

10. The city is planning to build a new subway line to help reduce _____ during rush hour.

Exercise 8: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. The _____ the exam is, the less confident I feel.
A. more difficulter B. difficulter C. difficult D. more difficult
2. The more colourful the flowers are, the _____ the garden looks.
A. prettyer B. prettier C. pretty D. more pretty
3. The _____ the rain is, the wetter she becomes.
A. heavier B. heavyer C. more heavy D. more heavier
4. The hotter the weather is, the _____ I feel.
A. comfortablest B. less comfortabler C. comfortabler D. less comfortable
5. The more crowded the restaurant is, the _____ we have to wait.
A. more long B. longer C. more longer D. long
6. The old library was quite _____, but they recently renovated it.
A. pricey B. reliable C. dusty D. quiet
7. Eating out in this city can be quite _____, especially at fancy restaurants.
A. affordable B. pricey C. interesting D. reasonable
8. The city offers a _____ lifestyle with everything within reach.
A. crowded B. noisy C. boring D. convenient
9. During _____ hour, the subway is always packed with commuters.
A. rush B. low C. crowded D. liveable
10. New York City is often referred to as a _____ due to its tall buildings and busy streets.
A. public amenity B. entertainment center C. concrete jungle D. construction site
11. The more invaluable world heritages are to humanity, _____.
A. the more protected and preserving they are
B. the more they are protected and preserved
C. the more they have people protect and preserve
D. the more people make them protect and preserve
12. _____ the temperature, _____ water turns into steam.
A. Higher/ faster the B. The higher/ the faster
C. The more higher/ the faster D. The higher/ the fast
13. The older you are, _____.
A. the more you may become worried B. the more worried you may become
C. the more worry you may become D. you may become more worried
14. The more challenging the exercises are, _____ we feel.
A. the less bored B. the least bored C. the less boring D. the least boring
15. The _____ you encounter failure, the more confident you are.
A. more frequently B. as frequently C. most frequent D. more frequent
16. The _____ the mountain is, the harder it is to climb.
A. taller B. more tall C. tall D. more taller

17. The closer the deadline gets, the _____ John feels.
A. stressed B. more stresseder C. more stressed D. stresseder
18. The darker the night is, the _____ the shadows become.
A. scaryer B. scarier C. more scarier D. scary
19. The busier the street is, the less _____ the walk becomes.
A. enjoyabest B. more enjoyable C. enjoyabler D. enjoyable
20. The clearer the sky is, the _____ the stars shine at night.
A. brighter B. bright C. more brightest D. more brighter
21. Living in this city is much _____ because of low crime rate.
A. more dangerous B. quieter C. safer D. more beautiful
22. I hope that the _____ underground train system in Ho Chi Minh City will run soon.
A. metro B. road C. car D. tram
23. In the old days, Ha Noi was not _____ as it is now.
A. full B. short C. crowded D. high
24. Many people in this neighbourhood complain about the lack of _____ amenities.
A. private B. public C. popular D. common
25. The main attraction of that mountainous province is the _____ market.
A. liveable B. boring C. vibrant D. bustling
26. Unfortunately, this area has a _____.
A. low noise level B. high crime rate C. clean environment D. high safety level
27. Be cautious of _____ in crowded areas.
A. pickpocketing B. crime-free C. safety D. security
28. Despite the noise, this neighborhood is quite _____.
A. dangerous B. liveable C. silent D. careful
29. The _____ metro system is efficient for daily commuting.
A. leftover B. construction C. underground D. traffic jam
30. Many families prefer to live in the quieter _____.
A. suburbs B. centers C. amenities D. transportation
31. The more tired she is, the less _____ she becomes.
A. more patienter B. patienter C. patient D. more patient
32. The _____ the movie is, the _____ I feel.
A. long/ more bored B. more long/ more bored
C. longer/ boder D. longer more bored
33. The _____ the computer is, the _____ the price you have to pay.
A. more modern/ higher B. modern/ higher
C. more modern/ more high D. modern/ more high
34. The _____ the music is, the less _____ my brother becomes.
A. louder/ more focused B. more loud/ focused
C. louder/ focused D. more loud/ focuseder
35. The _____ the weather is, the _____ clothes you need to wear.
A. colder/ warmer B. colder/ more warm
C. more cold/ warmer D. more cold/ warm
36. The new _____ features a cinema, bowling alley, and arcade.
A. traffic jam B. entertainment centre C. concrete jungle D. construction site
37. Good _____ practices are essential to prevent the spread of diseases.

