

**A** Choose the correct answer.

### Criticism

It can (1) ..... a long time to become successful in your chosen field, however (2) ..... you are. One thing you have to be (3) ..... of is that you will face criticism along the way. The world is (4) ..... of people who would rather say something negative than positive. If you've made up your (5) ..... to achieve a certain goal, such as writing a novel, don't let the negative criticism of others (6) ..... you from reaching your target, and let constructive criticism have a positive (7) ..... on your work. If someone says you're totally (8) ..... in talent, ignore them. That's negative criticism. If, however, someone (9) ..... you to revise your work and gives you good reasons for doing so, you should (10) ..... their suggestions carefully. There are many film stars who were once out of (11) ..... There are many famous novelists who made a complete (12) ..... of their first novel – or who didn't, but had to (13) ..... approaching hundreds of publishers before they could get it published. Being successful does (14) ..... on luck, to a certain extent. But things are more likely to (15) ..... well if you persevere and stay positive.

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 A be          | B have      | C take        | D do           |
| 2 A talented    | B invested  | C mixed       | D workable     |
| 3 A alert       | B clever    | C intelligent | D aware        |
| 4 A overflowing | B full      | C filled      | D packed       |
| 5 A mind        | B brain     | C thought     | D idea         |
| 6 A cease       | B remove    | C avoid       | D prevent      |
| 7 A outcome     | B result    | C effect      | D consequence  |
| 8 A lacking     | B short     | C missing     | D absent       |
| 9 A suggests    | B advises   | C proposes    | D explains     |
| 10 A think      | B consider  | C look round  | D take         |
| 11 A career     | B business  | C job         | D work         |
| 12 A mess       | B rubbish   | C trash       | D garbage      |
| 13 A put off    | B bank on   | C keep on     | D drop in on   |
| 14 A require    | B need      | C depend      | D trust        |
| 15 A turn out   | B come into | C deal with   | D sail through |

(1 mark per answer)

**B** Choose the correct answer.

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| 16 Ed ..... at the clock and realised he was late for the meeting.<br>A glimpsed B observed<br>C glanced D watched | 19 I want to take these jeans back because they're too small but I can't find the ..... anywhere.<br>A recipe B receipt<br>C receiver D reception |
| 17 What's the entrance ..... for the outdoor music festival?<br>A ticket B fare<br>C price D fee                   | 20 I'll pick up a ..... on the way home and then we won't have to cook.<br>A takeaway B fast food<br>C delivery D microwave                       |
| 18 Don't ..... the potatoes in oil; that's so unhealthy!<br>A fry B boil<br>C bake D grill                         | 21 Certificates provide proof of your .....<br>A qualities B diplomas<br>C qualifications D ambitions   |

- 22 Living on a farm in the middle of nowhere, ours is about the most ..... lifestyle you can have!  
A urban B suburban  
C rural D municipal
- 23 Will was made ..... three months ago and is still looking for a job.  
A sacked B fired  
C retired D redundant
- 24 The audience showed their ..... by giving the orchestra a standing ovation.  
A entertainment B review  
C appreciation D audition
- 25 I'd like to speak to the person in ....., please.  
A charge B responsibility  
C duty D obligation

(1 mark per answer)

**C Write one word in each gap.****Lack of faith in politicians**

A recent survey has shown an increase (26) ..... distrust for politicians. They've always been regarded (27) ..... untrustworthy, but now politicians are below estate agents and even lawyers in the public's estimations. A majority of the people who (28) ..... questioned associate politicians (29) ..... an inability to tell (30) ..... truth. They believe they're responsible (31) ..... most of the country's problems, have had a negative effect (32) ..... the country's image abroad, refuse to face (33) ..... to the fact that they cause more problems than they solve and never apologise for (34) ..... made mistakes. The survey, (35) ..... was carried out over a period of three months, also shows that politicians often give the impression (36) ..... being arrogant and only (37) ..... note of what the electorate believe at election time. In (38) ..... of these disturbing findings, people do not believe that (39) ..... is no point in voting at elections. (40) ..... least politicians can take some comfort in that!

