

A. was admitted B. admitted C. admits D. has admitted

Question 16. His business really _____ when it launched a new line of products for disabled people.

A. took up B. took on C. took in D. took off

Question 17. On the way home, Martin saw a _____ motorbike near his house.

A. black Chinese new B. new black Chinese
C. new Chinese black D. Chinese new black

Question 18. Hoang successfully got a 7.5 in the IELTS _____ his enormous effort.

A. despite B. because of C. even though D. because

Question 19. I wish she would take a leaf out of Tim's _____ and submit her paper on time.

A. sketch B. book C. picture D. album

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

Question 20. If he could finish the task by 1 p.m. today, it would be a **remarkable** achievement.

A. normal B. grateful C. valuable D. surprising

Question 21. Changes brought about by urbanisation have created great **wealth** in this city.

A. admiration B. richness C. answer D. access

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 22. Whether he will change his mind and apply for a different position is **up in the air** at the moment.

A. astonishing B. uncertain C. decided D. unclear

Question 23. With courage and determination, he left home to **pursue** his dream.

A. accept B. affect C. achieve D. abandon

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 24. Nga is meeting her friend Linh, after a long summer break.

- Nga: "How are you doing?"

- Linh: "_____"

A. Not too bad. B. Don't mention it.
C. I'm going shopping. D. She's fine.

Question 25. Peter and Luke are talking about music.

- Peter: "Music is an essential part of our lives."

- Luke: "_____. It helps to bring people of different culture together."

A. You're right B. I don't quite agree
C. You're welcome D. I don't think so

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

ADVERTISING

In this day and age, advertising is big business. It puts a lot of effort into effectively (26) _____ the public about a product or service. Advertisements are introduced through a variety

of means. Companies can choose from the print media, television, radio or even huge lit-up billboards (27) _____ have been put up around our cities and which suggest that we buy this type of ice-cream or that type of trainer. Advertising companies use a(n) (28) _____ of techniques to attract our attention, including stunning

photography, eye-catching graphics, jingles or clever comments. What is more, companies may employ famous people like film stars to recommend their products.

(29) _____, many governments have introduced rules and regulations that advertisers must follow.

These codes of (30) _____ ensure that advertisers don't make exaggerated claims or offend certain groups of people. In some countries, advertisements can be displayed only in specific areas. Furthermore, some countries do not approve of the advertising of certain products, like tobacco, so they don't allow such advertising at all.

(Adapted from *Use of English for All Exams* by E. Moutsou)

Question 26. A. noticing	B. assessing	C. informing	D. observing
Question 27. A. whom	B. where	C. when	D. that
Question 28. A. little	B. amount	C. much	D. number
Question 29. A. However	B. Moreover	C. For example	D. Although
Question 30. A. conflict	B. conscience	C. conduct	D. concord

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 questions from 31 to 35.

Sleep is very important for the brain. While we are asleep, the brain repairs itself. It also stores information that **it** learned during the day. If we do not get enough sleep, the brain cannot do these things. We become tired and we cannot remember things so well. Our body's 'immune system', which is its self-defence system, becomes weaker, so we are more likely to get ill.

Most people find sleep difficult because they are not relaxed. They do not exercise enough during the day, and in the evening, they are still thinking about their work or studies. In addition, they make phone calls or look at email messages until late at night. They also have too many drinks which **contain** caffeine, such as coffee, and eat dinner just before they go to bed. All of this is bad for sleeping.

So, what can we do? Of course, it is important to be relaxed. However, there are other things we can do to help us get a good night's sleep. First of all, we should make sure that the bed is comfortable, with a good mattress and pillows. The bedroom should be dark and quiet, so that we are not disturbed by light or noise. We should also have the same routine every evening before we go to bed. For example, we should read a book, have a hot bath, or listen to relaxing music. Finally, we should try to go to bed at the same time every night. In this way, we will start to sleep better and feel more active the next day.

(Adapted from *New Headway Academic Skills* by Richard Harrison)

Question 31. What does the passage mainly discuss?

A. The importance of sleep B. Traditional stories about sleep
C. The link between sleep and work D. Different types of sleep

Question 32. The word 'it' in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. sleep B. day C. information D. brain

Question 33. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 1 as a consequence of not getting enough sleep?

- A. Our immune system is weakened.
- B. We have difficulty remembering information.
- C. Our appearance may change greatly.
- D. We can't put information in our brain.

Question 34. The word 'contain' in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. put
- B. show
- C. share
- D. have

Question 35. Which of the following is true, according to the passage?

- A. Listening to calming music before going to sleep isn't a good idea.
- B. Exercise during the day is very important for a good sleep at night.
- C. We should change sleep hours every two weeks to have better sleep.
- D. People nowadays are typically busy at night.

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 questions from 36 to 42.

