51 Mr Davies is _____ you'll find in this school.

- **A** as dedicated teacher which
- **B** as dedicated a teacher as
- **C** a dedicated teacher as
- **D** the dedicated teacher as

52 The condo is great except for the noise of the planes from the nearby airport that _____ at night.

- **A** keeps us to up
- **B** keeps us up
- **C** keeps up us
- **D** keeps with us

53 Just give the admissions office a call and we'll _____ with your application.

- **A** start rolling the ball
- **B** roll the ball out
- **C** ball out and roll
- **D** get the ball rolling

54 If students have issues with classes, they must go to the manager, _____ responsibilities is to review complaints.

- **A** of whom has
- **B** one of whose
- **C** which one of
- **D** who has one of

55 I can see Jean's car still parked outside, so she _____ far.

- **A** couldn't be going
- **B** couldn't have been going
- **C** couldn't have gone
- **D** couldn't be gone

56 There was thick ice on that lake in the old days, but, now that it doesn't freeze over, kids can't skate on it _____.

- **A** like we were used to
- **B** since we used to
- **C** as we used to do
- **D** how we used it

57 I'd definitely relocate _____ the fact that my family are all nearby.

- **A** if it were not for
- **B** were not it for
- **C** if not it was
- **D** not that it was for

58 No matter _____, you'll never manage to get that old truck working again.

- **A** to try how hard
- **B** trying how hard
- **C** as you try hard
- **D** how hard you try

51	A	B	C	D
55	A	B	C	D

52	A	B	C	D
56	A	B	C	D

53	A	B	C	D
57	A	B	C	D

54	A	B	C	D
58	A	B	C	D

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59 Unfortunately, the city caught _____ of the storm and there was considerable damage done.

A the tail end
B the tail's end
C a tailing end
D a tail end

60 _____ children should be disciplined at a young age is a matter for their parents to decide.

A Whatever for
B Whenever that
C Whereby and when
D Whether or not

61 James was far from proficient at French, _____ have any inclination to improve.

A nor did he
B neither he did
C he neither nor
D nor he was

62 You _____ the book to truly appreciate the movie version.

A are to have read
B have had read
C have to have read
D all having to read

63 _____, the average person is slightly taller when they wake up than when they go to bed.

A Might it seem strange however
B However strange it might seem
C However it might seem strange
D It might seem strange however

64 You'll just have to _____ less free time and focus on the advantages of this promotion.

A reconcile you to have
B reconcile your to having
C reconcile yourself to having
D reconcile you with having

65 They are going to install _____ machine in the foyer of the building.

A a new water
B new waters
C some new waters
D new water

66 We would have found out about the travel disruption downtown _____ the news earlier.

A if we were tuned in
B were we had tuned into
C had we tuned into
D had we to tune into

59	A	B	C	D
63	A	B	C	D

60	A	B	C	D
64	A	B	C	D

61	A	B	C	D
65	A	B	C	D

62	A	B	C	D
66	A	B	C	D

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This passage is about language development.

Anyone who has tried to acquire a second language as an adult will tell you that it can be tricky to even **67)**_____ the basics. However, while as adults we may struggle with learning the speech and grammar of another tongue, young children seem to be able to pick this **68)**_____ ability up with significantly less exertion, making the **69)**_____ that perhaps, where possible, children should be raised bilingually.

Ideally this should commence at birth, as a baby's ability to **70)**_____ between different sounds in languages is an **71)**_____ that is lost at just one year old, when they can no longer **72)**_____ a distinction between sounds in languages they haven't been exposed to. Admittedly, there is some concern that children raised bilingually may **73)**_____ in learning vocabulary, but **74)**_____ is still out on whether this is correct, with research indicating that their combined vocabulary of both languages is equal or greater than that of their monolingual peers. Additionally, many cognitive advantages can be **75)**_____from being raised bilingually, including enhanced problem-solving skills. So, for anyone who wants to give their children a linguistic advantage, start sooner rather than later, so they don't **76)**_____!

