Unit 5: The world of work

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest.

1.	A. casual	B. wage	C. cashier	D. cash
2.	A. admit	B. advance	C. vacancy	D. admire
3.	A. command	B. compose	C. complain	D. comment
4.	A. humor	B. honest	C. human	D. horror
5.	A. reserved	B. locked	C. forced	D. touched
6.	A. academic	B. campus	C. apply	D. entrance
7.	A. receive	B. achieve	C. increase	D. creative
8.	A. tutor	B. subject	C. study	D. result
9.	A. scary	B. challenge	C. psychology	D. course
10.	A. require	B. society	C. twice	D. applicant
11.	A. formally	B. forget	C. effort	D. comfort
12.	A. satisfactory	B. applicant	C. concentrate	D. participle
13.	A. relate	B. express	C. prepare	D. pressure
14.	A. hour	B. honesty	C. history	D. honor
15.	A. qualification	B. congratulation	C. international	D. manufacturing
16.	A. food	B. boot	C. blood	D. booth
17.	A. challenging	B. character	C. cheerfully	D. changeable
18.	A. services	B. determine	C. personal	D. experience
19.	A. manager	B. irrigate	C. imagine	D. dangerous
20.	A. flexible	B. rewarding	C. employ	D. enthusiastic

II. Choose the word whose main stress syllable is put differently.

1.	A. attendance	B. responsible	C. accountant	D. stressful
2.	A. tiring	B. rewarding	C. flexible	D. vacancy
3.	A. bonus	B. review	C. employ	D. well paid
4.	A. supervise	B. challenging	C. flexible	D. qualification
5.	A. overtime	B. review	C. accountant	D. condition
6.	A. attract	B. person	C. signal	D. instance
7.	A. verbal	B. suppose	C. even	D. either
8.	A. example	B. consider	C. several	D. attention
9.	A. situation	B. appropriate	C. informality	D. entertainment
10.	A. across	B. simply	C. common	D. brother

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11. A. considerate B. photographer C. community D. circumstance
12. A. apply B. anthem C. appear D. attend
13. A. scenery B. festival C. atmosphere D. location
14. A. prevent B. recent C. receive D. remote
15. A. opposite B. geography C. geometry D. endanger

III. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. Do you want to follow_____ your father's footsteps?

A. on B. in C. at D. from

2. Can you tell me who is responsible_____checking passports?

A. to B. in C. about D. for

3. She earned extra money last year_____family is rapidly becoming a thing of the past.

A. bringing into B. caring for C. taking on D. bearing up

4. My mother works _____a nurse in a big hospital. She examines the patients.

A. for B. as C. in D. at

5. She had to work on a _____last night, so she is very tired this morning.

A. the roof B. the table C. the bed D. night shift

6. My mother is a _____woman. She does all the household chores to make us more comfortable.

A. caring B. careless C. harmful D. boring

7. In my free-time, I often help mom with _____the house.

A. to clean B. clean C. cleaning D. cleans

8. Sarah prefers to find a(n)____job with a stable income.

A. nine-to-five **B.** on-the-job **C.** ill-paid **D.** tiring

9. Those who have exceptional performance throughout the year will be awarded a year-end ___.

A. overtime **B.** bonus **C.** duty **D.** qualification

10. Candidates must have necessary____and at least two years of experience working as a sales representative.

A. vacancies **B.** shifts **C.** reviews **D.** qualifications

11. He found a well-paid job____he had no formal academic qualifications.

A. though **B.** because **C.** unless **D.** if

12. Lucy was an outstanding employee,_she got a promotion.

A. and **B.** but **C.** so **D.** or

13. Some days of rest may help to _____ the pressure of work.

A. reduce B. lower C. chop D. crease

14. Could you please tell me some information that _____ to the job?

A. indicates B. expresses C. interests D. relates

15. Not all teenagers are well _____ for their future job when they are at high school.

A. interested B. satisfied C. concerned D. prepared

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16. Qualifications and _____ are two most important factors that help you get a good job.

