

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. The picnic will be lovely, always _____ the sun shines.
A. supposed C. supposing
B. been supposed D. being supposed
37. He is extremely fortunate _____ he has the perfect job.
A. so as C. so much as
B. as being D. inasmuch as
38. Rare _____ it is, rain is possible in the desert.
A. if C. and
B. though D. although
39. He's a vegetarian but if needs _____ he'll eat anything.
A. make C. are
B. must D. have
40. _____ you have a wonderful trip!
A. May C. Will
B. Shall D. Can
41. He eats a lot and yet is _____ still very slim.
A. so much C. somehow
B. no matter D. by any means
42. They agreed that _____ to be no more secrets between them.
A. they were C. they weren't
B. there were D. there weren't
43. He looks so sad, so I guess he _____ the good news yet.
A. couldn't hear C. can't have heard
B. couldn't be hearing D. can't have been hearing
44. She thought I'd forgotten what she said, but I _____.
A. did remember C. didn't remember
B. was remembered D. haven't remembered
45. They demanded that she _____ leave immediately.
A. could C. would
B. should D. ought to

46. How do you think you _____ if you'd been in the same situation?
A. reacted C. may react
B. had reacted D. might have reacted
47. When I pay such high prices I expect nothing _____ than perfection.
A. nor C. but
B. less D. more
48. Upon hearing my destination, he said there was _____ place.
A. not any C. no such
B. not this D. some such
49. Scientists consider climate change _____ a global crisis.
A. to be C. being
B. is being D. has been
50. I haven't seen him for ages. It's time I _____ him a ring.
A. give C. gave
B. will give D. would give

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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. She was in two _____ whether to leave her job.
A. ideas C. minds
B. opinions D. concepts
52. I always pack more than I need, but better _____ than sorry.
A. safe C. sure
B. secure D. shielded
53. You need to take this medicine in two separate _____.
A. times C. doses
B. batches D. measures
54. It was _____ so kind of them to pay for our meal.
A. very C. ever
B. even D. terribly
55. The failure of the project can be put _____ several factors.
A. in for C. away by
B. up with D. down to
56. I am, _____ speaking, a very patient person.
A. mainly C. amply
B. overall D. broadly
57. She was disappointed but she put a brave _____ on it.
A. face C. brow
B. smile D. expression
58. I may end up regretting my decision. Only time will _____.
A. tell C. know
B. show D. reveal
59. I should have waited, but I told him what I thought _____ and then.
A. now C. then
B. there D. before
60. We made a _____ decision and booked a holiday in Greece.
A. dash C. sprint
B. snap D. brisk

61. He sees me as his enemy, but nothing could be _____ from the truth.

A. longer C. nearer
B. shorter D. further

62. The spy was accused of revealing the company's _____ secrets.

A. topmost C. innermost
B. uttermost D. uppermost

63. When I have a day off work I like to _____ things easy and relax.

A. take C. feel
B. give D. have

64. The traffic often _____ to a standstill at rush hour.

A. goes C. stops
B. comes D. brings

65. He wanted a coffee so I made him one. No _____ said than done.

A. later C. faster
B. sooner D. quicker

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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.

Music And The Mind

We are now living longer than ever before. But old age brings challenges. Along with longer lifespans, we have seen an increase in the cases of diseases that afflict (66)_____ over the age of seventy.

Dementia is one of the most common (67)_____ diseases afflicting the elderly. Researchers are therefore making a huge effort to find treatments that they hope will lead to its (68)_____ eradication. There is a long way to go before that day arrives. Meanwhile, it appears that there are effective ways of halting the progression of the disease (69)_____ people can live a fulfilling, enjoyable life.

Whilst there is still no cure for dementia, there is evidence that playing a musical instrument can lower the risk of (70)_____ the disease in the first place. It has recently come to light that the act of making music involves many of the brain regions that are typically damaged during the (71)_____ of dementia. Using brain scans from people who are musical and others with no direct musical experience, scientists have examined these regions to determine the effects of playing in their development. The scans reveal startling differences in brain structure between musicians and non-musicians of the same age. Musicians have (72)_____ more active grey matter and different regions of the brain are quicker to connect when solving problems. Results also show that these differences in musicians' brains are correlated both to the age at which they began learning to play their instrument, and the (73)_____ of training. Those who started playing at a young age display the highest levels of brain agility, suggesting that the sooner we begin lessons, the better.

It has long been posited that music helps the brain to grow in a way that nothing else (74)_____. The discovery that playing an instrument also protects from diseases can (75)_____ serve to confirm that music improves the quality of our lives and also increases the likelihood of a happy, healthy old age.

66. A. older C. mostly
B. those D. especially

67. A. aged C. long-time
B. chronic D. tenacious

68. A. finalised C. eventual
B. unending D. concluding

69. A. that C. so that
B. to enable D. enabling

70. A. greeting C. entering
B. increasing D. contracting

71. A. onset C. opening
B. dawning D. access

72. A. incredibly C. necessarily
B. unsurprisingly D. comparatively

73. A. intensity C. severity
B. strength D. magnitude

74. A. is C. was
B. does D. did

75. A. only C. solely
B. utterly D. uniquely

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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.

Sparkling Water

Most children and many adults love sweet, fizzy drinks often referred to as sodas, especially in the United States where 48 per cent of the population drink two or three cans of the stuff daily. Wherever you are, on a hot summer's day, there's nothing quite like a refreshing glass of chilled lemonade or cola to cool you down. However, some serious health issues are linked to the consumption of these sugary drinks, which can cause tooth decay and are linked to other (76)_____ health problems such as obesity.

Sugar-free varieties of our favourite drinks containing chemical sweetening agents do, of course, exist. But for those who want to avoid artificial sweeteners and do not want to give up fizzy drinks, sparkling water seems to be an ideal (77)_____. And for those on a diet, fizzy water is an even better choice as many people say it helps them to feel (78)_____ even when they have not eaten very much.

As sparkling water is sugar-free and contains no calories it should be better for us, but a quick internet search into its properties tells a different story. It seems that the process of adding carbon to create the bubbles that children find so (79)_____ may actually be harmful. Carbonisation causes chemical changes in the (80)_____ of liquids, making them more acidic. As acidic drinks have been linked to problems as varied as digestive issues, weakening of the bones and arthritis, many people choose to avoid carbonated drinks altogether, (81)_____ of their sugar content.

But before we all give up the joy of bubbles and (82)_____ to stick to plain water from now on, it's worth remembering that we should exercise due (83)_____ when reading any health advice found on the internet. Many of the (84)_____ 'experts' cannot be trusted as they have no medical qualifications to their name. Most (85)_____ doctors advise that drinking any kind of water, still or sparkling, is fine. The important thing is to drink it regularly and avoid dehydration.

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| 76. | A. ultrawide
B. citywide | C. widening
D. widespread |
| 77. | A. substitutive
B. substitution | C. substitute
D. substituent |
| 78. | A. full
B. fully | C. filled
D. fullness |
| 79. | A. pleasing
B. unpleasant | C. pleasuring
D. displeasing |
| 80. | A. composite
B. composure | C. component
D. composition |
| 81. | A. regardful
B. disregarding | C. regardless
D. regardlessly |
| 82. | A. vow
B. disavow | C. vowed
D. avowing |
| 83. | A. caution
B. cautionary | C. cautious
D. precaution |
| 84. | A. uncalled
B. called-up | C. so-called
D. miscalled |
| 85. | A. reputed
B. reputable | C. unreputed
D. disreputable |

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