51 When Lucy got to the airport, she _____ idea how to get to her hotel.

- **A** only knew the slightest
- **B** wasn't the slightest
- **C** just knew the slightest
- **D** didn't have the slightest

52 It's still in doubt _____ for a second term.

- **A** when the President is running
- **B** if the President is run
- **C** that the President is to run
- **D** whether the President will run

53 Many people enjoy travelling, but few _____ give up their jobs and journey around the world.

- **A** go too far that
- **B** go so far as to
- **C** go that far so to
- **D** go as far for to

54 The first KC Jones movie was somewhat predictable, but _____ amazing action scenes.

- **A** it had had some
- **B** did it have some
- **C** it did have some
- **D** some it did have

55 The cafeteria is closed at the moment because the college is _____.

- **A** to be refurbished it
- **B** being refurbished it
- **C** has it refurbished
- **D** having it refurbished

56 _____ when the Brooklyn Bears star player was taken off with an injury.

- **A** Hardly started had the game
- **B** Hardly had the game started
- **C** Had the game hardly started
- **D** Had hardly the game started

57 It's quite _____ not to call and let us know they'd be late.

- **A** to unlike
- **B** unlike of them
- **C** unlike them
- **D** they're unlike

58 When Pete was training for track and field at college, he _____ by the coach for his arrogant attitude.

- **A** was constantly being yelled at
- **B** has constantly been yelled at
- **C** had been constantly yelling at
- **D** constantly was to be yelling at

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 My boss gave me a raise recently, and to _____ I also got the employee of the month award.

A top of it all
B top it all off
C top off all
D top it off all

60 Had Julia been in less of rush, she _____ her phone on the kitchen table.

A wouldn't have been leaving
B wouldn't have left
C wouldn't be leaving
D wouldn't leave

61 The report was so hard to understand that even after reading it twice I'm _____.

A not the wisest
B not much wisest
C none the wiser
D none to be wise

62 _____ book your trip with us, you'll get a personal travel advisor to help you with any queries.

A You should choose to
B When you choose that
C Should you choose to
D If you choose that

63 _____ in the house for the weekend while his parents were on vacation, Dean decided to have a party.

A Having had been left
B Having to have left
C Having had left
D Having been left

64 Harry and Lisa work well together, and _____ the other's positive traits.

A each of them respects
B they each respects
C they respect each
D each of they respect

65 The freeway is the only route into the city right now, so it _____ since about 6:00am this morning.

A will be backed up
B will be backing up
C will have been backed up
D will have backed up

66 _____ the scholarship program, some students wouldn't be able to afford the course.

A If not it were for
B Were it not for if
C Had it not to be for
D If it hadn't been for

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 glaciers.

Of all the different types of scenery in North America, those that inspire the most **67)**_____ in people are glaciers, immense slow-moving sheets of ice that **68)**_____ out unique natural landscapes. Snow **69)**_____ glaciers when significant quantities accumulate into layers that build on one another and gradually turn into a mass of ice over many years.

To be classified as a glacier, this gigantic quantity of ice must be capable of movement. This **70)**_____ occurs when the compacted snow is over 150 feet in depth and its size and weight become susceptible to the **71)**_____ of gravity. Due to these factors, glaciers are only found in extremely mountainous areas, often at high altitude.

Glaciers move at variable speeds **72)**_____, and as they travel they scratch the surface of the Earth, **73)**_____ it as they go. This movement cannot be seen **74)**_____, but using a time-lapse camera and speeding up the video recording highlights this natural phenomenon clearly.

Sadly, glaciers are disappearing at an alarming rate, and a **75)**_____ of this is The Glacier National Park in Montana, which, according to scientists, **76)**_____ the majority of its glaciers in as little as fifteen years.

67	**A**	empathy	**C**	illusion
	B	awe	**D**	harmony
68	**A**	shape	**C**	carve
	B	cast	**D**	drain
69	**A**	binds	**C**	attaches
	B	merges	**D**	forms
70	**A**	invariably	**C**	intensely
	B	allegedly	**D**	harshly
71	**A**	concentration	**C**	severity
	B	force	**D**	measurement
72	**A**	downhill	**C**	fluidly
	B	drifting	**D**	faraway
73	**A**	undermining	**C**	peeling
	B	crumbling	**D**	eroding
74	**A**	eye to eye	**C**	in your mind's eye
	B	in the blink of an eye	**D**	with the naked eye
75	**A**	vicious cycle	**C**	sharp contrast
	B	prime example	**D**	wild guess
76	**A**	puts to one side	**C**	stands to lose
	B	gives rise to	**D**	draws the line at

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 Air Force One.

