



CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO FILL IN THE BLANK

Question 1. "I'm sure the Whitleys were involved." "They _____ have since they know nothing about the business"

- A. can't B. wouldn't C. shouldn't D. mustn't

Question 2. "Candy's an excellent pianist, isn't she ?" "She _____ to win the prize if she plays this well during the competitions.

- A. is due B. is bound C. is about D. is set

Question 3. _____, the balcony chairs will be ruined in this weather.

- A. Leaving uncovered B. Having left uncovered
C. Left uncovered D. Been left uncovered

Question 4. His friends offered to _____ the next time he was in town, so that he wouldn't have to pay for a hotel.

- A. place him in B. put him up C. back him up D. turn him out

Question 5. Suasn became so tired of city life that she decided to buy a piece of land _____

- A. out of the ordinary B. as the crow flies
C. far and away D. in the middle of nowhere

Question 6. The _____ of our cruise includes stops at six ports in three different countries.

- A. timetable B. intention C. itinerary D. itemization

Question 7. My mind went _____ when the official asked me my phone number-I couldn't remember it at all.

- A. empty B. clear C. blank D. vacant

Question 8. The life _____ of individuals in developed countries increases dramatically every decade.

- A. expectation B. exception C. exertion D. expectancy

Question 9. She believes that all countries should _____ the death penalty as it is inhumane.

- A. put down to B. catch up on C. get down to D. do away with

Question 10. Although the journey was _____ with danger, it turned out to be a rewarding experience for everyone.

- A. fraught B. filled C. full D. littered

Question 11. One way to let off _____ after a stressful day is to take some vigorous exercise.

- A. cloud B. tension C. steam D. sweat

Question 12. I'm amazed that this game ever _____-it is so silly!

- A. took in B. caught on C. took up D. caught by

Question 13. They avoid the usual tourist attractions in favor of places that are off the _____ track.

- A. gone B. worn C. beaten D. ridden

Question 14. Their research into the causes of cancer promises to break new _____ in the field and possibly lead to a cure.

- A. earth B. ground C. soil D. land

Question 15. The _____ of the building of the new shopping centre are doing everything they can to prevent the project from starting.

- A. advocates B. opponents C. independents D. opposites

Question 16. After three days in the desert, his mind began to play _____ on him.

- A. games B. jokes C. tricks D. fun

Question 17. Finding the gorillas alive had been _____ his wildest dreams.

- A. past B. beneath C. beyond D. without

Question 18. He has been _____ to supporting his nephews.

- A. determined B. allowed C. compromised D. committed

Question 19. She worried _____ about her exam and couldn't focus on her revision.

- A. constantly B. practically C. decidedly D. effectively

Question 20. Different measures have been _____ to help the homeless.

- A. make B. taken C. done D. conducted

Question 21. The noisy music _____ the students from their test.

- A. distracted B. disrupted C. dissolved D. disqualified

Question 22. Health food is now _____ in popularity.

- A. growing B. raising C. getting D. flying

Question 23. _____ fire, please break the glass and ring the bell.

- A. in case of B. during C. because of D. with a view to

Question 24. Left-handed children are said to be _____ to accidents in the kitchen.

- A. prone B. clear C. aware D. bound

Question 25. It was _____ of Harry to arrive late and then try to dominate the meeting.

- A. common B. usual C. ordinary D. typical

Question 26. During their first date, Jane had nervously peppered the conversation with _____ talk.

- A. unimportant B. tiny C. small D. trivial

Question 27. The match will be screened on ITV with _____ commentary by Andy Gray.

- A. lively B. live C. alive D. living

Question 28. The job creation scheme is still in its _____

- A. childhood B. babyhood C. opening D. infancy

Question 29. I am subjected to _____ smoking in the office and at home.

- A. passive B. inactive C. involuntary D. reluctant

Question 30. Dr Chen advised me to use this remedy in _____ as it is extremely potent.

- A. restraint B. moderation C. control D. regulation

Question 31. I'm _____ my brother is.

- A. nowhere like so ambitious B. nothing near as ambitious as
C. nothing as ambitious than D. nowhere near as ambitious as

Question 32. Reports are coming in that a flood has hit a heavily-_____ area in the south of India

- A. crowed B. personalized C. peopled D. populated

Question 33. It was _____ a victory that even Smith's fans couldn't believe it.

- A. such surprising B. so surprising C. too surprising D. surprising

Question 34. I always clean the flat before my mom comes round, but she always finds at least one _____ of dust.

- A. scrap B. gust C. speck D. blade

Question 35. Everyone _____ around the old woman on the floor, but no one offered her any help.

- A. crowded B. spread C. put D. hung

Question 36. I do agree there _____ simple solution to this problem.

- A. is no B. be not C. not to be D. not being

Question 37. I know you didn't want to upset me but I'd sooner you _____ me the whole truth yesterday.

- A. could have told B. told C. have told D. had told

Question 38. As the drug took _____, the patient became quieter.

