

A Choose the correct answer.

THE HISTORY OF WRITING

The development of writing (1) a huge difference to the world and we might see it as the beginning of the (2) Pieces of pottery with marks on that are probably numbers have been (3) in China that date from around 4000 BC. Hieroglyphics and other forms of 'picture writing' developed in the (4) around Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq), where the (5) Sumerian civilization was based, from around 3300 BC onwards. However, the first (6) alphabet was used by the Phoenicians around 1050 BC. Their alphabet had 22 letters and it is (7) that it lasted for 1000 years. The first two signs were called 'aleph' and 'beth', which in Greek became 'alpha' and 'beta', which gave us the (8) word 'alphabet'.

The modern European alphabet is based on the Greek and (9) to other European countries under the Romans. A number of changes took (10) as time (11) The Romans added the letter G, and the letters J and V were (12) to people in Shakespeare's time.

If we (13) the history of punctuation, we also find some interesting facts. The Romans used to write *quaesto* at the end of a sentence in (14) to show that it was a question. They started to write *Qo* in (15) of the whole word, and then put the Q above the o. In the end, that became the question mark '?'.

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| 1 | A did | B had | C made | D took |
| 2 | A media | B bulletin | C programme | D journalism |
| 3 | A invented | B displayed | C discovered | D appeared |
| 4 | A distance | B area | C length | D earth |
| 5 | A antique | B old-fashioned | C ancient | D dated |
| 6 | A true | B accurate | C exact | D precise |
| 7 | A observed | B measured | C counted | D estimated |
| 8 | A new | B trendy | C modern | D fashionable |
| 9 | A spread | B appeared | C was | D occurred |
| 10 | A place | B part | C control | D account |
| 11 | A spent | B passed | C went | D developed |
| 12 | A infamous | B unpopular | C unknown | D hidden |
| 13 | A look into | B bring on | C make off | D hold up |
| 14 | A turn | B fact | C order | D intention |
| 15 | A position | B space | C spot | D place |

B Choose the correct answer.

- 16** I was disappointed that the restaurant had flowers on the table.
A false C artificial
B untrue D forged
- 17** Sarah and Michael's seems to make both of them unhappy.
A connection C relationship
B bond D link
- 18** Anybody found stealing from this shop will be
A prosecuted C provoked
B persuaded D persecuted
- 19** Grace thinks she's very, but I don't think many people like her, really.
A famous C recognisable
B known D popular
- 20** I glanced at the newspaper and saw that the said 'President Resigns'.
A headline C heading
B subtitle D chapter
- 21** If our flight is delayed, will we our connection in Los Angeles?
A drop C lose
B miss D lack
- 22** The doctor told Bill that he needed on his arm.
A operation C remedy
B surgery D cure
- 23** The judge looked at the and reminded him that he had to tell the whole truth.
A bystander C witness
B onlooker D viewer
- 24** I think my favourite is probably table tennis.
A athletics C sport
B exercise D gym
- 25** The actor, Michael Read, was today with robbery.
A charged C arrested
B accused D suspected

D Choose the correct answer.

- 41** I think the discussion has gone on and we should make a decision.
A enough long B such long C long enough D so long
- 42** 'Did you call John?'
'No, because I go out. I'll try him later today.'
A had to B must C might D need
- 43** There be a lot more open space around here before they built the new underground station.
A would B used to C used D got used to
- 44** If you hadn't lost the pieces, we a game of chess.
A couldn't have had B can't have C may have D could have

- 45 'Why are you taking your PlayStation games?'
'Oh, just Tommy wants to borrow them.'
A as long as B in case C provided that D unless
- 46 I suppose we really to book our ferry tickets in advance.
A should B can C must D ought
- 47 I'm afraid we've run out of this week, so we'll see you at the same time tomorrow for *It's Worth a Million!*
A the time B some time C time D a time
- 48 The man might have got away with the crime if the policeman him.
A wasn't seeing B hadn't seen C didn't see D wouldn't have seen
- 49 'I've been reading a great book.'
'I seem to be busy to find the time for reading these days.'
A so B too C such D enough
- 50 The hotel has a poor reputation and people want to stay there.
A little B a few C a little D few