67	**A**	snatch	**C**	grasp
	B	carve	**D**	embrace
68	**A**	explosive	**C**	exclusive
	B	elusive	**D**	elated
69	**A**	certainty	**C**	challenge
	B	command	**D**	case
70	**A**	disassociate	**C**	disconcert
	B	disclose	**D**	discriminate
71	**A**	attribute	**C**	indication
	B	empathy	**D**	orientation
72	**A**	paint	**C**	mark
	B	outline	**D**	draw
73	**A**	fall behind	**C**	fall off
	B	fall under	**D**	fall back
74	**A**	the jury	**C**	the trial
	B	the defendant	**D**	the court
75	**A**	evolved	**C**	derived
	B	traced	**D**	extracted
76	**A**	get in the same boat	**C**	rock the boat
	B	miss the boat	**D**	push the boat out

67	A	B	C	D
71	A	B	C	D
75	A	B	C	D

68	A	B	C	D
72	A	B	C	D
76	A	B	C	D

69	A	B	C	D
73	A	B	C	D

70	A	B	C	D
74	A	B	C	D

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This passage is about bears.

Imagine you're strolling through the woods one afternoon when suddenly you **77)**_____ a bear on the track ahead. If you believe all the media reports about bears, you're in some serious trouble and had better **78)**_____ and shin up the nearest tree before you're **79)**_____. Yet, as with most things reported in the media nowadays, the reactions to occurrences of bear attacks are completely out of **80)**_____ given that bear attacks on humans in North America are extremely **81)**_____.

As wildlife biologists frequently remind us, bear behavior is widely misunderstood; most people characterize it in terms of their own fear. Bears are highly intelligent, social animals that form **82)**_____ relationships with followers and leaders, and happily share resources. For some **83)**_____ reason, the media and popular culture have **84)**_____ them as ferocious animals always ready to attack, whereas in reality this could not be further from the truth. Whilst it is worth **85)**_____ whenever you're out walking in mountains, which are known bear habitats, **86)**_____ you won't even spot a bear let alone be attacked by one.

77	**A** come about	**B** head off	**C** stumble across	**D** run around
78	**A** make a run for it	**B** fear the worst	**C** pull your weight	**D** get a move on
79	**A** shaken up	**B** torn apart	**C** kicked off	**D** held back
80	**A** line	**B** proportion	**C** season	**D** touch
81	**A** off the beaten track	**B** far removed	**C** touch and go	**D** few and far between
82	**A** predominant	**B** superior	**C** hierarchical	**D** parallel
83	**A** inexplicable	**B** disillusioned	**C** thoughtless	**D** contradictory
84	**A** portrayed	**B** prescribed	**C** targeted	**D** stamped
85	**A** keeping your temper	**B** going through the motions	**C** being on your guard	**D** gaining the upper hand
86	**A** in perspective	**B** for the best	**C** on principle	**D** in all likelihood

77	A	B	C	D
81	A	B	C	D
85	A	B	C	D

78	A	B	C	D
82	A	B	C	D
86	A	B	C	D

79	A	B	C	D
83	A	B	C	D

80	A	B	C	D
84	A	B	C	D

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87 When it came to sentencing the defendant, the judge showed no _____.

- **A** mercy
- **B** dignity
- **C** clarity
- **D** charisma

88 The birth of their daughter was _____ with joy by the whole family.

- **A** stirred
- **B** retrieved
- **C** marked
- **D** greeted

89 People with _____ lifestyles are most at risk of obesity and heart disease.

- **A** sedentary
- **B** versatile
- **C** pathetic
- **D** redundant

90 Johan says his lack of computer skills is _____.

- **A** handing him down
- **B** tipping him off
- **C** holding him back
- **D** tracking him down

91 The report _____ mentioned the financial difficulties the company has faced, focusing on more positive aspects instead.