A. politeness B. experience C. attention D. impression

17. Before the interview, you have to send a letter of _____ and your résumé to the company.

A. application B. reference C. curriculum vitae D. photograph

18. Working the night__at the hospital can be very tiring for some nurses.

A. overtime **B.** shift **C.** bonus **D.** qualification

19. There's still a_____for a customer service representative at the car repair shop.

A. responsibility**B.** review **C.** wage **D.** vacancy

20. Recent recruits will undergo training to acquaint themselves with company procedures.

A. well-paid **B.** rewarding **C.** on-the-job **D.** challenging

21. Due to the increased demand, employees had to work_____to meet the deadlines.

A. qualification **B.** vacancy **C.** overtime **D.** shift

22. Automation is likely to_____the loss of many manual jobs.

A. give rise to **B.** wait on **C.** interfere with **D.** apply for

23. I have just been called _____ a job interview. I am so nervous.

A. for B. in C. over D. with

24. Good preparations _____ your job interview is a must.

A. with B. upon C. in D. for

25. Many children are under such a high _____ of learning that they do not feel happy at school.

A. recommendation B. interview C. pressure D. concentration

26. Being well-dressed and punctual can help you create a good _____ on your interviewer.

A. impression B. pressure C. employment D. effectiveness

27. Many people will be out of _____ if the factory is closed.

A. work B. career C. profession D. job

28. His dream of becoming _____ doctor became true after seven years of learning hard.

A. a B. an C. the D. Ø

29. Doctors have to assume _____ for human life.

A. responsible B. responsibly C. responsibility D. responses

30. During your first week of probation, you will be ____ by one of our experienced managers.

A. endured **B.** supervised **C.** waited **D.** interfered

31. Voluntary work is often ____, but it equips you with essential life skills.

A. adaptable **B.** patient **C.** unpaid **D.** well-paid

32. Mr. Viet is a _____employee; he always tries to finish his tasks before deadlines.

A. reliable **B.** demanding **C.** repetitive **D.** stressful

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33. ____ labourers who work outdoors often expose themselves to unpleasant weather conditions.

A. Tiring **B**. Repetitive **C**. Organised **D**. Casual

34. Not only managers but also employees need to be __and able to quickly adjust to new conditions.

A. unpaid **B**. organised **C**. confident **D**. adaptable

35. The job offer was too good for Jennifer to turn _____.

A. off B. away C. out D. down

36. She has been _____ for an interview for the manager's job.

A. called B. carried C. hold D. brought

37. The agency will let you know if they have any suitable _____.

A. redundancies B. vacancies C. abilities D. capabilities

38. One condition of this job is that you must be _____ to work at weekends.

A. available B. capable C. acceptable D. accessible

39. With so much _____, I'm lucky to be in work.

A. employees B. employers C. employment D. unemployment

40. I shall do the job to the best of my _____.

A. capacity B. ability C. knowledge D. talent

41. You should bring with you your _____ to the interview.

A. certificates B. letter of recommendation C. flowersD. A and B

42. He wants to wait _____ tables at the weekend.

A. in B. at C. on D. of

43. I'm fed up with this job. I feel completely browned _____ .

A. off B. down C. out D. over

44. There's a rumour that the National Bank is going to _____the company I work for.

A. take on B. take out of C. take off D. take over

45. The questions are the central point of the whole interview procedure and should be planned_____.

A. in consequence B. in time C. in advance D. in conscience

46. There are few employment prospects in the town for _____ young people.

A. qualify B. qualification C. qualified D. unqualified

47. Although we've been interviewing all day, we haven't managed to find a_____ applicant.

A. suitable B. self-confident C. successful D. appropriate

48. People usually use more_____ language when they're in serious situations like interviews.

A. formal B. informal C. serious D. solemn

49. The ability to _____actually hinders your progress and overall performance.

A. interfere **B**. multitask **C**. endure **D**. demand

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50. One of the _of working for this company is free access to the gym.

A. perks **B**. responsibilities **C**. positions **D**. apprenticeships

51. ____you are proficient in Japanese, you will stand a better chance of getting the job.

