

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ in technology have made a lot of changes in many aspects of life, but one of the biggest has to be the way we read books. Since the invention of the e-book, there has been a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ change in our reading habits. Given the choice between taking a couple of heavy paperbacks on holiday or an e-book device like a Kindle, most of us, including our parents and grandparents, would unsurprisingly opt (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the Kindle.

But (4) \_\_\_\_\_ would our lives be like with no books at all? It's a tricky question. Some educational specialists are making predictions that in the future we won't even see books in classrooms – everything will be done online! (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the idea of getting rid of books say that there will always be a need for paper-based versions of materials. However, to be realistic, we have to accept that there is a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ chance that in a decade's time schools and classrooms will be book-free!

<b>Question 1.</b>	A. Progression	B. Successes	C. Increases	D. Advances
<b>Question 2.</b>	A. considerate	B. considerable	C. slight	D. insignificant
<b>Question 3.</b>	A. of	B. on	C. for	D. at
<b>Question 4.</b>	A. how	B. why	C. how often	D. what
<b>Question 5.</b>	A. Alternatives	B. Contestants	C. Opponents	D. Enemies
<b>Question 6.</b>	A. remote	B. far	C. long	D. distant

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

**Question 7.** Peter and Mike are in the middle of their conversation.

Peter: "If only I hadn't said that to her."

Mike: "\_\_\_\_\_"

A. No, you've done a good job!	B. No worry, she wouldn't mind.
C. Ah, well, that's life.	D. Yes, you mustn't have done that.

**Question 8.** Son: "Why don't we buy a new car, Dad? This one is too old to go out with my friends."

Dad: "\_\_\_\_\_ We don't have much money."

A. You're right.	B. I have to think it up.
C. It's out of the question now.	D. That's a great idea.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

<b>Question 9.</b>	A. <u>posse</u> ssion	B. <u>diss</u> olve	C. <u>desse</u> rt	D. <u>pe</u> ssimistic
<b>Question 10.</b>	A. <u>pen</u> alty	B. <u>exped</u> ition	C. <u>incred</u> ible	D. <u>deter</u> mine

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

**Question 11.** Flats which are both comfortable and reasonably priced are few and far between in the current context of economic crisis.

A. uncommon	B. unusual	C. non-standard	D. non-existent
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**Question 12.** She had a car accident last month, but now she is mending quickly after the operation.

A. recovering

B. impairing

C. repairing

D. amending

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

Not surprisingly, the hot and humid American South gave birth to cola. This region had long been known for its wonderful soft drinks. In the 1880s, a druggist called John Pemberton in Atlanta, Georgia, founded the world's most well-known drink brand. It is apparent, though, that he had no clue how huge it would grow.

Pemberton, like many other American pharmacists at the time, was anti-alcohol and intended to create a stimulating soft drink. First, he made "the French Wine of Coca," made from the coca leaf. Then he began to experiment with the cola nut. Eventually, he managed to make a combination of the two that he thought was sweet, but not too sweet. Deciding that "the two C's would look well in advertising," he named it Coca-Cola.

Pemberton's invention caught on fairly quickly. By 1905, "Coke" was being advertised all over the country as "The Great Natural Temperance Drink." The drink enjoyed additional success since there was a large and popular temperance movement in the US at that time. In the 1920s, alcohol was outlawed, and sales of Coke rose significantly. However, they continued to rise even after the law was repealed.

Another reason for Coke's popularity was good business sense. A year after he invented it, Pemberton had sold Coca-Cola to Asa Griggs Candler for only \$283.26! Candler was a marketing genius, and by the time he sold the Coca-Cola Company in 1919, it was worth \$25 million.

