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1. Even though it had been snowing all day, a great many people managed to get to the end-of-term concert.

A. Very few people indeed were prevented from getting to the end-of-term concert by the heavy snow.

B. Since there had been snow all day long it wasn't easy for people to get to the end-of-term concert.

C. As it had been snowing heavily all day, a great many people just could not get to the end-of-term concert.

D. A lot of people did get to the end-of-term concert in spite of the snow that fell all day.

2. If there hadn't been such a strong wind, it would not have been so difficult to put out the fire.

A. It was the strong wind which made it difficult for us to put out the fire.

B. When a strong wind began to blow it was even more difficult to control the fire,
C. If the wind hadn't been so strong, it would have been much easier to put out the fire.

D. As the wind was really very strong, it took them a long time to put out the fire.

3. This material is suitable for students of eighteen years and up.

A. Students of eighteen years and over can use this material.

B. The material is suitable for students who are over eighteen.

C. The material may be suitable for students of over eighteen years of age.

D. Only 18-year-old students will find this material suitable.

4. I couldn't help admiring the way he managed to Finish the programme even after such a bad fall.

A. In spite of the fall, he should have finished the programme and we could have admired him for that.

B. It was really a very bad fall, but somehow he was still able to finish the programme and I had to admire him for that.

C.The way he finished the programme was certainly admirable, as the fall had shaken him up badly.

D. I really admire the wav he got up after the fall and completed the programme.

5. Everyone in our class Is doing something at the end-of-term concert, but Mary alone is staying away.

A. Mary is the only one in our class who isn't taking part in the end-of-term concert.

B. No one in our class but Mary is taking part in the end-of-term concert.

C. Everyone in Mary's class hopes to do something at the end-of-term concert.

D. The class wants Mary to play in the concert at the end-of-term, but she won't.

6. I have read nearly all of Dickens's novels and A Tale of Two Cities is my favourite.

A. In my opinion, A Tale of Two Cities is quite the best of all the novels by Dickens.

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B. Of all the novels by Dickens that I have read, and that's most of them, A Tale Of Two Cities remains my favorite.

C. I've read a lot more novels by Dickens and still think A Tale of Two Cities is the best.

D. I've read a great many novels but haven't enjoyed any as much as Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities.

7. I wasn't early enough to find anyone at home awake.

A. I didn't expect to find anyone awake when I got home.

B. When I got home, I found everyone awake, waiting for me.
C. When I got home late, I used to find my family sleeping.

D. By the time I arrived home, everyone had gone to sleep.

8. I'd have worn the right shoes if I'd known we were going to do all this climbing.

A. I'd have gone on the climb if I'd been wearing the right shoes.

B. If only I'd been wearing suitable shoes, I would have enjoyed the climb.

C. As I didn't realize there was going to be so much climbing, I didn't come in suitable shoes.

D. I didn't realize that these shoes weren't right for climbing in.

9. By modem standards, the first supermarkets were really quite small.

A. Compared with what we have now, the early supermarkets weren't actually very large at all.

B. The early supermarkets and the present-day ones are quite different from each other, even in size.

C. Present-day supermarkets are on the whole larger than the early ones.

D. Supermarkets have grown in size since they were first introduced, but their standards remain the same.

10. I just can't understand why so few people are interested in this camping holiday.

A. I find it surprising that there aren't fewer people interested in such a camping holiday.

B. Hardly anyone wants to go on this camping holiday, which I find strange.

C. It's hardly surprising that so few people are interested in this camping holiday.
D. To my surprise almost no one was interested in such a camping holiday.

11. Let's go shopping sometime mid-week, it gets so crowded at the weekends.

A. I always like to shop mid-week as everywhere is so crowded at weekends.

B. I find it impossible to shop at weekends because there are so many people everywhere.

C. I suggest we avoid the weekend and do our shopping in the middle of the week when it's quieter.

D. The best time to go shopping is midweek when it is usually reasonably quiet.

12. You can rely on Pat to give you any help you may need.

A. If you need help of any kind, be sure to let Pat know.

B. Let Pat know if you need any help with this.

C. Pat is the one to ask if you find you require any assistance.

D. Should you require any assistance, you can count on Pat for it.

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13. Mary feit quite certain that her sister would stand by her, but in the end she didn't.