- A. effect B. force C. influence D. action

Question 39. The dawn redwood appears _____ some 100 million years ago in northern forests around the world.

- A. was flourished B. having to flourish C. to have flourished D. have flourished

Question 40. His comments _____ little or no relation to the facts and the figures of the case.

- A. reflect B. bear C. give D. possess



II. CHOSE THE WORD OR PHRASE THAT BEST FITS EACH SPACE IN THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE

We often assume the best way to.....(41) to a decision is to spend ages taking into account a lot of information before we arrive at our conclusion. We.....(42) the evidence in the belief that instant decisions are unreliable. However, there are arguments for a reassessment of that.....(43). It may be that.....(44) our subconscious mind does a better job in a moment than our conscious mind does.

When Evelyn Harrison, a(n).....(45) on sculpture, was shown a statue that the J. Paul Getty Museum had purchased for \$10 million, she.....(46) out that it was a fake. It came.....(47) a shock to the museum. Harrison was...(48) to explain why she had formed that impression, but it was enough to.....(49) doubt on the statue. Now most experts have come round to her(50), but how did she.....(51) the difference between that and the..... (52) article so quickly? It's probable that her subconscious mind sorted through information that escaped the(53) of her conscious mind. Although we are rarely, ...(54) aware of our subconscious mind, it can be surprisingly.....(55)

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| Question 41. | A. come | B. go | C. reach | D. make |
| Question 42. | A. measure | B. observe | C. weigh | D. give |
| Question 43. | A. outlook | B. view | C. proof | D. support |
| Question 44. | A. the time of the live | | B. from time to time | |
| | C. all the time | | D. many a time | |
| Question 45. | A. scholar | B. specialist | C. artist | D. expert |
| Question 46. | A. put | B. figured | C. mumbled | D. blurted |
| Question 47. | A. as | B. with | C. in | D. by |
| Question 48. | A. incapable | B. difficult | C. unable | D. hard |
| Question 49. | A. put | B. lay | C. cast | D. place |
| Question 50. | A. place | B. position | C. argument | D. point |
| Question 51. | A. made | B. tell | C. realize | D. seek |
| Question 52. | A. inimitable | B. true | C. actual | D. real |
| Question 53. | A. notice | B. procession | C. realization | D. guard |
| Question 54. | A. let alone | B. in fact | C. even then | D. if ever |
| Question 55. | A. influential | B. dependent | C. effective | D. productive |



III. IDENTIFY THE MISTAKE IN EACH SENTENCE

- Question 56.** Asteroids may be fragments (A) of a planet shattered (B) long ago (C) or from material (D) the nuclei of old comets.

Question 57. Beside (A) the ages of nine and fifteen, almost (B) all young (C) people undergo a rapid (D) series of physiological changes.

Question 58. Ponds are noted (A) for their rich and varied types of (B) plant and animal life, which all maintain (C) in a delicate ecological balance (D).

Question 59. The explorers said that (A) they could make (B) the round trip shorter if (C) the weather had not been that bad (D)

Question 60. The Pinebrook Inn has (A) a courtesy bus which (B) runs every thirty minute (C) both to and from (D) the downtown area.

Question 61. Most authorities consider both (A) dreaming while (B) sleep and daydreaming to be (C) forms of fantasy (D).

Question 62. Antique auctions (A) are getting more and more (B) popular in the United States because of increasingly (C) public awareness of the value of (D) investing in antiques.

Question 63. An X-ray microscope enables (A) a person to see on (B) solid materials such as (C) metal and bone (D).

Question 64. The growth rate (A) of the Pacific Rim countries is twice faster than (B) others comparable (C) areas during (D) the Industrial Revolution.

Question 65. Computers have (A) made access (B) to information instantly available (C) just by push (D) a few buttons.



IV. READ THE PASSAGE AND CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS

In the early days of the United States, postal charges were paid by the recipients and charges varied with the distance carried. In 1825, the United States Congress permitted local postmasters to give letters to mail carriers for home delivery, but these carriers received no government salary and their entire compensation depended on what they were paid by the recipients of individual letters.

In 1847 the United States Post Office Department adopted the idea of a postage stamp, which of course simplified the payment for postal service but caused grumbling by those who did not like to prepay. Besides, the stamp covered only delivery to the post office and did not include carrying it to a private address. In Philadelphia, for example, with a population of 150,000 people still had to go to the post office to get their mail. The confusion and congestion of individual citizens looking for their letters was itself enough to discourage use of the mail. It is no wonder that, during the years of these cumbersome arrangements, private letter-carrying and express businesses developed. Although their activities were only semi-legal, they thrived, and actually advertised that between Boston and Philadelphia they were a half-day speedier than the government mail. The government postal service lost volume to private competition and was not able to handle efficiently even the business it had.

