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19. The European Union (EU)'s refugee __1__ is reaching a tipping point. How the EU and its member states deal with all these refugees attempting to enter Europe will become __2__ for other countries. The decision has not been made yet. The EU may open up or close down its __3__, or something in-between.

Allowing refugees to move into the EU member states seems to be an obvious choice. Fleeing wars and poverty, refugees are in desperate need of food and __4__. Many people think these developed countries should __5__ the underprivileged. After all, human rights are what everyone __6__. It will also be against human nature if they are abandoned.

However, things are not so simple. Once refugees enter Europe, the EU will __7__ them complete freedom of movement between its member states. Unfortunately, there are only limited shelters and funds in Europe. When large numbers of refugees flock to certain areas and countries, it may pose problems for __8__ communities. Therefore, the governments should not __9__ the consequences of giving out a helping hand.

There are more difficult questions to answer regarding this issue. How should EU member states balance the lives of citizens with the human rights of the refugees? How should they determine who has a __10__ reason to be allowed entry? These questions are difficult but have to be addressed immediately.

(A) offer (B) models (C) deserves (D) aid (E) crisis
(F) local (G) shelter (H) overlook (I) genuine (J) borders

20. Many people have found that a slash career is right for them. The various advantages of a slash career are __1__ in Marci Alboher's book on the subject. Despite the many __2__ aspects to having two jobs, there are some disadvantages that should be considered. For example, anyone thinking of __3__ a new life as a "slashie" should realize that they may feel very tired all the time. Many people enjoy having two jobs at first. __4__, however, some find that they miss the simpler days of having just one job. It is impossible to know which lifestyle(生活方式) you would prefer unless you try it for yourself. Just keep in mind that the slash career __5__ is quite new and that the grass is not always greener on the other side.

One issue with slash careers is that they may leave you with no free time. A slash career may help with __6__ new skills, but is that worth it if you are busy all the time? Another problem with slash careers that is seldom known and __7__ is the loss of focus. Slashies' efforts are divided across two jobs, and so they sometimes end up having a weak performance in both jobs. Finally, slash careers often involve a drop in income. This is a(n) __8__ that many people are willing to make in order to enjoy the benefits of a slash career. If your __9__ job pays well, this might not be an issue. However, if you already struggle to make enough money each month, a slash career might not be the best option for you. __10__, the final decision to have a slash career rests in your hands. Just be sure to carefully consider the disadvantages as well as the advantages.

(A) outlined (B) picking up (C) embarking on
(D) In the long run (E) publicized (F) beneficial
(G) compromise (H) trend (I) All in all (J) primary

21. Dr. Watson was a surgeon in the British army, and he returned to England due to injury and found a job as a doctor. He met Sherlock Holmes, probably the best detective __1__ while looking for a flatmate. Dr. Watson was shocked by Holmes' __2__ eye for details. The two began their partnership in solving crime. After a period of teamwork, Dr. Watson __3__ and documented the stories of Sherlock Holmes.

No one can __4__ how great a team Holmes and Watson make. In "A Sign of Four," a famous __5__ recorded by Watson, Mary Morstan approached Holmes in hope of solving a mystery. In this story we can see that Holmes and Watson had very different __6__ traits. When Holmes saw a girl in distress, he was excited to solve the case. But for Watson, he __7__ the girl for being strong. At the end of the story, the case was solved and Mary Morstan and John Watson were engaged.

Dr. Watson was a very brave man and a __8__ friend. No matter how dangerous the situation may be, Watson would never __9__ or leave Holmes alone. He never __10__ why Holmes gave him those instructions whether it was to throw a smoke bomb or to bring a gun. Watson was always supportive and knew what kind of help Holmes needed.

(A) wondered (B) personality (C) deny (D) remarkable (E) admired
(F) keen (G) of all time (H) put pen to paper (I) adventure (J) flee

22. As our parents and grandparents get older, we often worry about their mental and emotional health. Aging can affect the __1__ of many old people. Games are not only a great source of __2__ but also a great way for all of us to exercise our brains. Indoor games are ideal for old people who may not be __3__ to play physical games.

