

35. **kept ringing in his ears**

- A was ignored
- B was remembered
- C was advised
- D was forgotten

**SECTION D: STRUCTURE AND USAGE (25%)**

For each question, select the best answer from the options to fit each numbered blank.

**Text 1**

Once upon a time, there was a man called Rip Van Winkle. He was a likeable \_\_\_36\_\_\_ lazy man who never did an ounce of work in his life. His wife was always nagging \_\_\_37\_\_\_ him for being so lazy.

One day, to \_\_\_38\_\_\_ his wife's nagging, Rip Van Winkle took a stroll in the woods. In these mysterious woods, he encountered a group of old men with long beards. When they saw Rip Van Winkle, they offered him a drink from a flask. Rip Van Winkle took a \_\_\_39\_\_\_ and found the drink delicious. As he was very thirsty, he drank to his heart's \_\_\_40\_\_\_. Immediately after the drink, he felt his eyelids becoming heavy. Before he knew it, he had fallen into a deep sleep.

When he woke up, the sun was shining brightly.

"I must have slept the whole night," he thought to \_\_\_41\_\_\_.

As Rip Van Winkle \_\_\_42\_\_\_ his way home, he discovered, to his astonishment, that the landscape around him had changed. As he approached his village, he was even more dumbfounded. He found that he could not recognise \_\_\_43\_\_\_ in the village ! Not only did the people look different, they were also dressed in a different fashion. Everyone was staring at his chin. As Rip Van Winkle looked down at his own chin, he realised, to his surprise, that he had \_\_\_44\_\_\_ a very long beard.

After making some enquiries, Rip Van Winkle realised that one hundred years had passed from the time he drank the liquid \_\_\_45\_\_\_ the time he woke up. This meant that he had been asleep for one hundred years !

36. A or  
B and  
C but

37. A to  
B from  
C before

38. A run away  
B avoid  
C prevent



He did not get to score his goal because the rain was pouring too \_\_\_59\_\_\_ and the field was getting too wet. As the boys ended their game and walked across the field, Peter sneezed. he felt an unpleasant tingle of coldness running \_\_\_60\_\_\_ his body.

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| 46. A blew       | 47. A drop    | 48. A like    |
| B blow           | B drops       | B enjoy       |
| C blowing        | C droppings   | C feel        |
| D blown          | D dropped     | D mind        |
| 49. A better     | 50. A feeling | 51. A since   |
| B best           | B wet         | B when        |
| C good           | C fresh       | C although    |
| D well           | D touched     | D yet         |
| 52. A practicing | 53. A before  | 54. A against |
| B practised      | B when        | B after       |
| C practising     | C while       | C in front of |
| D practiced      | D since       | D up          |
| 55. A in         | 56. A kicked  | 57. A passed  |
| B by             | B done        | B past        |
| C for            | C scored      | C out of      |
| D only           | D failed      | D away        |
| 58. A kick       | 59. A harder  | 60. A down    |
| B kicked         | B hardly      | B across      |
| C kicking        | C hard        | C around      |
| D kicks          | D hardest     | D in          |