **lenient** / **independent**) with her sister, she may become a troublemaker.
5. Elena says that her sister is never rude or (**disrespectful** / **strict** / **lenient**) to her parents.
6. Elena says her sister is used to getting everything she wants, so she is a bit (**lenient** / **disrespectful** / **spoiled**).

Part 2

Listen to the presentation. Circle the correct answers.

7. What did the show say about the origin of the stone balls?
 - a. They could have occurred naturally.
 - b. It's certain that they were man-made.
 - c. It's possible they were part of a building.
8. What does Lorenzo think about the origin of the stone balls?
 - a. He thinks it's possible they occurred naturally.
 - b. There's no question they were man-made.
 - c. He is certain they're not man-made.
9. What do Fran and Lorenzo disagree about?
 - a. how the stone balls might have been used
 - b. who might have used the stone balls
 - c. the size of the stone balls
10. Does Fran think the stone balls could have been a part of a machine?
 - a. Yes, she's certain.
 - b. It's possible, but she really doesn't know.
 - c. She's skeptical. She thinks they probably weren't part of a machine.
11. What does Lorenzo believe about the stone balls falling from space?
 - a. He thinks the idea is obvious.
 - b. He thinks it's the most likely idea.
 - c. He's not certain that it happened.

Part 3

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

12. Health care is getting (**longer and longer** / **better and better** / **more and more**) these days. More people can get care at affordable prices.
13. The longer people (**are living** / **lived** / **live**), the more health problems they develop.
14. (**Fewer** / **Fewer and fewer** / **The fewer**) adults live with their parents now. More of them lived with their parents before.
15. The stricter their parents are, (**the more rebellious** / **more and more rebellious** / **more rebellious**) the children become.
16. The older I (**am getting** / **get** / **got**) the less I understand teenagers.
17. (**More and more** / **Fewer and fewer** / **The more**) people are getting divorced. It is not as common as before.

Part 4

Put the words and phrases in the correct order to make sentences.

17. people live, / care / The longer / they require / the more

18. the less / they will try new opportunities / people get, / The older / likely / it is

19. lives by herself / The longer / the more / my mother / I become / worried

20. high school graduates / to go to college / are deciding / Fewer and fewer

21. their life expectancy / people get, / The more exercise / the higher

22. The more money / their retirement years will be / the less / people save, / stressful

Part 5

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

23. When my father was young, there was much more emphasis on rules and (**obedient** / **obedience**) than there is today.
24. In the past, young adults were expected to be far more (**independent** / **independence**) than they are today.
25. Every (**capable** / **capability**) young man was expected to contribute part of his salary to the family.
26. Parents' rules for sons were often more (**lenient** / **lenience**) than their rules for daughters.
27. There were lower (**expects** / **expectations**) for women in the workplace.
28. Many women feel there is greater (**fair** / **fairness**) toward women today than in past generations.

Part 6

Circle the answer that correctly completes each sentence.

29. The Incas didn't have any sophisticated machines or work animals. The temples (**must** / **couldn't** / **may**) have been built exclusively by human hands.
30. Dinosaurs may not have died off gradually as the result of climate change. They (**had to** / **could** / **would**) have been killed off quickly by some sudden event.
31. I don't believe in any of those other crazy theories. Stonehenge (**might have been** / **were** / **had to have been**) built by ancient Britons many years ago.
32. The Nazca lines are incredible, but I'm certain they weren't created by people who lived 1,500 years ago. The ancient people (**couldn't have** / **would have** / **must have**) had the knowledge to create something so accurate.
33. Conspiracy fans continue to consider the story of Roswell aliens. They believe that UFOs (**might** / **couldn't** / **had to**) have crashed in the desert.
34. The *Mary Celeste* (**might have been** / **had to have been** / **had been**) attacked by pirates. No one knows for sure.
35. It's obvious that something terrible happened. The crew (**had to have** / **would have** / **might**) abandoned the ship during the incident. There's no other explanation.

Part 7

Read the sentences. Decide if the person is *very certain*, *almost certain*, or *not certain*. Then circle the correct answers.

36. I think I left my purse on the train. I'll call the lost-and-found; someone may have turned it in.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
37. Jim had to have been at the office this morning. His computer was turned on, and there was a hot coffee on his desk.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
38. The bright light in the sky last night might have been from a plane. I think it's possible, even though I didn't hear any loud noises.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
39. The stones used to build the Egyptian pyramids must have been difficult to move.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
40. Chris couldn't have written that letter. He obviously doesn't speak or write Chinese!
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
41. Stonehenge must have been man-made. I'll bet it didn't occur naturally.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
42. My best friend's birthday party is next week. There's no question that I'll be there to help her celebrate.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain
43. He should have been home an hour ago. I'll bet he had to stay late to finish the report that's due tomorrow.
a. very certain
b. almost certain
c. not certain