

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following Qs.

- Question 1.** On their way north, they made a brief _____ to visit a newly restored lighthouse.
A. bypass **B. side trip** C. shift D. branch
- Question 2.** Some analysts believe the policy shift was intentional, done by deliberate _____.
A. calculation B. vision **C. intention** D. shaping
- Question 3.** What's your _____ on using machine learning for environmental forecasting?
A. reading B. viewpoint **C. stance** D. angle
- Question 4.** Before the seminar, the speaker gave us the full _____ on the technical updates.
A. forecast **B. briefing** C. breakdown D. forward
- Question 5.** The boxer _____ his jaw and stared fiercely at his opponent.
A. tightened **B. locked** C. pressed D. stiffened
- Question 6.** This documentary attracted more viewers than _____ any program last month.
A. almost B. roughly **C. virtually** D. essentially
- Question 7.** She walked through the corridor completely _____ to the whispering behind her back.
A. indifferent **B. unaware** C. distant D. inattentive
- Question 8.** If you keep nagging me like that, you'll drive me to the _____ of my patience.
A. limit B. border **C. brink** D. front
- Question 9.** We were dismayed to hear about her suddenly _____ from the committee.
A. to be removed B. being dismissed **C. having quit** D. being excluded
- Question 10.** In the southern wetlands of Cambodia _____ rare aquatic birds and tall water reeds.
A. lie B. exist **C. stand** D. appear
- Question 11.** He must have been out of his _____ to jump into the river during the storm.
A. awareness **B. senses** C. reason D. judgement
- Question 12.** If you cut essential _____ during safety inspections, the consequences can be severe.
A. notes B. steps C. details **D. measures**
- Question 13.** During negotiations, he always tries to stay on neutral _____ to avoid committing to one side.
A. territory B. platform **C. ground** D. area
- Question 14.** The recession hit many _____-sector industries.
A. base B. manual **C. labour** D. native
- Question 15.** Having agreed on the schedule, the team quickly _____ arranging transportation.
A. moved on with B. took up C. continued to **D. proceeded with**
- Question 16.** The severe drought swept across the region, _____ thousands of families of their crops.
A. stripping **B. depriving** C. shaking D. draining
- Question 17.** The investigation showed that the officer acted far _____ what his position permitted.
A. past B. across **C. beyond** D. below
- Question 18.** The scientist's unexpected findings _____ weight to the new climate model.
A. deliver B. attach **C. add** D. contribute
- Question 19.** Nobody knows who _____ the secret, but now the whole campus is talking about it.

A. uncovered

B. exposed

C. leaked

D. revealed

Question 20. Holding a _____ against someone for years only harms yourself.

A. memory

B. mark

C. flaw

D. resentment

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the best arrangement of utterances or sentences to make a meaningful exchange in each of the following questions.

Question 21. Dear Dr. Thompson,

- a. I've reviewed the journal articles you recommended, but some of the theoretical models still seem abstract to me.
- b. Thank you for agreeing to guide me through the early stages of my thesis.
- c. Your explanation about qualitative coding during our last meeting helped me reorganize my initial data set.
- d. Before that discussion, I was unsure how to categorize interview responses effectively.
- e. If you are available, I would like to schedule another meeting next week to clarify a few remaining issues.

Sincerely,

Daniel

A. b – a – d – c – e

B. a – d – c – b – e

C. b – d – a – c – e

D. c – b – d – a – e

Question 22. a. These guidelines ensure that conservation programs meet high ethical and operational standards.

- b. They help project teams predict risks and coordinate responses effectively.
- c. The updated Conservation Operations Framework establishes shared principles, auditing methods, and reporting requirements.
- d. It has been adopted across all partner organizations to ensure consistent implementation.
- e. The framework outlines procedures for community engagement, environmental monitoring, and emergency intervention.
- f. These policies strengthen accountability and transparency while improving long-term project outcomes.
- g. They provide a unified structure for protecting wildlife, supporting local livelihoods, and minimizing environmental damage.

A. c – d – e – g – b – a – f

B. c – e – g – b – a – f – d

C. c – d – a – b – f – e – g

D. c – e – a – f – g – b – d

Question 23. a. The Afar people of Ethiopia have adapted to some of the hottest climates on Earth.

- b. Researchers discovered that they possess unique physiological traits that help them withstand extreme temperatures.
- c. These traits include enhanced sweating efficiency and improved cellular heat tolerance.
- d. Such advantages are believed to be the result of long-term genetic adaptation.
- e. Their lifestyle traditionally involves herding livestock across vast desert landscapes.

