

STRUCTURE CHECK 20

Circle the sentence that has similar meaning with the one in BOLD.

1. Interrupting a person when he or she is speaking is impolite.

- A. People will think that you are rude if you interrupt them.
- B. No one wants to be interrupted by rude people while they are speaking.
- C. I hate it when you interrupt someone who is speaking.
- D. It is rude to interrupt someone while he or she is speaking.

2. If it hadn't been so late, I would have called you.

- A. It was not late when I called you.
- B. It was not late but I did not call you.
- C. It was late, but I called you.
- D. It was late, so I did not call you.

3 He shouldn't have forgotten that yesterday was his wife's birthday.

- A. His wife forgot her own birthday.
- B. He had a birthday which his wife forgot.
- C. He failed to remember the date of his wife's birthday.
- D. Yesterday, he remembered when his wife's birthday was.

4. During my childhood, our home was in Bristol.

- A. I wasn't a child any more while we were living in Bristol.
- B. We used to live in Bristol when I was a child.
- C. We have lived in Bristol since I was a child.
- D. We had to leave Bristol in my childhood.

5. The children couldn't go swimming because the sea was too rough.

- A. The children were not calm enough to swim in the sea.
- B. The sea was rough enough for the children to swim in.
- C. The sea was too rough for the children to go swimming.
- D. The sea was too rough to the children's swimming.

6. He was driving so fast that he could have had an accident.

- A. If he had been driving very fast, he would have had an accident.
- B. An accident happened, and it was caused by his very fast driving.
- C. He didn't have an accident although he was driving very fast.
- D. He wasn't driving fast enough to avoid an accident.

7. Bob outdoes his brother Paul in math.

- A. Bob surpasses Paul in math.
- B. Paul surpasses Bob in math.
- C. Bob always does Paul's math for him.
- D. Paul and Bob make the same grade in math.

8. The concert ticket was too expensive for Brian.

- A. Brian didn't have enough money to buy the concert ticket.
- B. If I had enough money, I would buy the concert ticket which was too expensive for Brian.
- C. Brian didn't want to buy the expensive concert ticket.
- D. Buying expensive concert tickets is impossible for someone like Brian.

9. Slightly more than twenty-five percent of the students in the class come from Spanish-speaking countries.

- A. A considerable proportion of the students in the class are Spanish.
- B. Seventy-five percent of the students in the class speak Spanish.
- C. The percentage of the students speaking Spanish fell by twenty-five percent.
- D. A small minority of the students in the class is Hispanic.

10. But for his father's early retirement, Richard would not have taken over the family business.

- A. Richard didn't take over the family business because his father didn't retire.
- B. Richard only took over the family business because his father decided to retire early.
- C. His father retired early, but he still ran the family business.
- D. Richard's father didn't want him to take over the family business despite his retirement.

11. The lady informed me that the tickets are sold out.

- A. The tickets have just gone on sale.
- B. The concert has been cancelled,
- C. All the tickets have been sold.
- D. The lady still has a few tickets for sale.

12. All the best items had been sold by the time we got to the exhibition.

- A. We stayed on at the exhibition until all the best things had been sold.
- B. By the time we arrived at the exhibition they had sold all but a few expensive items.
- C. We arrived at the exhibition too late to find anything worth buying.
- D. Some of the most valuable things at the exhibition weren't sold till much later.

13-. Dick got to the bus station at midnight, missing his bus by two hours.

- A. The bus left at ten o'clock at night, so Dick missed it.
- B. The bus left at two o'clock in the afternoon,
- C. The bus left at ten o'clock in the morning.
- D. The bus left at midnight.

14. Unlike His sister, Peter usually prefers a small breakfast.

- A. Peter usually eats no breakfast.
- B. Peter doesn't like his sister.
- C. Peter's sister eats as much as he does for breakfast.
- D. Peter eats a smaller breakfast than his sister.

15. It is very unusual for Cindy to get up so early.

- A. I'm surprised to see Cindy awake at this time.
- B. Cindy usually wakes up earlier than she did today,
- C. Cindy finds it difficult to get up very early.
- D. Cindy rarely gets up as early as this.

16. "Shall I make you a coffee?" the girl said to the lady.

- A. The girl wanted to make a coffee for the lady.
- B. The girl refused to make a coffee for the lady,
- C. The girl offered to make a coffee for the lady.
- D. The girl promised to make a coffee for the lady.

