

III. READING

(61-75). Choose the word or phrase (a, b, c or d) that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

FUN AND GAMES

Do you think computer games are just for kids? Then you should think again. You might be (61) _____ to learn that the game industry now (62) _____ more money than Hollywood. (63) _____ a family buys a new PC, all they really want to do is to play games.

It is hardly surprising that video gaming has (64) _____ one of the most popular (65) _____ of entertainment today. A good game is like a good film; it will hold your (66) _____, capture your imagination and play with your emotions.

The big (67) _____, however, is that watching a movie is a passive (68) _____. You have no say in how the plot (69) _____ or which characters dominate the story. With computer games, you direct the (70) _____ and that is what makes them so exciting. Finding the right game is (71) _____ to signal the beginning of a lasting love (72) _____ with the interactive (73) _____ of make-believe.

It is (74) _____ to think of gaming as something simply for children and teenagers. In fact, the (75) _____ growth area of the market is the 25-35 age group.

- plot (n): *cốt truyện*

- to dominate (v): *chi phối*

- make-believe (n): *sự tưởng tượng; hình ảnh tưởng tượng*

61. a. concerned	b. admired	c. enjoyed	d. surprised
62. a. has	b. makes	c. does	d. gains
63. a. As soon as	b. As well as	c. As far as	d. As long as
64. a. begun	b. grown	c. become	d. changed
65. a. shapes	b. branches	c. areas	d. forms
66. a. control	b. attention	c. attraction	d. impression
67. a. direction	b. variety	c. difference	d. convenience
68. a. pastime	b. task	c. routine	d. supply
69. a. increases	b. produces	c. turns	d. develops
70. a. movement	b. change	c. action	d. attention
71. a. alike	b. likely	c. like	d. likeness

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72. a. affair	b. matter	c. action	d. event
73. a. region	b. area	c. society	d. world
74. a. false	b. wrong	c. dishonest	d. unusual
75. a. longest	b. widest	c. biggest	d. deepest

(76-80). Read the passage below carefully and choose the correct answer a, b, c or d.

Human memory, formerly believed to be rather inefficient, is really more sophisticated than that of a computer. Researchers approaching the problem from a variety of viewpoints have all concluded that there is a great deal more stored in our minds than has been generally supposed. Dr. Wilder Penfield, a Canadian neurosurgeon, proved that by stimulating their brains electrically, he could elicit the total recall of specific events in his subjects' lives. Even dreams and other minor events supposedly forgotten for many years suddenly emerged in detail.

Although the physical basis for memory is not yet understood, one theory is that the fantastic capacity for storage in the brain is the result of an almost unlimited combination of interconnections between brain cells, stimulated by patterns of activity. Repeated references to the same information support recall. Or to say that another way, improved performance is the result of strengthening the chemical bonds in the memory.

76. With what topic is the passage mainly concerned?

a. Dr. Wilder Penfield	b. Neurosurgery
c. Human memory	d. Chemical reactions

77. According to the passage, researchers have concluded that _____.

- a. the mind has a much greater capacity for memory than was previously believed
- b. the physical basis for memory is clear
- c. different points of view are valuable
- d. human memory is inefficient

78. How did Penfield elicit dreams and other minor events from the past?

a. By surgery	b. By electric stimulation
c. By repetition	d. By chemical stimulation

79. According to the passage, the capacity for storage in the brain _____.

- a. can be understood by examining the physiology
- b. is stimulated by patterns of activity

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- c. has a limited combination of relationships
- d. is not influenced by repetition

80. The word 'bonds' in the last sentence of the passage means _____.

- a. promises
- b. agreements
- c. connections
- d. responsibilities

(81-90). Fill in each blank with ONE appropriate word to make a meaningful passage.

A recent issue of a language learning magazine has consulted a number of experts in the (81) _____ of second language acquisition. Their advice may prove invaluable for those considering a language course. One suggestion is that you assess whether you are likely to be successful at (82) _____ a language. Did you enjoy studying languages at school, for example? Do you have (83) _____ time to learn a language? The major cost will be your own time and effort. Therefore you must make sure that the course (84) _____ offer leads to a recognized qualification. Also, be realistic in your goals. If you don't set achievable aims you are more likely to give (85) _____. Do not be deceived into thinking that the most expensive courses are the (86) _____. Shop around to get the best possible value for money. You should also bear in mind that the quicker you learn a language the more quickly you forget (87) _____. Sandra Miller, a French teacher, tried to teach (88) _____ German by enrolling on a crash course. Already fluent in four languages and with a sound knowledge of teaching methodology her chances of (89) _____ progress were high. Three years on she remembers very little. She feels her biggest mistake was not to follow up her first experience. "Moreover, I think the teacher's role is important. It's so nice to have somebody give you a (90) _____."

IV. WRITING

(91-95). Choose the sentence (a, b, c or d) that is almost the same in meaning as the sentence given.

91. My daughter is looking forward to seeing her friend.

- a. My daughter is being looked after while her friend is abroad.
- b. My daughter is expecting to see her friend.
- c. My daughter feels bored because she is going to see her friend soon.
- d. My daughter does not want to see her friend again.

92. I ran into Peter, a friend of mine, on my way to school this morning.

- a. I arranged to meet Peter on my way to school this morning.
- b. Peter and I ran to school this morning.
- c. I met my old friend unexpectedly on my way to school this morning.
- d. I collided my friend Peter on my way to school this morning.

93. John earned much less in his previous job than he does now.

- a. John is earning more in his current job.
- b. John is earning less in his current job.
- c. John had a higher salary in his previous job.
- d. John's previous job brought him as much money as his current one.

94. The secret to success is hard work.

- a. Working hard ensures success.
- b. One must work hard to keep secrets.
- c. One cannot succeed if he has secrets.
- d. If you keep your work secret, you will succeed. 1

95. The hurricane blew the roof off the house.

- a. The hurricane was too weak to blow off the roof of the house
- b. The hurricane put the roof back onto the house.
- c. The house was blown away by the hurricane.
- d. The house had its roof blown off during the hurricane.

(96-100). Rewrite the sentences so that they are nearest in meaning to the sentence printed before them.

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96. We can't believe that she won the first prize in the English speaking contest.

We find

97. Keeping calm is the secret of passing your driving test.

As long as

98. Would you like to have dinner with me?" Mike said to Melanie.

Mike

99. I realized how much I loved the city only after I had left it.

Only

100. Hunting elephants for tusks is guilty.

It's a