A. a – e – b – c – d

B. b – c – a – e – d

C. a – b – d – c – e

D. e – a – c – b – d

Question 24. a. Before electric ignition became common, early engines required far more unusual starting techniques.

- b. One method involved forcing hot air into a chamber until the engine finally turned over.
- c. Another technique relied on spinning a weighted flywheel to generate the initial momentum.
- d. The most dramatic method, however, used a pressure cartridge that produced a burst strong enough to activate the pistons.
- e. These approaches demonstrate how mechanical creativity shaped the earliest generations of motor design.

A. a – b – c – d – e

B. b – a – d – c – e

C. a – c – b – e – d

D. e – a – b – d – c

Question 25. a. Absolutely! I replaced all my old appliances with energy-efficient models last month.

- b. I also joined a community gardening group, which has drastically reduced my food waste.
- c. That's impressive — I've only started small by bringing reusable bags and containers everywhere I go.
- d. By the way, have you checked out the new eco-market near the riverfront?
- e. It features package-free stalls and refill stations for household products.
- f. They even host weekend workshops on zero-waste living; we should attend together sometime.
- g. Yes, I visited once, and their refill system is incredibly convenient.

A. c – d – e – g – a – b – f

B. a – b – c – d – e – g – f

C. d – e – g – c – a – b – f

D. b – a – c – e – d – g – f

Read the following advertisement and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Thank you for shopping at Larson's China. Our products are known for their modern and unique patterns and color combinations, as well as (26) _____ and strength. (27) _____. Please note, however, that repeated drops and rough handling will (28) _____ eventual breakage. We suggest you store them carefully and that you don't use harsh chemicals, steel sponges, or (29) _____ scrubbing when cleaning them. Please visit our website (30) _____ www.larsonchina.com for information about handling and care or call us at 555-1234 if you have any questions or concerns.

Question 26: A. durably **B. durability** C. durabled D. durable

Question 27: A. Larson's utensils and silverware go great with the dinnerware.

B. Our most popular line, the Spring Flower China is sold out at most locations,

C. Visit our store to check out our other beautiful products.

D. They are dishwasher- and microwave-safe and we're confident that you'll be using them for years to come.

Question 28: **A. result in** B. occur to C. ending at D. stop
with

Question 29: A. ambitious B. combative **C. aggressive** D.
complacent

Question 30: A. in **B. at** C. on D. to

Read the following leaflet and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

JOIN OUR TEAM AT NOVA TECH GROUP

Looking to take your professional journey to the next level? Nova Tech Group is actively hiring dedicated individuals to become part of our growing organization. We pride ourselves on providing a supportive atmosphere that encourages (31) _____, innovation, and long-term success. Our company values candidates who (32) _____ challenges and consistently show excellent (33) _____ abilities.

Successful applicants must (34) _____ strong experience in their areas of expertise and demonstrate the ability to work effectively in fast-paced environments. If you're committed to advancing your future, submit your application today and take a meaningful step (35) _____ an exciting career with us.

Question 31. A. assume B. replace **C. demonstrate** D. foresee

Question 32. A. delay **B. embrace** C. withdraw from D. overlook

Question 33. A. fostering **B. productivity** C. growth D. enhancement

Question 34. A. physical B. decision-making **C. creative** D. linguistic

Question 35. **A. towards** B. through C. beyond D. into

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

THE FORMATION OF BIOLUMINESCENT BAYS

The formation of bioluminescent bays, also known as “glow bays,” has fascinated scientists for decades. These rare coastal ecosystems emit a soft blue or green light at night, primarily due to the presence of microscopic organisms called dinoflagellates. [A] When the water is disturbed—by waves, fish movement, or even a hand gesture—these organisms produce a chemical reaction that releases light. This process, known as bioluminescence, is a natural defense mechanism that may help deter predators. [B]

Although bioluminescent bays occur in only a few places around the world, such as Puerto Rico and Jamaica, the conditions that create them are extremely delicate. Scientists believe that the combination of warm temperatures, restricted water circulation, and high concentrations of nutrients allows dinoflagellates to thrive. [C] However, these same conditions make the bays unusually vulnerable to environmental stress. Increased tourism, pollution, and coastal development can disrupt the fragile balance of microorganisms, leading to significant declines in brightness.