A. Mary had hoped that her sister would come to her aid, but she never did.

B. Mary didn't expect her own sister to let her down like that.

C. Mary was confident that she would have her sister's support, but as it turned out she let her down.

D. It came as a terrible shock to Mary when her own sister turned against her like that.

14. Our system is that the losing side pays for the hire of the basketball court.

A. If our side loses, then we will have to pay for the hire of the basketball court.

B. With us it's the winners, not the losers who have to pay for the hire of the basketball court.

C. The losers obviously expect the winning side to pay for the hire of the basketball court.

D. The way we do it is, whichever side loses, that side pays for the hire of the basketball court.

15. We were going to take a holiday in Haiti and had already booked our flight

A. Our flight to Haiti was cancelled, so the holiday we had booked went to waste.

B. We had planned a vacation in Haiti and had even made our flight arrangements.

C. We couldn't go to Haiti in the end because we forgot to make arrangement for the flight in advance.

D. We decided against a holiday in Haiti in spite of having paid for our plane tickets.

16. No one but the experts was able to realize that the painting was an imitation, as it greatly resembled the original.

A. It was obvious that only a person with great talent could fake a painting so successfully.

B. It was hard for ordinary people to judge between the fake painting and the real one, but not for the experts.

C. It was almost impossible for amateurs to realize that the painting was not authentic, though the experts could judge it quite easily.

D. The painting looked so much like the authentic one that only the experts could tell it wasn't genuine.

17. You could not have made a very good impression on them.

A. You seem to have impressed them very unfayourably.

B. It's impossible that the effect you made on them was particularly positive,
C. Something appears to have made them think you are unsuitable.

D. You should have tried harder to make them think well of you.

18. No sooner had Marion begun her new job than she knew she had made a mistake.

A. As soon as Marion started working, she realized that her decision had not been a good one.

B. Had Marion not just begun a new job she would have gone looking for a better one.

C. Just before Marion took up her new post, she realized that she didn't was not suited for it.

D. Since Marion did not like her new job she began looking for one more suitable to her.

19. In spite of feeling confident about her university entrance exams, Jane did very poorly.

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A. Jane should have done better than she actually did on her university entrance exams.

B. Jane's confidence in her ability to pass her university entrance exams was not justified by her results.

C. Jane was sure that she would do well when she took her university entrance exams, and indeed her results were quite good.

D. Jane failed her university entrance exams despite being especially well-prepared.

20. Diesel fuel is normally a petroleum product, but good quality diesel fuel can be synthesized from vegetable oil and alcohol.

A. Whereas most diesel fuel is derived from petroleum, alcohol and oil from vegetables can also be used to produce a fine diesel fuel.

B. Artificial diesel fuel made from vegetable oil and alcohol is not as good as petroleum-based diesel fuel.

C. It might be possible to make a substitute for petroleum-based diesel fuel by using vegetable oil and alcohol.

D. There is no difference between natural diesel fuel made from petroleum and the artificial kind made from alcohol and vegetable oil.

21. Although I do not claim to be much good at it, I enjoy playing basketball in my free time.

A. If only I were better at it, I would have more fun playing basketball.

B. I have a lot of fun playing basketball in my spare time despite not being able to describe myself as a very skillful player.

C. I'm sure I would enjoy playing basketball much more if I could play it.

D. I quite enjoy playing basketball in my free time, probably because I am actually quite good at it.

22. Sean, a distant acquaintance of mine, has recently had his first novel accepted for publication.

A. I have a good friend named Sean who is a successful novelist.

B. Sean, a friend of mine, had his first novel published not long ago.

C. The first novel of Sean, whom I know only distantly, was agreed to be published a short time ago.

D. Sean used his acquaintance with me to help him get his first novel published.

23. I envy Jack, as he seems to accomplish everything so effortlessly.

A. I wish I could get things done as easily as Jack does.

B. Jack makes everything look easy which is not the case for me at all.

C. I am envious of Jack since he has accomplished so much.

D. I'm jealous of Jack because he seems to have everything easy.

24. The new restaurant looks good, yet it seems to have few customers.

A. In order to get more business, the new restaurant should improve its appearance.

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B. The new restaurant would have more customers if it looked better.

