Name:_____

Woman: How many children you got?

Man: Three. Two girls and a boy.

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Woman: I'll be back in the office early on Monday.

Man: Right. _____ a good weekend, then.

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Boy: Do you like playing this computer game?

Girl: No. _____ boring. Shall we choose something else to play?

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Man: These two coats look the same. Which one is yours?

Woman: I think mine's the one _____ the left.

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Girl: How often do you play football?

Boy: Actually, I _____ play football.

Girl: Really? I thought you liked it.

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Girl: I was off school all last week – I was feeling really ill.

Boy: Oh, I'm sorry _____ that. What was the matter?

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Woman: Can I borrow a pen?

Man: Sorry, I _____ ✓ got one.

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Woman: There have been a lot of arguments in the staff room this week. I'm not sure whether to get involved.

Man: If I were you, I'd _____ ✓ my head down. You don't need problems like that.

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Woman: I can't understand why Anna's so rude to us.

Man: _____ ✓ can I.

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Woman: They say the price of oil is going to rise again soon.

Man: Not _____ what I've heard.

11. What does the interviewer mean by his SECOND comment?

You had a chance to succeed that you had not expected.

- You took your chance when the opportunity came.
- You got the chance you deserved.

Interviewer: You've had so many of your plays staged in London that I'm afraid I've lost count.

Playwright: True, but initially, my first play didn't go down very well with the producers who read it.

Interviewer: And then, against all the odds, came the big chance!

12. What does the man mean?

- **A** The company president is arranging a meeting.
- **B** The company president is reducing the workforce.
- C The company president is going to leave the company.

Man: I hear the company president has decided to call it a day.

Woman: I'm afraid you can't believe everything you hear.

12. What does the woman mean by her SECOND comment?

A I wish it would stop raining.

B I don't think that is any consolation.

C I'm pleased that the weather has improved.

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13. **Woman:** Is the rain ever going to stop?
Man: Well, it isn't quite as heavy as it was yesterday.
Woman: Great comfort that is!

. What does the doctor mean by his SECOND comment?

A You should keep your hand dry.

B You will get ill if you let your hand get dirty.

C You would be well-advised to wash your hand this week.

14. **Doctor:** Now, keep this bandage on for a week and then make another appointment.
Patient: OK – what about washing my hand?
Doctor: That would be ill-advised.

15. What does the man mean by his FIRST comment?

A I can't understand this job.

B I have to concentrate to do this job.

C I no longer feel particularly challenged by this

Man: I'll tell you what, I can do this job with my eyes closed.
Woman: So time to move on then?
Man: If only!

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16. What does the man mean by his **SECOND** comment?

A If only I could find another job.

B If only I hadn't accepted this job.

C If only I had less to do in this job.

Man: I'll tell you what, I can do this job with my eyes closed.
Woman: So time to move on then?
Man: If only!

17. What does the boy mean?

A I don't like reading.

B I don't mind what I read.

C I don't have anything to read.

Girl: What sort of books do you like reading?
Boy: Well, anything really.

18. What does the man mean?

A I think it's a really good documentary.

B It's the only thing on worth watching.

C I'd rather watch something else.

Woman: That documentary about whales is on again tonight. It's supposed to be great.
Man: Yes, I've seen it. Is that all that's on?

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19. What does the man mean by his SECOND comment?

A I hadn't realized there was a strike.

B It was lucky the strike didn't delay you.

C I was concerned that the strike had affected you.

Man: How was your holiday?
Woman: Well, apart from being stranded at the airport for 24 hours, it was idyllic.
Man: Oh, I wondered if you'd been hit by the strike.

20. What does the woman mean?

A We need to do far more than build new roads.

B Roadbuilding may be causing problems we are unaware of.

C The issue of building new roads is a controversial one.

Man: We can't keep extending our road networks to cope with increasing numbers of tourists without giving a thought to all the wildlife we're affecting.
Woman:..... and who knows what else?

21. What does the male teacher mean?

A The principal doesn't listen to what people say.

B The principal tends to push people too hard.

C The principal's far too critical of people.

Female teacher: I don't think much of the new principal, do you?

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Male teacher: No – he's always running people down.

Summer blockbusters

In some countries, the advent of summer means long sunny days, picnics in the park, relaxing cycle rides in the country, volleyball on the beach, and eating (0) enough ice-cream to keep the local parlour **22**.

business. This is all very admirable, but not necessarily something that everyone recognizes – especially if you are a film fan. Those who are **23** me, in other words who love the cinema, look forward to the coming of summer for a very different reason.

Summer brings the latest batch of blockbusters, at **24** that's what the various film studios hope 25 be. Summer films are different from all the others. They seem more exciting, more adventurous, and, dare I say, more expendable. In the summer, film fans are happy to

part 26 their cash for a couple of hours of frothy fun. There's no need for leading actors to deliver long speeches or to provoke our thoughts after leaving the cinema. All they need to do

is entertain us 27 that we leave the cinema with thoughts of adventure, no matter it is on the high seas or the in the deepest jungle, and we all feel we can be superheroes. Well, certainly until the next ice-cream comes along.

COUPLE (30S/40S). MAN IS SLIGHTLY IMPATIENT.

MAN: Are you ready?

WOMAN: Not yet. I've found my red gloves … but I can't find my car keys anywhere. MAN: Aren't they in your handbag?

WOMAN: No. Oh, here they are … beside my sunglasses. MAN: Right. Let's go then!

28. Two people are talking. What is the woman looking for?

A her sunglasses

B her handbag

C her car keys

D her gloves

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A=woman, B=man, 20s or 30s. Chatting at B's home over a cup of tea. A is a friend who has moved tothe area recently.

A: Do you know anywhere nice round here?
B: I'd go to the Royal Oak Hotel in Forest Green – we go there quite a lot and it's always very good.A: Expensive?
B: No not really, there's a sort of restaurant bit that's mainly used for parties and business lunches andthat's a bit pricey … but they serve snacks which are just as nice – they do brilliant burgers.

29 A man and a woman are talking. The man recommends a place to have …

A a good meal.

B a birthday party.

C a business lunch.

D a day out in the forest.

Dinner party or party at a mutual friend's house. Man and woman are 30s or 40s.

A: I'm sure we've met somewhere before … your face looks very familiarB: I'm sure too
A: It's probably at my flower shop – I see so many people there I'm always thinking I know them when Idon't. Bit like being a doctor
B: No I don't think it's that … didn't you say you lived near Warnford?A: Yes ..er .. fifteen years ago it must be
B: Didn't you do the diploma at Buttermilk Farm?A: Oh yes, that's it
B: You were in the introduction to horticulture class.A: That's right.

30 A man and a woman are talking at a friend's house. They first met ...

A on a course.

B at a farm shop.

C in a flower shop.

D in a doctor's surgery.

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