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Complete the sentence. Choose A, B, or C.

1. In our family, it's a _____ to always name the first son after his grandfather.
A. sound
B. tradition
C. generation
2. My company is not making much money, so my boss had to _____ my hours.
A. reduce
B. compete
C. close
3. Give me your _____ opinion: is this joke funny?
A. embarrassed
B. happy
C. honest
4. Melinda knows she can _____ her mother because her mother always gives her good advice.
A. trust
B. admit
C. avoid
5. By watching what they eat and exercising, people are more likely to be healthy and can avoid _____.
A. pleasure
B. crime
C. disease

Match each underlined word with the correct definition.

_____ 6. Sahra was unaware that she was supposed to work yesterday, so she stayed home.

_____ 7. My study is about how cell phones have changed communication.

_____ 8. Maria is eating her typical breakfast, which is a bowl of cereal and a banana.

_____ 9. I had a severe headache last night, but I feel better now.

_____ 10. In accounting class, we learned how to make a budget to track our money.

_____ 11. It can take several months to recover from an overuse injury.

_____ 12. My friend did not react positively when I told her the good news.

- A. a plan of how much money you will have and how you will spend it
- B. respond
- C. very bad
- D. research project
- E. not knowing or noticing someone or something
- F. usual
- G. to get better after an illness or accident

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13. Sometimes I felt _____ being far from home when I studied in Spain for a year.
A. lonely
B. international
C. surprising

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14. The word _____ uses the prefix *un-*.
A. under
B. unusual
C. unite
15. When you have a job interview, you need to _____ a good impression.
A. make
B. do
C. get
16. Yesterday she bought a new chair to use on her front porch, but it _____.
A. fell apart
B. threw away
C. broke out
17. She is an _____ singer who has written many famous songs.
A. accomplish
B. accomplished
C. accomplishment

Write the adjective form of the noun.

18. biology _____

Read the dictionary entry. Then choose the best response.

ad•van•tage noun

1 [count] **an advantage (over sb)** something that may help you to do better than other people: *Her management experience gave her an advantage over other job candidates.* ♦ *Our team **had the advantage** of playing on our home field.*

2 [count, noncount] something that helps you or that will bring you a good result: [count] *the advantages and disadvantages of a plan* [noncount]: *Is there any advantage in getting there early?* [OPP] DISADVANTAGE

19. According to the entry, what part of speech is *advantage*?
A. verb
B. noun
C. adjective

Read the sentence. Choose the word that has the stronger connotation.

20. Nina was _____ when she heard that she won a new car.
A. thrilled
B. excited

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Choose the correct way to say the number.

21. 703-506-4993

- A. seven zero three, five zero six, forty-nine nine three
- B. seventy three, fifty six, forty nine ninety three
- C. seven oh three, five oh six, four nine nine three

Choose the word that is a different part of speech from the other words.

22.

- A. friendly
- B. recently
- C. certainly

Complete the sentence with the simple present form of the verb in parentheses.

23. An uncommon name _____ (get) your attention.

Write the simple past of the verb.

24. study _____

Complete the sentence. Choose A or B.

25. I had my first child when I turned 22. _____, my husband and I moved to Florida.

- A. After
- B. After that

Circle the error in the sentence. Write the sentence correctly.

26. I am calling my sister every Saturday.

27. This book is the interestingest book I have read.

28. I used the pieces of wood make necklaces and earrings.

29. He fell asleep while I talked!

30. As the sun rose in the sky, the temperature very increased rapidly.

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31. She wore a _____ dress to her wedding.
A. silk traditional
B. traditional silk

Rewrite the sentence using the passive voice.

32. Renewable energy will power Masgar.
- _____

Read the article. Then answer the questions.

Buildering

1 Many people have an appetite for climbing. For some, however, the ultimate goal is to climb buildings, not mountains. Buildering is the act of climbing on the outside of buildings, such as skyscrapers. It is named after bouldering, which is a style of rock climbing. It is a dangerous activity that has caught the attention of both climbers and the police.