A. However **B**. Although **C**. While **D**. Because

52. My brother pursued higher education _____he could get a better job.

A. not only **B**. so that **C**. either **D**. even though

IV. Combine the two simple sentences in one.

1. The boys are playing games and the girls are watching TV.
2. I tried my best in the final test but the result was not as good as I expected.
3. He lost the key so he couldn't get into the house.
4. She loves comedies yet her husband is interested in action films.
5. You must do well in the test or you will not graduate.
6. Pop music is so popular for the simple and memorable melody.
7. I should practice more for the competition but my health hasn't been excellent recently.
8. You can go to the movies with me or you can go to the concert alone.

V. Combine the sentences using a subordinator to make a complex sentence. Number 1 is an example for you.

1. *I'm going to the bank because I need some money.*
2. I made lunch when I got home.
3. Although it's raining, she's going for a walk in the park.
4. Unless she finishes her homework soon, she will fail the class.
5. He decided to trust Tim because he was an honest man.
6. When we went to school, she decided to investigate the situation.
7. Jennifer decided to leave Tom because he was too worried about his job.
8. Dennis bought a new jacket although he had received one as a gift last week.
9. Brandley claims that there will be trouble if he doesn't complete the job.
10. Janice will have finished the report by the time you receive the letter.

VI. Choose the correct answers.

1. The train arrived ***while/as soon as*** Elie was having lunch.
2. ***Because/Although*** the water is very cold in January, they go swimming anyway.
3. My father goes jogging every morning ***before/after*** he gets ready for work.
4. I learned a lot about wildlife ***until / after*** I visited Cue Phuong National Park yesterday.
5. You should wait here ***when /until*** your parents come back.

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6. ***After /Before*** the party, there was a lot of food left.

7. My sister was sleeping ***when/while*** I was studying for the test last night.

8. ***As soon as/While*** I left home for school, It rained heavily.

9. I usually drink a glass of warm milk ***until / before*** I go to bed.

10. Who takes care of the baby ***when/after*** your mother is away?

VII. Circle the correct option in brackets.

1. You must be careful (when / until) you cross the street.

2. I will wait for you here (until / while) you get back.

3. He will call me as soon (as / when) he arrives at the airport.

4. You can go (when / while) the traffic lights turn green.

5. She is doing her homework (while / after) her mother is cooking.

6. They will go on holidays in Italy (after / before) they finish their project.

7. Remember to turn off the lights (before / as soon as) you go to sleep.

8. Did they call the police (as soon as / while) they saw the accident?

9. Mary went straight to the cinema (when / after) she left the office.

10. Can you help me clean the table (while / until) I'm washing the dishes?

VIII. Choose one word or phrase marked A, B, C, or D that best complete the preceding sentence.

1. _____ he always did well on his English tests, his parents were not surprised that he got a B level.

A. When B. Since C. Because of D. Although

2. He doesn't understand _____ he doesn't speak French very well.

A. whenever B. so that C. because D. before

3. She is looking for a new job_____ she is tired of doing a routine job day after day.

A. since B. as C. because D. all are correct

4. I haven't seen Tom_____ he gave me this book.

A. since B. for C. until D. before

5. _____ he has a headache, he has to take an aspirin.

A. How B. Because C. Where D. Although

6. Our visit to Japan was delayed_____ my wife's illness.

A. because B. because of C. thanks to D. though

7. The flight had to be delayed_____ the bad weather.

A. because B. due to C. because of D. B and C are correct

8. I couldn't unlock it_____ I had the wrong key.

A. because B. so that C. though D. so

9. He hasn't written to us_____ he left.

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A. as long as B. since C. by the time D. as soon as

10. I made a mistake_____ I was tired.

A. though B. so that C. because D. if

11. You need good shoes to go hiking in the mountains_____ the ground is rough and hard.

A. because B. so that C. before D. even though

12. _____ he is tired, he can't work longer.

A. Because B. Even though C. Although D. Besides

13. _____ he wasn't ready in time, we went without him.

A. When B. Moreover C. As D. So

14. You will have to pay higher insurance_____ you buy a sports car.

A. if B. although C. so that D. before

15. I haven't been climbing_____ I broke my leg last summer.

A. although B. since C. so that D. before

16. He went to bed _____he was sleepy.

A. because B. so that C. because of D. although

17. _____ the storm warnings, we didn't go out last night.

