

Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to the following questions.

1. I _____ my keys at home yesterday, and I had to call a locksmith.
A. forgot B. had forgotten C. have forgotten D. forget
2. _____ everyone was discussing students' mental health, the speaker raised a question about teachers' wellbeing.
A. When B. While C. So D. Though
3. Since Paul arrived, he has been learning a lot about life _____ a farm.
A. on B. with C. from D. to
4. The doctor, to _____ I owe my recovery, provided exceptional care during my illness.
A. which B. who C. whom D. whose
5. She felt _____ when she didn't receive the job offer.
A. pleased B. relaxed C. fascinated D. disappointed
6. My daughter would like _____ a prom dress for her graduation party.
A. to buy B. buying C. bought D. buy
7. In order to achieve your dream, you must know your _____ and abilities first.
A. career B. passions C. knowledge D. skill
8. The October 1989 Loma Pieta earthquake _____ severe damage to the buildings in the San Francisco Bay area.
A. generated B. made C. caused D. created
9. He will sell traditional handicraft at the market next week, _____?
A. will he B. didn't he C. doesn't he D. won't he
10. It's important to use _____ cleaning products to reduce the use of harmful chemicals in your home.
A. natural B. natures C. naturally D. nature
11. The assistant suggested that he _____ the touchscreen frequently to assure effective use.
A. turn down B. dress up C. deal with D. get on
12. True enjoyment comes _____, making every moment meaningful and fulfilling.

- A. when you fully immerse yourself in what you love
- B. if you have a lot of free time but no passion
- C. though responsibilities always come first
- D. unless you share it with others

Read the announcement and circle the correct answer A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to fill in each blank.

Important Announcement: Scheduled Power Cut

Dear Residents,

Please be informed that there will be a temporary power cut (13) _____ maintenance work in your area.

The outage is scheduled for Friday, starting at 10:00 AM and lasting for approximately four hours. We recommend (14) _____ necessary preparations in advance, such as charging electronic devices and ensuring backup power sources if needed.

(15) _____ interruption is necessary to improve the (16) _____ of the electrical system and ensure better service in the future.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding during (17) _____ outage. Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

- 13. A. at B. in C. for D. on
- 14. A. preparing B. to prepare C. prepare D. prepared
- 15. A. That B. These C. This D. Those
- 16. A. supply B. shortage C. network D. maintenance
- 17. A. a B. an C. the D. some

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Improve Your English at Cookcoo English Center

Are you ready to (18) _____ your English skills and boost your confidence in communication? At [English Center Name], we offer high-quality courses designed for learners of all levels.

Our professional teachers help students (19) _____ fluently and naturally through interactive lessons and real-world practice.

Our courses are (20) _____ structured to suit your needs, whether you are studying for exams, career advancement, or personal growth.

Not only will you learn essential grammar and vocabulary, (21) _____ you will also develop strong speaking and listening skills.

Join us today and see how quickly you can improve with our (22) _____ designed programs!

18. A. brush up on B. give up C. turn off D. run out of

19. A. to speaking B. speaking C. to be spoken D. speak

20. A. poorly B. well C. carefully D. properly

21. A. or B. but C. and D. so

22. A. clearly B. effectively C. rarely D. quickly

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Botswana, officially the Republic of Botswana, is a country in southern Africa that shares borders with South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe. The capital, Gaborone, (23) _____ on the Notwane River in the Southeast of Botswana. The Kalahari Desert covers more than 70% of Botswana. The Kalahari isn't a true desert because it rains more each year there than in most (24) _____ deserts. Despite this, Botswana is a dry country. When it does rain, the rain is often heavy and there are floods.

Botswana is a popular tourist destination, with people from all over the world coming to see its amazing animals. During the seasonal floods, the land becomes a lush animal habitat. The wide variety of wildlife (25) _____ elephants and lions. Many visit Chobe National Park to see its 70,000 elephants, (26) _____ are the largest of all living elephants. The grassland and river valleys are home (27) _____ giraffes, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs. The baobab tree, an icon of the African savannah, plays an important role in Botswana culture and nearly every part of it is useful. For example, it is used (28) _____ rope and people pick the leaves to make soup.