- **A** abruptly
- **B** wholly
- **C** scarcely
- **D** roughly

92 _____, the tiger cubs survived until adulthood.

- **A** As it stands
- **B** Against all the odds
- **C** Not in the least
- **D** In all probability

93 The painting sold for over $1 million before it was discovered that it was a _____.

- **A** hoax
- **B** fake
- **C** scam
- **D** mirror

94 Athletes have to _____ a high level of performance to win many competitions.

- **A** sustain
- **B** urge
- **C** differentiate
- **D** commit

87	A	B	C	D
91	A	B	C	D

88	A	B	C	D
92	A	B	C	D

89	A	B	C	D
93	A	B	C	D

90	A	B	C	D
94	A	B	C	D

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95 Mountain climbers must take great care because they are always _____ the weather.

- **A** at the hands of
- **B** at the mercy of
- **C** in the face of
- **D** in the process of

96 The mayor's office has _____ on funding for the arts this year.

- **A** fallen back
- **B** stirred up
- **C** sealed off
- **D** cut back

97 Last night's _____ caused considerable damage to the roofs of many cars.

- **A** drizzle
- **B** coral
- **C** dew
- **D** hail

98 When questioned, the boys' stories _____ one another.

- **A** contradicted
- **B** blocked
- **C** exclaimed
- **D** disqualified

99 At Hailsford College we believe there is no _____ to success, and our impressive alumni list proves this.

- **A** brake
- **B** rail
- **C** wall
- **D** bar

100 This hotel suite is one of our most _____, with a jacuzzi and a roof terrace overlooking the city.

- **A** obscene
- **B** lavish
- **C** dazed
- **D** finite

101 Make sure that you _____ the contract before sending it to the client.

- **A** strike
- **B** amend
- **C** equate
- **D** vow

102 Finding _____ can be the most difficult part of writing a novel.

- **A** imitation
- **B** inspiration
- **C** composition
- **D** conviction

95	A	B	C	D
99	A	B	C	D

96	A	B	C	D
100	A	B	C	D

97	A	B	C	D
101	A	B	C	D

98	A	B	C	D
102	A	B	C	D

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This passage is about uncertainty.

You never know what the future holds, and while individuals usually manage to get on with things without worrying about what is beyond their control, thinking about all the eventualities is one of the paramount concerns for businesses. In the world of work, uncertainty is concerned with the inability to predict or influence events that may impact negatively on the business. This shouldn't be confused with the term 'risk', which, while similar in meaning, can be assessed, and analyzed in ways that uncertainty can't be, therefore giving businesses the luxury of potentially mitigating any negative consequences. This kind of mitigation is simply not a facet of uncertainty, which is something that can spring from nowhere.

This is not to state that nothing can be done about uncertainty, but usually it's a reactive activity rather than something premeditated. One of the most essential actions businesses can take when encountering a situation of uncertainty is to face it. When some event beyond their control rears its ugly head, rather than shy away from it managers need to roll their sleeves up and prioritize contingency plans, with ideas of what to do in the short and medium term to limit any damage. For example, if trade problems between two countries severely affect a company's exports, it's critical to work on efforts to minimize this disruption. It's not easy of course, and additional business lines around the core of the business may need to be cut adrift, but the most important goal is survival in these circumstances.

Another way that uncertainty can tear through a business is if the company places all its eggs in one basket, or, to put it more simply, has a very narrow service or product offering. Uncertainty can affect any part of a business, ranging from shortages of materials to regional difficulties or whole-industry breakdown, so, where possible, diversification in a company's offerings can be a welcome safety belt to combat the effects of uncertainty.

