

PART TWO: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. Give the correct form of the word in brackets to complete each of the following sentences.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. (10 pts.)

- Not every journalist could notice the opera singer's shifted grounds; her opinion had changed (PERCEIVE) _____.
- Since drunken driving is dangerous, the government has decided to (LAW) _____ it in the hope that road accidents will be reduced.
- It is advisable that caffeine and other similar (STIMULATE) _____ shouldn't be taken shortly before we go to bed.
- The man was arrested for (PERSON) _____ a director, tricking many people into giving him money to invest in the project.
- Thanks to this type of (SHATTER) _____ screen, drivers will be able to have a clear view even when it is smashed.
- As a teacher, Mrs. White always tries to be fair and avoid (FAVOR) _____ as well as scapegoating.
- Laura has (MARK) _____ the BBC homepage as she uses it regularly to get the latest news.
- The ceremony of the Flamboyant Festival ended (SENSE) _____ with a firework display.
- Do you think the children in this village are (NOURISH) _____? They look very thin.
- The tourists were impressed by the (SPLENDID) _____ of the jewellery in the souvenir shop.

II. Fill each blank with a suitable preposition or adverb particle to complete each of the following sentences.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. (10 pts.)

- Steeped _____ tradition, old houses are often sought-after _____ their unique architecture and style.
- To determine whether this ink cartridge is compatible _____ your printer, check _____ the side of the box.
- I would be grateful if you kept the news _____ yourself. Do not tell anyone _____ it.
- We don't have a big budget, so choose what you like _____ the menu, _____ reason.
- Rather than ponder the questions, the interviewee blurted _____ the first answer coming _____ his head.
- Working in a team seemed to be a tough time for Leon at first, but _____ long, he got the hang _____ it.
- My uncle is an inspirational politician who can put _____ his ideas _____ exceptional clarity.
- There is a bus _____ twenty minutes _____ the hour; for example 7.40, 8.40, 9.40, etc.
- Mr. Smith doesn't want us to quote him on what he is _____ to say as it is _____ the record.
- I decide to buy the dress _____ approval so that I can take it _____ if it doesn't fit my mother.

III. The following passage contains 10 mistakes. Identify the mistakes and write the corrections in the corresponding numbered boxes on the answer sheet. (0.) has been done as an example. (10 pts.)

0. Line 1: *believing* → *believe*

LINE	PASSAGE
1	Scientists used to <i>believing</i> that our 24-hours cycle sleeping and walking was governed entirely by external
2	factors. The most notable of these, <i>they</i> thought, were the rising and the setting of sun. But they have now
3	established that it is a daily rhythm to a wide range of biological function - including temperature, digestion and
4	mental activity - which regulate internally by a special time-keeping mechanism within the brain. The main
5	function of this "body clock" is to anticipate and prepare for external changes so that, for example, our body
6	temperature starts to rise around dawn, gearing with for the day, and begin to fall in the early evening, winding
7	us down for sleep. Some people body clocks keep poorer time than those of others, which can greatly disturb
8	their lives and even threaten their health. Insomnia, depression, fatigue, and being inefficient can all be caused
9	or aggravated by inaccurate body clocks.
10	Equally, severe problems can result from the difficulties of adjusting to different time zones and working by
11	night in spite of by day. Shift workers are known to run a higher-than-average risk of having an amount of
12	health problems and the disruption of normal body rhythms is one possible explanation for this.

PART THREE: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and fill each of the numbered blanks with ONE suitable word.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. (5 pts.)

In this digital age of instant communication, the tradition of having pen friends still (1) _____ the test of time. Pen friends, also known as pen pals, are individuals who exchange letters and build friendships via (2) _____ correspondence.

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The allure of having a pen friend lies in the personal touch that handwritten letters bring to communication. (3) _____ quick messages sent through emails or social media, pen friends take the time to put pen to paper and express their thoughts and feelings in a (4) _____ deliberate and heartfelt manner. Waiting for letters to arrive in the mailbox creates a (5) _____ of anticipation and excitement, making the exchange of letters a cherished experience.

Moreover, pen friends offer a window to the world by providing insights (6) _____ different cultures and perspectives. Through their letters, pen friends share stories of their daily lives, traditions, and unique experiences, (7) _____ us to see the world through their eyes. It's a journey of mutual discovery, (8) _____ each letter becomes a treasure trove of new knowledge and understanding.

In conclusion, (9) _____ art of having pen friends continues to enrich lives and foster connections beyond borders. In a world that moves at a rapid pace, the simple act of writing and exchanging letters holds the power to create lasting friendships and bridge gaps between cultures. So, pick up your pen and (10) _____ the plunge, for the world of pen friends awaits with open arms and open hearts.

