

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences

Question 1. Jenifer missed her chance to be promoted. What a shame!

- A. Jenifer regretted having wasted her chance to be promoted.
- B. Despite feeling ashamed, Jenifer lost her chance of promotion.
- C. If only Jenifer has seized her chance of promotion.
- D. That Jenifer missed her chance to be promoted is shameful.

Question 2. They left the concert hall. The fire alarm went off right afterwards.

- A. They left the concert hall just as the fire alarm went off.
- B. The fire alarm had gone off before they left the concert hall.
- C. They were leaving the concert hall when the fire alarm went off.
- D. No sooner had they left the concert hall than the fire alarm went off.

STRESS

Question 3. A. morale B. balance C. problem D. moral

Question 4. A. commercial B. decisive C. powerful D. electric

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning

Question 5. Many consumers are prejudiced against commercial goods made in that country. They reject them without even before trying first.

- A. fair B. biased C. unreasonable D. distinguishable

Question 6. I'll spend the weekends hitting the books as I have final exams next week.

- A. reviewing the books B. studying in a relaxing way
- C. damaging the books D. studying in a serious way

Read and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions 7–11.

People in the twentieth century rely on boundless energy to power their daily activities. A wide range of energy-powered technologies and contemporary comforts are taken for granted, and while it may appear that we will never be without them, the truth is that many energy supplies are fast depleting. To keep contemporary civilization going, scientists are continuously looking for new sources of energy. The outcome of this quest will determine whether future populations will continue to profit from plentiful energy.

The majority of contemporary civilization's electricity comes from coal, oil, and natural gas. However, not only are these fuels in short supply, but they are also a major source of pollution. Existing alternative energy sources must be upgraded or further studied and developed if future energy demands are to be fulfilled without causing substantial environmental impact. Nuclear, water, solar, wind, and geothermal power, as well as energy from novel, nonpolluting fuels, are among them. However, each of these options has its own set of benefits and drawbacks.

Nuclear power plants efficiently produce large amounts of electricity without polluting the atmosphere; however, they are costly to build and maintain, and they pose the daunting problem of what to do with nuclear waste. Hydroelectric power is inexpensive and environmentally safe, but impractical for communities located far from moving water. Harnessing energy from tides and waves has similar drawbacks. Solar power holds great promise for the future but methods of collecting and concentrating sunlight are as yet inefficient, as are methods of harnessing wind power.

Every source of energy has its disadvantages. One way to minimize them is to use less energy. Conservation efforts coupled with renewable energy resources, such as a combination of solar, water, wind, and geothermal energy and alternative fuels, such as alcohol and hydrogen, will ensure supplies of clean,

affordable energy for humanity's future.

Question 7. The word "**depleting**" in the first paragraph is closest in meaning to

A. declining B. changing C. increasing D. limiting

Question 8. The passage mainly discusses _____.

A. the current situation of energy demands
B. the way to use less energy
C. the difficulties in finding new sources of energy
D. the advantages and disadvantages of some sources of energy

Question 9. According to the passage, which of the following is the limitation of natural gas?

A. It is difficult to be collected B. It is expensive
C. It contains contaminants D. It is inaccessible for people who live far away the cities

Question 10. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?

A. Just like coal, nuclear energy is a pollutant to the air.
B. It is hard for people away from the water to use hydroelectric power.
C. Scientists are on their way to look for alternative sources of energy.
D. Wind power and solar power have the same problem.

Question 11. What does the word "**they**" in paragraph 3 refer to?

A. nuclear power plants B. amounts of electricity
C. advantages and disadvantages D. nuclear wastes

Question 12. What can be inferred from the passage?

A. Scientists will not resume their search for new types of energy until they have found a perfect one.
B. Using hydroelectric energy can be harmful to our atmosphere.
C. It is impossible for some groups of people to utilize water energy.
D. The only way to decrease the disadvantages of sources of energy is to use them less.

Read and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions 12–19.

