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SECTION A: Grammar

For each question from 1 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (15 marks)

1. _____ order to succeed, one must be prepared to fail.
   (1) By (2) On
   (3) In (4) For ( )
2. Tiffany and Wendy _____ an interest in collecting stamps.
   (1) have (2) has
   (3) having (4) has had ( )
3. Ryan's favourite nursery rhyme is 'The Three Blind _____'.
   (1) Mouse (2) Mouses
   (3) Mice (4) Mices ( )
4. Of all my friends and family, I turn to my mother for _____ most often.
   (1) advise (2) advises
   (3) advice (4) advices ( )
5. As Ming Guang was tired, he _____ on the bed.
   (1) lied (2) lie
   (3) laid (4) lay ( )
6. Mrs. Laura has not marked _____ books over there yet.
   (1) this (2) these
   (3) that (4) those ( )
7. Jay, together with his cousins, _____ to the zoo tomorrow.
   (1) goes (2) go
   (3) is going (4) are going ( )
8. Kevin and I have been best friends _____ we were five years old.
   (1) since (2) while
   (3) until (4) because ( )

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9. The fruits in the basket_____ very sweet and juicy.

(1) is (2) while

(3) are (4) because ( )

10. We were told that we _____ not lie.

(1) would (2) should

(3) could (4) might ( )

11. During the earthquake, most of the houses_____.

(1) turned in (2) caved in

(3) fell in (4) dropped in ( )

12. The ladder which was leaning_____ the wall is not there anymore.

(1) on (2) beside

(3) against (4) into ( )

13. Perry takes pictures wherever he goes as he _____ an interest in photography.

(1) has (2) having

(3) have (4) had ( )

14. The woman_____ I was with is my aunt.

(1) who (2) which

(3) whom (4) whose ( )

15. Did you _____ the person who took the wallet?

(1) see (2) saw

(3) sees (4) seen ( )

SECTION B: Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 20 , four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (10 marks)

16. The _____ demanded a million dollars from Pamela or he would expose her secret.

(1) blackmailer (2) murderer

(3) kidnapper (4) swindler ( )

17. Adrian's restaurant licence was _____ by the authorities because of cockroach infestation in its premises.

(1) rejected (2) banned

(3) suspended (4) expelled ( )

18. Hopes of rescuing more survivors of the tsunami are fast _____'.

(1) shrinking (2) sinking

(3) leaving (4) fading ( )

19. Spectacles can _____ short-sightedness.

(1) correct (2) fix

(3) repair (4) cure ( )

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20. We should not believe what Ken says as he is a/an _____ person.

(1) crafty (2) critical

(3) anti-social (4) shrewd ( )

SECTION C: Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

The cactus is a (21) fascinating plant. Surviving in (22) harsh, dry and hot conditions, the cactus can grow up to 18 metres in height. But how does it live in places that hardly (23) receive any rain? That is due to its structure. Unlike other plants, the cactus has shallow and (24) fine roots. Any rain, dew or mist that touch the desert ground is (25) absorbed very quickly.

21. (1) strong (2) beautiful

(3) interesting (4) fantastic ( )

22. (1) tough (2) demanding

(3) gruellling (4) brittle ( )

23. (1) give (2) recover

(3) retain (4) get ( )

24. (1) thin (2) minor

(3) remarkable (4) acceptable ( )

25. (1) drunk in (2) taken in

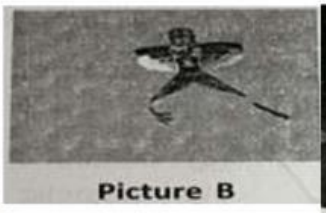
(3) drunk up (4) taken up ( )

SECTION D: Visual Text Comprehension

Read and analysis the passage and pictures below and answer Questions 26 to 33.

Kite flying is a popular hobby and the kite has evolved from the diamond shape to a wide variety of shapes. Although there are thousands of different kinds of kites, the basic tools and methods of making and flying them have remained the same.