The term 'Air Force One' technically **77)**_____ any plane that holds the President, but most people use it to refer to the two identical Boeing 747 planes that are the President's habitual form of air transport. As you might imagine, there is **78)**_____ in their construction, both in terms of the interior and exterior of the aircrafts. They each have three floors that include offices, bedrooms, kitchens and even a gym; every possible thing that might **79)**_____ for the President and his team.

The qualities and behaviors of these presidential planes are highly unconventional in order to ensure the utmost safety in any **80)**_____. For example, these planes always take off simultaneously and follow unusual flight **81)**_____ in the air in order to **82)**_____ the President's exact location.

The planes are also capable of refuelling mid-air, and are equipped with the latest technology to ensure that communications cannot be **83)**_____, therefore being able to work as a command center if needed. In fact, these planes could be in the air **84)**_____ if the President ever needed to run the country remotely. If that's not enough safety, **85)**_____ Air Force One at all times is an additional aircraft, called the Doomsday plane, which is essentially an armor-plated nuclear bunker that can be used as a **86)**_____ by the President.

77 **A** denotes **B** coincides **C** exemplifies **D** boasts

78 **A** worthy of attention **B** a force to be reckoned with **C** no expense spared **D** an unknown quantity

79 **A** be an effort **B** come in useful **C** derive comfort **D** let off steam

80 **A** retreat **B** patch **C** scenario **D** orientation

81 **A** formations **B** circuits **C** instructions **D** assemblies

82 **A** filter **B** handle **C** offset **D** obscure

83 **A** succumbed **B** compromised **C** testified **D** reconstructed

84 **A** predominantly **B** strategically **C** conclusively **D** indefinitely

85 **A** in attendance **B** at a loss **C** in the vicinity of **D** on the verge of

86 **A** change of heart **B** last resort **C** turn for the worse **D** strong support

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 The decision to raise rail ticket prices _____ outrage from many commuters.

- **A** recollected
- **B** pinpointed
- **C** sparked
- **D** hindered

88 Our hotel chain is _____ across the country for its quality service.

- **A** renowned
- **B** redeemed
- **C** remarkable
- **D** refined

89 A _____ is inserted to take blood, but it shouldn't hurt.

- **A** stake
- **B** needle
- **C** barrel
- **D** tube

90 Some _____ groups became violent during the protests.

- **A** fanatic
- **B** extremist
- **C** earnest
- **D** ardent

91 The orchestra will play a _____ by a new composer tonight.

- **A** dissertation
- **B** transmission
- **C** distribution
- **D** composition

92 People who _____ their work often become highly successful.

- **A** bury themselves in
- **B** make allowances for
- **C** have a soft spot for
- **D** owe their existence to

93 Drivers can be _____ by the headlights of oncoming traffic at night.

- **A** crushed
- **B** dazzled
- **C** constrained
- **D** dimmed

94 This semester's papers _____ the final grade for this course.

- **A** count with
- **B** count on
- **C** count up
- **D** count towards

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 At the end of summer, the swimming pool is _____ and cleaned.

A flattened
B curbed
C expired
D drained

96 Walking daily can certainly increase _____ for the majority of people.

A longevity
B persistence
C expansion
D durability

97 The shopping mall plans _____ some serious opposition from local stores.

A ran up against
B stuck up for
C came down to
D talked out of

98 Mr Daniel Davies is the newest _____ to the board of directors.

A delegation
B appointment
C commission
D fulfilment

99 It is far better to choose a perfume with a _____ fragrance rather than something overwhelming.

A dull
B pale
C fragile
D subtle

100 We decided to take a day trip to the beach _____.

A every so often
B on impulse
C within limits
D a fair amount

101 Alan was typing _____ in his office all day trying to meet his deadline.

A almost
B around
C away
D afar

102 Michael leant too hard on the tree branch and it _____.

A unwound
B rocked
C snapped
D clicked

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 waste disposal.

Disposing of waste is one of society's greatest challenges. From plastic food packaging to chemicals used in manufacturing to the vast quantities of electronic waste cluttering up our homes, working out what to do with things we no longer want is often seen as the curse of modern living. It is estimated that, globally, people generate 350 million tonnes of plastic alone per year – double what it was at the turn of the century.

An even more depressing statistic is the amount of this plastic waste that is recycled, a figure that currently stands at a mere 9%, meaning vast quantities of plastic waste are still being sent to landfill. In addition, the latest reports about waste being dumped into seas and rivers make for grim reading to say the least.

Looking on the bright side though, new processes and approaches are gaining ground. In terms of recycling, there are plenty of start-ups throwing technological solutions at the problem (with some measure of success). New robots are powered by software programs that are far better than older recycling plants at sorting materials accurately and in much larger quantities. **They** are a welcome innovation in an industry that has notoriously tight margins. There are so many glues, inks and other ingredients that are difficult to dispose of that it's no wonder that so many recycling companies go out of business.

