TWENTY SECOND CYCLE - FINAL EXAM

PART 1
QUESTIONS 1-10
Read the following news story called **'CHICKEN FIGHT'** and choose the correct word for each space. A, B, C or D.

0	GOT

What was the chicken fight? How did the local newspaper resolve the dispute? Would you like to try the dish?

CHICKEN FIGHT
by Sam Urban

Two chefs (0)… ***GOT***….. into a fight last week after Andrew Palmer (1) **……** Geoff Lewis of stealing one of his recipes and publishing it in a local newspaper.

Andrew Palmer, 28,claimed that he (2) **……..……** the dish of cold chicken and strawberry mayonnaise at his kent Gastropub, The King's Head. However, restaurant chef Geoff Lewis, 30 who (3) **……..……..** a weekly newspaper column on cooking, (4) **……..……** the recipe and (5) **……..** the dish was his own creation.

So, the local newspaper, the Sidcup Echo, (6) **……..** both chefs to prepare the dish at their offices to see whose recipe it really was. They (7) **……** come, and the 'cook off' took place. Newspaper staff (8)**……..** both dishes unanimously declared Andrew's to be the winner. Geoff's dish (9) **……..……** to be 'lacking flavour'. He later (10) **……..……** seen the dish on the menu at Andrew's pub and he has offered to publish and apology in the following issue of the Echo. ' In any case', he said later, 'I've decided that it works better with raspberries.'

1.	A. was accused	b. accused	c. had been accused	d. was
2.	A. had invented	b. have been invented	c. invented	d. invent
3.	A. wrote	b. writes	c. is writing	d. written
4.	A. copied	b. was copying	c. denied copying	d. deny
5.	A. were said	b. said	c. was saying	d. say
6.	A. invited	b. was invited	c. is inviting	d. invites
7.	A. agreed to	b. have agreed to	c. agreed	d. agrees
8.	A. was trying	b. tried	c. were trying	d. tries
9.	A. were said	b. said	c. was said	d. says
10.	A. admitted having	b. admitted	c. had been admitting	d. admits

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PART 2
QUESTIONS 11-18
Read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your answers in capital letters

EXAMPLE:

0	H	A	V	E				

'World's most polite robber' suspect arrested

By DAILY MAIL REPORTER

Police (0)……***HAVE***….. arrested a suspected robber who apologized profusely while he held up a convenience store.
The 65-year-old man, (11)…….. remembered his P's and Q's while holding up the Washington state store was arrested by sheriff's detectives and a SWAT team at his house yesterday afternoon.
The man accused of the robbery has past convictions for forgery and armed robbery, said Sargent John Urquhart of (12)…….. King County Sheriff's Office.

During the (13) … …….. the man can be seen walking into the shop, buying a cup of coffee and politely telling the attendant 'I'm robbing you, sir'.
He then shows the store owner a black handgun, before asking if he could 'please' empty the till.
'Could you (14) …… me a favour - could you empty that till for me please, put that right here,' he said. 'I'm robbing you sir.'

Mr. Henry, who owns the White Center Shell station in Seattle, asked him if he was sure he wanted to rob him and said he wanted to know why.
'Because I need the money,' the robber responded. 'I have kids that need to be fed, sir. I'm really sorry to have to do this.'

Mr. Henry offered (15)..... $40, but the man demanded all of the money – around $300 – and apologized again as he was given it.
He added: 'Thank you very much, and if I ever get back on my feet again sir, I'll bring it back.'
The robber then drove off in a red car, leaving fingerprints at the scene.

'I felt (16) ……..…… because he will get caught and spend at least 15 years behind bars for what - $200 or $300?" Mr. Henry told television station KIRO 7 shortly after the incident.
The whole exchange (17)……. captured on CCTV with sound.

Mr. Henry said he had (18)…….. robbed several times before but this was the first time he has ever felt sorry for the thief.