PART FOUR: WRITING

I. Finish the second sentence in such a way that its meaning is similar to that of the original one. Write your answers on the answer sheet. (10 pts.)

- It has been arranged for all of us to attend the conference on Saturday.
⇒ We are all
- Her salary is half what she would receive in the job she was offered four months ago.
⇒ If she had accepted
- It is thought that the company will launch a new advertising campaign soon.
⇒ A new advertising campaign
- Most of the problems of the committee arose because there was no leadership.
⇒ It was the
- "Please don't run so fast. I can't catch up with you," Daisy said to David.
⇒ Daisy pleaded
- You couldn't wish to meet a nicer fellow than Martin.
⇒ Martin is as
- Mark is a passionate skier and he also takes part in skateboarding tournaments.
⇒ Apart
- You shouldn't have told everyone about my plan.
⇒ I would rather my
- It is not certain that the new situation will be an improvement.
⇒ It is open
- Please do not disturb the contestants during the exam under any circumstances.
⇒ On no

II. Rewrite each of the sentences below in such a way that its meaning is similar to that of the original one, using the word given in brackets. Do not change this word in any way. You must use NO MORE THAN SIX words. Write your answers on the answer sheet. (5 pts.)

- James was nominated for the post of treasurer by two committee members. (FORWARD)
⇒ James was the post of treasurer by two committee members.
- You needn't make that simple task so challenging. (HEAVY)
⇒ You needn't that simple task.
- She was very relieved when she realized that her bag hadn't been stolen. (BREATHED)
⇒ She when she realized that her bag hadn't been stolen.
- The local residents showed their love and respect for the bravery of the firefighters. (TRIBUTE)
⇒ The local residents for their bravery.
- The name of the song sounded familiar but I couldn't remember where I had heard it before. (RANG)
⇒ The name of the song but I couldn't remember where I had heard it before.

SECTION TWO: SELECTED-RESPONSE TEST

PART ONE: PHONOLOGY

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the word whose bold and underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the others in each group. (2.5 pts.)

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| 1. A. hand u bag | B. hand u kerchief | C. hand u craft | D. hand u craft |
| 2. A. ni tr ogen | B. co n sonant | C. inter com | D. so l itaire |
| 3. A. fea th er | B. mammo th | C. swar th y | D. wrea th e |
| 4. A. re col lect | B. re l ake | C. re w rite | D. re a rrange |
| 5. A. ascer ta in | B. campa ign | C. barg ain | D. compl ai n |

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the word whose main stress position is placed differently from that of the others in each group. (2.5 pts.)

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| 6. A. multicultural | B. overemph asis | C. microclimate | D. hypersensitive |
| 7. A. farmland | B. co-writer | C. tradesman | D. world-class |
| 8. A. explanatory | B. exponential | C. miscellaneous | D. photogenic |
| 9. A. compliment | B. excellent | C. nominate | D. distinguish |
| 10. A. tuberculosis | B. metropolitan | C. hippopotamus | D. supercilious |

PART TWO: READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 11 to 20. (10 pts.)

THE RISE OF ROBOTS

As kids, our grandparents frequently scared us by talking about how difficult life was when they were growing up. They mentioned walking miles to school in the snow, or doing hours of manual labour for little pay. Life has changed greatly since then, and it seems to get easier year by year. In fact, with the help of robots, we soon might not have to do much at all. But is this a good thing?

By 2030, it's estimated that robotics will be a \$10 billion business worldwide. Companies are already starting to integrate them into the workforce. The electronics manufacturer Foxconn is drawing up plans to launch a factory within the next 10 years that's completely staffed by robot workers. Meanwhile, an American company Briggo has invented a robot that serves gourmet-quality coffee to customers. With the push of a button, it will crush coffee beans, measure exact quantities of water, and even wave a steam wand to ensure customers get the perfect cream on top. Unlike human baristas, it can serve multiple drinks at once and work all day and night without a break.

Robots are also invading our homes. The Rooma is a mini-robot that vacuums rooms automatically according to a schedule. The Robomow is a device that will cut the grass for you while you sit in the shade. Then there's the Nanda clocky, an alarm clock that makes sure that even the deepest sleepers get up on time. The clock is attached to a pair of wheels, and it will randomly move around the room. Once you finally catch it, you're probably too awake to hit the snooze button.