- A. construction B. hygiene C. leftover D. downtown
38. My allergies cause _____ during springtime.
A. road dust B. underground system C. congested road D. itchy eyes
39. _____ is a common issue in large cities.
A. Traffic light B. Traffic flow C. Traffic safety D. Traffic congestion
40. The _____ streets of downtown are filled with people rushing to work.
A. bustling B. special C. empty D. quiet
41. I _____ a fever last night.
A. came down with B. cut down on C. got on with D. ran out of
42. The city government aims to _____ environmental initiatives.
A. get around B. hand down C. carry out D. give up
43. Let's _____ at the local café this weekend!
A. get on with B. hang out C. come down D. cut down on
44. Unfortunately, I _____ a cold last week.
A. handed down B. ran out of C. came down with D. gave up
45. I need to _____ sugary snacks for better health.
A. run out of B. cut down on C. get on with D. take care of
46. We plan to carry _____ a survey to gather opinions from the community.
A. of B. around C. out D. in
47. My friends often get _____ the city by motorbike every Sunday.
A. for B. on C. with D. around
48. They are trying to cut down _____ unnecessary expenses to save money for their vacation.
A. on B. in C. to D. out
49. Mark prefers hanging out _____ his siblings rather than playing alone.
A. with B. on C. in D. to
50. Tom came down _____ food poisoning after eating at that new restaurant.
A. of B. on C. to D. with
51. My mother always picks me _____ after school.
A. by B. up C. to D. with
52. Lan visited her grandparents in another city _____ plane last month.
A. at B. to C. for D. by
53. We need to find _____ where the nearest supermarket is.
A. out B. to C. for D. of
54. I need to take care _____ my little brother while my parents are out.
A. on B. of C. in D. up
55. They always hang _____ with each other during lunch breaks.
A. at B. to C. out D. in
56. He spent a year in India and loves spicy food. _____ the food is, _____ he likes it.
A. The hotter/ the more and more B. The hotter/ the more
C. The more and more hot/ the more D. The hottest/ the most
57. _____ he drank, _____ he became.
A. More/ more violent B. The most/ the most violent
C. The more/ the more violent D. The less/ less violent
58. Earning money has always been the thing that pleases him most. _____ he becomes, _____ he is.
A. The more rich/ the more happy B. The richest/ the happiest

- C. The richer/ the happier D. Richer and richer/ happier and happier
59. _____ you study for these exams, _____ you will do.
 A. The harder/ the better B. The more/ the much
 C. The hardest/ the best D. The more hard/ the more good
60. My neighbor is driving me mad! It seems that _____ it is at night, _____ he plays his music!
 A. the less/ the more loud B. the less/ less
 C. the more late/ the more loudly D. the later/ the louder
61. There are so many high buildings in New York City that it looks like a _____.
 A. public transport B. traffic jam C. concrete jungle D. city centre
62. Hong Kong is becoming a concrete _____ as it has too many buildings.
 A. forest B. jungle C. acne D. hygiene
63. The library is very _____. I do not think people have cleaned it recently.
 A. bustling B. dense C. dusty D. itchy
64. The construction _____ next door has been noisy all week.
 A. metro B. tram C. underground D. site
65. The theater in the _____ area hosts fantastic performances.
 A. downtown B. hygiene C. rural D. underground
66. The _____ of having shops nearby makes life easier.
 A. inconvenient B. difficulty C. convenience D. unreliable
67. To stay healthy, I try to _____ processed foods.
 A. avoid B. transport C. widen D. complete
68. The city council plans to _____ infrastructure improvements.
 A. hand down B. carry out C. get around D. look after
69. It's easy to _____ the city using public transportation.
 A. carry out B. find out C. get around D. come back
70. To save money, I try to _____ unnecessary expenses.
 A. come down with B. cut down on C. hang out with D. get on with
71. The city park feels like an oasis of _____ green space.
 A. noisy B. careful C. safe D. dangerous
72. The cityscape is a mix of historic and _____ architecture.
 A. crowded B. modern C. boring D. noisy
73. The city streets are often _____ during rush hour.
 A. itchy B. open C. congested D. pricey
74. My skin gets _____ when I'm stressed.
 A. itchy B. narrow C. perfect D. clear
75. Make sure to cook chicken _____ to avoid food poisoning.
 A. properly B. shortly C. narrowly D. especially

