

Choose the correct answer. Only one answer is correct.

I had been sitting ___1___ in my usual compartment ___2___ at least ten minutes, waiting ___3___. The trains from Littlebury never seemed to start ___4___ and I often thought that I could have ___5___ in bed a little longer or had ___6___ cup of tea before ___7___. Suddenly I heard someone shouting ___8___ the platform outside. A young girl was running towards the train. The man ___9___ put out his hand to stop her but she ran past him and opened the door of my compartment. Then the whistle blew and the train started.

"I nearly missed it, ___10___?" the girl said. "How long does it take to ___11___ London?"

"It depends on the ___12___" I said. "Some days it's ___13___ others." "I'll have to ___14___, ___15___ late again tomorrow," she said. "It's my first day ___16___ with a new firm today and they told me that the man ___17___ is very strict. I ___18___ him yet so I don't know ___19___ but he sounds a bit frightening."

She talked about her new job ___20___ the way to London and before long, I realized that she was going to work for my firm. My ___21___ secretary had just left so I must be her new boss ___22___ only fair to tell her.

"Oh, dear," she said. "___23___ mistake! I wish I ___24___"

"Never mind," I said. "At least you'll know when your train's late that ___25___"

1. A) for myself B) only myself C) by myself D) in my own
2. A) for B) during C) since D) meanwhile
3. A) the train to start B) for the train start
C) the train's start D) for the train to start
4. A) on their hour B) on time
C) at their hour D) at time
5. A) lain B) laid C) lied D) lay
6. A) other B) some other C) another D) one other
7. A) I had left the home B) leave from home
C) leaving home D) to leave home
8. A) at B) by C) in D) on
9. A) at place B) on duty C) for control D) in post
10. A) haven't I B) don't I C) wasn't I D) didn't I
11. A) get to B) arrive to C) reach to D) make to
12. A) driver to the engine B) driver engine
C) engine's driver D) engine driver
13. A) far slower that B) much slower than
C) a lot more slow than D) a great deal more slow than
14. A) mend me the watch B) mend me my watch
C) have my watch mended D) have mended my watch
15. A) in order not are B) so as not to be
C) for not being D) so that it's not
16. A) at job B) in job C) in work D) at work
17. A) I'm going to work for B) what I'm going to work for
C) for which I'm going to work D) which I'm going to work
18. A) didn't meet B) haven't met
C) didn't know D) haven't known
19. A) what he is like B) what is he like
C) how he is D) how is he
20. A) through B) by C) on D) in
21. A) proper B) own C) same D) self
22. A) There was B) That was C) It was D) Was
23. A) What a terrible B) What terrible
C) How terrible D) So terrible a
24. A) had known B) have known
C) knew D) would have known
25. A) so will the mine be B) the mine will be, too
C) So will mine D) mine will be, too

Hello, Mary! I ___26___ you before now but I ___27___ so hard at the office that I didn't have time. My boss ___28___ to holiday tomorrow and he ___29___ arrange everything before he ___30___. If he had given me sensible instruction I could have done the work next week. But you ___31___ the same problems with your boss. Anyway, ___32___ two tickets for the new play at the Grand Theatre on Saturday ___33___ and see it together?

26. A) should have rung B) must have rung
C) had to ring D) ought to ring
27. A) must work B) must have worked
C) have had to work D) ought to work
28. A) will go B) is going
C) shall go D) shall be going
29. A) wants that I B) would that I
C) would like that I D) wants me to
30. A) leaves B) shall leave C) will leave D) is leaving
31. A) have to have B) can have
C) ought to have D) must have
32. A) they have been given to me B) I have been given
C) I am given D) they are given to me
33. A) May we go B) Do you like to go
C) Shall we go D) Will we go
34. The lift is out of _____ so we'll have to walk.
A) function B) order C) running D) work
35. Dinner will be ready _____ but we have time for a drink before then.
A) currently B) lately C) presently D) suddenly
36. What do you _____ to do about the problem now that this solution has failed.
A) attempt B) think C) pretend D) intend
37. We have _____ for a new secretary but we haven't had any replies yet.
A) advertised B) advised C) announced D) noticed
38. I've _____ for the job and I hope I get it.
A) appointed B) applied C) presented D) succeeded
39. He threw the box out of the window and it fell to the _____ outside.
A) flat B) floor C) plain D) ground
40. 100 competitors had _____ the race.
A) put their names for B) entered for
C) put themselves for D) taken part
41. I'm very _____ to you for your help.
A) grateful B) agreeable C) pleased D) thanks
42. He's so mean that he wouldn't give a beggar a _____ of bread.
A) peel B) shell C) crust D) skin
43. Will you be able to come to the party? I _____.
A) believe yes B) am afraid not
C) don't hope so D) don't expect
44. I never expected you to turn _____ at the meeting. I thought you were abroad.
A) A round B) on C) in D) up
45. The plane is just going to take _____.
A) away B) out C) off D) up

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46. A) knees B) peace C) freeze D) keys
47. A) home B) sum C) crumb D) come
48. A) straighter B) greater C) water D) later
49. A) ache B) shake C) steak D) weak
50. A) another B) bother C) brother D) mother

I __51__ don't believe in ghosts __52__ my experience at the Rose Inn. __53__ I have never seen one. But ghost stories have made me __54__ uncomfortable since then I __55__ the inn late at night and asked __56__.