23. A. lies B. gets C. sets D. puts

24. A. another B. every C. any D. other

25. A. consists B. contains C. involves D. includes

26. A. what B. who C. where D. which

27. A. on B. to C. at D. in

28. A. making B. to make C. make D. to making

Read the following passage and choose the best answer A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Choosing the Right Career Path

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions a person can make. A career choice affects not only financial stability but also personal satisfaction and

overall happiness. Some people choose their careers based on passion, while others focus on job security and salary. In many cases, individuals struggle to find the right balance between their interests and practical needs.

There are several factors to consider when choosing a career. First, people should evaluate their skills, strengths, and interests. Understanding personal abilities helps in selecting a job that aligns with one's talents. Additionally, job market trends and employment opportunities play a crucial role. Some industries, such as technology and healthcare, offer more job openings and higher salaries than others. Furthermore, education and training requirements must be taken into account, as some professions demand specific degrees or certifications.

Despite careful planning, career challenges are inevitable. Many individuals experience job dissatisfaction due to high stress, long hours, or lack of growth opportunities. **Others** may feel pressure from family or society to follow a particular career path rather than their true passion. Additionally, changes in the economy and technology can make some jobs **obsolete**, requiring people to adapt and learn new skills throughout their careers.

Looking ahead, career flexibility and lifelong learning will become increasingly important. The modern job market is constantly evolving, with new career paths emerging due to advancements in technology. To succeed in the future, individuals must remain open to new opportunities, continuously improve their skills, and adapt to changing workplace demands.

29. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The history of different professions
- B. The importance and challenges of choosing a career
- C. The best careers for financial success
- D. The disadvantages of following one's passion

30. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. Career choices affect both financial stability and personal satisfaction.
- B. Some careers require specific education or training.
- C. Job market trends do not influence career decisions.
- D. People may need to adapt to new job demands in the future.

31. What does the word "**others**" in paragraph 3 refer to?

- A. industries
- B. family members
- C. people facing career challenges
- D. economic changes

32. The word "**obsolete**" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. outdated B. popular C. useful D. important

33. Why do some people struggle with career choices?

- A. They do not have any skills or talents.
B. They cannot decide between passion and practicality.
C. They do not want to work at all.
D. They only focus on financial success.

34. What is one factor people should consider when choosing a career?

- A. The opinions of their friends
B. Their personal skills and interests
C. The number of vacations a job offers
D. Whether the job is easy to do

35. What is an important trend in the future job market?

- A. Careers will become easier with time.
B. People will only need one job for their entire life.
C. Learning new skills will be necessary for career success.
D. Job opportunities will decrease in the technology sector.

Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

36.

- a. Lily: Do you think it will win any awards this year?
b. Lily: I heard the storyline is quite unique. What did you think about it?
c. Jake: Yes, I watched it last weekend! The special effects were incredible.
d. Jake: I thought it was refreshing compared to other films in the genre.
e. Lily: Have you seen the latest superhero movie that just came out?

- A. b-d-c-a-e B. b-c-d-a-e C. d-b-e-a-c D. e-c-b-d-a

37.

Hi Emily,

- a. It's alarming how much damage we're causing to our oceans and wildlife.
b. I've been reading about the effects of plastic pollution on marine life recently.
c. I think it would be great to get involved in a beach clean-up campaign sometime.
d. Do you think there's much we can do to help?
e. One thing I've heard that makes a big difference is reducing plastic usage in our daily lives.

Write back soon,

John

A. a-b-e-c-d

B. b-a-d-e-c

C. a-b-d-c-e

D. e-b-a-

c-d

38.

a. This includes turning off screens at least an hour before bed, creating a calm sleeping environment, and sticking to a regular sleep schedule.

b. As a result, I've been feeling more rested, focused, and productive throughout the day.

c. Getting enough sleep is something I've been prioritizing more recently, and it has made a huge difference in my energy levels.

d. I've learned that quality sleep is just as important as quantity, so I've been focusing on improving my sleep hygiene.

e. I can't believe how much better I feel just from making a few adjustments to my bedtime routine.