Of course, there are a couple of glaringly obvious approaches to disposing of waste. Firstly, companies should change the raw materials they use for biodegradable materials and adjust their processes to produce less waste wherever possible. Secondly, consumers could increase their awareness of the issue and act accordingly

103 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to educate people about how to recycle more
- **B** to explore new approaches to waste management
- **C** to predict the best solutions to waste disposal
- **D** to explain how waste pollutes the environment

104 What is the author's view of recent accounts about waste?

- **A** they are overly concerned with statistics
- **B** they don't contain sufficient details
- **C** people don't read enough of them
- **D** they contain disturbing information

105 In the fourth sentence of paragraph 3, what does **they** refer to?

- **A** materials
- **B** software programs
- **C** robots
- **D** recycling plants

106 What does the passage say about recycling businesses?

- **A** they are not particularly lucrative
- **B** they are at the forefront of innovation
- **C** they embrace complex challenges
- **D** they do not have a promising future

107 What advice does the passage give to companies?

- **A** they should listen to feedback from their customers
- **B** they don't need to make complicated changes
- **C** they must implement changes immediately
- **D** they shouldn't be reluctant to make changes

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by choosing products with minimal waste, or by consuming less in the first place. Although it can be time consuming on an individual level, there is plenty that diligent, forward-thinking citizens can do, so it's worth taking action. Many a large organization has had to make a U-turn on waste-disposal policies following consumer complaints, or, more likely, as a reaction to a drop in sales when consumers decide to take their business elsewhere.

108 What is the author's point in the final paragraph?

A consumers can effect change more than they think

B companies will change their policies if enough people complain

C companies want to keep up with purchasing trends

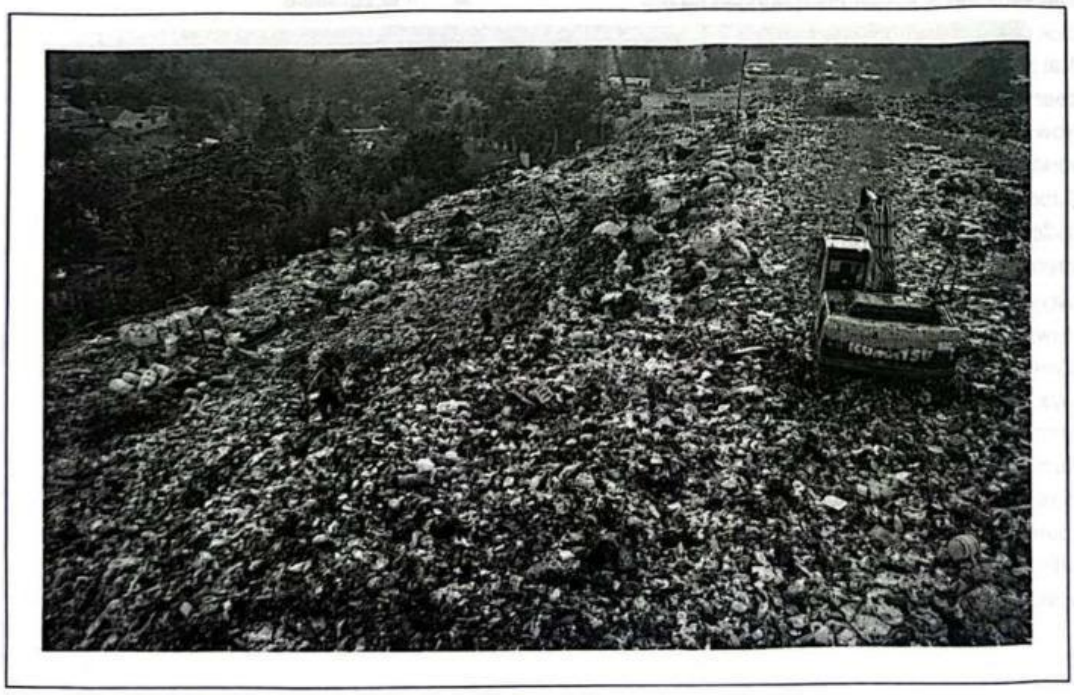
D consumers have a bad attitude towards reducing waste

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 toys.

It is always difficult to imagine everyday life in ancient societies, but one subject that has long puzzled archaeologists and historians is the everyday life of children and to what extent it differs from that of children today. There is far less documented about the lives of children in the ancient civilisations such as the Greeks, Romans or Aztecs compared to those of adults. This means that when archaeologists find artefacts that they suspect might be toys, they run into all sorts of difficulties trying to confirm whether their hunches are accurate or simply wild guesses.

For one thing, where an object is found, or its 'context' as archaeologists refer to it, is not always as useful as might be expected. For example, a doll found in a child's tomb may have had a ceremonial function rather than being a plaything. Similarly, children may have played with pots and pans in ancient civilisations in much the same way as they do in modern kitchens, yet finding kitchen utensils in a context connected with children does not count as evidence of this.