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QUESTIONS 19 – 26

read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Write your answers IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Example:

0	C	A	R	E	F	U	L		

SOME ADVICE FOR TOURISTS **Be (0) ……when you're sightseeing**	**CARE**
What's the first thing tourists do when they come out of the Times Square subway station in New York City? They look up at the tall buildings, and then they pose to have their photo (19)…….. When they're looking up, or looking at the camera, that's the moment when a pickpocket steals their wallet. Thieves also love the posters you see that warn tourists: "Watch out for pickpockets!" When men read that, their natural reaction is to (20)…… put their hand on the pocket where their wallet is, to make sure it's still there. The pickpockets are watching, and so they see (21)…….. where the man is carrying his wallet.	**TAKE** **IMMEDIATE** **EXACT**
Don't look too rich You (22)…….. increase your chances of being robbed if you look as if you might have a lot of money on you. You don't have to look like a hobo, but you should try to look as if you aren't carrying much of value. If you're a tourist, keep your expensive camera or phone (23)……	**DRAMA** **HIDE**
Listen to the locals If you are a tourist and somebody on the street tells you to put your phone away, do it. Sometimes the locals can be overprotective because they want you to see the (24)…… side of their town, but it's always a good idea to take their advice. If they say don't go somewhere, don't.	**GOODS**
Be smart about cabs The safest thing to do is to call a (25)…….. Company every time you need one (your hotel can usually help with this). If you do have to get a taxi on the street, make sure it looks like a regulated one (e.g., one that has an (26)……number or company phone number on it), and never ever get into a cab that has another person in the front passenger seat.	**REPUTE** **OFFICIALLY**

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FOR QUESTIONS 27 – 31

complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example (0).

Example:

0 Prizes are given out when the school year finishes.
PLACE
Prize giving ..... end of each school year.
The gap can be filled by the words 'takes place at the', so you write:

Example: 0 ***TAKES PLACE AT THE***
Write only the missing words IN CAPITAL LETTERS on the separate answer sheet

27. John felt sorry for not asking how much the hotel was before he booked it.
REGRETTED
John .....how much the hotel was before he booked it.

28. I proposed that some flowers be bought for Anne, but Lisa said she'd prefer chocolates.
SUGGESTED
I .....some flowers, but Lisa said she'd prefer chocolates.
29. I'd prefer not to go to the party if my ex is going to be there.
RATHER
I .....to the party if my ex is going to be there.
30. My cellphone was stolen on the way to college yesterday.
ROBBED
I ..... on the way to college yesterday.
31. My parents don't mind if I stay out late.
GET
My parents don't ..... if I stay out late.

PART 5

QUESTIONS 32 - 36

You are given a piece of text with five questions. Identify and choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Physicist Steven Desch has come up with a novel solution to the problems that now beset the Arctic. He and a team of colleagues from Arizona State University want to replenish the region's shrinking sea ice by building 10 million wind-powered pumps over the Arctic ice cap. In winter, these would be used to pump water to the surface of the ice where it would freeze, thickening the cap.

The pumps could add an extra metre of sea ice to the Arctic's current layer, Desch argues. The current cap rarely exceeds 2-3 metres in thickness and is being eroded constantly as the planet succumbs to climate change. Thicker ice would mean longer-lasting ice. In turn, that would mean the danger of all sea ice disappearing from the Arctic in summer would be reduced significantly.

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Hence Desch's scheme to use wind pumps to bring water which is insulated from the bitter Arctic cold by its icy surface, where it will freeze and thicken the ice cap. Nor is the physicist alone in his Arctic scheming. Other projects to halt sea-ice loss include one to artificially whiten the Arctic by scattering light-coloured aerosol particles over it to reflect solar radiation back into space, and another to spray sea water into the atmosphere above the region to create clouds that would also reflect sunlight away from the surface.

Last November, when sea ice should have begun thickening and spreading over the Arctic as winter set in, the region warmed up. Temperatures should have plummeted to -25C but reached several degrees above freezing instead. It's been about 20C warmer than normal over most of the Arctic Ocean, which is unprecedented.

In fact, sea ice growth stalled during the second week of January - in the heart of the Arctic winter - while the ice cap actually retreated within the Kara and Barents seas, and within the Sea of Okhotsk. Similarly, the Svalbard archipelago, normally shrouded in ice, has remained relatively free because of the inflow of warm Atlantic water along the western part of the island chain. Although there has been some recovery, sea ice remains well below all previous record lows.

32. Why is Desch's proposal described as novel?
A) Because it is very expensive.
B) Because it is theoretical.
C) Because it has never been done before.
D) Because it would be very difficult.

