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Section _____

Instructions: Read each part and complete.

Listening:

Part I: You are going to listen to a podcast called *A year in our lives*, where people talk about their memories of a particular year. Listen to the podcast and complete the table.

**AUDIO 1**

June	November	May	January	August	December
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#	Month	Event
1		Champions League Final
2		storms in France
3		total eclipse of the sun
4		Napster is launched
5		euro becomes the official currency
6		Exxon Mobil merger



Part II: Listen again and complete the sentences with the correct country.

1. The Champions League Final took place in _____.
2. There were earthquakes in _____ and Taiwan.
3. There were avalanches in Austria and _____.
4. There were floods in _____.

5. The eclipse was visible from Britain to _____.
6. In _____ the president resigned.

Grammar:

Part III: Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

1. Sorry, but when you called I _____ a shower.
- A. had
 - B. did have
 - C. was having
 - D. were having
2. _____ are very friendly and very intelligent.
- A. Dolphins
 - B. The dolphins
 - C. A dolphin
 - D. The dolphin
3. Somebody stole _____ yesterday.
- A. the car of my mother
 - B. my car mother
 - C. my mother's car
 - D. my mother car
4. _____ with me?
- A. Do you like to dance
 - B. Would you like to dance
 - C. Do you like dance
 - D. Would you like dancing
5. She is _____ her sister, I think.
- A. more happier than

- B.more happy that
- C.happier that
- D.happier than

6. Can you _____ the lights? I can't see.

- A.open
- B.turn on
- C.start
- D.put on

7. We couldn't find a taxi, _____ we walked home.

- A.so
- B.because
- C.but
- D.although

8. Tomorrow I _____ get up early; it's my day off.

- A.mustn't
- B.must
- C.haven't to
- D.don't have to

9. I ___ (watch) TV when my friend ___ (call).

- A. watched, was calling
- B. was watching, called
- C. watch, call
- D. watched, called

10. She said, "I ___ (love) this song!"

- A. loved
- B. love
- C. will love
- D. would love

11. By tomorrow, I ____ (finish) this project.
- A. will finish
 - B. am going to finish
 - C. will have finished
 - D. am finishing
12. If I ____ (have) more time, I ____ (learn) French.
- A. had, would have learned
 - B. will have, will learn
 - C. have, could learn
 - D. had, learn
13. You ____ (not) smoke here. It's forbidden.
- A. can
 - B. should
 - C. may
 - D. must
14. The book ____ (I'm reading) is really interesting.
- A. which I'm reading
 - B. that I read
 - C. I'm reading which
 - D. I'm reading that
15. The house ____ (build) in 1980.
- A. was built
 - B. built
 - C. is building
 - D. will be built
16. They ____ (study) for hours by the time the test began.
- A. had been studying
 - B. were studying
 - C. studied

- D. had studied
17. She ___ (already cook) dinner by the time I arrived.
- A. has cooked
 - B. has been cooking
 - C. cooks
 - D. used to cook
18. I ___ (visit) Italy twice before.
- A. have visited
 - B. have been visiting
 - C. visit
 - D. used to visit
19. We ___ (learn) French when we were children.
- A. have learned
 - B. have been learning
 - C. learned
 - D. used to learn
20. We ___ live in a small apartment, but now we have a bigger house.
- A. used to
 - B. didn't use to
 - C. would
 - D. would have
21. She ___ dream of becoming a doctor, but her plans changed.
- A. would often
 - B. used to
 - C. could have
 - D. both a & b

Reading:

Part IV: Read the article. Are these sentences true or false?

Work-life balance



In last month's *Management Issues* we reported on a recent survey in the US. Workers were asked how often they checked their work email outside of normal working hours. The results surprised us. They showed that the more people use computers outside the office, the higher their stress levels, but at the same time, the more likely they are to have a higher level of personal satisfaction.

We asked you to send in your experiences of trying to get a good 'work-life balance' in these days of email, smart phones and tablets. We wanted to know if your boss expects you to work outside your office hours, or if you simply switch your phone off and refuse to answer your emails in the evening and at the weekend. This month, we print some of your answers.

'I don't think employers have the right to make us work out of hours. Everyone has to disconnect. In my company, we have changed our employment rules, so my boss cannot expect me to answer any emails in the evening. ¹_____ I'm happy about this.'

Pierre, Paris

'Many countries try to make laws in order to get people to work less and have a better work-life balance. I don't think these work. The law in Belgium states the working day is seven and a half hours. ²_____'

Elena, Brussels

'When we work long hours, we aren't very productive. In Sweden, we are experimenting with a six-hour working day. After concentrating for six hours, I think workers get tired. The aim of this project is to reduce inefficiency. ³ _____'

Lars, Stockholm

'The problem as I see it is technology. I thought it would help us to be more productive. How lovely of my boss to buy me a laptop all those years ago, but I ended up taking my work home! ⁴ _____ And it's very difficult to measure 'digital working time.'

Janet, NYC

'The results match my experience of the workplace. The more rewarding our work, the more responsibility we have ... and the more stress. If we want to an interesting job, we have to accept that it will involve more work outside normal hours.'

Philip, Hong Kong

What do you think? There's still time to write or email us. We'll post the best contributions on our blog.

1. The survey was conducted in the UK.
 - A. True
 - B. False
2. The survey showed that the more you work, the more unhappy you are.
 - A. True
 - B. False
3. Pierre agrees with the new ruling in his company.
 - A. True
 - B. False
4. Elena thinks the law in Belgium is effective.
 - A. True
 - B. False
5. Lars thinks a six-hour working day is too short.
 - A. True
 - B. False

6. Janet probably regrets that her boss bought her a laptop.
 - A. True
 - B. False
7. Philip agrees with the survey results.
 - A. True
 - B. False

EXTRA: If you have time, tell us: Why would you like to be an English tutor?