Playing games together can help us stay connected with our loved ones. Getting together and having a __4__ purpose in playing a game help build relationships. This sense of connection can be vital (重要的) for old people who may have mental problems or anxiety. There are lots of __5__ of games around the world. Word games such as Scrabble and Boggle will help __6__ and maintain vocabulary. Parents and grandparents can __7__ their strategy skills with chess, Monopoly, or Connect 4. With online memory games, the elderly can also keep their brains active when they are alone. The tasks within these games help people __8__ goals and gain a sense of strength.

Thanks to the effort of the game __9__, it is easier for the elderly to take part in the traditional games. Larger playing card sets are easier to grip (拿取) for the people who have __10__ joints or vision problems. Playing games can help people with memory loss and keep their mental skills active.

Indoor games have a lot to offer. They are both a link between family members and a way to keep our brains healthy and active.

(A) entertainment (B) joint (C) willing (D) designers (E) achieve
(F) forms (G) acquire (H) painful (I) exercise (J) memory

23. People throughout history have wanted to be considered beautiful, but there are options now that were not available in the past. One of the more extreme choices is cosmetic surgery, and it has both advantages and disadvantages.

The first thing to understand is that cosmetic surgery and plastic surgery are actually two different things. Plastic surgery is used to fix a problem, whereas cosmetic surgery is all about __1__. For the most part, people getting cosmetic surgery are __2__ greater attractiveness. People who want to fix birth defects or severe burn damage will get plastic surgery.

For some people, having cosmetic surgery makes them feel more __3__. When the surgery is completed, they might be more __4__ with the way they look. If the surgery helps increase their confidence, then that may be a reason for considering it.

Like all surgeries, though, cosmetic surgery can be very __5__. It requires having a(n) __6__ that may result in a lot of pain during recovery. Additionally, accidents can happen during cosmetic surgery. These accidents can __7__ alter a person's look. While most surgeries today are successful, they can never be

__8__ to achieve perfect results.

Instead of __9__ their health, people should consider it very seriously before choosing a cosmetic surgery. Both positive and negative aspects of it must be weighed __10__. It is a decision that can change a person's life forever.

(A) appearance (B) sacrificing (C) cheerful (D) guaranteed (E) satisfied
(F) carefully (G) unpleasant (H) permanently (I) pursuing (J) operation

24. The death of a relative is a tragedy. However, the family must __1__ an even worse tragedy when a loved one becomes a human "vegetable". Such patients are __2__ alive and seem to be awake, but they are unable to respond to anything. They may remain in this "living death" for many years, sustained by feeding tubes and other machines. This situation causes immense emotional pain to the patient's family members. Caring for a relative in this state also places a heavy financial __3__ on the family.

In rare cases, doctors are allowed to stop feeding the patient, which __4__ leads to his or her death. However, this is a legal and moral gray area, with strong views expressed by __5__ sides. For some religious people, it is a __6__ against God to allow someone to die. Others __7__ that if someone is a "vegetable" and can never improve, then they should be allowed to die. For the doctors responsible for such patients, this is a sensitive issue with no easy answers. If a patient is alive but their brain is dead, is it right for doctors to __8__ life for as long as possible? Shouldn't families have the right to __9__ under special circumstances?

In 2012, Jodie Simpson, a 38-year-old British woman, swallowed many pills and suffered __10__ brain damage. Although Jodie was brain dead, her doctors kept her alive. Jodie's family spent years persuading the authorities to stop feeding her so that she could finally find peace. It was not until May 2016 that a judge ordered doctors to take Jodie off the feeding equipment. Three weeks later, she passed away. For Jodie's family, the agony was over and they could finally begin to grieve(哀悼) for her.

(A) undoubtedly (B) strain (C) ultimately (D) severe
(E) endure (F) opposing (G) let their loved one go (H) sin
(I) believe with all their heart (J) extend