There is a poem in Sanskrit, the classical language of India, which says that friendship must consist of the following elements: giving, taking, sharing secrets, knowing where your friends are, and giving and sharing food with them. This ancient definition seems like a very apt description. Shared interests and opinions are essential. It isn't easy to get on with someone who can't stand your taste in music or fashion.

Most of us have friends - but it's likely that only a few of them can be described as close friends. Robin Dunbar, a British professor of evolutionary psychology, believes that the maximum number of people we can have in our social group at one time is 150. Many of these are acquaintances. We don't meet them very often, but we might invite them to a big party, for instance. But - according to Dunbar - we don't normally have more than five close friends.

So, who is a best friend? It is someone who's there for you when you're feeling miserable - to give you advice when you want it and to just listen when you need someone to talk to. It might be someone you have known all your life, or someone you've recently met. It might be someone you only see once a year, but when you do get together it feels like you saw him or her only last week. But can you have a best friend of the opposite sex? In theory, the answer should be yes, but in practice, things can get complicated!

These days, social networking sites offer many opportunities to get to know people online. These are usually people who are into the same things as you are (such as music and films), and can give you advice about the different issues you face. For some people, especially those who aren't so self-assured, making friends online is easier. Online friends aren't going to be as demanding as your friends from the real world might be. Moreover, if you get bored with a conversation online, or if someone's messages are getting on your nerves, you can just ignore them. On the other hand, it may not be realistic to expect your online friends to give you real support when you need it - so a balance of online and real-world friends is probably ideal!

(Adapted from *Oxford Exam Trainer* by Helen Weale)

Question 36. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Is a Friend in Need a Friend Indeed?
- B. What are Friends for?
- C. Online Friends: Old but Gold!
- D. Fewer Friends, Less Satisfaction?

Question 37. Why did the author mention the Sanskrit poem in the first paragraph?

- A. To show changes in friendships over time.

- B. To clarify the history of friendship.
- C. To tell us about what every friendship should have.
- D. To emphasise that everyone needs a friend to survive.

Question 38. The word ‘apt’ in paragraph 1 mostly means _____.

- A. ancient
- B. outdated
- C. clear
- D. appropriate

Question 39. The word ‘them’ in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. close friends
- B. acquaintances
- C. interests
- D. opinions

Question 40. The word ‘miserable’ in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. uncomfortable
- B. different
- C. deceived
- D. unwell

Question 41. Which of the following is NOT true, according to the passage?

- A. People normally have at least 150 casual friends in a social group.
- B. A closest friend is willing to lend a sympathetic ear when you have problems.
- C. You can opt to pay no attention to an online friend’s messages if they annoy you.
- D. A best friend doesn’t necessarily mean a person that you meet regularly.

Question 42. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. If casual friends are invited to your parties frequently, they’ll become your closest friends.
- B. The idea of having a friend of the opposite sex has become the norm today.
- C. You may not encounter difficulties when making friends online if you’re not really confident.
- D. Online friends will only give you a hand in times of difficulties if you meet them in real life.

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 43. His benevolent temperature inclined me to trust him though he’s just a business

A B C

acquaintance of mine.

D

Question 44. These students were very happy when she got test results this morning.

A B C D

Question 45. Both Nam and I attend the workshop on environmental protection last Saturday.

A B C D

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 46. “I’m not going to see the doctor tomorrow,” said my mother.

- A. My mother said that she was going to see the doctor the next day.
- B. My mother said that I wasn’t going to see the doctor the following day.
- C. My mother said that I was going to see the doctor the next day.
- D. My mother said that she wasn’t going to see the doctor the following day.

Question 47. Perhaps Susan called us last night.

- A. Susan must have called us last night.
- B. Susan might have called us last night.
- C. Susan shouldn’t have called us last night.
- D. Susan needn’t have called us last night.

Question 48. Peter started learning how to ride a motorbike when he was 19.

- A. Peter has learned how to ride a motorbike since he was 19.
- B. Peter had 19 years to learn how to ride a motorbike.
- C. The last time Peter learned how to ride a motorbike was when he was 19.
- D. Peter has learned how to ride a motorbike for 19 years.

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

Question 49. Women aren't allowed to wear short skirts when entering this temple. There's no exception whatsoever.

- A. Under no circumstances are women permitted to wear short skirts when entering this temple.
- B. At no time are women forbidden to wear short skirts when entering this temple.
- C. On no occasion were women allowed to wear short skirts when entering this temple.
- D. By no means are women banned from wearing short skirts when entering this temple.

Question 50. Laura forgot to bring her mobile phone to the concert. She regrets it now.

- A. Laura regrets having brought her mobile phone to the concert.
- B. Laura wishes she had remembered to bring her mobile phone to the concert.
- C. Unless Laura forgets to bring her mobile phone to the concert, she won't regret it now.
- D. If only Laura remembered to bring her mobile phone to the concert, she wouldn't regret it

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