**Question 13. Which of the following would be the best title for the reading?**

A. The Invention and History of Coca-Cola

B. Cola is the World's Most Popular Soft Drink

C. The Temperance Movement and Coke's success

D. John Pemberton created Coca-Cola.

**Question 14. In paragraph 3, the phrase "caught on" is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. became popular

B. became successful

C. became important

D. became legal

**Question 15. The word "outlawed" is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. made legal

B. taken to court

C. made illegal

D. allowed

**Question 16. All of the following are true of Pemberton EXCEPT that \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. he made "French wine of Coca" from the coca leaf

B. he combined the coca leaf and cola nut to make "French wine"

C. he produced stimulating alcohol from coca leaves and cola nuts

D. he made "French wine of Coca" from the cola nut

**Question 17. Which of the following is responsible for Coke's additional success?**

A. The temperance movement

B. Its attracting name

C. Pemberton's good business sense

D. Coca-Cola's great taste

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.**

**Question 18. (A) Physics and mental exercise (B) has been found to be beneficial to our brains, but scientists have now found that (C) it could also improve the (D) learning ability of our children.**

**Question 19. Peacocks are (A) among the (B) most exotic birds in nature; (C) its long tail feathers (D) fan out to reveal a profusion of vivid colors.**

**Question 20. Few (A) candidates in the job interview (B) were offered the (C) second chance, (D) weren't**

they?

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentences that combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.**

**Question 21.** *He was overconfident. Therefore, he ruined our plan completely.*

- A. It was because his overconfidence that ruined our plan completely.
- B. He was overconfident, which ruined our plan completely.
- C. That he was overconfidence ruined our plan completely.
- D. It was his overconfidence ruined our plan completely.

**Question 22.** *It was a kind of accident. Nobody was really to blame for it.*

- A. It was a kind of accident, which nobody was really to blame for.
- B. It was a kind of accident for whom was really to blame it.
- C. It was a kind of accident for which nobody was really to blame it.
- D. It was a kind of accident for which nobody was really to blame.

**Question 23.** *The 2022 FIFA World Cup is an important competition in international football. Almost everyone around the world is looking forward to it.*

- A. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is so important a competition in international football that almost everyone around the world is looking forward to it.
- B. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is too important a competition in international football that almost everyone around the world to look forward to it.
- C. Such important is the 2022 FIFA World Cup competition in international football that almost everyone around the world is looking forward to it.
- D. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is such important competition in international football that almost everyone around the world is looking forward to it.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.**

**Question 24.** *You should have persuaded him to change his mind.*

- A. You didn't persuade him to change because of his mind.
- B. It was essential to persuade him to change his mind but you didn't.
- C. You persuaded him to change his mind but he didn't listen.
- D. You should persuade him to change his mind.

**Question 25.** *The likelihood of suffering a heart attack rises as one becomes increasingly obese*

- A. Heart attacks are happening more and more often, and most of the sufferers are obese.
- B. Obesity results in only a slight increase in the probability of having a heart attack.
- C. The more obese one is, the higher the chances for a heart attack become.
- D. Anyone who is obese is likely to experience a heart attack at any time.

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.**

**Question 26.** A. wilderness      B. commitment      C. compliment      D. optimism

**Question 27** A. require      B. confide      C. swallow      D. eject

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

**Question 28.** The eyewitness said that she had seen \_\_\_\_\_ the scene of the crime.

- A. leaving a tall man
- B. a tall man to leave
- C. a tall man leaving
- D. leave a tall man

**Question 29.** This is a valuable \_\_\_\_\_ vase dating back from the eighteenth century

A. antique      B. ancient      C. old-fashioned      D. traditional

**Question 30.** It was an amazing victory as it was only the second time \_\_\_\_\_ in a marathon.

A. she had competed      B. she has competed      C. she competes      D. she competed

**Question 31.** Our firm is so successful because it is at the cutting \_\_\_\_\_ of computer technology.

A. fringe      B. limit      C. verge      D. edge

**Question 32.** "I think I can find the information on my own." – " \_\_\_\_\_ any help, just call me."

A. Should you need      B. Had you needed      C. Were you to need      D. In case of you need

**Question 33.** The autocratic government called \_\_\_\_\_ the army to suppress the workers 'strike.

A. on      B. off      C. out      D. for

**Question 34.** I would suggest \_\_\_\_\_ to your doctor before you diet.

A. you to speak      B. that you speaking      C. you speak      D. to speak

**Question 35.** Mum was angry because I went out when I \_\_\_\_\_ for the exam the following day.

A. should have studied      B. needn't have studied  
C. can't have studied      D. didn't need to study

**Question 36.** Don't talk and eat in my class, \_\_\_\_\_?

A. do you      B. don't you      C. will you      D. won't you

**Question 37.** To prevent the spread of COVID-19, CDC is recommending individuals \_\_\_\_\_ social distancing or maintaining approximately 6 feet from others.