A. Because B. Because of C. Although D. In spite of

18. You may get malaria_____ you are bitten by a mosquito.

A. if B. so that C. though D. before

19. It was difficult to deliver the letter_____ the sender had written the wrong address on the envelope.

A. because B. despite C. though D. because of

IX. 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

When you first apply for a job, you might not succeed in getting it. It's always a good idea to ask them to explain to you what prevented you from beating the other candidates. Don't complain about the situation, but ask them to advise you on what you can do better next time. Perhaps the interviewer disproved of or disagreed with something you said. Perhaps they just glance at your application and saw something that made it easy to choose between you and another candidate. Don't regard it as a failure, but recognize it as chance to learn more. As long as you don't worry too much about it and continue to believe in yourself, you'll eventually find the chance you've been waiting for. Then your family and friends will be able to congratulate you on your success!

1. You might _____when you first apply for it.

A. succeed in getting a job B. fail in getting a job

C. get a job D. have a job

2. What could you do if you didn't succeed in getting a job?

A. quit it B. find another job

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C. forget everything D. ask the interviewers for explanation

3. It is a good way to ask the interviewers _____.

A. to supply you a job B. to advise you for the next time

C. helping D. pay you money

4. You fail in the job interview because of _____.

A. you're not good B. you're not confident

C. your failure D. interviewer's disagreement

5. You should regard failing in the job interview as _____.

A. your failure B. a chance to learn more

C. a bad thing D. interviewer's failure

6. You don't need to worry _____.

A. because there are many chances waiting for you

B. because you have a family

C. because you have friends

D. because you are very intelligent

7. What is the best tile for the text?

A. The causes of fail a job interview B. Advice for a job interviewee

C. Failure of a interviewer D. Fail a job interview

X. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks

It's always worth preparing well for an interview. Don't just hope (1) _____ the best. Here are a few tips. Practice how you say things, as well as what you (2) _____ to say. If you don't own a video camera, perhaps a friend of (3) _____ does. Borrow it and make a video tape of yourself. Find (4) _____ to watch it with you and give you a (5) _____ of advice on how you appear and behave.

Before the interview, plan what to wear. Find out how the company expects its (6) _____ to dress. At the interview, believe in yourself and be honest, open and friendly. (7) _____ attention and keep your answers to the point. The interviewer doesn't want to waste time and (8) _____ do you.

1.	A. against	B. for	C. to	D. at
2.	A. intend	B. consider	C. imagine	D. think
3.	A. his	B. yours	C. mine	D. ours
4.	A. anybody	B. nobody	C. everybody	D. somebody
5.	A. number	B. slice	C. plenty	D. bit
6.	A. colleagues	B. employees	C. customers	D. employers
7.	A. Attract	B. Give	C. Turn	D. Pay
8.	A. so	B. either	C. neither	D. or

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XI. 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

Preparation is a key to a successful interview. Does the idea of going to a job interview make you feel a little nervous? Many people find that it is the hardest part of the employing process. But it is not really true. The more you prepare and practise, the more comfortable you will feel. You should find out as much as possible about the company before you go to the interview. Understand the products that they produce and the services that they provide. It is also good to know who the customers are and who the major competitors are. "Practice makes perfect". It will also make you feel more confident and relaxed. So, practise your answers to common questions. Make a list of questions to ask, too. Almost all interviewers will ask if you have questions. This is a great opportunity for you to show your keenness, enthusiasm, and knowledge.

Make a great impression. The interview is your chance to show that you are the best person for the job. Your application or résumé has already exhibited that you are qualified. Now it is up to you to show how your skills and experience match this position and this company. The employer will be looking and listening to determine if you are a good fit. He/she will be looking for a number of different qualities, in addition to the skills that you possess. To make the best impression, dress appropriately; express your strengths; arrive early, by about 10-15 minutes; be enthusiastic; shake hands firmly; be an active listener; sit up straight and maintain eye contact; and ask questions

After the interview, follow up with a thank-you note. This is a chance for you to restate your interest and how you can benefit the company. Your best bet is to try to time it so that the note gets there before the hiring: decision is made. You should also follow up with a phone call if you do not hear back from the employer within the specified time.

