

## **GRADE 9 - FILL IN THE BLANK 1**

### **I. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the following passage (1.5 pts) (A)**

Most people think of computers as very modern inventions, products of our new technological (15) \_\_\_\_\_. But actually the idea for a computer was worked out over two centuries ago by a man called Charles Babbage. Babbage was born in 1791 and grew up to be a brilliant mathematician. He drew up plans for several calculating machines (16) \_\_\_\_\_ he called "engines". Despite the fact that he (17) \_\_\_\_\_ building some of these, he never finished any of them. Over the years people have argued (18) \_\_\_\_\_ his machines would ever work. Recently, however, the Science Museum in London has finished building an engine based on one of Babbage's designs. (19) \_\_\_\_\_ has taken six years to complete and more than four thousand parts have been specially made. Whether it works or not, the machine will be on show at a special exhibition in the Science Museum (20) \_\_\_\_\_ remind people of Babbage's work.

15. A. old	B. age	C. time	D. years
16. A. whose	B. who	C. these	D. which
17. A. wanted	B. made	C. started	D. missed
18. A. until	B. whether	C. while	D. though
19. A. One	B. He	C. They	D. It
20. A. to	B. as	C. for	D. so

### **II. Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the following passage (1.5 pts) (B)**

Earthquakes can be caused by volcanoes in certain cases. Nuclear explosions under the ground can create waves (15) \_\_\_\_\_ are very similar to natural seismic waves. The seismic energy (16) \_\_\_\_\_ in an atomic bomb is one hundred-thousandth that of the largest earthquake.

Earthquakes (17) \_\_\_\_\_ in all parts of the world. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ activity occurs along certain belts. 80% of all seismic energy is generated (19) \_\_\_\_\_ a belt that is found at the border of the Pacific Ocean. A great deal of volcanoes is also found there, and volcanoes (20) \_\_\_\_\_ many earthquakes. Japan, the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, and New Zealand are all parts of the Pacific belt.

15. a. who	b. that	c. whom	d. whose
16. a. create	b. to create	c. creating	d. created
17. a. take place	b. take in	c. take over	d. take off
18. a. frequency	b. frequencies	c. frequent	d. frequently
19. a. for	b. in	c. from	d. with
20. a. set off	b. set on	c. set in	d. set up

### **III. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in the following passage. (1.5pts.) (C)**

#### **POWER UP!**

If you went to hospital and there was no electricity, you would be (19) \_\_\_\_\_. You'd (20) feel scared, too! But (21) \_\_\_\_\_ some of the world's poorest countries, hospitals

often have no power. Doctors sometimes perform operations in the candle light! If they (22) \_\_\_\_\_ electric lights, these operations would be easier and safer.

Power Up Gambia is a charity that provides (23) \_\_\_\_\_ energy for hospitals (24) \_\_\_\_\_ health clinics in the Gambia, West Africa. Its most famous supporter is Olivia Wilde, star of the American TV show House.

“If I were a superhero, I’d want electrical power in my finger,” Olivia once said. Perhaps supporting Power Up Gambia is the next best thing.

19. A. amazed	B. amazing	C. amazement	D. amazes
20. A. friendly	B. probably	C. lovely	D. lively
21. A. on	B. to	C. from	D. in
22. A. had	B. has	C. have	D. having
23. A. sun	B. sunny	C. solar	D. sunlight
24. A. when	B. and	C. too	D. after

**IV. Choose the word (A, B, C or D) that best fits the blank space in the following passage. (1.5 pts. ) (D)**

In recent years, the problem of environmental pollution has (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a serious situation in big cities of our country. Why? - Nowadays, we are living in a city with an increase in population, so domestic waste is the first reason. Then many people's social (28) \_\_\_\_\_ is not high. In several areas, they throw trash on the street or onto the rivers. It is easy for us to see rubbish of all kinds (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on the water. Moreover, many uncultured people even “make water” in the public place. Secondly, our city is overloaded with vehicles that expel all (30) \_\_\_\_\_ and dust from them. This contributes to the heat of the air, and causes pollution. Thirdly, in several places, trees (31) \_\_\_\_\_ cut down to have room for buildings, hotels, or supermarkets. This makes the atmosphere in our city muggy and stuffy as well. Also, many factories send out waste into the rivers or poisonous gas into the air. Finally, the drainage system in our city is very old and downgrade, so it's always flooded whenever it rains. In conclusion, air (32) \_\_\_\_\_ in the cities are really alarming problem now! What do you think about this?

27. A. became	B. become	C. to become	D. becoming
28. A. compliment	B. announcement	C. authority	D. consciousness
29. A. disappointing	B. saving	C. floating	D. consuming
30. A. smoke	B. doll	C. dormitory	D. existence
31. A. to be	B. have been	C. having been	D. to have been
32. A. pollutants	B. polluting	C. polluted	D. pollution