The Sport

2 Buildering is usually done alone. A single climber will choose a building to climb, usually a tall building in a major city like London, New York, or Taipei. Climbers prepare for their climb by deciding the best route to take up the structure. They must also figure out what kind of equipment they will need. It often includes items such as ropes and bodysuits. Sometimes, however, they climb “free,” with no ropes at all.

The Dangers

3 Not surprisingly, buildering is a very dangerous sport. Climbers put their lives at risk every time they go up the side of a building. They are also at risk of being arrested by the police. Climbing on the outsides of buildings is illegal. They are considered private property. The police often wait for the climber to come back down. Then they arrest the climber for breaking the law. For this reason, many climbers choose to climb at night so that they do not get caught.

Famous Climbers

4 Buildering may sound like a modern sport, but it has actually been around for more than a hundred years. In the 1890s, Geoffrey Winthrop Young, a student at Cambridge University in England, used to participate in “roof climbing.” He even wrote a climbing guide for some of the buildings at the university. After Young, other students followed, though most performed their risky acts at night.

5 Today, the sport is made most famous by French climber, Alain Robert. Known as the “French Spider-Man,” Robert has climbed some of the world’s tallest skyscrapers. Some of them include the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Petronas Towers in Malaysia. (He was arrested twice at the 60th floor of the Petronas Towers.) Robert is somewhat of a celebrity. He enjoys the crowds of people who watch him conquer the tallest buildings of the world—one skyscraper at a time.

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Read the statements. Write T (true) or F (false).

- _____ 33. Large groups of climbers usually go buildering together.
_____ 34. Buildering is typically done at night.
_____ 35. Geoffrey Winthrop Young climbed buildings at Cambridge University.
_____ 36. Alain Robert has climbed some of the tallest buildings in the world.

Match each underlined referent with the noun to which it refers.

- _____ 37. He even wrote a climbing guide for some of the buildings.
_____ 38. They are considered private property.
_____ 39. They must also figure out what kind of equipment they will need.
_____ 40. He enjoys the crowds of people who watch him conquer the tallest buildings of the world.
- A. buildings
B. Geoffrey Winthrop Young
C. climbers
D. Alain Robert

One of the sentences is incorrect. Identify the incorrect sentence and write it correctly.

41. He likes being a carpenter.
Salesclerks at the mall.
She wants to work as a travel agent.

42. I want to visit China, and Thailand.
He's from Malawi, and he already knows English.
Football is popular in the United States, but Americans call it "soccer."

Read the introductory sentence for a paragraph. Choose the best concluding sentence for the same paragraph.

43. Being honest is not always easy.
A. Sometimes we lie to protect our friends.
B. The truth can be difficult to hear.

Choose the best response.

44. Which event might come earlier in a time line?
A. I packed my bag for school.
B. I ate my dinner and went to bed.

Read the main idea. Then choose the best supporting sentence for the main idea.

45. In many cultures, it is rude to touch people you do not know very well.
A. For example, in Thailand, it is rude to touch a person's head with the palm of your hand.
B. In many cultures, it is also rude to stand too close to somebody when talking.
C. Touching people you know is usually OK.

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Read the paragraph. Then choose the best response.

FREEWRITING TOPIC: What is your favorite color? Why?

Purple is my favorite color. I think it is an interesting color. You don't see it every day. When I was a child I had my favorite purple shirt. I wore it almost every day! I also had a dog when I was a child. When I see purple, it makes me think of mysterious and exciting things.

46. Which sentence does NOT focus on the topic?
- A. You don't see it every day.
 - B. I also had a dog when I was a child.
 - C. It makes me think of mysterious and exciting things.

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47. _____ you are washing the dishes, I will dry them and put them away.
- A. After
 - B. As soon as
 - C. While
48. “_____” is an appropriate closing for a personal letter.
- A. Dear Sahra,
 - B. How are you?
 - C. Take care,

Read the sentence. Choose the sensory word that best describes it.

49. He was scared. The house was quiet, and every noise sounded as loud as thunder. There it was again—someone was crying outside.
- A. feel
 - B. hear
 - C. smell

Choose the best response.

50. Which sentence describes why the story is important to the author?
- A. My mother always told me not to go out late at night.
 - B. One night, I had a scary experience walking home.
 - C. I never ignored my mother's advice again after that scary night.