1. The pronoun it refers to _____.

A. the job B. the interview C. the interviewer D. the preparation

2. What does the writer advise you to practice?

A. Asking and answering questions related to the job.

B. Making products that the company produces.

C. Providing services that the company serves.

D. Meeting some customers and competitors.

3. Which should not be shown during your interview?

A. Punctuality B. A firm hand shaking

C. Being properly-dressed D. Weaknesses

4. You can show your qualifications in the

A. dressing style and punctuality B. competing with the competitors

C. résumé and letter of application D. eye contact with the interview

5. Which is not included in the writer's advice?

A. You should not communicate with the interviewer after the interview.

B. You 'should make the best impression in the interview.

C. You should write a note to say thanks to the interviewer after the interview,

D. You should telephone the interviewer for any information after the interview.

XII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks

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The interview is one of the most important (1) _____ in the job search process. When an employer invites you to an interview, he/she is indicating an (2) _____ in yourself. The interview gives both of you the opportunity to (3) _____ enough information to determine if you are a good "fit" for each other. Think of an interview as a highly focused professional conversation. You should (4) _____ the limited amount of time you have learning about the employer's needs and discuss the ways you can meet these needs. In many cases, you will interview at least, twice before being employed for a (5) _____. Once in a brief screening interview and at least once again in a (6) _____ serious meeting when you may also talk to many of your potential coworkers.

A job interview is a strategic conversation with a purpose. Your goal is to show the employer that you have the (7) _____, background, and ability to do the job and that you can successfully fit into the organization. The interview is also your (8) _____ to gather information about the job, the organization, and future career opportunities to figure out if the position and work environment are (9) _____ for you. Most employers do not hire people based on certificates or diplomas alone. Personality, (10) _____, enthusiasm, a positive outlook, and excellent interpersonal and communication skills count heavily in the selection process.

1. A. parts B. roles C. fields D. facts

2. A. interest B. interesting C. interested D. interestingly

3. A. fill B. change C. exchange D. translate

4. A. make B. spend C. post D. apply

5. A. condition B. location C. satisfaction D. position

6. A. most B. mostly C. more D. more than

7. A. skills B. aspects C. appearances D. weaknesses

8. A. fates B. feasts C. lucks D. opportunities

9. A. fit B. right C. accurate D. exact

10. A. confide B. confidence C. confident D. confidently

XIII. Read the following advertisements and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 11 to 16.

Want to become a chef?

Join our apprenticeship programme!

- Learn culinary skills (11)_____experienced chefs
- Gain a (12)_____in the food industry
- Develop into (13)_____hard-working chef

For further information, contact us at 0897543216. Start your culinary journey today!

Question 11. **A.** to **B.** in **C.** from **D.** at

Question 12. **A.** wage **B.** responsibility **C.** position **D.** leadership

Question 13. **A.** an **B.** Ø (no article) **C.** the **D.** a

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Join Our Team!

We're Hiring Sales Superstars!

Are you passionate about sales? Do you love connecting with people? We have an exciting opportunity in our Sales Department! Join us in driving success and delivering (14)_service.

No experience necessary.

Enjoy competitive pay, training, and growth opportunities.

Join a dynamic team (15)__you can shine.

If you are interested in this position, don't hesitate (16)____Ms. Lam at 0356789110. Apply now and start your journey with us!

Question 14.	**A.** except	**B.** exceptional	**C.** exception	**D.** exceptionally
Question 15.	**A.** which	**B.** whose	**C.** whom	**D.** where
Question 16.	**A.** to contact	**B.** to contacting	**C.** contact	**D.** contacting

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

Question 17:

a. First, doing housework helps children develop some important life skills such as doing the laundry, cleaning the house or taking care of others.

b. They will certainly need those skills in their lives later, when they start their own families.

c. I think children should do housework for a number of reasons.

d. Second, children can learn to take responsibility when they do housework. They know that they have to do something even though they don't like to do it.

e. So doing housework is really good for children and I believe that they should do it.