103 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to argue why uncertainty is an intrinsic part of business
- **B** to outline why businesses need to face uncertainty
- **C** to describe how businesses can cope with uncertainty
- **D** to highlight how uncertainty can affect businesses

104 What does the writer say about risk?

- **A** it is optional
- **B** it is tangible
- **C** it is beneficial
- **D** it is unexpected

105 What advice for businesses does the writer give in paragraph 2?

- **A** to focus on maintaining the central offering
- **B** to look at how products can be diversified
- **C** to make new plans in order to change the core product
- **D** to make sure everyone is working hard to fix problems

106 What should businesses do to avoid materials shortages?

- **A** work with many regions
- **B** have a back-up plan
- **C** change suppliers
- **D** broaden their products

107 In paragraph 4, sentence 2, which word could replace **outside the box**?

- **A** impulsively
- **B** ethically
- **C** proactively
- **D** imaginatively

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Take, for example, how hard a shoe manufacturer that only works with leather shoes would be hit by a ban on leather compared to a similar business that uses a wider range of materials.

An additional point to think about in terms of dealing with uncertainty is ensuring that a company can make flexible adjustments during a time of crisis. One obvious example of this is how some companies survived during the Covid-19 pandemic by thinking **outside the box**. While people weren't spending money on traditional businesses during the global pandemic, some of the more inventive minds of business shifted their production to providing medical equipment or to making payments fully contactless where possible.

Lastly, during uncertain times communication and transparency when communicating with its employees is essential for any business. From bottom to top, everyone in a company is worried about uncertainty in their work, and employees need to understand the security of their jobs as much as possible. Businesses should make sure that they update workers constantly about the company's financial situation and plans to move forward, so that they are invested and pull together to come out of the tough times.

108 Why should employees be made aware of uncertainty?

A to help them to plan for their own futures

B to create a feeling of care towards the company's future

C to let them know that tough times are ahead

D to ensure that they work harder to pull through

103	A	B	C	D
107	A	B	C	D

104	A	B	C	D
108	A	B	C	D

105	A	B	C	D

106	A	B	C	D

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This passage is about Hollywood.

In our collective minds, the Californian neighborhood of Hollywood is so much more than just a physical location. It's also synonymous with the glitz and glamour of the silver screen, and a dream destination for anyone who wishes to make a name for themselves on the big screen. What is widely considered to be the world's oldest movie industry was established there, but little over a century ago the area was a far cry from its current appearance.

In the late 1800s, the locality was an agricultural community, with the majority of residents being four-legged rather than studio bosses and superstars. Modern 'Hollywood' **came into being** in the early 1900s, when a developer bought the farmland to construct a high-class neighborhood and hotel in addition to incorporating its now-famous name.

At the same time, on the east coast of the USA, the very first movies were being made by inventor Thomas Edison, who had patented the moving-image process. This made it costly or dangerous for other moviemakers to work as they had to either pay expensive fees to Edison or use equipment illicitly in the hope of not getting caught. While many people believe this was responsible for the movie industry's origins in west coast Hollywood, it seems to be far from the only explanation.

In fact, many entrepreneurs realized that California was ideal for moviemaking, thanks to its large open spaces, sparse rainfall, comparatively cheap land and, fundamentally, unlike the east coast, its terrain. It was the perfect backdrop for Westerns, the mainstream genre of the era, highlighting the pioneering spirit of the time. Hollywood was further **heralded** as a movie epicentre when director D.W. Griffiths ventured out to different areas in California to make the first Hollywood movie, 'In Old California'.

By the late 1910s, the principal movie studios had established themselves in Hollywood, and went from strength to strength, even during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

109 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to explain the advantages of Hollywood
- **B** to outline the origins of Hollywood
- **C** to describe the problems of early moviemaking
- **D** to explore how moviemaking started in the USA

110 In the second line of paragraph 2, which word can best replace **came into being?**

- **A** came to light
- **B** came to mind
- **C** came about
- **D** came along

111 With what did early moviemakers have problems?

- **A** intimidation
- **B** space
- **C** apparatus
- **D** rights

112 What was the best thing about the west coast?

- **A** Its climate
- **B** Its cost-effectiveness
- **C** Its landscape
- **D** Its pioneering spirit

113 In the second line of the fourth paragraph, which word can best replace **heralded?**

- **A** nominated
- **B** examined
- **C** deduced
- **D** signaled

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It turns out that, even through times of desperate hardships, the escapism of the big screen is a big draw, which is also why the movie industry is commonly known as 'recession proof', something we can certainly believe if Hollywood is any indicator.

