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***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.***

**Question 1: A.** industry **B.** confidence **C.** computer **D.** quality

**Question 2: A.** balloon **B.** action **C.** balance **D.** pressure

***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 .***

Willis Carrier designed the first air-conditioning unit in 1902, just a year after graduating from Cornell University. At a Brooklyn printing **plant**, fluctuations in heat and moisture were causing the size of the printing paper to keep changing slightly, making it hard to align different colors. Carrier's invention made it possible to control temperature and humidity levels and so align the colors. The invention also allowed industries such as film, processed food, textiles and pharmaceuticals to improve the quality of their products.

In 1914, the first air-conditioning device was installed in a private house. However, its size, similar to that of an early computer, meant it took up too much space to come into widespread use, and later models, such as the Weather maker, which Carrier brought out in the 1920s, cost too much for most people. Cooling for human comfort, rather than industrial need, really **took off** when three air conditioners were installed in a department store in Detroit, Michigan. People crowded into the shop to experience the new invention. The fashion spread from department stores to cinemas.

To start with, money-conscious employers regarded air conditioning as a luxury. **They** considered that if they were paying people to work, they should not be paying for them to be comfortable as well. So in the 1940s and '50s, the industry started putting out a different message about its product: according to their research, installing air conditioning increased productivity amongst employees. They found that typists increased their output by 24% when transferred from a regular office to a cooled one. Another study into office working conditions, which was carried out in the late 1950s, showed that the majority of companies cited air conditioning as the single most important contributor to efficiency in offices.

However, air conditioning has its critics. Jed Brown, an environmentalist, complains that air conditioning is a factor in global warming. Unfortunately, he adds, because air conditioning leads to higher temperatures, people have to use it even more. However, he admits that it provides a healthier environment for many people in the heat of summer

*(Adapted from Complete IELTS band 4-5)*

**Question 3:** When Willis Carrier invented air conditioning, his objective was to _____.

**A.** make workers feel cooler **B.** produce more attractive paper

**C.** set up a new business **D.** solve problems in a factory

**Question 4:** The word **they** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

**A.** offices **B.** employers **C.** companies **D.** stores

**Question 5:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

**A.** Home air conditioners were not popular at first because they were too big and expensive.

**B.** The research done in the 1940s and '50s was to persuade businesses to buy air conditioners.

**C.** Jed Brown says that air conditioning is good for people, but bad for the environment.

**D.** Jed Brown is in favour of the use of air conditioners to protect the environment.

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***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.***

**Question 6: A.** c<u>a</u>ve **B.** st<u>a</u>ge **C.** s<u>a</u>nd **D.** gr<u>a</u>de

**Question 7: A.** <u>s</u>ugar **B.** <u>s</u>oft **C.** <u>s</u>ong **D.** <u>s</u>tuff

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

**Question 8:** I can't go out this morning. I'm up to my _____ in reports.

**A.** nose **B.** ears **C.** lips **D.** eye

**Question 9:** Their project was _____ over a two-month period, but failed due to poor planning.

**A.** carried out **B.** looked after **C.** given up **D.** turned off

**Question 10:** I _____ myself occupied by watching television and gardening every afternoon.

**A.** keep **B.** put **C.** make **D.** gave

**Question 11:** Who will be in charge of the department _____?

**A.** as soon as they had left **B.** when they leave

**C.** after thay left **D.** by the time they were leaving

**Question 12:** Some tourists _____ a skiing lesson on the nursery slope when it snowed.

**A.** have **B.** were having **C.** are having **D.** have had

**Question 13:** His son became addicted to social media last year, _____?

**A.** doesn't he **B.** didn't he **C.** did he **D.** does he

**Question 14:** The children are highly excited_____the coming summer holiday

**A.** about **B.** with **C.** to **D.** for

**Question 15:** I think Geoff is _____ in the class at chess.

A. worse B. the baddest C. the worst D. the worse

**Question 16:** We regret_____the flight BA205 to Madrid will be canceled.

**A**. announcing **B.** announce **C**. announced **D**. to announce

**Question 17:** The valuable painting in the museum_____ two days ago.

**A.** was stolen **B.** steals **C.** was stealing **D.** has stolen

**Question 18:** My brother lives next door to _____ Jacksons.

**A.** ∅ (no article) **B.** a **C.** an **D.** the

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**Question 19:** Thousands of _____ from all over the world will take part in the contest.

**A.** competitive **B.** compete **C.** competitors **D.** competitively

**Question 20:** The storm did a lot of _____to our village. All the crops were drastically destroyed and many houses were washed away.

**A**. injury **B**. hardship **C**. harm **D**. damage

**Question 21:** _____ for a big company, I don't have any chance to work with foreigners.

**A.** Not worked **B.** Not to work **C.** Not work **D.** Not working

**Question 22:** The government should _____ measures to reduce the negative effects of urbanization

**A.** do **B.** have **C.** take **D.** make

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

**CAN WE CHANGE THE CLIMATE?**

It may seem hard to believe that people can actually change the Earth's climate. But scientists think that the things people do that send greenhouse gases into the air are making our planet warmer. Once, all climate changes occurred naturally. (23)__, during the Industrial Revolution, we began altering our climate and environment through agricultural and industrial practices. The Industrial Revolution was a time when people began using machines to make life easier. It started more than 200 years ago and (24)_____ the way humans live. Before the Industrial Revolution, human activity released very (25)_____ gases into the atmosphere, but now through population growth, fossil fuel burning, and deforestation, we are affecting the mixture of gases in the atmosphere. Since the industrial revolution, the need for energy to run (26)_____ has steadily increased. some energy, like the energy you need to do your homework, comes from the food you eat. But other energy, like the energy(27)_____ makes cars run and much of the energy used to light and heat our homes, comes from fuels like coal and oil – fossil fuels. Burning these fuels releases greenhouse gases