Scientists have discovered two ways for the extinction of species. The first is through natural or "background" extinctions, in which species that do not adapt are gradually replaced by more adaptive life forms. The second occurs when a big number of species face extinction in a short period of biological time. Five such extinctions have occurred, each triggered by cataclysmic evolutionary events like as geological eruptions, climatic shifts, or space debris crashing onto the Earth. Scientists now believe that another major extinction of species is taking place, with human fingerprints on the trigger this time.

How are we going about it? All we have to do is demand more and more space for ourselves. We've employed a variety of instruments attack the ecosystems around us, from spears and guns to bulldozers and chainsaws. Certain ecosystems that are very wealthy have shown to be the most susceptible. More than half of Hawaii's native birds — over 50 species — are now extinct. Carnage like this has occurred all throughout the Pacific and Indian seas' island populations. While many animals were driven to extinction, others succumbed to the introduced predators brought by humans, such as the cat, dog, pig, and rat.

Today, the rate of extinction is increasing. Although rare birds and animals are still butchered for their skin, feathers, tusks, and internal organs, or kept as ferocious pets, hunting is no longer the main cause. The main threat today is the loss of habitat that wild plants, animals, and insects require to survive. The aquatic food chain and our own seafood business are both threatened by the draining and damming of marsh and river channels. Ocean biodiversity is being destroyed by overfishing and the degradation of fragile coral reefs. Deforestation is wreaking havoc, especially in the tropics, where the majority of the world's biodiversity is

threatened. The Congo and Amazon river basins, as well as places like Borneo and Madagascar, have seen their rainforest cover dwindle.

Question 13. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. Human activity and its impact on a mass extinction of species
- B. The mechanisms in which species disappear
- C. The tempo of extinction of species today
- D. Deforestation as a major cause of mass extinctions of species

Question 14. The word “employed” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. developed
- B. hired
- C. used
- D. influenced

Question 15. All of the following are mentioned as a form of habitat destruction EXCEPT ____.

- A. destroying coral reefs
- B. cutting down forests
- C. damming wetlands and rivers
- D. hunting rare birds and animals

Question 16. What was the main threat to biodiversity in Hawaii and other islands in the Pacific and Indian oceans until recently?

- A. tools used by human beings
- B. human assault on ecosystems
- C. vulnerable rich ecosystems
- D. hunters and introduced predators

Question 17. The word “others” in paragraph 2 refers to ____.

- A. species
- B. rats
- C. predators
- D. humans

Question 18. Which is no longer considered a major cause of the mass extinction under way currently?

- A. the building of dams across rivers
- B. the destruction of habitats of species
- C. the shrinking of rainforests in the tropics
- D. the killing of animals for their body parts

Question 19. The word “butchered” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ____.

- A. raised
- B. traded
- C. cooked
- D. killed

Question 20. It can be inferred from the passage that ____.

- A. the current mass extinction is different from the other five in that it is caused by humans
- B. hunting is the major contributing factor that speeds up the extinction of species
- C. habitat destruction makes a minor contribution to the current mass extinction of species
- D. it's impossible for scientists to identify the causes of mass extinctions of species

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning

Question 21. During rush hours, travelling by car is slower than travelling by motorbike.

- A. During rush hours, travelling by car is faster than travelling by motorbike.
- B. During rush hours, travelling by motorbike is faster than travelling by car.
- C. During rush hours, travelling by car is as slow as travelling by motorbike.
- D. During rush hours, travelling by motorbike is slower than travelling by car.

Question 22. “What did you do last night?” the policeman asked the woman.

- A. The policeman asked the woman what did she do the night before.
- B. The policeman asked the woman what she had done the night before.
- C. The policeman asked the woman what had she done the night before.
- D. The policeman asked the woman what she did the night before.

Question 23. Harry sat there waiting for Lucy, which was not necessary.

- A. Harry must have sat there waiting for Lucy.
- B. Harry needn't have sat there waiting for Lucy.
- C. Harry couldn't have sat there waiting for Lucy.
- D. Harry can't have sat there waiting for Lucy.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction

Question 24. (A) Just as the performance (B) ended, all the concertgoers (C) raised to (D) their feet and

applauded.

Question 25. Bowling, (A) that is one of the most popular (B) indoor sports, has (C) caught on all over the United States and in (D) other countries.