Another challenge for researchers is determining how long these luminous ecosystems have existed. Some evidence suggests that ancient travelers may have witnessed glowing waters and documented them in early navigation logs. Yet the exact age of many glow bays is uncertain. [D] Scientists continue to analyze sediment layers, chemical traces, and water samples to better understand the origins and long-term stability of these rare natural wonders.

Question 36. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Bioluminescent bays attract tourists due to their bright colors.
- B. Scientists have fully explained how glow bays were formed.
- C. Bioluminescent bays are rare ecosystems with fragile environmental conditions.
- D. The chemical structure of dinoflagellates has recently been identified.

Question 37. What can be inferred about the conditions required for bioluminescent bays?

- A. They can form easily in cold environments.
- B. They depend on a combination of highly specific factors.
- C. They benefit from strong ocean currents.
- D. They require human activity for maintenance.

Question 38. According to paragraph 3, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Scientists have determined the exact age of all glow bays.
- B. The ecosystems remain unchanged despite human impact.
- C. The precise age of many glow bays is still unknown.
- D. Glow bays are becoming more common around the world.

Question 39. Where would the sentence best fit?

- A. [A]
- B. [B]
- C. [C]
- D. [D]

Question 40. What is one reason scientists find it difficult to determine the age of bioluminescent bays?

- A. The bays constantly move and change location.
- B. Dinoflagellates disappear too quickly for accurate sampling.
- C. Historical records about glowing waters are extremely limited.
- D. Sediment and chemical evidence do not provide exact timelines.

Question 41. All of the following are possible threats to glow bays EXCEPT _____.

- A. improper waste disposal
- B. increased tourism
- C. coastal construction
- D. limited nutrient availability

Question 42. The word 'emit' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. lose
- B. absorb
- C. reduce
- D. release

Question 43. The word 'them' in the passage refers to _____.

- A. predators
- C. dinoflagellates

- B. glowing bays
- D. coastal ecosystems

Question 44. Why does the author mention 'ancient travelers'?

- A. To show that glow bays used to be brighter in the past
- B. To suggest that glow bays might have existed for a long time
- C. To argue that early navigation logs were unreliable
- D. To compare ancient ecosystems with modern ones

Question 45. Which of the following best describes the author's tone toward bioluminescent bays?

- A. Concerned yet appreciative
- B. Strongly critical
- C. Uninterested and detached
- D. Skeptical about scientific research

Read an extract from an article on the design of green buildings and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) that fits best according to the text in each of the following questions.

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITIONS

Across the globe, governments and scientific organizations are accelerating their shift toward renewable energy systems. This transition is not simply a matter of replacing coal and oil with solar panels and wind turbines; it requires a complex restructuring of existing infrastructures. [A] Many nations face substantial technical and economic barriers, including outdated electrical grids and inconsistent political support. Nevertheless, advocates argue that transitioning away from fossil fuels is necessary to mitigate climate change. [B]

One of the greatest challenges involves energy storage. Solar and wind systems can generate tremendous power, but only when environmental conditions permit. Scientists estimate that without large-scale storage—such as advanced battery arrays or hydrogen-based systems—renewable energy cannot reliably meet global demand. [C] Critics of renewable transition strategies warn that reliance on intermittent energy sources may disrupt national power stability. Despite this, recent breakthroughs in storage technology have renewed optimism among researchers.

Another major concern is the unequal distribution of renewable resources. Some regions have abundant sunlight or high wind speeds, while others lack natural conditions compatible with large-scale renewable projects. Historical records suggest that civilizations have always relied heavily on the energy sources available in their region, but modern societies require far greater quantities. [D] This discrepancy raises questions about energy equity: whether wealthy nations will monopolize emerging technologies while developing regions fall behind. Researchers continue to investigate solutions, including international power-sharing agreements and global investment funds.

Question 46. Where would the following sentence best fit?

“These challenges have led some policymakers to delay or scale back their renewable targets.”

- A. [A]
- B. [B]
- C. [C]
- D. [D]

Question 47. The word 'this' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. power stability
- B. the criticism of renewable strategies
- C. the need for storage technology
- D. recent breakthroughs

Question 48. According to the passage, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. Renewable energy systems function equally well in all geographical regions.
- B. Breakthroughs in storage technology have supported optimism in the renewable transition.

- C. The shift to renewables has eliminated concerns about energy inequality.
- D. Wind and solar systems can currently meet global demand without storage.

Question 49. What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Renewable energy is too unreliable to replace fossil fuels.
- B. The global transition to renewable energy faces significant challenges and disparities.**
- C. Modern societies should return to earlier forms of energy.
- D. Solar and wind technologies are more powerful than expected.