33. What outcome is suggested in the second paragraph?

A) The thinning of the sea ice could be halted.
B) The risk of the sea ice disappearing would be dramatically reduced.
C) 2-3 metres of additional sea ice could be deposited.
D) The constant erosion of the sea ice could be stopped.

34. In which sense is the water insulated?
A) The ice cap protects the water underneath from freezing.
B) The effect of the sun prevents the water from getting too cold.
C) Artic water is colder.
D) Pollution in the water makes it difficult for it to freeze.

35. What problem are the projects described at the end of the third paragraph hoping to solve?
A) Cleaning the ice that has been discoloured.
B) Increasing the amount of snow that falls on the ice.
C) Making the thickness of the ice uniform.
D) Preventing the sun from melting the ice.

36. What situation is being discussed in the fourth paragraph?
A) Conditions that have never happened before.
B) Conditions that happen very rarely.
C) Normal winter conditions.
D) Conditions that were predictable.

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PART 6:

FOR QUESTIONS 37- 41

Read the article about a writer's life. Five sentences have been removed. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (37-41). There is one extra sentence you do not need to use.

A WRITER'S LIFE

My biggest dream has always been to become an author. As an enthusiastic reader since I was a toddler, books have been a steady influence, a friend, and an escape. (37_____) To me, reading is second only to breathing. From cereal boxes to fiction, I devour anything and everything I can get hold of. I read from morning, while eating breakfast, to night, before going to sleep. Some of my favorite genres include contemporary women's novels and thrillers.

I guess this love of books is what drove me to become a writer. The fact that I am always talking, thinking, and plotting helped me with my ambition. I have a need to create and to put into words feelings, thoughts, and desires. To me, books should present a welcome break from the stresses of every day, a way to relax and unwind. There are horrors all around us. (38 ____) Novels can carry people away to another place and allow them to forget, for a short time at least, all the awful things in life. Any type of reading inspires the brain and gives a change of pace. Children require fantasy and play, and adults also need a break from reality.

Exciting as it is to be able to inspire others, an author's career is lonely and often dull. Writing requires self-control and determination, and writers, as well as having knowledge of the difficulty of getting published, need to be able to deal with criticism. For every potential writer that there is out there, many give up or fail. I kept trying with the burning desire to do well. (39 _____) I needed to try to see if I could do it.

My first writing experience was as a reporter for a small newspaper almost twenty years ago. I submitted two articles for each of the three months the paper was published. The first month, I was given a bridal show to cover, and I had to write an article on how to prepare an elegant, yet inexpensive, wedding. Two local newspapers gave me assignments for various topics, and I realized this is an excellent way to learn the basics as a writer. (40 _____)

My goal was to write fiction. Whether creating short stories or" the great American novel," I enjoy fantasy and making up fictitious people and tales about their lives. Although I prefer genres suited to adults, I decided to try writing a children's book. I first started working on this in 1995, and after reading the extremely rough draft, I recognized the text was a mix of information just thrown together and was too much for children to understand. I broke up the ideas, planning to turn them into four books.

Unfortunately, life took over, and I had to put the book on hold for a while. After my husband and I moved, I returned to reporting, receiving several assignments for a local magazine and two national and international food-trade magazines.

(41_____) The desire to complete and submit the book for publication was as strong as ever. Fortunately, I became a member of a wonderful group that offered support as well as excellent suggestions. My book, a children's book intended for ages 8 – 12, was accepted by a publisher and released three years ago. The sequel is almost completed for submission, and to this, I hope to add two or three more to the series, though all of the books work equally well on their own.

Between writing, reading, reviewing, and being with family, I enjoy a busy and happy life. I may never become well-known, but my dream has been satisfied. I encourage anyone who wants to write to "just do it."

A. I could not go through life wondering if I would be successful or not.
B. Nevertheless, I kept returning to the children's novel I had in my head.
C. After all, we just have to pick up a newspaper or turn on the news to realize how much crime there is in society.
D. Meanwhile, four unfinished adult contemporary novels are calling to me, and I plan to get to them one day.
E. Although I found reporting enjoyable, I recognized this was not the type of writing I wanted to do.
F. I cannot imagine living without the written word.

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