Question 26. A large (A) number of entries (B) updating in the latest edition (C) of the encyclopedia recently (D) have been widely accepted.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer

Question 27. I am afraid that the elderly are not resilient to such _____ diseases.

A. infect B. infected C. infectious D. infectiously

Question 28. I would never forget _____ to be the judge in such a well-known competition.

A. being invited B. having invited C. to have invited D. to be invited

Question 29. Once _____ as the World Natural Heritage by UNESCO, Phong Nha – Ke Bang National Park attracts a great number of visitors worldwide.

A. having recognized B. recognized C. recognizing D. is recognized

Question 30. _____ his physical disability, he managed to finish the course with good results.

A. Although B. Since C. Because of D. Despite

Question 31. Sue would suffer obesity if she couldn't control her _____ overeating.

A. compulsive B. disastrous C. exhaustive D. unbearable

Question 32. It's considered _____ to interrupt others while they are talking.

A. thrifty B. impolite C. supportive D. sympathetic

Question 33. The restaurant _____ too much compared to the service it offers.

A. pays B. charges C. earns D. gains

Question 34. During our holiday, we were so lucky to stay in a room with a good _____ of the sea.

A. view B. look C. sight D. vision

Question 35. _____ many years ago, the film was attractive to people of that time.

A. Producing B. Having produced
C. Having been produced D. To be produced

Question 36. Had the weather been fine last weekend, we _____ to see our grandparents.

A. would go B. will go C. would have gone D. went

Question 37. My new job calls _____ excellent communication skills and ability to work under pressure.

A. for B. on C. out D. off

Question 38. Sue and Mira are talking about the use of mobile phone in class.

Sue: "Students should be allowed to use mobile phone in class."

Mira: "_____. This will distract them from studying."

A. Not really B. No way! It's useful
C. I'm of the opposite opinion D. I can't agree with you more

Question 39. The children _____ happily in the park by the time their parents asked them to go home.

A. played B. had been playing C. were playing D. have been playing

Question 40. Tony's parents check the camera every day, for they think he is a _____.

A. big cheese B. hot potato C. couch potato D. hard nut

Question 41. Luke is offering help to Mary.

– Luke: "Shall I help you with your suitcase?"

Mary: "Yes, _____. "

A. Not a chance
C. I don't need you

B. Well done
D. That's very kind of you

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning

Question 42. Mike pretended to be sick, but I saw through his deception at once.

A. was used to B. got angry with C. got bored with D. was aware of

Question 43. Some newspapers are often guilty of distorting the truth just to impress readers with sensational news stories.

A. gathering personal information B. making changes to facts
C. providing reliable data D. examining factual data

Read and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits

It is true that being in shape is beneficial to one's health in several ways. In recent years, it has been evident that a growing number of people are getting less and less exercise, which is creating a plenty of major ailments and putting a pressure on physicians and hospitals. However, other experts feel that excessive exercise might do (44) _____ to people.

Although it is true that moderate exercise such as walking can be very beneficial to a person's health, it is not the only one factor (45) _____ keeps us healthy. Diet is also extremely important and I would argue that it is probably even more important than exercise, although the ideal is for both of these factors to work together. It seems to me that many people are unwilling to put in the effort required to become fitter.

(46) _____, too much exercise can also cause problems. So people are urged to take moderate exercise and eat moderately healthily rather than embarking on extreme diets and training. In too many instances, ultra-fit people have had heart attacks or dropped down dead.

Ultimately, governments need to find ways of (47) _____ people to take responsibility for their own health. People need to realize that eating healthy food does not have to cost a (48) _____, nor is it difficult to prepare healthy meals themselves. People need to be better educated about their health.

Question 44. A. injury

B. destruction

C. harm

D. hurt

Question 45. A. who

B. when

C. that

D. whose

Question 46. A. For example

B. However

C. Therefore

D. In fact

Question 47. A. motivating

B. motivational

C. motivate

D. motivation

Question 48. A. benefit

B. wealth

C. treasure

D. fortune

PRONUNCIATION

Question 49.

A. looked

B. laughed

C. stepped

D. moved

Question 50.

A. feature

B. measure

C. feather

D. pleasure