Question 50. The word 'mitigate' in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. intensify
- B. increase
- C. reduce**
- D. predict

Question 51. All of the following are mentioned as challenges EXCEPT _____.

- A. unequal natural resources
- B. outdated electrical grids
- C. political inconsistency
- D. excessive reliance on fossil fuels**

Question 52. Why does the author mention historical records?

- A. To explain how ancient cultures used renewable energy
- B. To show that energy dependence has always been based on regional resources**
- C. To argue that modern needs are the same as ancient needs
- D. To criticize societies for abandoning traditional energy practices

Question 53. What can be inferred about energy storage?

- A. It is essential for reliable renewable energy adoption.**
- B. It is unnecessary for countries with strong fossil fuel industries.
- C. It has already solved all renewable energy limitations.
- D. It is only useful for wind energy.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in each of the following questions.

Question 54. They can't decide whether to expand their business or reduce costs. They are stuck between two equally difficult choices.

- A. They are on thin ice as far as the decision about expanding their business is concerned.
- B. They are caught between a rock and a hard place regarding the decision about their business.**
- C. They don't have a leg to stand on when deciding on business expansion.
- D. They hit the sack instead of working on a business decision.

Question 55. "You misinterpreted the instructions again — I clearly explained them yesterday," the manager told Tom.

- A. The manager accused Tom of misinterpreting the instructions again, adding that she had explained them clearly the previous day.**
- B. The manager scolded Tom for misinterpreting the instructions again, emphasized that she explained them clearly the previous day.
- C. The manager blamed Tom of misinterpreting the instructions again because she explained them clearly yesterday.
- D. The manager said Tom misinterpreted the instructions again, as she explained them clearly the previous day.

Question 56. He invested all his savings in the project. He hoped it would help him become financially independent.

- A. He invested all his savings in the project so that becoming financially independent.
- B. He invested all his savings in the project with the view of becoming financially independent.
- C. He invested all his savings in the project with a view to becoming financially independent.**
- D. He invested all his savings in the project with the aim become financially independent.

Question 57. She set two alarms last night. She didn't want to risk oversleeping before her important interview.

- A.** She set two alarms last night lest she should risk oversleeping before her important interview.
- B.** She set two alarms last night, though she didn't want to oversleep before her important interview.
- C.** She set two alarms last night so as not she would risk oversleeping before her important interview.
- D.** She set two alarms last night in order that she didn't risk oversleeping before her important interview.

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 58. There were around a hundred parents at the meeting, the majority of whom supported the new school policy.

- A.** The new school policy was opposed by most of the one hundred parents at the meeting.
- B.** A hundred parents attended the meeting so they could show support for the new school policy.
- C.** Most of the one hundred parents present at the meeting approved of the new school policy.
- D.** The decision to adopt the new school policy was influenced by the presence of a hundred parents.

Question 59. We couldn't avoid feeling frustrated when our proposal was rejected after months of preparation.

- A.** Even with more preparation, we couldn't have prevented the rejection of our proposal.
- B.** Having worked for months on the proposal, it was natural that we felt frustrated when it was rejected.
- C.** We felt frustrated because our proposal wasn't approved despite not preparing much.
- D.** We prepared for months so that our proposal wouldn't be rejected, but it was.

Question 60. Martha would have travelled abroad this summer if she hadn't lost her passport.

- A.** Martha didn't travel abroad this summer because she lost her passport.
- B.** Martha lost her passport this summer, but she travelled abroad anyway.
- C.** Although Martha lost her passport, she still hoped to travel abroad this summer.
- D.** Losing her passport wasn't the reason Martha didn't travel abroad this summer.

Question 61. Solving the scheduling conflict is one problem; convincing the board to approve the budget is another.

- A.** Once the scheduling conflict is solved, the board will easily approve the budget.
- B.** Solving the scheduling conflict and convincing the board to approve the budget are two quite separate issues.
- C.** If the board approves the budget, the scheduling conflict will be immediately solved.
- D.** The scheduling conflict is easier to deal with than getting the board's approval.

Logical thinking and problem solving: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 62. A laptop heats up quickly whenever you stream high-resolution videos for long periods. What is the most likely cause?

- A.** The laptop's screen brightness is too high.
- B.** Video streaming requires intensive processing, causing heat buildup.
- C.** The Wi-Fi signal interferes with the cooling system.
- D.** The laptop battery is incompatible with video players.

