

**II. Reading (2.0 points)****Part 1: Read the passage and complete each blank with a correct word (A, B, C, or D).**

Every year, between 365 million and one billion birds (11) \_\_\_\_\_ thought to be killed in building collisions in the US. More than half of those crashes are actually with low-rise buildings, such as people's homes. Birds may collide with them in small numbers per building, but it adds up, as houses are so widespread. However, big lit-up buildings such as skyscrapers may kill hundreds of birds at once. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ October 2023, nearly 1000 birds (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in a single night during their autumn migration from hitting a skyscraper in Chicago. Many birds migrate by night, and use the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to find their way. During their night migration, they are often seen gathering around or crashing into lit-up windows and structures. One explanation is that they may usually (15) \_\_\_\_\_ towards light sources, but unfortunately, the artificial light confuses and traps them.

(Adapted from www.bbc.com)

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| 11. A. are        | B. were  | C. will be | D. have been |
| 12. A. At         | B. In    | C. On      | D. For       |
| 13. A. died       | B. dead  | C. deadly  | D. death     |
| 14. A. satellites | B. earth | C. sun     | D. stars     |
| 15. A. swim       | B. drive | C. fly     | D. ride      |

**Part 2: Read the passage and choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D) to each of the questions.**

Positive thinking has many advantages. Positive people are usually happy and don't worry about bad events in life, so they stay healthy. Also, positive people are likely to exercise and eat healthy foods. Because of this, they don't usually get sick and don't have many health problems.

Positive people do well in jobs as they are creative and solve problems themselves without asking other people for help. They also like to learn new things, so they study and take classes. Their knowledge and skills make them better workers.

Positive thinking also helps in sports. Top athletes are positive thinkers and never give up. They like to practice their sports and always want to get better. Also, before they do an action, they "see" themselves do it correctly, believing they are going to win.

There are many different ways to become more positive. First, think about good events in your life. At the end of a day, ask, "What good things happened to me today?" Think about these things for a few minutes. Second, find activities to do. Laugh at a funny movie or read a good book. Finally, always try new things. For example, you can talk to people you don't know or shop in a different store. Do different things every day.

Life can be difficult sometimes. Don't give up and be negative. Take action. Think about the future by making a plan. You can learn to be positive.

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16. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?  
A. The benefits of positive thinking  
B. The drawbacks of positive thinking  
C. The conflicts of positive thinkers  
D. The importance of positive thinkers
17. The word "**them**" in paragraph 2 refers to  
A. classes B. skills C. new things. D. positive people
18. According to paragraph 2, when positive people have problems, they usually  
A. get help from others B. ask better workers  
C. take classes D. look for solutions
19. The phrase "**give up**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to  
A. love playing B. stop trying C. keep working D. start training
20. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true about positive thinkers?  
A. They are creative. B. They are confident.  
C. They are depressed. D. They are independent.

### III. Vocabulary and Grammar (4.0 points)

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

21. If it \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow, we'll go to the beach.  
A. doesn't rain B. didn't rain C. won't rain D. hadn't rain
22. He has always regretted not \_\_\_\_\_ harder at school.  
A. studied B. study C. studying D. to study
23. The train to London took \_\_\_\_\_ than an hour.  
A. many B. much C. more D. most
24. She's going to be a professional dancer when she \_\_\_\_\_ up.  
A. grew B. grows C. will grow D. had grown.
25. James and Stephen \_\_\_\_\_ stay home on Sundays because they prefer outdoor activities.  
A. rarely B. frequently C. usually D. always
26. I want to travel because I \_\_\_\_\_ seeing new places and meeting people.  
A. hate B. need C. want D. love
27. One of the most unique activities in Hoi An Ancient Town is releasing the lotus flower \_\_\_\_\_ on the Hoai River.  
A. sandals B. lanterns C. burdens D. spacesuits
28. Liz and Max worked with \_\_\_\_\_ to create their dream home.  
A. a pharmacist B. a detective C. an architect D. an astronaut
29. The valuable cookbook contains many simple but highly \_\_\_\_\_ meals.  
A. undercooked B. nutritious C. tasteless D. overcooked
30. When the rain stopped, they \_\_\_\_\_ a walk in the cool, after-rain air.  
A. passed down to B. set off for C. faced up to D. ran out of

Find a mistake in one of the four underlined parts sentence.

31. Bonn is one of German's oldest cities and it is famous for the birthplace of Beethoven.

- A. German's      B. cities      C. for      D. birthplace

32. The chef **garnished** the steak with a sprinkling of freshly chopped parsley.

The word "**garnished**" is CLOSEST in meaning to

- A. embroidered      B. publicized      C. imitated      D. decorated

33. He was **relieved** to know that his mother's illness was not a serious one.

The word "**relieved**" is OPPOSITE in meaning to

- A. worried      B. embarrassed      C. qualified      D. pleased

**34. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from that of the others.**

- A. operate      B. activate      C. imitate      D. exhibit

35. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others.

- A. treat      B. please      C. dream      D. spread

**Questions 36-40: Choose the sentence that is closest in meaning to the given sentence.**

36. It's important for children to go to bed early.

- A. Children needn't go to bed early.      C. Children should not stay up late.  
B. Children might go to bed late.      D. Children ought to stay up late.

37. Although it rained heavily, we enjoyed the camping trip.

- A. It rained heavily but we enjoyed the camping trip.  
B. It rained heavily so we enjoyed the camping trip.  
C. We enjoyed the camping trip because it rained heavily.  
D. We enjoyed the camping trip when it rained heavily.

38. They have been living here since last year.

- A. They have never been here before.  
C. They will leave here next year.  
B. They moved here last year.  
D. They are going to live here.

39. She said to me, "I go to the gym next to your house."

- A. She wanted me to go to the gym next to our house.  
B. She suggested going to the gym next to your house.  
C. She said that she went to the gym next to my house.  
D. She asked me if I went to the gym next to her house.

40. My grandfather is 88 years old and he goes swimming every day.

- A. My grandfather goes swimming every day who is 88 years old.  
B. My grandfather, who goes swimming every day is 88 years old.  
C. My grandfather is 88 years old who goes swimming every day.  
D. My grandfather, who is 88 years old, goes swimming every day.