Exercise 9: Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box. Each phrasal verb can be used twice. You can change the form of the verbs when necessary.

get around hang out with cut down on carry out come down with

- My friends ride their bikes to _____ the city every weekend.
- We turn off lights when we leave a room to _____ electricity.
- Linda and Anna are _____ a project to plant trees in the park.
- Yesterday, I _____ a stomach ache after eating too much candy.
- Jane is excited to _____ a plan to go camping with her family.

6. We enjoy _____ our neighbours in the evening.
7. Oscar couldn't go to school last Monday because he _____ a fever.
8. We should not throw trash in the river to _____ water pollution.
9. I can't _____ my friends because I have to do my homework.
10. If you want to _____ London, you can take a bus.

Exercise 10: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. New York city was founded by the Dutch in 1624.
A. demolished B. destroyed C. established D. pointed
2. More and more city dwellers suffer from coughing or breathing problems.
A. residents B. roads C. pollution D. traffics
3. At weekends the city centre is always packed with people.
A. empty B. crowded C. peaceful D. convenient
4. Public transportation in the city is generally reliable, with frequent buses and trains.
A. unsteady B. broken C. delayed D. trustworthy
5. The city skyline, with its tall buildings and shimmering lights, is undeniably attractive.
A. appealing B. boring C. ugly D. unattractive

Exercise 11: Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

1. There is far too much pollution nowadays in urban areas.
A. local B. rural C. nation D. neighbour
2. Unfortunately, some neighborhoods in the city can be dangerous due to high crime rates.
A. dull B. special C. safe D. unsafe
3. Living in the city has a number of drawbacks.
A. negatives B. advantages C. disadvantages D. problems
4. The new road is very wide, which helps to reduce congestion and improve the flow of vehicles.
A. narrow B. broad C. large D. vast
5. Living in the city can be pricey; rent, dining out, and entertainment all come at a premium.
A. cheap B. expensive C. costly D. dear

Exercise 12: Choose the underlined part A, B, C or D that needs correcting.

1. The more old Kim gets, the more thoughtful she becomes.
A. more B. gets C. more thoughtful D. becomes
2. The louder the music plays, the more exciteder the crowd becomes.
A. louder B. music C. exciteder D. becomes
3. The clearer the instructions are, the easier the task becomes.
A. The B. clearer C. are D. easier
4. The longer the line at the stoic is, the most impatient I become.
A. at B. the C. most impatient D. become
5. The dry the weather gets, the thirstier my mother becomes.
A. The B. dry C. thirster D. my
6. The thinner the ice gets, the more dangerous it becomes to walk on.

- A. thinner B. gets C. more dangerous D. on
7. The most crowded the elevator is, the more uncomfortable I feel.
A. most crowded B. is C. uncomfortable D. feel
8. The more expensive the restaurant is, the gooder the food tastes.
A. expensive B. is C. gooder D. tastes

Exercise 13: Circle the correct option in brackets.