A. a-b-d-c-e

B. b-a-e-c-d

C. a-b-c-e-d

D. c-d-a-

b-e

39.

a. Older generations tend to believe in hard work, often sacrificing personal time to advance professionally.

b. As society becomes more fast-paced, the generation gap in terms of work-life balance has become more evident.

c. In contrast, younger people place greater value on achieving a healthy work-life balance, often choosing jobs that offer flexibility.

d. This difference in work culture has led to some tension between the two groups, as they struggle to understand each other's priorities.

e. While older people may view this as a lack of ambition, younger generations see it as a necessary step toward maintaining their mental health.

A. d-e-a-b-c

B. e-d-a-b-c

C. e-c-d-b-a

D. b-a-c-

e-d

40.

a. Brian: How do you usually connect as a family?

b. Brian: Would you say your family is supportive of each other?

c. Brian: It's great that you prioritize spending quality time together.

d. Jessica: Absolutely! We always encourage one another, especially during challenging times.

e. Jessica: We enjoy discussing our day during dinner and sometimes play board games together.

A. a-d-b-e-c

B. b-d-a-e-c

C. b-e-a-d-c

D. a-e-c-

d-b

Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to the original sentence in the following questions.

41. "I have forgotten to buy groceries on my way home", said he.

A. He has said that he had forgotten to buy groceries on his way home.

B. He said that he had forgotten buying groceries on his way home.

C. He said that he had forgotten to buy groceries on his way home.

D. He said that he forgot to buy groceries on his way home.

42. Don't walk outside without a sun hat or you will get sunburn.

A. Without a sun hat you mustn't walk outside to get sunburn.

B. Having a sun hat and you can get sunburn when walking outside.

C. Unless you walk outside without a sun hat, you will get sunburn.

D. If you don't wear a sun hat outside, you will get sunburn.

43. Nam is the tallest in my class.

A. No one in my class is tall than Nam.

B. No one in my class is taller as Nam.

C. No one in my class is as tall as Nam.

D. No one in my class is more tall than Nam.

44. John didn't attend the class because he was seriously ill.

A. John's class was not serious.

B. John never attended the class.

C. John was absent from class many times.

D. John was too ill to attend the class.

45. The story of their sufferings was painful to listen to.

A. I don't like to listen to their sufferings because it was painful.

B. It was painful to listen to the story of their sufferings.

C. They always complained about their sufferings which were painful.

D. Their sufferings which I listen to were painful to listen to.

Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

46. Mr. Due is my teacher. We cannot wait to join the talk by Mr. Due.

A. We cannot wait to join the talk by Mr. Due, who is my teacher.

B. We cannot wait to join the talk by Mr. Due who is my teacher.

C. Mr. Due, who we cannot wait to join the talk by, is my teacher.

D. Mr. Due, who cannot wait to join the talk by us, is my teacher.

47. The town gets more crowded. Therefore, it becomes less peaceful.

A. The more crowded the town gets, the peacefuller it becomes.

B. The more crowded the town gets, the less peaceful it becomes.

C. The more crowded the town get, the less peaceful it become.

D. The more crowded the town gets, the less peacefuller it becomes.

48. Anne jogs every morning. It is very good for her health.

A. Anne jogs every morning and is very good for her health.

B. Anne jogs every morning, which is very good for her health.

C. Anne jogs every morning and then it is very good for her health.

D. Anne jogs every morning that it is very good for her health.

49. We didn't want to spend a lot of money. We stayed in a cheap hotel.

A. Rather than spending a lot of money, we stayed in a cheap hotel.

B. In spite of spending a lot of money, we stayed in a cheap hotel.

C. We stayed in a cheap hotel, but we had to spend a lot of money.

D. We didn't stay in a cheap hotel as we had a lot of money to spend.

50. Alternative sources of energy have environmental advantages. It's not easy to make full use of them.

A. Because alternative sources of energy have environmental advantages, it's not easy to make full use of them.

B. Alternative sources of energy have environmental advantages, so it's not easy to make full use of them.

C. Despite their environmental advantages, it's not easy to make full use of alternative sources of energy.

D. Although alternative sources of energy have environmental advantages, but it's not easy to make full use of them.