A. e-c-a-b-d **B.** e-a-c-b-d **C.** c-a-b-d-e **D.** c-e-a-b-d

Question 18:

a. Thirdly, the government needs to have policies to prioritize women, so that they have better chances to develop their ability, and better conditions to contribute more to the society, and to compete equally with men.

b. Dear Mary, I hope you've been doing well! I've been thinking of several ways to improve gender equality and give women better chances to develop their ability.

c. Finally, more jobs should be made available to women so that they will have better conditions to develop themselves to be equal to men.

d. Firstly, the importance and roles of women should be propagated to the development of society.

e. Secondly, education system should do more to improve the knowledge of people about women, and to eliminate the prejudice of neglecting women and their value.

f. Lots of love.

A. b-c-a-e-d-f **B.** b-d-e-a-c-f **C.** b-a-d-e-c-f **D.** b-e-d-a-c-f

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XIV. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.

Many young people strive to be independent. (18) _____, and you don't have to rely on anyone else. However, to live independently, you need a number of life skills in order not to (19) _____ and older brothers or sisters. One of the most important skills is time management (20) _____ and self-esteem. With good time management skills, you can perform (21) _____, including your responsibilities at school and at home with pleasing results. Moreover, you will not feel stressed when exam dates are approaching. These skills can also help you act more independently and responsibly, get better grades at school and (22) _____.

Developing time-management skills is not as challenging as you may think. Firstly, make a plan for things you need to do, including appointments and deadlines. Using a diary or apps on mobile devices will remind you of what you need to accomplish and when you need to accomplish it. Secondly, prioritize your activities. You need to decide which tasks are the most urgent and important. Thirdly, develop routines because routines, when established, take less time for you to do your tasks.

Time management skills are not hard to develop; once you master them, you will find out that they are great keys to success and (23) _____.

Question 18: **A.** meaning you are able to take care of yourself

B. What means you are able to take care of yourself

C. That means you are able to take care of yourself

D. meant you are able to take care of yourself

Question 19: **A.** depend on your parents **B.** depended on your parents

C. to depend on your parents **D.** depending on your parents

Question 20: **A.** can help you build your confidence **B.** which can help you build your confidence

C. where can help you build your confidence **D.** can be helped to build your confidence

Question 21: **A.** their daily tasks **B.** our daily tasks

C. my daily tasks **D.** your daily tasks

Question 22: **A.** have more for family and friends time **B.** family and friends have more time for

C. have more time for your family and friends **D.** family and friends have for more time

Question 23: **A.** you can become independent. **B.** her can become independent.

C. this is can become independent. **D.** that is can become independent

XV. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

When applying for a job, the process involves several stages. Firstly, individuals need to apply for the position by (24) _ _ their résumé and cover letter. Employers then review applications to identify candidates with (25)_____qualifications and experience. (26)_____employers receive numerous applications, it's essential to impress them with a well-written résumé and compelling cover letter.

After initial screening, selected candidates may be invited for interviews to further (27)_____their suitability for the role. During the interview stage, candidates have the opportunity to showcase their skills, experience, and personality, ultimately leading to the decision to employ the most (28) _____candidate.

Question 24. **A.** interfering **B.** balancing **C.** submitting **D.** supervising

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Question 25.	**A.** organised	**B.** patient	**C.** challenging	**D.** relevant
Question 26.	**A.** If	**B.** Whereas	**C.** Although	**D.** Because
Question 27.	**A.** assess	**B.** endure	**C.** recruit	**D.** employ
Question 28.	**A.** suit	**B.** suitable	**C.** suitability	**D.** suitably

XVI. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Jake, a high school graduate, chose not to pursue a degree. Instead, he joined the workforce. He started as an apprentice waiter at a local restaurant. On a night shift, he learned the ropes, multitasking between taking orders, serving customers, and clearing tables. Though the work was **repetitive** and stressful, Jake remained determined.

Over time, Jake absorbed the restaurant's rhythm and atmosphere. He observed chefs preparing dishes and managers operating the restaurant.

Years passed, and Jake's dedication paid off. He worked diligently and successfully learned about restaurant management. With determination, he opened his own restaurant. Today, **it** is crowded with diners enjoying delicious meals. From apprentice waiter to restaurant owner, Jake's journey is a testament to hard work and determination. He looks back on his time as an apprentice, where he laid the foundation for his culinary dreams.

Question 29. Which best serves as the title for the passage?