A. emerge      B. attach      C. adapt      D. employ

**Question 38.** Should any problems \_\_\_\_\_, don't hesitate to give me a call.

A. rise      B. arise      C. raise      D. risen

**Question 39.** Susan will graduate in June \_\_\_\_\_ she submits her dissertation on time.

A. otherwise      B. unless      C. supposing      D. provided

**Question 40.** While we were chatting under the tree, down \_\_\_\_\_ several apples.

A. fall      B. fallen      C. fell      D. did fall

**Question 41.** \_\_\_\_\_ school fees may discourage many students from attending university.

A. Raising      B. Improving      C. Gaining      D. Receiving

**Question 42.** The day I first set foot in America was a \_\_\_\_\_-letter day for me.

A. blue      B. red      C. pink      D. white

**Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

**Question 43.** Since the doctor had told Laura that she could pull through in the next few weeks, she felt quite sanguine about her recovery.

A. optimistic      B. pessimistic      C. positive      D. painful

**Question 44.** She will suffer from disappointment if she lets her heart rule her head, but she was too enamored with his charm.

A. acts according to what she feel rather than what is sensible  
B. shows a practical awareness of people and things around her.  
C. lets her emotions control her sense of reasoning.  
D. weighs up pros and cons of everything around her.

**Question 45:** I think you shouldn't have worried too much about your son's white lies.

- A. lies that people tell once in a blue moon
- B. lies that do no harm to people
- C. lies that affect people's feelings
- D. lies that leave negative consequences

**Read and choose the best answer**

1 Leonardo Da Vinci is one of the most famous historical figures of all time. He was born in 1452 in Florence, Italy. He is often described as the perfect "Renaissance Man," which means he was curious about a wide variety of things. It is not easy to put Da Vinci into a category. He was a painter, sculptor, astronomer, inventor, mathematician, writer, and more.

5 Da Vinci, however, is perhaps most famous as a painter. He painted the *Mona Lisa*, which is one of the most renowned paintings in the world. He also painted *The Last Supper*, which shows the last dinner of Jesus.

As a scientist and inventor, Da Vinci designed and invented things that were not possible to create during the time that he lived. He made plans for helicopters, tanks, calculators, and 10 solar-powered machines. He kept extensive notebooks in which he wrote in code. Historians have to hold the notebooks up to a mirror to be able to read them. Da Vinci also made many discoveries, but he was not interested in becoming famous for them. He didn't publish any of his ideas.

Not much is known about Da Vinci's personal life or childhood. Da Vinci was careful to 15 keep it secret. He never married and did not have any children, but had many friendships with various people. Today, Da Vinci is a legendary figure. He proves that one person can be talented at many things at the same time.

**Question 46: What would be the most title for the passage?**

- A. The diverse talents of Da Vinci
- B. Da Vinci as a painter and writer
- C. The scientific discoveries of Da Vinci
- D. Da Vinci's personal life and childhood

**Question 47: The word "category" means \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. discovery
- B. group
- C. profession
- D. classification

**Question 48: According to passage, what did Leonardo Da Vinci devise strategy for?**

- A. many scientific discoveries
- B. books that he never published
- C. solar-powered machinery
- D. mirrors to use with his notebooks

**Question 49: The word "them" refers to \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. discoveries
- B. ideas
- C. notebooks
- D. historians

**Question 50: Which of the following is TRUE about Leonardo Da Vinci?**

- A. He painted "The last lunch"
- B. He married and had a family
- C. He brought out many of his findings
- D. He is most renowned as a painter.

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