

TEST 1

- Question 1:** A. survival B. vulnerable C. agriculture D. future
- Question 2:** A. arrives B. laughs C. likes D. helps
- Question 3:** A. pressure B. secure C. attract D. precede
- Question 4:** A. business B. intention C. endangered D. extinction

Question 5: The younger you are, _____ it is to learn.
A. easier B. you are easier C. the easier D. the easy

Question 6: My sister _____ her laptop serviced last weekend.

- A. did B. got C. made D. took

Question 7: The covering letter wasn't attached _____ the CV.

- A. to B. with C. from D. by

Question 8: By the time you finish cooking, they _____ their homework.

- A. will have done B. are doing C. have been doing D. have done

Question 9: I spoke to Victor last night and he said he _____ while he was on holiday.

- A. got stolen his phone B. had his phone stolen
C. had stolen his phone D. was got his phone stolen

Question 10: As soon as Dad _____, we can leave.

- A. got the car to start B. has got the car started
C. got started the car D. was got starting the car

Question 11: The doctor _____ him to take more exercise.

- A. told B. said C. spoke D. asked

Question 12. Hello, Jim. I didn't expect to see you today. Sophie said you _____ ill.

- A. are B. were C. was D. should be

Question 13: If sending a CV as a hard copy, along with a job _____, then it needs to be neat and typed if possible.

- A. apply B. applicant C. applicability D. application

Question 14. This programme is used to _____ the new generation robots.

- A. activity B. activation C. activator D. activate

Question 15: Linda was about to take a part-time job, but she decided to _____ her studies instead.

- A. keep up with B. go on with C. get on with D. drop out of

Question 16: If you love sports, for example, you might _____ a career as a gym teacher, or a coach.

A. consider

B. contain

C. exclude

D. prevent

Question 17: One of my neighbours are curious about other people's private life.

A

B

C

D

Question 18: Campers often participate in fishing, hunting, swimming and to watch wildlife

A

B

C

D

Question 19: He felt disappointing with the results of his exam.

A

B

C

D

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

Question 20: A.I. techniques help medical doctors to discover subtle interactions between medications that put patience in jeopardy because of their serious side effect.

A. at risk

B. in reality

C. under control

D. under pressure

Question 21: A.I. algorithms can also help to detect faces and other features in photo sent to social networking sites and automatically organize them.

A. categorize

B. connect

C. recognize

D. remind

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

Question 22: The teacher asked us to get on with the next exercise and he would be back in a while.

A. finish doing

B. start doing

C. continue doing

D. stop doing

Question 23: Thanks to lifelong learning, people's level of awareness has improved significantly.

A. has increased

B. has declined

C. has gone up

D. has bettered

Question 24: Tom is giving a compliment on Maria's house. - Tom: "What a lovely house you have!" - Maria: " "

A. Of course not, it's not costly

B. Thank you. Hope you will drop in.

C. I think so.

D. No problem.

Question 25: John: "Do you think that we should use public transportation to protect our environment?"

Laura: " "

A. That's true. I agree

B. Well, that's very surprising.

C. Of course not.

D. Yes, it's an bad idea.

Dinosaurs were reptiles that lived during a period of earth's history called the Mesozoic Era, which is also known as the Age of Reptiles. The first dinosaurs appeared more than 200 million years ago. For many millions of years, they dominated the land with their huge size and strength. Then about 65 million years ago, they died out rather suddenly, never to re-emerge. The word "dinosaurs" comes from two Greek words meaning "terrible lizard". Dinosaurs were not lizards, but their appearance could be truly terrifying. The biggest ones weighed more than ten times as much as a mature elephant and nearly equalled the size of most modern-day whales. The famous kinds of dinosaurs, including the brontosaur and tyrannosaurus rex, reached 80 to 90 feet in length. Not all dinosaurs were giant, however, some were actually not larger than a chicken. Scientists still do not know what caused dinosaurs to disappear. One theory involves a change of the earth's climate. It is believed that temperatures dropped significantly towards the end of the Cretaceous period, it is possible that the climate became too chilly for dinosaurs. In contrast, other species having protection, such as the mammals and birds, were able to survive.

Question 26: What is the best title for this passage?

- A. The History of Earth
- B. The Metabolism of Dinosaurs
- C. Earth's Largest Reptiles
- D. The Domination of the

Question 27: It can be inferred from the passage that the Age of Reptiles lasted about_____.

- A. 200 million years
- B. 135 million years
- C. 80 million years
- D. 65 million years

Question 28: The author uses the phrase "never to re-emerge" to indicate that the dinosaurs_____.

- A. went into hiding
- B. lost their way
- C. became extinct
- D. never died out

Question 29: According to the passage, what is true about the size of dinosaurs?

- A. It was rather uniform.
- B. It guaranteed their survival.
- C. It made them the largest creatures ever on earth.
- D. It varied quite greatly

Question 30: The underlined pronoun "they" in the first paragraph refers to

- A. Reptiles
- B. Dinosaurs
- C. Mesozoic Era
- D. years

Oxford University has released a sample of interview questions – including what a rock looks like and how you listen to music - to help students who want to study at the top institution. Among the list of questions are: "What can historians not find out about the past?", "Is religion of value whether or not there is a God?" and "How can we estimate the mass of the atmosphere?". Prospective earth sciences students could be asked what a rock handed to them looks like, meanwhile chemistry candidates are asked to calculate how many different molecules can be made from six carbon atoms and 12 hydrogen atoms.

In efforts to make the interview process more transparent, the prestigious university has released advice on how to answer the example questions just days after the deadline for applications closed. Dr Samina Khan, director of admissions and outreach, said: "Interviews will be an entirely new experience for most students, and we know many prospective applicants are already worried about being in an unfamiliar place and being questioned by people they have not met."

