A Choose the correct answer.

THE HISTORY OF WRITING

The development of writing (**1**) ..... a huge difference to the world and we might see it as the beginning of the (**2**) ..... . Pieces of pottery with marks on that are probably numbers have been (**3**) ..... in China that date from around 4000 BC. Hieroglyphics and other forms of 'picture writing' developed in the (**4**) ..... around Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), where the (**5**) ..... Sumerian civilization was based, from around 3300 BC onwards. However, the first (**6**) ..... alphabet was used by the Phoenicians around 1050 BC. Their alphabet had 22 letters and it is (**7**) ..... that it lasted for 1000 years. The first two signs were called 'aleph' and 'beth', which in Greek became 'alpha' and 'beta', which gave us the (**8**) ..... word 'alphabet'.

The modern European alphabet is based on the Greek and (**9**) ..... to other European countries under the Romans. A number of changes took (**10**) ..... as time (**11**) ..... . The Romans added the letter G, and the letters J and V were (**12**) ..... to people in Shakespeare's time.

If we (**13**) ..... the history of punctuation, we also find some interesting facts. The Romans used to write *quaesto* at the end of a sentence in (**14**) ..... to show that it was a question. They started to write *Qo* in (**15**) ..... of the whole word, and then put the *Q* above the *o*. In the end, that became the question mark '?'.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1	A did	B had	C made	D took
2	A media	B bulletin	C programme	D journalism
3	A invented	B displayed	C discovered	D appeared
4	A distance	B area	C length	D earth
5	A antique	B old-fashioned	C ancient	D dated
6	A true	B accurate	C exact	D precise
7	A observed	B measured	C counted	D estimated
8	A new	B trendy	C modern	D fashionable
9	A spread	B appeared	C was	D occurred
10	A place	B part	C control	D account
11	A spent	B passed	C went	D developed
12	A infamous	B unpopular	C unknown	D hidden
13	A look into	B bring on	C make off	D hold up
14	A turn	B fact	C order	D intention
15	A position	B space	C spot	D place

LIVEWORKSHEETS

B Choose the correct answer.

16 I was disappointed that the restaurant had ..... flowers on the table.
A false C artificial
B untrue D forged

17 Sarah and Michael's ..... seems to make both of them unhappy.
A connection C relationship
B bond D link

18 Anybody found stealing from this shop will be ..... .
A prosecuted C provoked
B persuaded D persecuted

19 Grace thinks she's very ..... , but I don't think many people like her, really.
A famous C recognisable
B known D popular

20 I glanced at the newspaper and saw that the ..... said 'President Resigns'.
A headline C heading
B subtitle D chapter

21 If our flight is delayed, will we ..... our connection in Los Angeles?
A drop C lose
B miss D lack

22 The doctor told Bill that he needed ..... on his arm.
A operation C remedy
B surgery D cure

23 The judge looked at the ..... and reminded him that he had to tell the whole truth.
A bystander C witness
B onlooker D viewer

24 I think my favourite ..... is probably table tennis.
A athletics C sport
B exercise D gym

25 The actor, Michael Read, was today ..... with robbery.
A charged C arrested
B accused D suspected

LIVEWORKSHEETS

D Choose the correct answer.

41 I think the discussion has gone on ..... and we should make a decision.

A enough long B such long C long enough D so long

42 'Did you call John?'

'No, because I ..... go out. I'll try him later today.'

A had to B must C might D need

43 There ..... be a lot more open space around here before they built the new underground station.

A would B used to C used D got used to

44 If you hadn't lost the pieces, we ..... a game of chess.

A couldn't have had B can't have C may have D could have

LIVEWORKSHEETS

45 'Why are you taking your PlayStation games?'
'Oh, just ..... Tommy wants to borrow them.'

A as long as B in case C provided that D unless

46 I suppose we really ..... to book our ferry tickets in advance.

A should B can C must D ought

47 I'm afraid we've run out of ..... this week, so we'll see you at the same time tomorrow for *It's Worth a Million*!

A the time B some time C time D a time

48 The man might have got away with the crime if the policeman ..... him.

A wasn't seeing B hadn't seen C didn't see D wouldn't have seen

49 'I've been reading a great book.'
'I seem to be ..... busy to find the time for reading these days.'

A so B too C such D enough

50 The hotel has a poor reputation and ..... people want to stay there.

A little B a few C a little D few

LIVEWORKSHEETS