- The (darker / more dark) the room gets, the more nervous I feel.
- The (most / more) options for entertainment there are, the (most / more) diverse the culture becomes.
- The (largest / larger) city you live in, the (more / fewer) opportunities there are for jobs.
- The dirtier the lake is, the less (attractive / more attractive) it becomes.
- The (more / many) people live in a city, the (busy / busier) traffic there is.
- The (more / least) historical landmarks a city has, the (weakest / stronger) sense of connection you might feel to the past.
- The (more experienced / most experienced) the team is, the more successful the project tends to be.
- The (most / more) expensive an apartment is, the (less / much) likely it is to be in a central location.
- The (many / fewer) tourists there are, the (less / more) crowded the museums become.
- The more patient the teacher is, (the more engaged / more engaged) the students become in learning.
- The (less / little) noise there is in the city, the (easier / difficult) it can be to get a good night's sleep.
- The (less / heavier) traffic there is, the (short / shorter) time it takes to get around.
- The more enthusiastic the audience is, the (more energised / energised) the performer becomes.
- (The more / The most) you walk in the city at night, (the more / the most) important it is to be aware of your surroundings.
- The (closer / closest) you live in the city center, the (most / more) expensive the rent is likely to be.

Exercise 14: Write the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. Many city dwellers appreciate the convenience of public transportation, but sometimes crowded buses and trains lack the _____ of a private car.	(comfortable)
2. The streets during rush hour can be incredibly _____, with people hurrying to work or school.	(crowd)
3. Unfortunately, the city's public Wi-Fi network is quite _____; it frequently disconnects without warning.	(rely)
4. The skyline is constantly changing due to ongoing _____ projects, as new buildings rise alongside older ones.	(construct)
5. The city's parks are _____ landscaped, providing green spaces for residents to relax and unwind.	(attract)
6. The nightlife in the city is incredibly _____, with bars, clubs, and live music venues open until the early hours.	(live)
7. Despite the hustle and bustle, there are _____ corners in the city, like the serene botanical garden.	(peace)

8. Air pollution from traffic is a major concern, and efforts are being made to reduce _____ in the city.	(pollutants)
9. Living near grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants offers great _____ for city dwellers.	(convenient)
10. Some neighborhoods can be _____, especially after dark, so it's essential to stay alert and take precautions.	(endanger)

C. COMMUNICATION

Exercise 15: Complete the conversation with the words or phrases in the box.

*congested roads more crowded suburbs entertainment
packed concrete hang out sky train*

Emily: I can't stand this city, Alex.

Alex: Why not?

Emily: It's just a big (1) _____ jungle. There are too many people and it's always so crowded.

Alex: Yeah, but that's what makes it exciting! There are so many things to do here. You can go to the (2) _____ centre to watch movies, play games, and have fun with friends.

Emily: But the traffic is always terrible. I hate driving on (3) _____.

Alex: Well, have you tried taking the (4) _____? It's much faster.

Emily: But then it's so (5) _____ with people! I prefer walking even if it takes longer.

Alex: You sound like me before I moved here from the (6) _____. Trust me, you'll get used to it.

Emily: I guess so, but sometimes it's just too much. The (7) _____ it gets, the more annoyed I feel.

Alex: Just remember, we live in a busy city. Of course it's going to be congested at times.

Emily: You're right. Thanks for cheering me up, Alex.

Alex: You're welcome, Emily. Whenever you feel overwhelmed by the city, just remember we can always (8) _____ with our friends and relax.

Exercise 16: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

1. **Ann:** "Alex, do you feel safe walking around at night?"

Alex: "Generally, yes. _____."

A. I haven't experienced it much.

B. It's too noisy for me.

C. But it's always good to be cautious.

D. I prefer staying at home.

2. **Ann:** "_____"

Alex: "There are plenty of opportunities, but competition is fierce."

A. What do you think about job prospects?

B. Can I pay by credit card?

C. What do you have?

D. You're welcome.

3. **Ann:** "Would you ever move to the countryside?"

Alex: "_____, but for now, I'm a city person."

A. It's too heavy.

B. Maybe someday.

C. Thanks a lot, indeed.

D. Welcome back.

4. **Ann:** "Alex, the traffic in this city is unbearable!"