114 What does the writer say about the movie industry?

A It has an unfair reputation,

B It has consistently succeeded.

C It's stronger during recessions.

D It's strongest in Hollywood.

109	A	B	C	D
113	A	B	C	D

110	A	B	C	D
114	A	B	C	D

111	A	B	C	D

112	A	B	C	D



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This passage is about the Bermuda Triangle.

A part of the far-reaching ocean where people mysteriously disappear no matter whether they fly or sail through it? It sounds the stuff of legends, doesn't it? However, some people contend that this kind of phenomena exists in what is known as the Bermuda Triangle.

The Bermuda Triangle is a vast, triangular area of the Atlantic Ocean that stretches from Florida to Bermuda via Puerto Rico, and has become known as a much more than just another stretch of sea. The story of the Bermuda Triangle was born the 1950s, when people started noting mysterious disappearances of both ships and planes in the area. It is a moniker so well-known that it also spawned an international hit for irrepressible crooner Barry Manilow in the 1980s.

For many people, the Bermuda Triangle is simply an urban legend, something that sparks the imagination of conspiracy theorists and **sensationalists** worldwide. This perspective is understandable when we look at some of the extraordinary theories that have been expounded on the mystery of the region, theories that, at their most outlandish, include technology from the lost city of Atlantis and a time warp that sucks people into another dimension.

While these ideas might be amusing to entertain, for the majority of people they just aren't credible explanations for the disappearances in the area. This is not to say that there haven't been theories that have held water, especially ones revolving around environmental phenomena such as the changes in the Gulf Stream, an ocean current that can bring strong and sudden weather changes, or simply the number of hurricanes present in that area. Yet, whether we need to explore any more theories is truly open to debate.

115 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to explain what the mystery of the Bermuda Triangle is about
- **B** to explore the history surrounding the Bermuda Triangle
- **C** to discuss whether the Bermuda Triangle is special or not
- **D** to outline the scientific explanation of the Bermuda Triangle

116 Why is the name of the Bermuda Triangle famous?

- **A** because of a song
- **B** because of its geography
- **C** because of a shipwreck
- **D** because of its reputation

117 In paragraph 3, line 1, which word could best replace **sensationalists**?

- **A** loudmouths
- **B** gossips
- **C** bigots
- **D** tricksters

118 In paragraph 5, sentence 1, which term could replace the phrase **with a pinch of salt**?

- **A** lightly
- **B** suspiciously
- **C** seriously
- **D** bluntly

119 What are the chances of crashing in the Bermuda Triangle?

- **A** too difficult to evaluate accurately
- **B** much higher than elsewhere
- **C** slightly higher than elsewhere
- **D** the same as anywhere else

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Even these days on the internet it's no trouble at all to come across many a snappy article or soundbite video concerning the truth of the Bermuda Triangle being 'finally revealed', but the smart reader would do well to take these **with a pinch of salt**. The evidence seems to suggest that the whole commotion around the Bermuda Triangle was built on half-truths and wild imaginations, and that claims of even slightly more peril in this part of the ocean compared to others are in fact dubious. This is supported by insurers Lloyds of London, who don't put a risk premium on the Bermuda Triangle at all, stating that the region has as much a chance of experiencing a crash or sinking than any other ocean setting. So, if you're thinking of sailing the seven seas any time soon, put your worries into navigating the truly perilous patches of sea, like Cape Horn, and sit back and enjoy the cruising around Bermuda!

120 Which word best describes the writer's view on the subject?

A amused

B cynical

C puzzled

D worried

115	A	B	C	D
119	A	B	C	D

116	A	B	C	D
120	A	B	C	D

117	A	B	C	D

118	A	B	C	D



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