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B. Choose the best answer based on the statement.

Inspired by the TV show ‘The Backyardigans’, Alyssa Carson made her decision since the age of 3 to be on the first human mission to Mars around 2033. She is now an American trainee astronaut and public speaker. In 2013, she was the first person to complete the NASA Passport Program by going to all 14 NASA Visitor Centres in the USA.

Adopted from Wikipedia.

1. Which of the statements below is TRUE?
 - A. Alyssa Carson was the first person to go to Mars in 2013.
 - B. She is now a certified astronaut.
 - C. Alyssa Carson went to Mars at the age of 3.
 - D. The first human mission to Mars will only be initiated around 2033.

The dominant purpose of recycling is not just to conserve the depleting natural resources on earth but a more dreadful one — to reduce waste products in landfills. Approximately 2.12 billion tons of waste is produced yearly. Imagine how much land is needed to bury all the waste if we do not recycle? If the recycling mission failed, earth will soon run out of land for us to live on, or rather we will live amongst the rubbish.

2. Which of the statements below is TRUE?
 - A. We will soon live amongst the rubbish.
 - B. Earth has no more land for humans to live on.
 - C. Recycling is important to both earth and human.
 - D. The only reason to recycle is to reduce waste products in landfills.

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Technological advancement is a remarkable pride for human race. It is meant to aid us in solving problems or accomplishing difficult tasks. However, it if was highly relied on, it will only invite more adverse effects than we can imagine. It is feared that human will become less capable with their innate abilities when they started depending on technology so much in their daily chores. If you are still not convinced, try to read out your house telephone number without using your smart phone.

3. Which of the statements below is FALSE?

- We use technology to accomplish difficult tasks.
- Human is incapable of solving problems.
- Using technology extensively might give us more drawbacks.
- Human is proud of our technological advancement.

Did you know that your handwriting can actually tell a lot of about your character? It may not be obvious to the writer especially one is immersively focused on the content when writing. However, in the reader's eyes, we could tell whether or not the writer emphasises on the cleanliness, tidiness, uniformity or even aesthetics which gives us an impression of the writer's overall character. So now you know why teachers emphasise so much on your handwriting decency — they want a better character in you.

4. Which of the statements below is TRUE?

- People write ugly handwriting when they are too focused.
- Decent handwriting can make you smarter.
- Reader can tell if the writer is hygienic or not.
- People with better character are likely to produce decent handwriting.

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Tommy could hear the siren blaring from a distance, he looked at the rear mirror and saw an ambulance threading through the traffic congestion. He suspected that there could be an accident ahead which explained the sluggish traffic. As a concerned and responsible citizen, he gave way to the ambulance knowing that someone's life could be at stake.

5. Which of the statements below is TRUE?
 - A. The accident victim was already in the ambulance.
 - B. Tommy was stuck in traffic congestion.
 - C. Tommy suspected that the accident was before where he was.
 - D. The other drivers were being inconsiderate.

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C. Close test

It was (36) _____ first time Samuel went into the kitchen. He was excited because he wanted to surprise his parents by preparing a (37) _____ meal (38) _____ them as a celebration for his parents' wedding anniversary. This was not his idea alone —his sister, Sandra agreed on this too.

Sandra decided to prepare something simple — rib-eye steak as their parents love eating beef. She was quite certain that her (39) _____ skill was more than enough to prepare that (40) _____.

Although there (41) _____ ample of time left, they started as soon as they (42) _____. They prepared the ingredients Samuel bought as instructed by his sister. Sandra had to take the lead as she knew Samuel (43) nothing about food except (44) _____. However, as Sandra was examining the ingredients, she was intrigued by a missing ingredient.

“Sam, where is the beef?” asked Sandra calmly.

“What beef? Didn’t we (45) _____ to prepare steak?” replied Sam.

6. A. their
B. the
C. a
D. an

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7. A. scrumptious

B. sumptuous

C. expensive

D. grand

8. A. to

B. for

C. from

D. by

9. A. culinary

B. cutting

C. chopping

D. baking

10. A. flawless

B. lawful

C. flawlessly

D. flawed

11. A. is

B. are

C. was

D. were

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12. A. can
B. could
C. should
D. wanted

13. A. know
B. knows
C. knew
D. knowing

14. A. eat
B. eats
C. ate
D. eating

15. A. agree
B. agrees
C. agreed
D. agreeing

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D. Find the answer that has the closest meaning to the underlined word or phrase in the sentence given.

16. John was feeling unwell after playing in the rain yesterday.

- A. ill-mannered
- B. under the weather
- C. exhausted
- D. feeling lethargic

17. Did you come across my notebook I left in your living room yesterday?

- A. step on
- B. see
- C. take
- D. keep

18. My father gets very furious every time his car breaks down.

- A. shatters
- B. jerks
- C. malfunctions
- D. stops

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19. He was shocked to know that his examination results were above par.

- A. the best
- B. better than expected
- C. worse than expected
- D. unacceptable

20. Please be above board about your problem, otherwise I cannot help you.

- A. honest
- B. serious
- C. confident
- D. reliant

**E. Choose the best answer**

21. Bryan showed no _____ although he was punished by the principal several times.

- A. gratitude
- B. remorse
- C. satisfaction
- D. happiness

22. He is such a/an _____ person — he never feels discouraged despite facing failure.

- A. optimistic
- B. pessimistic
- C. elegant
- D. boisterous

23. No one likes that man over that; he is a/an _____ businessman.

- A. hospitable
- B. unscrupulous
- C. sadistic
- D. merciful