Question 63. Evan is at a networking event where he knows no one. What is the most logical first step?

- A.** Approach a small group and politely introduce himself.
- B.** Wait alone and hope someone approaches him.
- C.** Stay on his phone until the event ends.

D. Leave immediately because it feels uncomfortable.

Question 64. A teacher sees two students fighting over art supplies. What is the most effective response?

- A. Take away the supplies so neither student can use them.
- B. Listen to both sides and assign equal time to each student.**
- C. Choose one student at random and dismiss the other.
- D. Let them argue until they work it out on their own.

Question 65. A company wants to find out why online purchases suddenly dropped last week. What should they do first?

- A. Ask customers on social media why they stopped buying.
- B. Check analytics to see exactly when the drop began.**
- C. Immediately redesign the website layout.
- D. Lower prices temporarily to attract shoppers.

Question 66. A 6-year-old child watches his dad repair a bicycle, then pretends to fix his toy bike. This is an example of:

- A. Role-taking**
- B. Generalized other
- C. Peer feedback
- D. Social exclusion

Question 67. Two roommates disagree about who should clean the kitchen. What is the most effective way to resolve the conflict?

- A. One roommate should clean everything to avoid arguing.
- B. They should calmly discuss the issue and create a fair cleaning schedule.**
- C. They should avoid speaking until one apologizes.
- D. One should accuse the other of being irresponsible.

Question 68. A delivery driver drops your package and damages the item inside. What action best demonstrates appropriate compensation?

- A. Offering to replace the damaged item at no cost.**
- B. Explaining that accidents sometimes happen.
- C. Suggesting that you file a complaint online.
- D. Leaving the damaged package at your door and walking away.

Question 69. You have a 9-liter container full of water and two empty containers: one 6-liter and one 3-liter. How can you measure exactly 3 liters?

- A. Fill the 6-liter container and pour it into the 3-liter container twice.
- B. Pour water from the 9-liter container into the 6-liter container, then fill the 3-liter container from it.
- C. Fill the 3-liter container directly from the 9-liter container.
- D. Fill the 6-liter container, pour into the 3-liter container until full, leaving exactly 3 liters.**

Question 70. A business wants to increase efficiency by 15% within a month. Which option is the most logical?

- A. Offering extra vacation days.
- B. Replacing outdated software with faster automated tools.**
- C. Asking employees to work overtime every day.
- D. Increasing meeting lengths for better communication.

Read the following passage and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each gap and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the best answer to each of the following questions.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MODERN ECONOMIES

In recent decades, the challenge for many (71) _____ nations has been balancing economic growth with long-term sustainability. Expanding infrastructure and industrial zones is often not (72) _____ of a lack of land, but rather a sign of rapid urbanization and increasing global demand. Foreign firms frequently

pour in (73) _____ investment, hoping to benefit from affordable labour and attractive tax incentives. (74) _____ make several South American and Southeast Asian countries particularly appealing in the eyes of international corporations.

At the same time, the (75) _____ of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power has opened the door to new economic opportunities. Yet, without strict environmental regulations, industrial expansion can place tremendous pressure on fragile ecosystems. The more a country industrializes, (76) _____ its dependence on natural resources becomes. For some policy-makers, environmental protection remains a (77) _____ concern when compared with immediate economic profit.

Moreover, adopting sustainable practices—such as switching to organic farming or reducing carbon emissions—(78) _____ extremely costly in the early stages. To business owners focused on short-term gains, sustainability often appears to be a (79) _____ decision rather than a practical one. Ultimately, the environmental well-being of entire regions will matter (80) _____ to governments unless global pressure and domestic awareness increase significantly.

- Question 71.** A. few B. little C. much **D. many**
- Question 72.** A. prophecy **B. proliferation** C. verdict D. surplus
- Question 73.** **A. offshore** B. external C. outward D. overseas
- Question 74.** A. risen B. born **C. stemmed** D. emerged
- Question 75.** A. far-fetched B. high-and-dry C. black-and-white **D. rough-and-ready**
- Question 76.** A. proves **B. has proved** C. was proving D. prove
- Question 77.** **A. marginal** B. cumulative C. authentic D. formidable
- Question 78.**
A. the more drastically does **B. the more drastically**
C. more drastic D. more drastically becoming
- Question 79.**
A. As such these economic conditions B. Conditions such economic as
C. Such economic conditions D. Economic as such conditions
- Question 80.** **A. alternative** B. established C. derivative D. transitional

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