C. If it had a few more customers, the new restaurant would look better.

D. In spite of its pleasant appearance, the new restaurant does not appear to attract much business.

25. Laurence has hardly worked since he graduated from university three myears ago.

A. Laurence has been working hard for the past three years since graduating from university.

B. If Laurence had worked harder in university, he would have found work after he graduated three years ago.

C. Laurence has done very little work during the three years since he graduated from university.

D. It has been hard for Laurence to find work since three years ago, when he graduated from university.

26. No one without a good knowledge of English has much chance of succeeding in international finance.

A. Ability in English is almost essential to success in the field of global finance.

B. Without a good knowledge of English and international finance, you are a nobody.

C. Even an exceptional knowledge of English is not enough to assure success in international finance.

D. If you want to go into international finance, it would be a good idea to learn English.

27. Mary should never have been allowed to try to swim in the sea alone.

A. When Mary left to swim in the sea alone, she said she knew what she was doing.

B. It would probably be wrong to let Mary swim in the sea on her own.

C. No one could have stopped Mary from trying to swim in the sea by herself.

D. Someone ought to have stopped Mary from attempting to swim in the sea on her own.

28. Due to the heavy snow, all buses have been cancelled until further notice.

A. If it weren't for the heavy snow, you would notice how much further the bus had to go.

B. The buses would not have been cancelled if only it had not snowed so much.

C. Snow has caused the buses to stop running, though there will be an announcement of when they will start up again.

D. If this snow keeps up, there will be an announcement to declare that the buses will no longer run.

29. Having gone to sleep early, she was well rested for her exam the next day.

A. As part of her preparation for her exam, she went to bed at a particularly early hour the night before.

B. As she had not stayed up late the night before her exam, she got a good amount of sleep to prepare her for the next day's exam,

C. She should have made sure to get more sleep before her exam the following day.

D. Had she gone to bed earlier, she would have been better rested for her exam the following day.

30. As long as you stay calm, you have nothing to fear from the interview.

A. You have remained calm for a long time in spite of your fear of the interview.

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B. Interview's are only intimidating for people who are not extremely calm.
C. Provided you do not get nervous, the interview won't go badly for you.

D. Even if you are afraid of the interview, it is important not to let it show.

31. No matter how hard he tried, Mike could not make sense of his economics textbook.

A. If Mike had studied harder, he would have been able to comprehend what was in his economics textbook.

B. In spite of his efforts, Mike was unable to understand the contents of his economics textbook.

C. Mike could not understand his economics textbook because he hardly tried to at all.
D. It was impossible for Mike to understand his economics textbook without making a great effort.

32. It's more than a couple of years since I last went there.

A. I have never stayed there for longer than two years.

B. It was only after two years that I went there again.

C. I haven't been there since my visit over two years ago.

D. I had never been there until the year before last.

33. He never sings except when he's taking a shower in the morning,

A. It is very rare to hear him singing out of the shower in the morning.

B. Unless he is taking a shower in the morning, it is impossible to hear him singing,
C. He thinks that singing when you take a shower is a very common occurrence.

D. Whenever he goes into the bathroom for a shower, he starts to sing.

34. In spite of the recent improvements in the political situation, Nigeria still has a long way to go before it returns to full democracy.

A. Although the political situation in Nigeria has never appeared more hopeless,

there are still some people who long for a return to full democracy.

B. Following recent developments for the better, Nigeria now looks poised for a return to democracy in the near future.

C. The political situation in Nigeria has been so bad recently that a return to full democracy appears to be hopeless.

D. Nigeria's government has changed for the better recently, but they still have a lot to do before complete democracy is achieved.

35. So far during their stay at this hotel, that couple have done nothing but complain.

A. All that couple have done since they arrived at this hotel is complain.

B. Throughout their time at this hotel, that couple have had no complaints.

C. Up until now, that couple haven't had anything to complain about at this hotel.

D. Since they got to this hotel, nothing has caused that couple to complain.

36. I get the impression that it will take some time for the family to overcome

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their grief. .

A. Apparently, the family have taken a very long time to deal with their sorrow.

B. It appears to me that the family will take some time before they are able to cope with their sorrow.

C. As far as I can see, the family have been suffering now for quite some time.

D. The only thing that will heal this family's suffering, as we can all see, is time.

37. It was only after she had overcome her shyness that she started to make same friends.

A. Until she overcame it, her shyness had prevented her from making friends with anyone.

B. As her shyness gradually' decreased, more people wanted to be friends with her.
C. Before becoming less shy, nobody had wanted to be friends with her.

D. Her ability to make friends helped her to overcome her shyness.

38. Since the 1960s, water pollution has increased, leading to a reduction in the number of fish species.

A. Despite sea pollution dating back to the 1960s, the number of fish in the seas has increased.

B. There was a sharp decrease in the number of fish because of a sudden rise in sea pollution in the 1960s.

C. Sea water was cleaner and there were more varieties of fish before the 1960s.

D. The drop in the number of fish in the sea is directly connected with the increase in sea pollution.

39. He allowed his garden to become overrun with weeds during the time that he was focusing on growing his business.

A. He didn't notice that his garden needed weeding because he was too busy concentrating on his business.

B. When building a business up, it is easy to become tied down with work and neglect domestic chores such as weeding the garden.

