



38. Some drivers, after \_\_\_\_\_ annoy their fellow-motorists by slowing down again immediately.  
 A. passing along      B. passing by      C. overtaking      D. taking over
39. It is \_\_\_\_\_ unlikely that the Queen agree to open the new Town Hall.  
 A. greatly      B. highly      C. mainly      D. largely
40. I don't think he'll ever \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of his wife's death.  
 A. get by      B. get over      C. get off      D. get through
41. Some schools have very \_\_\_\_\_ rules of behavior which must be obeyed.  
 A. strict      B. strong      C. straight      D. solid
42. It was difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ a date which was convenient for everyone.  
 A. organize      B. arrange      C. elect      D. provide
43. It's difficult to pay one's bills when prices keep \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. growing      B. raising      C. rising      D. gaining
44. You may not have to stay the night but take a toothbrush just in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. preparation      B. case      C. time      D. order
45. She remembered the correct address only \_\_\_\_\_ she had posted the letter.  
 A. since      B. following      C. after      D. afterwards

**VII. Choose from A, B, C, or D the one that best fits each of the blanks in the following passage.**

**The Internet bus**

In the desert areas that surround Tucson city, USA, students spend hundreds of hours on yellow buses each year getting to and from their schools. But when mobile internet equipment was (46) \_\_\_\_\_ on a yellow school bus, the bored, often noisy, teens were transformed into quiet, studious individuals.

District officials got the idea during (47) \_\_\_\_\_ drives on school business to Phoenix, two hours each way, when they (48) \_\_\_\_\_ that, when they went in pairs, one person could drive and the other could work using a laptop and a wireless card. They (49) \_\_\_\_\_ if internet access on a school bus could (50) \_\_\_\_\_ students' academic productivity, too.

But the idea for what students call 'the internet bus' really took shape when the district's chief information officer (51) \_\_\_\_\_ across an article about having internet access in cars. He thought, "What if you could put that in a bus?"

The officials have been delighted to see the (52) \_\_\_\_\_ of homework getting done, morning and evening, as the internet bus (53) \_\_\_\_\_ up and drops off students along the 70-minute drive. (54) \_\_\_\_\_ some students spend their time playing games or visiting social networking sites, most students do make (55) \_\_\_\_\_ their travel time to study.

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| 46. A. installed     | B. set          | C. included    | D. structured |
| 47. A. extraordinary | B. occasional   | C. exceptional | D. few        |
| 48. A. believed      | B. acknowledged | C. estimated   | D. realised   |
| 49. A. thought       | B. imagined     | C. suspected   | D. wondered   |
| 50. A. increase      | B. enlarge      | C. rise        | D. heighten   |
| 51. A. got           | B. looked       | C. came        | D. put        |
| 52. A. total         | B. amount       | C. number      | D. measure    |
| 53. A. brings        | B. picks        | C. rides       | D. catches    |
| 54. A. Since         | B. Despite      | C. Although    | D. However    |
| 55. A. progress      | B. work         | C. use         | D. part       |

**VIII. Fill in each blank with ONE suitable word.**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

When going on holiday, it is always a good idea to take out travel insurance. This is just in case something goes (56) \_\_\_\_\_ along the way. You could lose your luggage, you could be robbed, or even become ill and need expensive medical treatment. For millions of holiday makers, travel insurance is just a precaution (57) \_\_\_\_\_ will help them have an enjoyable and worry-free holiday. But for (58) \_\_\_\_\_, travel insurance is a way of earning money (59) \_\_\_\_\_ making false claims against insurance companies. For (60) \_\_\_\_\_ some people pretend that they have had expensive equipment stolen which in (61) \_\_\_\_\_ never even existed, and then claim large sums in compensation. Such claims cost insurance company a total (62) \_\_\_\_\_ £ 50 million per year. But the cheats' luck is about to run (63) \_\_\_\_\_. (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to a new computer system, companies will be able to tell at a glance (65) \_\_\_\_\_ someone has made a claim within the last



- There isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
78. Twenty years ago this region produced twice as much coal as it does now. (halved)  
→ The coal produced \_\_\_\_\_.
79. The prime minister is unlikely to call an early general election. (likelihood)  
→ The likelihood \_\_\_\_\_.
80. The policeman acted quickly and averted an accident. (prompt)  
→ The policeman's \_\_\_\_\_.

**XI. Rewrite each of the sentences without changing its meaning, using the cue given.**

81. We couldn't have managed without my father's money.  
→ If it hadn't \_\_\_\_\_.
82. House prices have risen dramatically this year.  
→ There has \_\_\_\_\_.
83. The only thing they didn't steal was the television.  
→ They stole \_\_\_\_\_.
84. He didn't succeed in searching for the stolen car.  
→ He tried in vain \_\_\_\_\_.
85. She started to clean up the house just after the guests had left.  
→ No sooner \_\_\_\_\_.

**XII. Writing an essay.**

***"Soft-skills are more and more needed for future jobs".***

What do you think of that matter? Write an essay of about 280- 300 words to support your points.

\_\_\_\_\_ **THE END** \_\_\_\_\_

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KEYS – PRACTICE 46

I. (5pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

1. C    2. D    3. C    4. D    5. A

II. (5pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

6. D    7. C    8. D    9. B    10. A

III. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

11. *only had it*

12. *had been*

13. *did him no/ did not  
(seem to) do him any*

14. *good/ use grumbling/  
complaining about*

15. *people parking*

16. *without*

17. *frightened/ scared to*

18. *rumbling*

19. *under the*

20. *afford to have them*

IV. (5pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

21. C    22. D    23. B    24. D    25. D

V. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

26. *advertisement*

27. *seaside*

28. *surprisingly*

29. *standby*

30. *twice*

31. *poorly*

32. *linguistically*

33. *farther/ further*

34. *dreadful*

35. *useless*

VI. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

36. B    37. D    38. C    39. B    40. B    41. A    42. B    43. C    44. B    45. C

VII. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

46. A    47. B    48. D    49. D    50. A    51. C    52. B    53. B    54. C    55. C

VIII. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

56. *wrong*

57. *which*

58. *other/ some*

59. *by*

60. *example/ instance*

61. *fact*

62. *of*

63. *out*

64. *Thanks*

65. *whether/ if*

IX. (10pts) 1 pt/correct answer.

66. A    67. C    68. C    69. B    70. B    71. D    72. D    73. B    74. B    75. B

X. (5pts) 1 point/correct answer.

76. → You should *take the price into consideration before you decide whether to buy it or not.*

77. → There isn't *much call for cars with large engines any more.*

78. → The coal produced *in this region has been halved in the 20 years.*

79. → The likelihood *is small of the PM calling an early general election.*

80. → The policeman's *prompt action averted an accident.*

XI. (5pts) 1 point/correct answer.

81. → If it hadn't *been for my father's money, we could not have managed.*

82. → There has *been a dramatic rise/increase in the house prices this year.*

83. → They stole *everything except for/but/apart from the television.*

84. → He tried in vain *to search for the stolen car.*

85. → No sooner *had the guests left than she started to clean up the house.*

XII.

(15pts) Students' own answers

**Content:** accounts for 50% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 50% for the **content**, the candidates should provide all main ideas and details as appropriate.

**Language:** accounts for 30% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 30% for **language**, the candidates should use variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language high school students.

**Presentation:** accounts for 20% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 20% for **presentation**, the candidates should write with coherence, cohesion and can use appropriate styles and linking devices

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