(*Adapted from: https://www.monografias.com/trabajos64/global-warming/global-warming2)*

**Question 23: A.** Otherwise **B.** However **C.** Therefore **D.** Although

**Question 24: A.** turned **B.** transformed **C.** converted **D.** changed

**Question 25: A.** few **B.** every **C.** much **D.** many

**Question 26: A.** appliances **B.** tools **C.** machines **D.** devices

**Question 27: A.** where **B.** who **C.** that **D.** whom

***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.***

**Question 28:** Peter is talking to Mary about her daughter.

- Peter: "How beautiful your daughter is!"- Mary: "_____"

**A.** Sorry, I have no idea. **B.** Thank you for your compliment.

**C.** Yes, I share your opinion. **D.** Don't say anything about it.

**Question 29:** Linda and Janet are talking about family living under one roof.

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- Linda: "I think it's a good idea to have three or four generations living under one roof. They can help one another."

- Janet: "_____. Many old-aged parents like to lead an independent life in a nursing home."

**A.** I agree with you completely **B.** It's nice to hear that **C.** That's not true **D.** Me, too.

***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 30:** Jimmy said: "I'm definitely not going to the match next Saturday."

**A.** Jimmy said he is definitely not going to the match next Saturday

**B.** Jimmy said he were definitely not going to the match the next Saturday.

**C.** Jimmy said he was definitely not going to the match next Saturday

**D.** Jimmy said he was definitely not going to the match the next Saturday

**Question 31:** I am sure Helen's taking Dobber to the vet because her car is not here.

**A.** Helen must be taking Dobber to the vet because her car is not here.

**B.** Helen may be taking Dobber to the vet because her car is not here.

**C.** Helen needn't be taking Dobber to the vet because her car is not here.

**D.** Helen can't be taking Dobber to the vet because her car is not here.

**Question 32:** The last time she took her children to the zoo was two months ago.

**A.** She hasn't taken her children to the zoo for two months

**B.** She has taken her children to the zoo for two months.

**C.** She had two months to take her children to the zoo.

**D.** She didn't take her children to the zoo two months ago.

***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 33:** Seniors are especially <u>appreciable</u> of <u>thoughtful</u> gifts that make them feel <u>appreciated</u>, and improve their <u>quality</u> of life.

**A.** appreciated **B.** quality **C.** appreciable **D.** thoughtful

**Question 34:** Le Van Duoc, a 9$^{th}$ <u>grader</u> in Nghe An, <u>has been praised</u> for <u>their</u> courageous action in saving five children from <u>drowning</u>.

**A.** has been praised **B.** their **C.** drowning **D.** grader

**Question 35:** Samantha <u>has</u> difficulty <u>doing</u> her <u>Maths</u> <u>homework</u> yesterday.

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**A.** doing **B.** has **C.** homework **D.** Maths

***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 36:** The headmaster had just spoken to the naughty students. They misbehaved again

**A.** Had it not been for the naughty students' misbehaviours, the headmaster would have spoken to them

**B.** Not until the naughty students misbehaved again did the headmaster speak to them

**C.** Hardly had the headmaster spoken to the naughty students when they misbehaved again

**D.** Only after the naughty students misbehaved again did the headmaster speak to them

**Question 37:** Laura was badly injured in the accident. She didn't take part in the marathon.

**A.** If Laura had taken part in the marathon, she wouldn't have been badly injured in the accident.

**B.** Laura would have taken part in the marathon if she hadn't been badly injured in the accident.

**C.** If Laura hadn't been badly injured in the accident, she might not have been taken part in the marathon

**D.** Laura could take part in the marathon if she weren't badly injured in the accident.

***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 .***

Experts say that if you feel tired during the day, even during boring activities, you don't sleep enough. If you often fall asleep within five minutes of lying down, you may suffer a state of lacking sleep. "Microsleeps," periods of sleep that last from a few to several seconds, are another mark of not getting enough sleep. Moreover, the common practice of "burning the candle at both ends" - working hard until late at night - in western countries has created so much sleep deprivation.

Many studies have shown that not sleeping enough is dangerous. When sleep-deprived people – those who don't have enough sleep - are tested, **they** perform as badly as or worse than those who are drunk. Lack of sleep also increases alcohol's effects on the body. Therefore, if people without enough sleep drink, they will become much more **impaired** than someone who is well-rested. Driving when extremely tired is the cause of about 100,000 motor vehicle accidents and 1,500 deaths each year, and driving while tired can lead to disaster. Caffeine and other stimulants cannot overcome the effects of severe sleep deprivation. Health experts say that if you have trouble keeping your eyes focused, if you can't stop yawning, you may be too tired to drive safely.

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**Question 38:** Which of the following is the symptom that sleep-deprived people have according to paragraph 1?

**A.** feeling sleepy after reading books **B.** having sleep loss recently

**C.** having microsleeps when working **D.** working hard until late at night

**Question 39:** In paragraph 2, the word "**they**" refers to _____.

**A.** many studies **B.** sleep-deprived people **C.** western countries **D.** alcohol's effects

**Question 40:** Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

**A.** About 100,000 motor vehicle accidents are caused by drunk drivers annually.

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**B.** Caffeine is believed to be useless to get over the serious lack of sleep.

**C.** When feeling tired, people have trouble concentrating and can't stop yawning.

**D.** Alcohol has stronger impacts on people who are sleep-deprive.

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