She added: "We want to underscore that every question asked by our tutors has a purpose, and that purpose is to assess how students think about their subject and respond to new information or unfamiliar ideas. No matter

what kind of educational background or opportunities you have had, the interview should be an opportunity to present your interest and ability in your chosen subject, since they are not just about **reciting** what you already know."

Laura Tunbridge, from St Catherine's College, explained why a music candidate might be asked to explain the different ways they listen to music. "The question allows students to use their own musical experiences as a starting point for a broader and more abstract discussion about the different ways people consume music, the relationship between music and technology, and how music can define us socially," she said.

Candidates who successfully **clear** the first hurdle with their written application will be invited to interview. "We know there are still misunderstandings about the Oxford interview, so we put as much information as possible out there to allow students to see the reality of the process," added Dr Khan.

Question 31 (VDC): Which of the following best serves as the title for the article?

- A. Oxford University: Lowering Standards in Times of Change!
- B. The History of Oxford's Interviewing Schemes
- C. Oxford University Interview Questions: Would You Pass the Test?
- D. The Oxford's Guide to Success in Job Interviews

Question 32 (TH): The word "**them**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. prospective earth sciences students
- B. historians
- C. chemistry candidates
- D. questions

Question 33 (TH): Why has Oxford University publicised its sample interview questions and related advice?

- A. To prepare students for unfamiliar questions in their job interviews
- B. To familiarise potential applicants with their interview process
- C. To test public reaction to their novel interview process
- D. To reduce confusion among most of their current students

Question 34 (VD): The word "**reciting**" in paragraph 3 most probably means _____.

- A. repeating
- B. reassessing
- C. releasing
- D. revising

Question 35 (TH): According to Laura Tunbridge, the question about a candidate's ways of listening to music is intended to _____.

- A. judge the candidate's ability to react to familiar situations
- B. set the context for a more abstract discussion on music-related topics
- C. encourage the candidate to elaborate on their individual preferences
- D. measure their understanding of how technology affects entertainment choices

Question 36 (TH): The word "**clear**" in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. pass
- B. face
- C. give
- D. skip

Question 37 (VD): Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Dr Khan advises candidates to focus more on showing their general knowledge at the interview.

- B. Oxford University plans to use the same set of questions for all candidates.
- C. Oxford University only releases sample interview questions for earth sciences and music.
- D. Dr Khan understands how the notion of attending the Oxford interview may affect prospective candidates.

Question 38. (TH): Which question is a history candidate LEAST likely to be asked in the Oxford interview?

- A. "How can one define a revolution?"
- B. "What would a historian find interesting about the place you live?"
- C. "Name some pop idols you would most like to meet. Why the choice?"
- D. "Which sort of person in the past would you like to interview? Why?"

Plato was a very original thinker (38) _____ lived in ancient Greece. He asked questions that nobody had asked before. He even tried to explain how the human mind works. Plato was born about 428 BC in Athens, Greece. He became a pupil of Greek philosopher Socrates. Then he set (39) _____ a school in 387 BC. He called his school the Academy. Pupils studied astronomy, biology, mathematics, (40) _____, and philosophy at the Academy. Plato wrote dialogues - debates that he imagined taking place between teachers and pupils. He hoped these dialogues would help students understand his ideas.

Plato investigated many topics, from friendship to the heavens. (41) _____ his most important work was a study of knowledge. Plato believed that we learn about the world in two different ways. We get useful information through our (42) _____, like sight and touch. But we reach truth by using a higher ability, which he called reason. Plato said that our senses give us imperfect knowledge because they tell us about specific objects. But our reason gives us truth, or perfect knowledge, because it tells us about ideas.

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| 38. A. which | B. who | C. whom | D. what |
| 39. A. out | B. off | C. up | D. in |
| 40. A. political | B. politics | C. politic | D. politician |
| 41. A. But | B. In spite of | C. Because | D. Also |
| 42. A. senses | B. feeling | C. thought | D. emotion |

Question 43: Toxic chemicals from factories are one of the serious factors that leads wildlife to the _____ of extinction. A. wall B. fence C. verge D. bridge

Question 44: Astronomers have ____ a new planet outside our galaxy.

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| A. developed | B. invented | C. unearthed | D. discovered |
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Question 45: From the employment ad, applicants can know all the requirements from the company so that they can prepare the answers in _____.

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| A. time | B. case | C. a hurry | D. advance |
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Question 46: He only feels happy whenever he does not have much work to do.

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| A. The more he works, the happier he feels. | B. The less he works, the happier he feels. |
| C. The happier he feels, the less he works | D. He feels happier and happier with his work. |

Question 47: "Don't come before 6 o'clock", I said to him.

- A. I told him don't come before 6 o'clock. B. I told him to come not before 6 o'clock.
C. I told to him not to come before 6 o'clock. D. I told him not to come before 6 o'clock.

Question 48: Conan said to me, "If I were you, I would read different types of books in different ways."

- A. Conan ordered me to read different types of books in different ways.
B. I said to Conan to read different types of books in different ways to me.
C. I read different types of books in different ways to Conan as he told me.
D. Conan advised me to read different types of books in different ways.

Question 49: We were on holiday. Someone stole our alarm system.

- A. We had our alarm system stolen while we were on holiday
B. We had stolen our alarm system while we were on holiday
C. We got stolen our alarm system while we were on holiday
D. We were stolen our alarm system while we were on holiday

Question 50: We throw out much garbage. The environment becomes polluted.

- A. The more polluted the environment becomes, the more garbage we throw out.
B. The more garbage we throw out, the less polluted the environment becomes.
C. The more garbage we throw out, the more polluted the environment becomes.
D. The less garbage we throw out, the more polluted the environment becomes.