(1 mark per answer)

**D Choose the correct answer.**

- 41 All the flowers for the wedding ..... tomorrow.  
A will be delivering  
B will have delivered by  
C are going to deliver  
D are going to be delivered
- 42 'Have we still got lots of time?'  
'No, ..... get a move on. We're going to be late.'  
A you'd rather  
B you'd better  
C you'd prefer to  
D you'd be better off
- 43 Let's order a pizza, ..... we?  
A should  
B will  
C shall  
D could
- 44 I wonder ..... mind watching this bag for me for a moment.  
A would you  
B you would  
C if would you  
D whether you would
- 45 The prime minister denied ..... anything wrong.  
A to do  
B having done  
C to have done  
D to be doing
- 46 The woman ..... purse I found has offered to give me a reward.  
A whose  
B who  
C who's  
D to whom

- 47 It's high time they .....  
 A are leaving  
 B were leaving  
 C have to leave  
 D had been leaving
- 48 I wish you ..... so rude to Rosalind last night.  
 A weren't  
 B wouldn't be  
 C hadn't been  
 D haven't been
- 49 Despite ..... president, she felt totally powerless.  
 A being  
 B she was  
 C of having been  
 D to be
- 50 We ..... today and I got into trouble because I hadn't done it.  
 A had checked our homework  
 B had our homework checked  
 C were checked our homework  
 D have checking our homework

(1 mark per answer)

**E** Match to make sentences. There is one extra letter you will not use.

- 51 When we can afford it, we're going to do .....  
 52 Jason's thinking of dropping .....  
 53 When the factory closed .....  
 54 They should do away .....  
 55 Let me take you out to dinner to make .....  
 56 I never wanted a mortgage but I'm coming .....  
 57 Cynthia's decided to set .....
- A round to the idea now.  
 B up for forgetting your birthday.  
 C with cheque books now that everyone has a credit card.  
 D up the attic and turn it into a spare bedroom.  
 E out of college and getting a job.  
 F out a number of different products in the next few months.  
 G up a small business producing temporary tattoos.  
 H down, hundreds of workers lost their jobs.

(1 mark per answer)

**F** Complete the second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

- 58 I don't think George has the ability to climb right to the top of that mountain!  
**capable**  
 I don't think George ..... right to the top of that mountain!
- 59 Joanne, do you know anything about Chaos Theory? **familiar**  
 Joanne, ..... Chaos Theory?
- 60 You shouldn't have bought presents for all of us. **expense**  
 You shouldn't have ..... buying presents for all of us.
- 61 Charles often phones up TV stations to complain about programmes. **tendency**  
 Charles ..... up TV stations to complain about programmes.
- 62 Alice seemed tired to me. **impression**  
 Alice ..... she was tired.
- 63 Taking out a private pension scheme will benefit you. **interest**  
 It is ..... out a private pension scheme.
- 64 I understand what Gary was saying but I don't agree with him. **point**  
 I can ..... but I don't agree with him.

- 65 They won't allow passengers to get off the train at the next station. **prevent**  
They're going ..... off the train at the next station.
- 66 I want you to try really hard to pass this exam! **effort**  
I want you to ..... to pass this exam!
- (2 marks per answer)

**G** If a line is correct, put a tick (✓) next to the number. If there is an extra word in a line, write it next to the number.

### The secret of comedy

- 67 ..... It is often been said that the secret of good comedy is timing.
- 68 ..... As a comedian myself, I know that's not true. The secret
- 69 ..... of good comedy is to be funny! I was told that a joke the other
- 70 ..... day about a man whose his dog has no nose. When asked how
- 71 ..... it smells, the man replies 'Terrible!'. The problem here is
- 72 ..... that, despite of the joke having a fairly clever punchline,
- 73 ..... no one finds it a funny. However good your timing is, you
- 74 ..... can't make out people laugh at that joke. I get my friends to
- 75 ..... tell to me jokes all the time. If I've never heard them before,
- 76 ..... and if they make me laugh it out loud, I might consider
- 77 ..... using them in my comedy act. I am like jokes that rely on
- 78 ..... word play (even though the joke was about the noseless dog
- 79 ..... is rubbish!). 'My mum's from Cuba and my dad's from
- 80 ..... Iceland so I guess that makes me up an ice cube.' Now
- 81 ..... that's a classic joke however you tell it. Comedy is made not just to do with timing!

(1 mark per answer)

**H** Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

### Memories and reality

There is a well-known (82) ..... 'School days are the best days of your life.' No (83) ..... at school ever believes it though, and by the time you realise it's true, it's too late! It's when you're worried about your (84) ..... situation and are beginning to hate the (85) ..... of working in an office or factory every day that you look back fondly on the (86) ..... times you had at school. When you're still at school you often focus on the negatives, like having to pay (87) ..... during a tedious chemistry lesson, being punished for bad (88) ..... (when you didn't do anything wrong anyway) or feeling (89) ..... in an exam because you don't know any of the answers (and, in fact, had completely (90) ..... the questions too!). But it's quite (91) ..... to complain about things and then have great memories afterwards. Just have a good time at the time as well!

SAY  
STUDY  
  
FINANCE  
BORE  
EXCITE  
  
ATTEND  
BEHAVE  
HELP  
UNDERSTAND  
ACCEPT

(1 mark per answer)

Total mark: ..... / 100