"There's nothing left," he said, " __57__ to sleep in Number7."

"Why not?" I said. "What's wrong with it?", I was so tired that I would have slept __58__.

"Nothing," he said slowly. " but something happened there a few months ago."

Every old inn has __59__ strange stories, so I thought that __60__ he told me about it, the better. I was willing to listen to anything for __61__ a bed to sleep in.

"A man came here late at night, __62__ you," the landlord said. "I thought there was something odd __63__ him because he kept looking __64__ his shoulder while he was signing his name in the book. He asked me __65__ have and I offered __66__ " __67__ a man who has said he'll kill me," he said suddenly. "With a knife." He looked __68__ that I thought I had better __69__ him to his room. I locked the door and left him __70__. The next day we __71__ him dead, with a knife beside him. He had __72__" the landlord said. "or someone else had done it. Do you mind sleeping there now you know the story?". "Well," I said. " __73__ is following me. But I wish you __74__ the story in morning __75__ I'll sleep here on the bar if you've got a couple of blankets."

51. A) Already B) Yet C) no longer D) still
52. A) Even though B) even after C) although D) in spite
53. A) At least B) At last C) At first D) At once
54. A) To feel B) feel myself C) feel D) that I feel
55. A) arrived to B) arrived at C) reached to D) reached at
56. A) room of the landlord B) room from the landlord C) the landlord a room D) the landlord for a room
57. A) If you didn't like B) If you don't like C) Unless you are liking D) Unless you'd like
58. A) anywhere B) somewhere C) nowhere D) in whatever place
59. A) his B) its C) their D) the
60. A) so soon as B) as soon as C) the soonest D) the sooner
61. A) the sake of B) the lack of C) the need of D) the wish of
62. A) as B) like C) the same that D) similar with
63. A) with B) of C) about D) around
64. A) through B) back C) over D) after
65. A) what room could he B) what room he may C) which room could he D) which room he could
66. A) to him the number 7 B) to him number 7 C) him number 7 D) him the number 7
67. A) It's B) There's C) That's D) He's
68. A) to be so frightened B) so frightened C) with such fright D) with such fright
69. A) to bring B) to take C) bring D) take
70. A) by himself B) by his self C) only himself D) in his own
71. A) met B) knew C) found D) uncovered
72. A) cut himself the throat B) himself cut the throat C) his throat cut D) cut his throat
73. A) None B) No one C) Anyone D) Any one
74. A) told me B) had told me C) would tell me D) would have told me
75. A) As it is B) Like it is C) Being like that D) Being as that

"Darling! There's hardly any petrol left in the tank. I __76__ it up before we left home. __77__ a garage quite near but I __78__ drive carefully until we __79__ there. If only I __80__ the petrol before we started out! Damn! I __81__ this to happen for the last ten minutes. I'll have to push the car to the side of the road because we __82__ if we leave it here. But I can't imagine what __83__ to let this happen.

76. A) must have filled B) should have filled C) would have filled D) had to fill
77. A) There may be B) It may be C) There can be D) It can be
78. A) like better B) would better C) had better D) prefer
79. A) shall get B) will get C) are getting D) get
80. A) checked B) would have checking C) had checked D) have checked
81. A) am expecting B) expect C) have been expecting D) was expecting
82. A) will be fined B) will fine C) will be being fined D) will be fining
83. A) was I thinking about B) I was thinking about C) did I think about D) I thought about
84. He _____ me by two games to one
A) beat B) conquered C) gained D) won
85. His office is on the third _____ of the building.
A) floor B) flat C) ground D) level
86. How long are you thinking of _____ in this country?
A) reminding B) staying C) resting D) inhabiting
87. I don't want to go into the sea. I'd rather lie on the _____.
A) coast B) beach C) bank D) seaside
88. I'm _____. I didn't pass the examination but I'll do better next time.
A) deceived B) despaired C) disillusioned D) disappointed
89. The lecture was so _____ that everyone went to sleep.
A) boring B) bored C) tiring D) tired
90. I _____ an answer to my letter within a few days.
A) hope B) wait C) look forward D) expect
91. When he _____ he wants to be an architect.
A) ages B) grows C) grows up D) increases
92. It's on the top shelf, out of _____.
A) distance B) reach C) touch D) attempt
93. He's worked so _____ that he deserves a rest.
A) roughly B) intensive C) hardly D) hard
94. They're staying with us _____ the time being until they find a place of their own.
A) during B) in C) since D) for
95. I'll call _____ you at 8.30 and give you a lift to work.
A) in B) for C) at D) up

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96. A) blood B) stood C) flood D) mud
97. A) word B) third C) stirred D) lord
98. A) war B) bar C) far D) star
99. A) eyes B) prize C) lies D) buys
100. A) build B) mild C) wild D) child