17. The onset of the disease is shown by a feeling of faintness.

- A. A feeling of faintness signals the final stage of the disease.
- B. One feels faint if the disease is over.
- C. The first sign of the disease is a feeling of faintness.
- D. Faintness causes the disease.

18. Tom had the library books renewed.

- A. Tom lost the library's new books.
- B. Tom may keep the library books for one more week,
- C. Tom is going to the new library to look for some books.
- D. Tom had to pay a late fee for the books.

19. I wish you would change your mind about selling your house.

- A. You made a big mistake by selling your house.
- B. I'm glad that, in the end, you decided not to sell your house,
- C. I want you to give up the idea of selling your house.
- D. When you sold your house, I was very upset.

20. They couldn't climb up the mountain because of the storm.

- A. The storm made it not capable of climbing up the mountain.
- B. Their climbing up the mountain was unable due to the storm,
- C. The storm made them impossible to climb up the mountain.
- D. The storm discouraged them from climbing up the mountain.

21. There is not much to choose between the two essays.

- A. Both essays are great.
- B. One essay is just as bad as the other,
- C. One of the essays is optional.
- D. Either essay can be chosen.

22. Emma hasn't gone to the cinema for years.

- A. Emma goes to the cinema every year.
- B. Emma hasn't gone to the cinema yet this year but she did last year,
- C. Emma doesn't go to the cinema unless she has the time.
- D. Emma hasn't seen a film for a long time.

23. Sheila started her seashell collection when she was a little child.

- A. When Sheila was a child, she collected lots of seashells.
- B. Sheila has been collecting seashells since her childhood,
- C. Sheila liked to collect seashells when she was a child.
- D. The last time Sheila collected seashells was many years ago.

24. Were it not for the money, this job wouldn't be worthwhile.

- A. This job is not rewarding at all.
- B. The only thing that makes this job worthwhile is the money,
- C. Although the salary is poor, the job is worthwhile.
- D. This job offers a poor salary.

25. The contractor said the repairs on Fred's house would be very expensive, but Fred decided to have the work done.

- A. Fred told the contractor to do the work in spite of the cost.
- B. Fred told the contractor that the price was too high,

C. Fred cannot afford the work on his house.

D. Fred repaired his own house.

26. You aren't allowed to take these documents out of the office.

A. We have to keep all of the documents here in the office.

B. I don't think we will be able to take these documents out of the office,

C. These documents mustn't be taken out of the office.

D. They usually don't let us take these documents out of the office.

27: "Would you like to come to my birthday party, Sarah?" asked Frederic.

A. Frederic invited Sarah to his birthday party.

B. Frederic asked if Sarah was able to come to his birthday party,

C. Frederic asked Sarah if she liked his birthday party or not.

D. Frederic reminded Sarah of his coming birthday party.

28. He used to write home once a week.

A. He enjoys writing home every week.

B. He never fails to write a weekly letter home,

C. He doesn't now write home once a week.

D. He was forced to write home every week.

29. It's time you asked for a pay rise.

A. I think you should have asked for a pay rise.

B. I think you really should ask for a pay rise,

C. I think you asked for a pay rise at the right time.

D. It's time for you to pay a rise.

30. City centres are more dangerous than they were 20 years ago.

A. 20 years ago, I wasn't aware that city centres were dangerous places.

B. In the last 20 years, city centres have become the most dangerous parts of cities,

C. 20 years ago, there were many very dangerous city centres.

D. City centres aren't as safe as they used to be 20 years ago.

31. When 3 arrived., they were having dinner,

A. I came in the middle of their dinner. ,

B. They ate them dinner as soon as I arrived.

C. When they started having their dinner, I arrived.

D. I came to their invitation to dinner.

32. She said she would go to the police unless she was given her money back.

A. She went to the police because she hadn't got her money back.

B. She hasn't yet got her money back or gone to the police.

C. She wasn't given her money back because she had gone to the police.

D. She was given her money back and then went to the police.

33. A little sunshine can do wonders for our health.

A. Sunshine can do little wonders for our health.

B. I wonder what a little sunshine can do for our health.

C. A little sunshine can be very good for our health.

D. Sunshine can do very little for our health.

34. We went to the station to catch the train, but it was no longer there.

- A. After we arrived at the station, we saw the train leaving.
- B. The train had left before we arrived at the station.
- C. We almost missed the train that we had to catch to go home.
- D. The train which we wanted to take was about to leave when we got to the station.