Picture A


Picture B


Picture C


Picture D


Picture E

Most people prefer to fly their kites in a strong breeze to get the kite into the air. However, most kites are designed to be flown with a light wind. You do not need to know the aerodynamics to fly a kite, but knowing the basic principles of wind flow and lift will help you to fly the kite better.

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Although beginners might get frustrated when they are unable to get their kites into the air or their kites keep on falling back down, once they get the hang of it, they will find that it is actually not that difficulty. Kite flying can be enjoyed by people of all ages. It is both challening and relaxing at the same time. There are few things in the world more beautiful than a sky filled with a multitude of colours and designs.

For each question from 26 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Write the correct number (1, 2, 3, or 4) in the brackets provided. (8 marks)

26. What does the phrase 'the kite has evolved' mean?

    (1) The kite has been invented. (2) The kite has been designed.

    (3) The kite has been changed. (4) The kite has been made. ( )

27. Which kite do you think would be the easiest to make?

    (1) The kite in Picture A (2) The kite in Picture B

    (3) The kite in Picture C (4) The kite in Picture E ( )

28. How is kite flying different now than it was in the past?

    (1) The designs of kites. (2) The tools used to make kites.

    (3) The way kites are made. (4) The way kites are flown. ( )

29. People like to fly their kites in _____ wind.

    (1) strong (2) heavy

    (3) gentle (4) no ( )

30. How can you fly the kite better?

    (1) Fly the kite in a strong wind.

    (2) Fly the kite in a light wind.

    (3) Know the aerodynamics of kite flying

    (4) Know the basic principles of wind flow and lift. ( )

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33. The word 'beginners' means _____.

    (1) people who have plentey of experience flying kites

    (2) people who are highly skilled at flying kites

    (3) people who are flying kites for the first few times

    (4) people who love flying kites a lot ( )

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34. What does the phrase 'a multitude of colours and designs' refer to?
(1) It refers to the people who are flying their kites.
(2) It refers to the clothes of the people who are flying their kites.
(3) It refers to the kites being flown by the people.
(4) It refers to the rainbow. ( )

35. The kite in Picture E is probably best flown _____ .
(1) by a group of a few persons (2) alone by oneself
(3) by two three-year-old children (4) by a feable old man ( )

SECTION E: Editing – Spelling/ Grammar

There are 12 blanks, numbered 36 to 47 in the passage below. Identify the mistake and write the correct word in the relevant box. (12 marks)

I was so bored sitting around at home and wondering what I (36) can do. Then, an idea struck me; I could go cycling! Grabbing my bicycle, I asked my mother for (37) permision before I left the house. With a little help (38) for Mother, I managed to wheel the bicycle down the flight of stairs to the void (39) dack. Deciding to go to the park, I (40) ride there slowly and (41) careful on the pavement. When I got there, I (42) noteased a few temporary food stalls. Several people were enjoying their food and my stomach growled as a (43) dilisious smell wafted towards me. The wonderful aroma (44) tamted me to buy my lunch from there. At the moment, I recalled that I had no money (45) in me. I had no other choice but to (46) returned home on an empty stomach. When I was cycling back, it began raining cats and dogs! I was (47) dranshed and famished when I finally reached my house. What an unlucky day! I should have just stayed at home!

(39) _____ (40) _____ (41) _____
(42) _____ (43) _____ (44) _____
(45) _____ (46) _____ (47) _____

SECTION F: Synthesis/ Transformation

For each of the questions 48 to 52 , rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

48. The twins are going for a movie. Their cousin is going with them too.
Both_____ and _____
_____

49. That is the place. They have to gather there at 8 o'clock tomorrow.
_____ where _____
_____

50. If we hear the fire alarm, we have to evacuate the building immediately.
_____ as soon as _____
_____

51. I will not talk to you. You have to apologise to me first.
_____ until _____
_____

52. She waited for an hour but Ron did not show up.
Although_____
_____

SECTION G: Writing

You were a spectator at a sporting event which was organised in your area. Tell your friends about it on your English-language blog.

- Explain when and where the event took place, and who was involved.
- Describe the most interesting or exciting parts of the event.
- Say what happened in the end and give your opinion of the event.

Write your blog entry in three paragraphs. Write between 140 and 190 words.

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