

16. _____ the rise in unemployment, people still seem to be spending more.

- A. Nevertheless B. Meanwhile C. Despite D. Although

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. - "I think you've taken my bag by mistake." - "_____"

- A. What a shame! B. Pardon? C. I'm so sorry. D. Have I?

18. - "May I have something to drink, please?" - "_____"

- A. Yes, of course. Help yourself. B. Of course you may.
C. Why do you have to ask? D. You must help others too.

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. The Internet is available only in cities and towns, so we cannot easily get access to it in the countryside.

- A. visiting B. existing C. safe D. helpful

20. The naughty boy was scolded for breaking the neighbour's window yesterday.

- A. told off B. complimented C. caught D. taken care of

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. The Ministry of Health is carrying out a health project for the poor in mountainous regions and rural areas.

- A. urban B. mountainous C. suburban D. coastal

22. Our children must attend some acceptable school during the years of compulsory education.

- A. advisory B. inspirational C. commercial D. voluntary

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

People enjoy living in large cities. But cities have problems. One problem is that they frequently grow very rapidly. Transportation (23) _____ complicated. There are a lot of cars, buses and bicycles. As a result, people are trying to improve the big cities, and they are also planning for new cities. Plan A is a large city (24) _____ smaller cities around it.

There is an open land with trees, fields, and lakes between the large city and smaller cities. Each small city is (25) _____. It has offices, schools, hospitals, and places of entertainment. In Plan B the cities are (26) _____ by a road. In Plan c, the cities are in rings around the central city and all of them are connected to each other. The goal of all these plans is to limit the (27) _____ of the large city.

23. A. becomes B. returns C. happens D. develops
24. A. in B. for C. with D. at
25. A. entire B. finished C. total D. complete
26. A. chain B. connected C. attached D. fastened
27. A. progress B. growth C. movement D. improvement

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

It is often considered that the schoolyard is where bullies go to make other kids a miserable school life, but a new study suggests that classrooms are another popular place.

The study, presented recently at the American Public Health Association's yearly meeting in Philadelphia, is based on the results of the research from more than 10,000 middle school students who answered questions online.

Of those researched, 43% said they'd been physically bullied within the last month. A bit more than half said they had been **laughed at** in an unfriendly way, and half reported being called hurtful names. About one third said groups had excluded them to hurt their feelings. 28% said their belongings had been taken or broken; 21% said someone had threatened to hurt them. According to the results, two-thirds of the students said they had been bullied in more than one way over the previous month.

The study authors mentioned that 8% of the students who answered said they had missed school at least once during the school year because of fear of being bullied. 25% said they had taken other actions, such as missing recess, not going to the bathroom or lunch, missing classes, or staying away from some area of the school to escape from experiencing a bully. Bullies did too much to the school life.

28. Bullies can happen in the following places EXCEPT _____.
- A. schoolyards B. classrooms C. bathrooms D. teachers' offices
29. The underlined phrase "laughed at" in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. made fun of B. smiled nicely C. shouted at D. looked after well
30. Which of the following might some students do to protect themselves from bullies?
- A. They miss school. B. They call their parents for help,
C. They try to hurt others. D. They break others' belongings.
31. How does the writer feel about bullies at school?
- A. Excited B. Disappointed C. Worried D. Puzzled
32. Which of the following is probably the best title for the passage?
- A. Bad School Life B. Bullies at School
C. Fear at School D. School Problems

WRITING (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

33. My father said I could use his car.

My father allowed _____.

34. Don't stop him doing what he wants.

Let _____.

35. "Why don't you put your luggage under the seat?"

He suggested _____.

36. The law of supply and demand should govern the prices of goods.

The prices _____.

Write new sentences as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentences, using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any way.

37. It's over six months since Duong last had his hair cut. (for)

38. Thanks to satellite technology, it is now possible to predict hurricanes quite accurately. (able)

39. Fewer students attend ABE in the summer. The program only offers classes in the morning. (so)

40. The hostess specified the times for drinks and dinner. Her guests knew when to arrive at the party.
(whose)