Finally, in 1863, Congress provided that the mail carriers who delivered the mail from the

post offices to private addresses should receive a government salary, and that there should be no extra charge for that delivery. But this delivery service was at first **confined** to cities, and free home delivery became a mark of urbanism. As late as 1887, a town had to have 10,000 people to be eligible for free home delivery. In 1890, of the 75 million people in the United States, fewer than 20 million had mail delivered free to their doors. The rest, nearly three-quarters of the population, still received no mail unless they went to their post office.

Question 66. What does the passage mainly discuss?

- A. The increased use of private mail services.
- B. The development of a government postal system.
- C. A comparison of urban and rural postal services.
- D. The history of postage stamps.

Question 67. It can be inferred from the first paragraph that in the USA in the early 19th century _____.

- A. the recipient had to pay to receive the letters.
- B. the recipient paid the same for all kinds of letters.
- C. postage stamps for letters came into use.
- D. the mail carriers earned a lot of money from the government.

Question 68. Which of the following was seen as a disadvantage of the postage stamp?

- A. It had to be purchased by the sender in advance.
- B. It increased the cost of mail delivery.
- C. It was difficult to affix to letters.
- D. It was easy to counterfeit.

Question 69. Why does the author mention the city of Philadelphia?

- A. Its postal service was inadequate for its population.
- B. It was the site of the first post office in the United States.
- C. It was the largest city in the United States in 1847.
- D. It was commemorated by the first United States postage stamp.

Question 70. In the 1950s, _____

- A. American people were happy with every postal service
- B. people in Philadelphia had their letters delivered free of charge by the government
- C. there was a preference among Americans for private mail services
- D. the American government managed their mail businesses satisfactorily

Question 71. The word "they" refers to _____

- A. Boston and Philadelphia
- B. businesses
- C. arrangements
- D. letters

Question 72. The private postal services of the 19th century claimed that they could do which of the following better than the government?

- A. Deliver a higher volume of mail
- B. Deliver mail more cheaply
- C. Deliver mail faster
- D. Deliver mail to rural areas

Question 73. In 1863 the United States government began providing which of the following to mail carriers?

- A. A salary
- B. Housing
- C. Transportation
- D. Free postage stamps

Question 74. All of the following statements are true of the American postal service in the second half of the 19th century EXCEPT _____.

- A. Delivery service distinguishes cities from the countryside
- B. People paid more to get their letters delivered to their home
- C. Small towns did not provide delivery service
- D. About 55 million people had to get to the post office to receive their mail.

Question 75. The word "confined" is closest in meaning to _____

- A. Granted
- B. Scheduled
- C. Limited
- D. Recommended



SUPPLY THE APPROPRIATE FORMS OF WORDS IN THE BRACKETS

Question 76. The students were.....to hear that the class had been cancelled.(JOY)

Question 77. A sports club has just been established and aims to have a of 500 in the next two years. (MEMBER)

Question 78. The spectators booed when the second goal was.....(ALLOW)

Question 79., we didn't buy better quality goods from the beginning. (REGRET)

Question 80. A fatal.....was made by air traffic control.(CALCULATE)

Question 81. Despite having a.....job, she has difficulty making ends meet.(PAY)

Question 82. When the lab findings and the research results were....., an amazing discovery came to light.(RELATE)

Question 83. I really believe that it should be a major mistake to any drugs that are currently illegal. (CRIME)

Question 84. The attack in the city centre last night is said to.....the kind of behavior amongst young people that many people object to. (EXAMPLE)

Question 85. Theo and his twin brother are always together. They are.....(SEPARATE)

Question 86. Reading is an effective way to.....your vocabulary. (RICH)

Question 87. John considers reading others' diaries an.....invasion of privacy. (PERMIT)

Question 88. His failure in the exam was a real.....for his parents. (LET)

Question 89. There is a great demand for organic vegetables. (DENY)

Question 90. Having a deep.....of strangers, he felt reluctant to talk to the newcomer.
(TRUST)



SUPPLY EACH BLANK WITH ONE SUITABLE WORD.

The development of the sport of skateboarding can be (91).....back to the early 1890s, when children in California used wooden boards to "surf" the streets. During the 1950s, the (92).....of the sport increased and manufacturers began producing the first factory-made boards. By the 1960s, the sport had (93).....an impressive following, not just in the USA, but (94).....

However, by 1965,(95).....about safety resulted in regulations being (96).....to ban skateboarding in most public places in the USA. This effectively killed the sport there for the next decade. Companies that had been making a (97) selling skateboards suddenly faced huge losses and many (98).....out of business. Over the next eight years a few enthusiasts continued practising the sport but, although they tried hard to raise its profile, they were (99)..... in their efforts.

Then in 1973, some technological breakthroughs revolutionized the sport. The invention of new materials (100).....that manufacturers (101)..... strengthen the boards but at the (102)..... time make them lighter and more manoeuvrable. Such improvements also made the boards (103).....dangerous and pressure from an increasing number of users (104).....to the installation of special skateboarding parks. Despite the various setbacks it has suffered over the years, the sport is now stronger than (105).....