

ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part One)

For questions 36 – 50, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.

36. This essay _____ written by Friday, so I need to hurry up.
A. is being C. has to be
B. has been D. will be

37. I haven't been to the gym for _____ months now.
A. some C. less
B. any D. many of

38. The house _____ completed this year, but they ran out of money.
A. will have been C. will be
B. has been D. was to have been

39. You should use _____ time you have to do some revision.
A. the few C. few
B. little D. the little

40. I _____ it. I forgot to book the tickets.
A. was admitting C. will have admitted
B. admit D. had admitted

41. _____ by the long queue, he put down his basket and left the shop.
A. Angered C. He was angry
B. Angry D. He was angered

42. Now that your oven is broken, you _____ any baking for a while.
A. aren't doing C. won't be doing
B. don't do D. shouldn't do

43. He looked tired, as though he _____ for weeks.
A. had slept C. had been sleeping
B. hadn't slept D. was not sleeping

44. We _____ tennis only twice during the summer.
A. played C. play
B. would play D. used to play

45. The _____ clothing department was on the second floor.
A. woman's C. women's
B. womens D. womens'

46. Little _____ that when she met Dan, she would end up marrying him.
A. she knew C. does she know
B. she did know D. did she know

47. If you _____ faster, we'd be there by now.
A. drive C. have driven
B. had driven D. will drive

48. _____ you change your mind, you can return it within thirty days.
A. Should C. Would
B. Unless D. Could

49. _____ your heating system serviced every year?
A. Have you C. Have you got
B. Have you been D. Do you have

50. I borrowed a _____ car because I missed the bus.
A. friend's of mine C. friend of mine's
B. friend's of my D. friend of my

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ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Two)

For questions 51 – 65, complete the sentences below by choosing the correct answer A, B, C or D.

51. I tried to _____ him from leaving but he didn't listen.
A. persuade C. encourage
B. reassure D. discourage

52. Anne has her _____ set on becoming a vet when she is older.
A. head C. brain
B. heart D. feet

53. He was so _____ to the screen that he didn't hear me come home.
A. welded C. glued
B. attached D. stuck

54. There's a _____ possibility that it's going to rain; those clouds are black.
A. certain C. distinct
B. distant D. remote

55. Their _____ spirit led the troops to victory.
A. indefatigable C. flagging
B. indelible D. fallible

56. Don't _____ at me because you are in a bad mood.
A. snip C. slap
B. snatch D. snap

57. Ben decided to turn over a new _____ and get fit.
A. leaf C. corner
B. page D. start

58. Stop sitting on the _____ and just make up your mind!
A. wall C. edge
B. fence D. hedge

59. The painting wasn't real, they found it was a _____.
A. fraud C. prototype
B. forgery D. bribery

60. Young children trust their parents' decisions _____.
A. indistinctly C. implicitly
B. indeterminately D. explicitly

61. They had a _____ romance and were married after just six weeks.
A. whirlwind C. cyclone
B. hurricane D. typhoon

62. There are roadworks on the motorway and long _____ are expected.
A. blocks C. halts
B. stops D. delays

63. Most people _____ bagels with New York.
A. link C. associate
B. remind D. relate

64. The inspector said he would _____ the rules and sell us a ticket.
A. curve C. bend
B. fold D. twist

65. The only _____ of hope for the fans was scoring a goal in extra time.
A. ray C. glow
B. beam D. gleam

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ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Three)

For questions 66 – 75, read the text below and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

The History of the Croissant

Have you ever wondered where the croissant comes from? Instinctively we think of this buttery, flaky pastry as having its origins in France but the Austrians claim to have been making a version of the croissant since the thirteenth century. However, it wasn't until 1683 that the croissant got its distinctive shape from bakers in Vienna; or so they maintain. The Hungarian bakers of Budapest would (66)_____ that it was them who created the first croissant. Even the Egyptians declare that it was their invention.

And this is where the story (67)_____ down, because really and truly, crescent pastries are ancient. Humans seem to (68)_____ moon-shaped cakes for centuries. The croissant itself only became a part of French life in the 19th century, when August Zang, an Austrian baker, opened a pastry shop in Paris and introduced France to the pastry that would one day be its most (69)_____ export.

But it's not just the origins of the croissant that have caused controversy. For almost as long as this sweet confectionary (70)_____ , people have been arguing about it. In 2017, a baker from Nice was reported as launching a campaign to save the authentic French croissant from (71)_____. He claimed that three-quarters of the croissants (72)_____ in France are manufactured on a mass industrial scale and no longer in bakeries by hand. In 2013 in New York, the public outrage which surrounded the introduction of a croissant/doughnut hybrid pretty much (73)_____ for itself. Making a good croissant is very time-consuming, a fact that probably goes a long way to explaining the mystery that surrounds the process. Broadly speaking, the seemingly endless process begins with a sticky dough, which is mixed, left to rise, kneaded and formed. The laborious task of rolling, folding and chilling ensues until (74)_____ they are baked. The trouble is that the day or so that croissants take to prepare stands in stark contrast to the seconds it takes to devour them. We have to question whether croissants are really worth the (75)_____ involved and in reality, making croissants is probably something to try once and then leave to the professionals.

69. A. describing C. defining
B. representing D. revealing

73. A. tells C. talks
B. stands D. speaks

74. A. soon C. eventually
B. gradually D. initially

75. A. effort C. while
B. action D. right

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ESB C2 Level 3 Use of English (Part Four)

For questions 76 – 85, read the text below and for each gap choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

A New Use for Food

Can we imagine a time when discarded food (76)_____, yoghurt past its sell-by date, and very old bananas will be powering our cars and heating our homes? Remarkably, this futuristic scenario is well on the way to becoming a reality thanks to a revolutionary new process, 'waste to energy' (WTE), now moving out of the laboratories of Cornell University in USA and into the (77)_____.

Currently, roughly 70% of food waste around the world ends up in (78)_____ where it emits large quantities of methane, a greenhouse gas which contributes significantly to global (79)_____. Recycling food waste in order to combat methane emissions has been around for some time using a process called 'anaerobic digestion' in which bacteria slowly rot the organic matter. The (80)_____ methane gas is 'captured' and used as fuel. The transformation from solid to gas takes several weeks and because it is so slow, it has a (81)_____ impact on the ever expanding mountains of food waste.

However, in response to this challenge, researchers at Cornell have been developing a new technique which dramatically speeds up the digestion process by adding a second stage of liquefaction. The energy generated from this (82)_____ procedure, digestion and liquefaction, is available in a matter of days. There are no drilling platforms, mines or oil rigs involved, only waste from farms, restaurants, kitchens and coffee shops which will produce clean energy, and reduce our carbon footprint and our (83)_____ on the dwindling stocks of fossil fuels.

Over the next 25 years, the prospect of alarming population growth, increased urbanisation and worldwide scarcity of (84)_____ make WTE a very attractive technology indeed. According to a statement from one of Cornell's most (85)_____ scientists, "We've barely scratched the surface of this new potential energy source. Waste-to-energy is the obvious solution to the world's burgeoning energy demands. Watch this space!"

78. A. landfall C. landfill
B. landing D. landslide

79. A. warmthness C. warmth
B. warming D. warmish

83. A. reliance C. reliant
B. reliability D. reliableness

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