Although these early home robots are somewhat basic, they will likely become more capable as time goes on. Although robots certainly help us to eliminate tedious tasks, many people are concerned about a future filled with robots. Some fear that humanity will start to decline if machines do everything for us. Others have even warned about the robot rebellion, in which robots become so smart that they may decide to turn on their masters. These ideas may seem a bit far-fetched, but there are certainly lots of questions that need to be answered before everyone opens up to the idea of a robotic future.



11. According to the first paragraph, how has the life changed since our parents' time?
- A. Children have to walk longer distance to school. B. Life hasn't changed much at all.
C. The education system has got much worse. D. Things aren't as hard as they once were.
12. The word "them" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. companies B. businesses C. robotics D. manufacturers
13. How is Briggo's invention superior to human workers?
- A. It is more knowledgeable about coffee-making. B. It is better at conversation.
C. It can operate machinery. D. It never has to stop.
14. All of the following are true about robots EXCEPT that _____.
A. they will have greater capabilities B. they will do boring tasks for human
C. they can work all day and night without break D. they can draw up plans to launch a factory
15. What will happen if you press the snooze button?
- A. The alarm will stop, but go off again soon. B. The alarm clock will turn off forever.
C. Nothing will happen at all. D. You will be wide awake.
16. Which of the following concerns over robotics is NOT MENTIONED in the passage?
- A. It takes some time for people to accept robots. B. Robots may do some harm to humans.
C. Robots may be dominant at the workplace. D. The idea of robotics may seem far-fetched.
17. The word "attached" in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.
A. attributed B. enlisted C. associated D. connected
18. The word "rebellion" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. resistance B. innovation C. revolt D. manifestation
19. What is the last paragraph mainly about?
- A. How people in local communities are supporting robots.
B. Some reasons why people haven't accepted robots yet.
C. A very amusing science-fiction story about robots.
D. A few of the latest robots on the market today.
20. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.
A. a robot rebellion can happen daily
B. robotics will have been a major business by 2030
C. present domestic robots can work without any programs
D. the communication will decline with the use of robots

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase to complete each of the numbered blanks from 21 to 30. (5 pts.)

The term *fintech* – a combination of the words *financial* and *technology* – refers to the use of technology to deliver financial services to consumers. It is thanks to fintech that you no longer need to visit a bank (21) _____ person to open an account or carry out (22) _____. This can be done conveniently online or via your phone. But fintech hasn't only caused a (23) _____ of interest in Internet and mobile banking. (24) _____ some sectors, for example, insurance. Many insurance companies now operate online, so they no longer need (25) _____ expensive office space in cities or large numbers of employees to staff them. (26) _____, they are able to offer their customers cheaper deals. One (27) _____ drawback concerns the misuse of the personal data amassed online by fintech companies. Some car insurance providers now gather data on a customer's driving via their phone. (28) _____ they claim is used to offer a far more personalized

policy. This is similar to the use of cookies (29) _____ in online sites with the purpose of monitoring our shopping habits. But despite such issues, online fintech business in general is definitely (30) _____ to stay.

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| 21. A. in | B. by | C. at | D. to |
| 22. A. overdrafts | B. expenses | C. transactions | D. balances |
| 23. A. surge | B. charge | C. decline | D. nosedive |
| 24. A. it has been transformed | B. it is also transforming | C. by also transforming | D. it was transformed |
| 25. A. most | B. some | C. either | D. the whole |
| 26. A. Furthermore | B. Nevertheless | C. Besides | D. Hence |
| 27. A. official | B. admissible | C. potential | D. plausible |
| 28. A. which | B. who | C. whom | D. that |
| 29. A. implanted | B. assembled | C. compiled | D. embedded |
| 30. A. inside | B. outside | C. here | D. there |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 31 to 35. (5 pts.)

REMEMBERING MEMORIES

Most people wish they had better memories. They also worry about forgetting things as they get older. But did you know that we have different kinds of memory? When one or more of these kinds start to fail, there are a few simple things that everyone can do to improve their memories.

What most people think of as memory is, in fact, five different categories of memory. Our capability to remember things from the past, that is, years or days ago, depends on two categories. They are remote memories and recent memories, respectively. When taking a test, we need to draw on our semantic memories. That is the sum of our acquired knowledge. Or maybe we want to remember to do something in the future, either minutes or days from now. These cases use our immediate and prospective memories.

Many people think that developing a bad memory is unavoidable as we get older, but this is actually not the case. Of our five kinds of memory, immediate, remote, and prospective (if aided with cues like memos) do not degrade with age. But how can we prevent a diminishing of our semantic and unaided prospective memories? The secret seems to be activity. Studies have shown that a little mental activity, like learning new things, goes a long way in positively affecting our memories. Regular physical activity appears to be able to make our memories better as well. This is possibly due to having a better blood supply to the brain. The one thing to avoid at all costs, though, is stress. When we are stressed, our bodies release a hormone called cortisol, which is harmful to our brain cells and thus our memories. Reducing stress through meditation, exercise, or other activities can help to preserve our mental abilities.

31. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. How to have better memories when people are getting older
- B. Different kinds of memory and the measures to preserve them
- C. How to control different kinds of memory
- D. Different activities to maintain brain cells

32. The phrase "These cases" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. what we did in the past and what we will remember in the future
- B. what we wanted to do and what we want to use in the future
- C. what we should do in some minutes or some days from now
- D. what we need to draw on, summarize or acquire in some minutes

33. If a person can't remember what he ate for lunch yesterday, that is a problem with his _____.

- A. prospective memories
- B. immediate memories
- C. remote memories
- D. recent memories



34. The word "degrade" in paragraph 3 mostly means _____.
 A. worsen B. recover C. expand D. improve
35. It can be inferred from the last paragraph that _____.
 A. the secret of having good memories is preserving semantic and unaided prospective memories
 B. the elderly's memory may be in good working order if they have healthy mental and physical activities
 C. the knowledge we acquired in the past may affect our memories when we are older
 D. all people have a good memory if their jobs relate to intellectual activities

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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase to complete each of the following sentences. (10 pts.)

36. Success commonly _____ hard work, patience, talent, and luck.
 A. indicates B. facilitates C. exemplifies D. necessitates
37. The competition _____ John with opportunities; however, he failed to enter it.
 A. can't have provided B. could have provided C. needn't have provided D. must have provided
38. It is _____ impossible for the neighbours to tell these twins apart.
 A. extremely B. naturally C. virtually D. basically
39. Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by half may present a huge challenge, but it is certainly not an _____ goal.
 A. unprecedented B. unforeseen C. undeniable D. unattainable
40. It is the recommendation of many psychologists that _____ to associate words and remember names.
 A. a learner use mental images B. a learner uses mental images
 C. mental images must be used by a learner D. mental images are used by a learner
41. Everyone in the office knows that Elena is _____, but she sometimes seems to end up annoying many colleagues.
 A. bad-tempered B. eye-catching C. well-meaning D. ill-advised
42. Both of her novels were best-selling, but critics generally agreed that the sequel was _____ the two.
 A. the better of B. much better than C. by far the best in D. twice as good as
43. He seemed very quiet, but it would be a mistake to _____ his intelligence.
 A. devitalize B. underrate C. appreciate D. minimize
44. I can't imagine Jack camping in the woods; he's too dependent on the _____ of home.
 A. comforts B. tranquility C. hospitality D. appliances
45. Lenses, _____, are used to correct imperfections in eyesight.
 A. in the form of glasses B. glasses may be form
 C. are the forms of glasses D. glasses which form
46. The singer's performance was so exciting that many of his fans were _____ enthusiasm.
 A. carried away with B. taken aback with C. stirred up with D. moved on with
47. Bob and Angela are talking about self-studying.
 Bob: "Self-studying is an inseparable part of effective learning."
 Angela: "_____".
 A. Good job! B. I'll say! C. Many happy returns! D. By all means!
48. He spent part of _____ evening telling them _____ news he couldn't tell them by _____ phone.
 A. the - Ø - the B. the - the - Ø C. an - the - the D. an - Ø - the
49. Henry and Timothy are talking about Mick's part-time job.
 Henry: "I think that Mick will leave his part-time job before the year is out."
 Timothy: "Yes, I agree. I don't think he'll _____ either."
 A. hit the jackpot B. hold the fort C. make a beeline D. stay the course



50. Appointments are available on the 6th and 8th of this month, but _____ either of those, they could fit you in on the 10th.
 A. for all B. failing C. except D. given
51. The Chairman's secretary was asked to take the _____ at the Committee meeting.
 A. minutes B. statements C. reports D. records
52. More than 80 people, many of _____ children had pictures on the walls, came to the exhibition.
 A. whose B. which C. who D. whom
53. It was a hot summer day and ice cream salesmen were doing a _____ trade.
 A. staggering B. bustling C. roaring D. flickering
54. I don't suppose you're telling us the real version of the fairy tale, _____?
 A. do I B. are you C. will you D. aren't you
55. Peter is impressed by her friend's house as it has a beautiful patio with many _____.
 A. circular terracotta flower-filled pots B. terracotta circular flower-filled pots
 C. circular flower-filled terracotta pots D. flower-filled circular terracotta pots

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