

**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 '?'.

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|----|-------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 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       |

(1 mark per answer)

**B** Choose the correct answer.

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| 16 | I was disappointed that the restaurant had ..... flowers on the table.<br>A false                      C artificial<br>B untrue                     D forged | 19 | Grace thinks she's very ..... , but I don't think many people like her, really.<br>A famous                    C recognisable<br>B known                    D popular |
| 17 | Sarah and Michael's ..... seems to make both of them unhappy.<br>A connection              C relationship<br>B bond                      D link              | 20 | I glanced at the newspaper and saw that the ..... said 'President Resigns'.<br>A headline                 C heading<br>B subtitle                 D chapter           |
| 18 | Anybody found stealing from this shop will be .....<br>A prosecuted              C provoked<br>B persuaded                D persecuted                       | 21 | If our flight is delayed, will we ..... our connection in Los Angeles?<br>A drop                      C lose<br>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

(1 mark per answer)

**C** Write one word in each gap.

## Your first telescope

Many people look up at (26) ..... night sky and become fascinated by the wonders of the universe. (27) ..... that sounds like you, then perhaps it's time you got your own telescope. Astronomy (28) ..... be a great hobby and we've provided this simple guide for those of you thinking of (29) ..... it up.

*What if I don't have much money?*

Try a pair of binoculars. You can still see a lot, as (30) ..... as you don't expect to see so (31) ..... detail. Explore the Moon and the stars – and who knows? You might (32) ..... discover a comet! Remember, though, that you (33) ..... never look at the Sun directly through binoculars or a telescope.

*What kind of telescope do I need?*

Depending on what you want to do, you need to choose (34) ..... a refracting and a reflecting telescope. A refracting telescope (with two glass lenses) is (35) ..... great way of quickly (36) ..... your way around the heavens. As well as more stars (37) ..... you can imagine, there are the planets to explore! You should have no difficulty (38) ..... finding Mars and even Saturn, with its fantastic rings. If you want to really explore the universe, then you (39) ..... need a reflecting telescope (with a mirror). These telescopes are much (40) ..... at collecting light and allow you to see things in amazing detail!

Whatever you decide, welcome to the wonderful world of astronomy!

(1 mark per answer)

**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

- 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
- (1 mark per answer)

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

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| 51 The Pattersons have decided to pull .....                     | <b>A</b> down to France or Spain for this summer's holiday.    |
| 52 Mr Greene seems to find it difficult to get .....             | <b>B</b> up the train times on the Internet.                   |
| 53 We haven't made a final decision, but we've narrowed it ..... | <b>C</b> up with the idea of going to Poland.                  |
| 54 Dad thought it might be a good idea to look .....             | <b>D</b> out with Dave over their holiday plans.               |
| 55 It seems that Matt has fallen .....                           | <b>E</b> on with our holiday as if nothing had happened.       |
| 56 I think it was Bob who came .....                             | <b>F</b> out of our trip together because Angie's got a fever. |
| 57 The holiday started okay and then turned .....                | <b>G</b> into a bit of a nightmare when our luggage got lost.  |
|  | <b>H</b> on with people from other countries.                  |
- (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 lost my keys once before this month. **second**  
This is the ..... my keys this month.
- 59 I started playing squash six years ago. **for**  
I ..... six years.
- 60 I can't wait until I'm old enough to go to a match on my own. **forward**  
I'm really ..... old enough to go to a match on my own.
- 61 Accidents are often caused by careless driving. **results**  
Careless driving ..... accidents.
- 62 It's a waste of time denying that you did it when we've got proof. **point**  
There ..... that you did it when we've got proof.

- 63 Don't you wish you could travel into space? **able**  
 Wouldn't you love ..... into space?
- 64 I called the travel agent to check that I had the right timetable. **make**  
 I called the travel agent to ..... I had the right  
 timetable.
- 65 I'm afraid you're too young to go down the water slide. **old**  
 I'm afraid you ..... to go down the water slide.
- 66 My mum says doctors weren't so expensive in the past. **used**  
 My mum says doctors ..... so expensive.  
 (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.

**Our media project**

- 67 ..... I had a great week at school! We were been having a media  
 68 ..... studies lesson when our teacher told to us that we were going  
 69 ..... to make a radio advert for the school! I was really keen on  
 70 ..... to be involved because I've always had been interested in a  
 71 ..... career in the television. She asked us to plan our advert in  
 72 ..... detail and to write a script. Most people found it out difficult  
 73 ..... to come up with ideas, but I didn't. I decided that I would have  
 74 ..... interviews with people who were used to go to the school,  
 75 ..... commenting on how they had benefited them from going to that  
 76 ..... school. My teacher thought it was a great idea and said I should  
 77 ..... to see if I could find some ex-students. I asked the head and  
 78 ..... she gave me a few phone numbers. When I called them and  
 79 ..... explained them what I wanted to do, they were all happy to  
 80 ..... help. I am going to visit them with a tape recorder and record  
 81 ..... that what they say. Media studies is definitely turning out to be  
 my favourite subject!

(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.

**DISHONEST AND DUMB**

Some (82) ..... become known for their intelligence and avoid being  
 caught for years. Others are just so stupid that it seems (83) .....  
 Take, for instance, one (84) ....., who decided that he was feeling a  
 little tired half-way through burgling a house. Seeing the (85) .....  
 bed, he decided to take a nap. It may seem (86) ....., but he was still  
 asleep when the owners got home! They (87) ..... called the police,  
 who came to arrest Sleeping Beauty right away! Another (88) .....  
 story is that of the man who stole a (89) ..... camera. He managed to  
 steal the camera (90) ....., but left the tape behind. It was used as  
 (91) ..... in court because, of course, it showed him taking the camera!

- CRIME**  
**RIDICULE**  
**ROB**  
**COMFORT**  
**BELIEF**  
**NERVOUS**  
**HUMOUR**  
**SECURE**  
**EQUIP**  
**EVIDENT**

Total mark: ..... / 100

(1 mark per answer)