The situation is further compounded by the lack of attention from academics as it appears that studying the lives of ancient children has been far down the list of priorities of **many**. Nowadays, however, interest is growing, and various myths and assumptions are being dispelled. One of these is that, in the civilizations of the past, society had little interest in the lives of children; they rarely played and therefore did not require toys. However, written accounts exist of toys being given as gifts as well as descriptions of the toys that adults and their children played with. Another reliable source of evidence is through illustrations rather than texts. Vases, tombstones and other objects provide a rich source of images depicting children playing with toys, although, again, archaeologists advise caution when interpreting these images.

109 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to explain the difficulties of interpreting evidence
- **B** to give an overview of archaeological techniques
- **C** to show how research problems are being overcome
- **D** to outline types of childhood objects uncovered on digs

110 Why is the archaeology of toys different from other areas of archaeology?

- **A** there are very few physical examples of ancient toys
- **B** there is a lack of recorded information concerning ancient toys
- **C** there is no easy way to identify the function of the objects found
- **D** most images and documents are misleading on the subject

111 What does the passage say about context?

- **A** it is redundant
- **B** it is deceptive
- **C** it is indispensable
- **D** it is versatile

112 In the first sentence of paragraph 3, what does the word **many** refer to?

- **A** lives
- **B** priorities
- **C** academics
- **D** children

113 What is a more recent discovery concerning ancient toys?

- **A** they usually had more than one function
- **B** some were played with by all ages
- **C** most children rarely used their toys
- **D** they originally contained images

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It is easy to imagine that an object looks similar to a modern toy when in all likelihood it would have had a completely different purpose in the ancient world, perhaps one more practical or related to religious practices.

Today's archaeologists have **a trick up their sleeves** that, until recently, has been unavailable: technology. Whereas, in the past, assessments of whether objects were for children meant focusing on how well they had been crafted or interpreting the context of the site where they were found, today's analytical methods are much more scientific and can include, among other techniques, fingerprint analysis. In this way, the mysteries of ancient toys are gradually being uncovered.

114 In the first sentence of paragraph 4, what word could best replace **a trick up their sleeve**?

A an advantage

B an approach

C an effort

D an attempt

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 elite sports.

The pressure that elite sports players are under is almost impossible for us mere mortals to grasp. The fear of hitting a home run, running the hundred meters or taking a penalty shot in front of a crowd of thousands as the cacophonous noise rises up through a stadium is unthinkable for anyone not trained to manage **it**. And yet, elite sports players willingly put themselves in the spotlight to perform under this kind of pressure week in week out.

To ensure that this pressure does not become overwhelming, a variety of techniques are employed by elite sports people. These days psychology is at the forefront of this preparation. It is vital that athletes are able to stay focussed, practice techniques and hone their skills over long periods of time, and, most significantly, bounce back from defeats. Having strength, pace and ability is not enough for an athlete to reach the top and stay there. Elite sports players need a positive mindset as well as resilience when they face losses or absences due to injury.

Many elite sports players stress the importance of focusing on goal setting and approaching their sport with a personal desire to improve rather than **succumbing** to pressures from outside, be they from family or society. They take each game as it comes and use defeats as opportunities to learn and improve. The enjoyment that they get from practicing over and over in order to improve is what sets them apart from others, and this contributes to their elite status. They are not concerned with the judgement that comes from the media or fans because they understand how easy it is to let negative talk undermine their confidence.

However, just as physical skills require commitment over time, mental toughness cannot be achieved overnight either. It too

115 What is the main purpose of the passage?

- **A** to show how psychologists study elite sports players
- **B** to explain how elite sports players practice
- **C** to outline how physical factors impact upon success
- **D** to describe how elite sports players manage their mental health

116 In the second sentence of paragraph 1, what does **it** refer to?

- **A** fear
- **B** noise
- **C** shot
- **D** crowd

117 What does the author say elite sports players need?

- **A** constructive criticism from coaches
- **B** the desire to win at any cost
- **C** the ability to overcome setbacks
- **D** better stamina than everyone else

118 In the first sentence of paragraph 3, what word could best replace **succumb**?

- **A** resign
- **B** surrender
- **C** abandon
- **D** withdraw

119 How do elite sports players react to criticism?

- **A** they are able to put it aside
- **B** they react badly to it
- **C** they become less confident
- **D** they use it to set goals

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requires setting measurable goals. Coaches and psychologists can play an important role in this by developing personalized plans that work towards creating the right attitudes for athletes. Having complementary physical and mental training regimes can go a long way towards ensuring that elite sports players keep the pressure they face in perspective.

120 What point does the author make about training elite sports players?

A it takes longer to train the mind than the body

B players need to change their attitudes to training

C programs should address the body and mind equally

D coaches should implement specific techniques

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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