C. He shouldn't have left his garden unattended while he tried to expand his company.

D. While concentrating on expanding his company, he let his garden become overgrown with weeds.

40. He should have been writing his research paper, not playing games on his

Playstation.

A. He knew he ought to write his research paper, yet he still spent some time playing games on his Playstation.

B. He would much rather have been playing games on his Playstation than writing his research paper.

C. He was playing on his Playstation when he was supposed to be writing his research paper.

D. He could have been playing a game on his Playstation, rather than writing his research paper.

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41. By the times had got up the courage to ask her to marry me, she was engaged to somebody else.

A. At the moment I felt brave enough to propose to her, I learnt that she had already promised to marry another man.

B. Before I felt brave enough to propose to her, she had agreed to marry another man.

C. Just when I asked her to marry me, she accepted an engagement to another man.

D. I offered her a proposed of marriage, but she said she was already engaged to someone else.

42. Unless they comply with the rules, they won't be allowed back into the dub.

A. As long as they refuse to behave, it doesn't seem possible for them to be accepted into the club.

B. They can go to the club once more, but only if they obey the rules.

C. They can't enter the club because they have violated the rules.

D. They can only enter the club again if they behave in accordance with the rules.

43. You're not obliged to sign the contract now, but a delay may mean losing the position.

A. The company offering the contract would like you to think carefully before signing the document.

B. The job will certainly be given to somebody less hesitant if you do not sign at once.

C. You do not have to sign the contract immediately, but the company doesn't promise to reserve the job for you.

D. You must wait before signing a contract even if you feel you should accept employment straightaway.

44. When he returned home years later, with so many changes to the house, he was barely able to recognize it.

A. He found it hard to identify the house after his long absence as it did not look the same at all.

B. He completely changed the appearance of his house a few years after he came home.

C. As it looked totally different, he couldn't find his old house when he went back to visit.

D. Because he was unfamiliar with the area, it was difficult for him to locate his old home.

45. From the look on your face, I'm sure this is the first time you've eaten Indian food.

A. The expression on your face makes it clear that you'll never eat Indian food again.

B. I don't think you like Indian food as there is a strange look on your face.

C. What I understand from the look on your face is that this won't be the last time you eat Indian food.

D. You can't have tried Indian food before, as far as I can gather from the expression on your face.

46. You could have been more tactful to her when you broke the news of her dismissal from work.

A. How you broke the news to her did not matter so much, as being dismissed from work would upset her anyway.

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B. The way you informed her about her dismissal from work needn't have been so direct.

C. Since you were careful about the way you informed her, she wasn't really hurt because of her dismissal from work.

D. She wouldn't have been so upset if you had been more tactful when informing her about her being dismissed.

47. Everybody believes that he shouldn't have trusted the people around him so much.

A. He was so credulous that all the people around him could easily deceive him.

B. He now admits that some of the people around him didn't deserve to be trusted at all.

C. Nobody thinks that any of the people around him are honest enough to be trusted.

D. The general opinion is that he made a mistake by having so much faith in the people around him.

48. The government couldn't have passed this law without the support of several members from the opposition.

A. Only a few members from the opposition supported the law, so the government couldn't pass it.

B. I don't believe that the government will be able to pass this law if some members from the opposition don't back it.

C. The government was only able to pass this law because some members from the opposition backed it.

D. The government managed to pass the law even without the support of any members from the opposition.

49. He needn't have hurried as the meeting didn't start until quite a while after the time for which it had been planned.

A. The meeting started rather later than scheduled, so it wasn't necessary for him to hurry.

B. There was no need for him to hurry because he had plenty of time before the scheduled time of the meeting.

C. He didn't need to hurry as he already knew that the meeting wouldn't start as scheduled.

D. He wouldn't have arrived at the meeting on time if he hadn't hurried.

50. I'd suggest that we avoid telling any scary stories with Janet around, since she's a bit unstable and could get hysterical.

A. Janet has trouble keeping her emotions under control, especially when she is told frightening stories.

B. Since Janet is somewhat unbalanced, the only way to make her laugh is by telling stories, but we should avoid scary ones as they might cause her to panic.

C. It is no fun to tell frightening stories to Janet, who is not very stable mentally, because she only laughs instead of getting scared.

D. Janet is somewhat mentally unbalanced and might easily become uncontrollably emotional, so let's not tell frightening stories in her presence.

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