

ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part One)

For questions 36 – 50, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.

36. It is thought that trains will soon travel at _____ higher speeds.
A. yet C. greatly
B. most D. extremely
37. If only every day _____ be Saturday!
A. would C. could
B. should D. might
38. _____ we tell the boss about his mistake?
A. Will not C. Needn't
B. Might not D. Oughtn't
39. _____ tired, he carried on working for another hour.
A. Anyhow C. Howsoever
B. Though D. Regardless
40. I had no issue with his ideas as _____, but queried their execution.
A. such C. through
B. many D. these
41. They ate little _____ than crisps and biscuits all day.
A. less C. extra
B. further D. more
42. I'll be glad to help if _____.
A. needs C. needing
B. needs be D. will be needed
43. Can you tell me what I _____ when I arrive?
A. be doing C. have been done
B. am to do D. have to be done
44. By the time he reads this letter she _____.
A. has left C. will have left
B. will leave D. is going to leave
45. Would you be so kind _____ the door open for me?
A. as holding C. to be holding
B. as to hold D. as to be holding

ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Two)

For questions 51 – 65, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.

51. He wasn't in the right _____ of mind for jokes.
A. case C. frame
B. figure D. standard
52. It'll be hard, but we'll manage somehow or _____.
A. another C. other
B. else D. over
53. My evenings are usually free from six _____.
A. forwards C. onwards
B. inwards D. afterwards
54. The model for a new car engine was sadly not commercially _____.
A. viable C. vital
B. variable D. veritable
55. He showed great _____ and said nothing, even when he disagreed.
A. restraint C. referral
B. reproach D. restriction
56. As the doctor says, I should _____ room for more exercise in my life.
A. require C. save
B. take D. make
57. Workers are encouraged to share best _____ to develop their skills.
A. work C. activity
B. deeds D. practice
58. You're not _____ to join the meeting, it was just a suggestion.
A. obscured C. obstructed
B. obliged D. oblivious
59. His courageous actions went above and _____ the call of duty.
A. afar C. outside
B. beyond D. farther
60. Her constant achievements never _____ to amaze us.
A. end C. stop
B. cease D. pause

61. His proposals came up _____ a lot of objections.
A. with C. from
B. towards D. against
62. I won't _____ you to your promise if you really can't do it.
A. hold C. stick
B. glue D. adhere
63. I don't need glasses as I have perfect twenty-twenty _____.
A. vision C. visibility
B. seeing D. eyesight
64. It's so hot! What wouldn't I _____ for a nice cold drink!
A. use C. give
B. want D. have
65. There was no _____ for regret once he had made his decision.
A. claim C. cause
B. demand D. requirement

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Three)

For questions 66 – 75, read the text below and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Bonsai

Ask most people what the word 'bonsai' means and they will invariably think of a tiny Japanese tree. What the term more properly refers to is not the tree itself, but the whole system of growing shrubs or trees so that their growth is stunted.

A bonsai is a miniature replica of a full-grown tree and is kept in a container, not planted in the ground. Size may vary, though strictly (66)_____, the height of the tree should not be more than twelve times the diameter of its trunk at its base. As they mature, bonsai trees and bushes are trimmed (67)_____ interesting shapes, varying from cascading formations to very formal, (68)_____ arrangements.

Growing bonsai trees requires skill (69)_____ with a good measure of patience. The first thing to consider is whether your trees will be indoors or outdoors, (70)_____ this will determine the best type of tree to cultivate. Growing bonsai from seed can be very rewarding, but purchasing pre-shaped trees of around 3-5 years old is the fastest and easiest way to get (71)_____.

There are several things to remember when caring for a bonsai. The most important rule to follow is never to allow the soil to dry out. This is more challenging with an older plant where established roots leave little space for soil in the pot (72)_____ it will therefore not retain much water. Established trees are best dealt with by totally submerging the container in water and allowing the soil to soak (73)_____ up through the drainage holes. (74)_____ the growing season, it will be necessary to trim the leaves and branches of your bonsai to create your chosen shape. This is where your creativity (75)_____ in. Exactly when to do this will depend on the variety of tree, but most species require pruning in spring and autumn.

Growing bonsai as an amateur is a hobby from which you can derive a lot of pleasure and great sense of achievement. Once you get started, you will soon find that you want to build up your bonsai collection!

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| 66. | A. said | C. defining |
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| 67. | A. to | C. into |
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| 68. | A. upward | C. upcoming |
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| 69. | A. equal | C. along |
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| 70. | A. as | C. whereas |
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| 71. | A. doing | C. starting |
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| 72. | A. but | C. and |
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| 73. | A. it | C. well |
| | B. right | D. them |
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| 74. | A. Round | C. Following |
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| 75. | A. arrives | C. comes |
| | B. goes | D. brings |

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ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Four)

For questions 76 – 85, read the text below and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Emoji and Emoticons

Emoji are small pictorial images, more properly called ideograms, which are used to replace words and symbolise reactions in digital text. They should not be confused with their predecessors, emoticons, which portray a cute (76)_____ expression using characters like punctuation marks, numbers, and letters. However, emoji and emoticons (77)_____ to achieve a similar purpose in that they can both efficiently express a person's mood while saving the writer time and energy.

Anyone who uses social media or sends text messages will (78)_____ have used a variety of these useful little symbols to communicate their feelings in a non-threatening and humorous way to friends and family. Some people's messages are so peppered with emoji and emoticons that symbols and pictures (79)_____ words spelled out fully in standard text. Graphic novelists also use these symbols to communicate the emotions of their fictional characters. There have even been competitions to see who could write the longest message formed of emoji and emoticons alone. This is just one of the many original ways in which emoji can bring a sense of fun to the normally mundane process of writing.

For most people, the increasing use of emoji and emoticons is (80)_____. However, there are some who believe that extensive use of emoji and emoticons is having a detrimental effect on levels of basic written (81)_____. Some teachers have noticed a decline in their students' ability to write simple sentences, (82)_____ them to call for a ban on their use altogether, though just how this would be (83)_____ outside the classroom is unclear.

Love them or loathe them, it seems unlikely that emoji and emoticons are going to disappear any time soon. It is (84)_____ that there are now over 3,000 official emoji being used in preinstalled apps and hundreds more are invented each year. Futurologists do predict, however, that the use of emoticons will eventually be (85)_____ superseded by emoji as these are now much easier to use and there are basically more of them to choose from.

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| 76. | A. facing | C. effaced |
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| 77. | A. evolved | C. revolved |
| | B. re-evolved | D. revolutionised |
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| 78. | A. doubtfully | C. doubtless |
| | B. undoubted | D. redoubtably |
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| 79. | A. number | C. enumerate |
| | B. innumerate | D. outnumber |
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| 80. | A. problem-solving | C. problematic |
| | B. problematised | D. unproblematic |
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| 81. | A. literary | C. illiteracy |
| | B. literacy | D. literature |
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| 82. | A. led | C. misled |
| | B. misleading | D. leading |
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| 83. | A. achievable | C. unachievable |
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| 84. | A. estimating | C. estimated |
| | B. estimable | D. estimative |
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| 85. | A. wholly | C. wholesale |
| | B. wholesomely | D. wholeheartedly |

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