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## Vocabulary and Grammar

**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 19:** His boss has had enough of his impudence, and doesn't want to hire him any more.

A. respect      B. agreement      C. obedience      D. rudeness

**Question 20:** It is widely known that the excessive use of pesticides is producing a detrimental effect on the local groundwater.

A. useless      B. harmless      C. fundamental      D. damaging

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.**

**Question 21:** Denis has just bought a new suit that he likes very much. Choose the most suitable response to fill in the blank in the following exchange.

- Tom: "You look very smart in that suit, Denis." - Denis: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. No, I don't think so      B. Oh, you don't like it, do you?  
C. Thanks, I bought it at Mike's      D. Thanks, my mum has bought it

**Question 22:** John is in Hanoi and wants to change some money. He asks the local passer-by the way to the bank. Choose the most suitable response to fill in the blank in the following exchange.

- John: "Can you show me the way to the nearest bank, please?" - Passer-by: "\_\_\_\_\_."

A. Not way, sorry      B. Just round the corner over there  
C. Look it up in a dictionary!      D. There's no traffic near here

**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 from 23 to 27.**

Is there life on Mars? Many people have (23) \_\_\_\_ about this question. Some writers of science-fiction think of people from Mars as little green creatures. Others imagine 'Martians' as monsters with many eyes.

In studying this planet, astronomers have found that life may be possible on Mars. The first (24) \_\_\_\_ of this is that Mars has seasons, just like Earth. In other words, Earth's seasons, such as spring or summer, occur on Mars too. Because these seasons exist, it may be possible for (25) \_\_\_\_ and other higher life forms to be found on Mars.

Astronomers also think that perhaps a small (26) \_\_\_\_ of water vapor could be found on Mars. In 1887, an Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, discovered markings on Mars' surface. These markings looked like canals. This finding led astronomers to believe that since water exists on Mars, life forms could exist as well.

However, there are others who feel that life on Mars is not possible. This is because there is little or no trace of oxygen on the planet. In 1965, the Mariner IV capsule managed to take photographs of the planet. It discovered that the only forms of life found are vegetation like fungi and mosses. (27) \_\_\_\_ people remain fascinated by the idea that there could one day be life on Mars.

(Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History\\_of\\_science\\_fiction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_science_fiction))

**Question 23.** A. puzzled      B. asked      C. wondered      D. confused

**Question 24.** A. indication      B. print      C. mark      D. trace

**Question 25.** A. vegetables      B. vegetation      C. vegetarian      D. veterinary

**Question 26.** A. quantity      B. amount      C. portion      D. mass

**Question 27.** A. According      B. Nevertheless      C. Thus      D. Consequently