35. I wish George had come to Italy with us.

- A. I am pleased that George came to Italy with us.
- B. I am sorry that George isn't going to Italy with us.
- C. I hope that George will go to Italy with us.
- D. I am sorry that George didn't come to Italy with us.

36. The robbers escaped in a very old car.

- A. The car which the robbers escaped in was very old.
- B. I was surprised that the robbers managed to get away in that old car.
- C. Somebody saw the robbers inside a very old automobile.
- D. The robbers were very old, but they managed to escape in a car.

37. No sooner had she put the telephone down than her boss rang back.

- A. As soon as her boss rang back, she put down the telephone.
- B. Scarcely had she put the telephone down when her boss rang back,
- C. She had hardly put the telephone down without her boss rang back.
- D. Hardly she had hung up, she rang her boss immediately.

38. John was earning much less in his previous job than he is now.

- A. John is earning more in his current job.
- B. John is earning less in his current job.
- C. John had a higher salary in his previous job,
- D. John's previous job brought him as much money as his current one.

39. You should have persuaded him to change his mind.

- A. It was essential to persuade him to change his mind but you didn't.
- B. You persuaded him to change his mind but he didn't listen,
- C. You didn't persuade him to change because of his mind.
- D. You should persuade him to change his mind.

40. The house had burnt down before the fire brigade arrived.

- A. The fire brigade arrived, but they failed to put the fire out.
- B. The house would burn down unless the fire brigade arrived on time,
- C. The fire brigade didn't arrive until the house was burnt down.
- D. The fire brigade were quite late, but they still tried to stop the house from burning down.

41. The woman was too weak to lift the suitcase.

- A. The woman wasn't able to lift the suitcase, so she was very weak.
- B. The woman, though weak, could lift the suitcase.
- C. So weak was the woman that she couldn't lift the suitcase.
- D. The woman shouldn't have lifted the suitcase as she was weak.

42. It's no use reading that book.

- A. You should read that book.
- B. That book has not been used,

C. That book is not worth reading.

D. I have used the book for a long time.

43. Nobody is allowed to enter the area without permission.

A. You can't enter the area under any circumstances.

B. You can't enter the area if you aren't allowed to.

C. You aren't allowed to enter the area because of the permission.

D. You can enter the area if you ask for permission.

44. The boys left home too late to catch the school bus.

A. The boys didn't leave home early enough, and so they missed the school bus.

B. Because the school bus came too early, the boys couldn't catch it.

C. The boys didn't leave home until the school bus had arrived.

D. If the boys aren't too late, they will be able to catch the school bus.

45. My daughter is looking forward to seeing her friend.

A. My daughter is being looked after while her friend is abroad.

B. My daughter is expecting to see her friend.

C. My daughter feels bored because she is going to see her friend soon.

D. My daughter does not want to see her friend again.

46. James ran into Mark downtown last week.

A. James injured Mark last week.

B. James met Mark downtown unexpectedly,

C. James had to run downtown last week.

D. James went downtown to exercise.

47. The Hotel Erika was the worst one we'd ever stayed at.

A. We have never felt worse than we did while we were staying at the Hotel Erika.

B. We will never stay at a hotel as bad as the Hotel Erika again.

C. We have not stayed at many hotels that were as bad as the Hotel Erika.

D. We had never before stayed at a hotel that was as bad as the Hotel Erika.

48. The captain to his men; "Abandon the ship immediately!"

A. The captain invited his men to abandon the ship immediately.

B. The captain suggested his men abandon the ship immediately,

C. The captain requested his men to abandon the ship immediately.

D. The captain ordered his men to abandon the ship immediately.

49. I ran into Peter, a friend of mine, on my way to work this morning.

A. I met Peter unexpectedly on my way to work this morning.

B. Peter and I ran to work this morning.

C. Peter had to work this morning, but I did not.

D. Peter ran into his friend this morning.

50. Sorry, I took you for somebody else.

A. Sony, I made a mistake in taking you to somebody else.

B. Sony, I took you instead of somebody else,

C. Sony, I thought you were somebody else.

D. Sorry, I asked somebody else to take you.