A. From an Apprentice to a Chef

B. Gaining Success without a University Degree

C. Problems Faced by High School Leavers

D. An Inspiring Story of a University Graduate

Question 30. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT mentioned as one task Jack had to do during a night shift?

A. collecting bills **B**. serving customers

C. clearing tables **D**. taking orders

Question 31. The word **repetitive** in paragraph 1 is opposite in meaning to _____.

A. demanding **B**. boring **C**. interesting **D**. patient

Question 32. The word **it** in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

A. management **B**. Jack's restaurant **C**. dedication **D**. determination

Question 33. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Jake decided not to pursue higher education and join the labour force.

B. Jake's restaurant is bustling with customers who come to enjoy tasty meals.

C. Jake learned about restaurant management during his apprenticeship as a waiter.

D. It was hard work that laid the foundation for Jake's cooking dreams.

XVII. 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 from 34 to 40.

Los Angeles dancer, Brian Perez, was eating out with his friends one evening when suddenly everyone went quiet. To his horror, he saw that the reason for this was that people were checking their phones. Realising he had to do something to stop this, Brian made a rather daring suggestion. What if they all put their gadgets in a pile in the

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middle of the table until they had finished the meal? If anyone picked up their phone, that person would have to pay the whole bill. And so, it is said, the game of 'phone stacking' was born.

The necessity for action like this **highlights** a major problem in today's society: our inability to disconnect from technology. But while Brian's idea deals with the obsession in a social context, measures also need to be taken at home. Some people drop their smartphones into a box the moment they arrive home, which gives them the chance to interact with the people they live with. The fact that the phone cannot be heard - it is on silent - nor seen - the flashing lights are hidden by the box - means that they are no longer tempted to use **it.**

A less drastic solution is to **ban** electronic devices at certain times of day when the whole family is likely to be together, for example at meal times. This can be hard for everyone, from teenagers desperate to text friends to parents unable to switch off from work. On a normal day, however, dinner takes less than an hour, and the benefits of exchanging opinions and anecdotes with the rest of the family certainly makes up for the time spent offline.

Taking a break from technology is one thing, but knowing when to turn off a device is another. Time seems to stand still in the virtual world, and before you know it, you find that it is three o'clock in the morning. This is where a digital curfew comes in handy, a set time when all devices must be put away. Evenings without technology are usually nice and peaceful and make a more agreeable end to the day. And then it's time for bed. One of the best ways of ensuring you can sleep at night is to ban electronic devices altogether from the bedroom. Lying next to a machine bursting with information is far from relaxing, and the sounds it emits during the night can easily wake you up. With technology out of the room, a line has been drawn between daytime and sleep time, which enables us to switch off ourselves and drift off to sleep.

Question 34:

Which best serves as the title for the passage?

A. Dependence on Technology: Time for Change! **B.** Getting Rid of Your Mobiles: For Better or Worse?

C. Shocking News: Technology Shapes Our Mind! **D.** Addiction to Technology: Storm in a Teacup

Question 35:

According to paragraph 1, Brian Perez was shocked to find that_____.

A. people were willing to remove all their gadgets **B.** the prices for food were too expensive

C. people were glued to their phones **D.** everyone seemed quiet by nature

Question 36:

The word "**highlights"** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to_____.

A. tackles **B.** expects **C.** proposes **D.** emphasizes

Question 37:

The word "**it"** in paragraph 2 refers to_____.

A. fact **B.** phone **C.** light **D.** box

Question 38:

The word "**ban"** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to _____.

A. allow **B.** forbid **C.** prohibit **D.** prevent

Question 39:

Which of the following statements is true, according to the passage?

A. People choose not to use their phones at home so that they can talk to other members.

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B. Meal times are the most suitable for the whole family to use phones together.

C. Teenagers can find it easier to turn off their phones compared to their parents.

D. Brian's idea is not new in terms of making people less dependent on technology.

Question 40:

Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

A. Having a conversation at dinner definitely strengthens the bonds among family members.

B. Using electronic gadgets at bedtime is likely to deprive yourself of having a good sleep.

C. People are more pleasant to talk with when they use technology in the evenings.

D. The line between daytime and sleep time has become increasingly blurred.

The End

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