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**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.**

**1. A.** react **B.** compete **C.** exceed **D.** acquire

**2. A.** production **B.** butterfly **C.** underground **D.** lecturer

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.**

**3. A.** flexible **B.** inspiring **C.** terrified **D.** wonderful

**4. A.** reaction **B.** specialty **C.** journalist **D.** counselor

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the following questions.**

**5.** Ivan asked me \_\_\_\_\_\_ online courses he could take to improve his English.

 **A.** whether **B.** if **C.** what **D.** how

**6.** Henry has good \_\_\_\_\_\_ skills, so he’s never missed the deadlines.

 **A.** time-management **B.** critical-thinking **C.** decision-making **D.** communication

**7.** Try to have a \_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to keep learning about different things.

 **A.** job qualification **B.** growth mindset **C.** multitasking skill **D.** suitable attitude

**8.** Rachel sometimes complains \_\_\_\_\_\_ wearing a uniform at work because she doesn’t feel comfortable.

 **A.** at **B.** to **C.** about **D.** over

**9.** My parents run a small restaurant, so I always \_\_\_\_\_\_ on weekends.

 **A.** help them out **B.** bring them up **C.** fill them out **D.** deal with them

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the advertisement.**

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**10. A.** in **B.** for **C.** to **D.** at

**11. A.** efficiency **B.** efficient **C.** inefficient **D.** efficiently

**12. A.** viewpoints **B.** skills **C.** insights **D.** ideas

**13. A.** what **B.** where **C.** how **D.** why

**14. A.** change **B.** create **C.** share **D.** maintain

**15. A.** limited **B.** full **C.** closed **D.** open

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.**

**16.** a.Make a daily schedule to organize different tasks with specific times and achievable goals.

b. With time and constant efforts, your self-discipline will become stronger and more helpful.

c. In addition, keep in mind the long-term benefits of discipline and celebrate small successes.

d. The bottom line is that try to be consistent and determined to overcome any obstacles.

e. To develop your self-discipline, it’s important to work on it regularly with a clear plan.

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

**17.** a.Additionally, entrepreneurs are likely to be exhausted from deal with different positions at a time.

b. Entrepreneurs generally have to face a variety of challenges when starting a business.

c. Limited financial resources, uncertainty in the market, and lack of experience can be frustrating at the beginning.

d. Therefore, entrepreneurs need to be well-prepared and determined to overcome unexpected problems.

e. Entrepreneurs are people that have a great ambition to be successful by being self-employed.

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

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the passage.**

Myrtle Hildred Blewett was a pioneering physicist with a passion (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Born in 1911, she dedicated her life to the pursuit of scientific knowledge. (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_ , Blewett's career path was full of serious challenges. Financial constraints (20) \_\_\_\_\_\_ temporarily, which was a painful experience that shaped her commitment to supporting future generations of women in science.

(21) \_\_\_\_\_\_ in scientific careers, Blewett managed to break down these barriers. In 2005, the M. Hildred Blewett Scholarship for Women in Physics was established in (22) \_\_\_\_\_\_ . This scholarship specifically targets women trying to return to physics after taking time away to care for their families. (23) \_\_\_\_\_\_ .As an avid reader, Blewett also left a portion of her funds to a library. Before she died, she left all of her money for the scholarship.

**18. A.** extended beyond the laboratory **B.** for extending beyond the laboratory

 **C.** that extended beyond the laboratory **D.** to extend beyond the laboratory

**19. A.** As she had early academic success **B.** Because of her early academic success

 **C.** Although she had early academic success **D.** Despite her early academic success

**20. A.** forced her physics to stop studying **B.** forced her to stop her physics studies

 **C.** forcing her physics studies to stop **D.** forced her to stop to study physically

**21. A.** Believing that women were held back **B.** Believe that women were held back

 **C.** To believe that women were held back **D.** Before believing that women were held back

**22. A.** its honor **B.** her honor **C.** his honor **D.** their honor

**23. A.** Her physics limits weren’t interesting **B.** She wasn’t interested in physics limits

 **C.** Her interests weren’t limited to physics **D.** Physics limits weren’t her interest

**Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the passage.**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is highly intelligent and capable of complex tasks, yet it is widely Digital artists have become more and more popular thanks to recent (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_ advancements. If you choose to become a digital artist, you'll be responsible (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_ designing illustrations, animations, and other kinds of artwork used in advertising, movies, and so on. Although the job sounds fascinating, it truly (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_ lots of essential skills.

First, digital artists must have good communication skills to build strong teamwork skills. Teamwork matters because it's necessary to collaborate with other team members to (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_ different designs. Making 2D or 3D artwork is a daily task in which digital artists have to use different graphic software effectively, so it's vital to be digitally literate and master suitable software. In addition, traditional art forms, such as painting and drawing, are considered helpful (28) \_\_\_\_\_\_ they can provide digital artists with some original ideas inspired by their traditional values.

**24. A.** educational **B.** technological **C.** economic **D.** cultural

**25. A.** at **B.** to **C.** for **D.** with

**26. A.** offers **B.** requires **C.** brings **D.** gains

**27. A.** put up with **B.** look up to **C.** look forward to **D.** come up with

**28. A.** because **B.** so **C.** but **D.** so that

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

Lifelong learning means always learning new things, even after finishing school. In today's fast-changing world, lifelong learning is beneficial for their personal and professional growth.

Firstly, people with a growth mindset are more likely to develop themselves throughout their lives. Lifelong learners are curious and open to new ideas, which helps them explore different topics and acquire new skills continuously. By joining workshops, classes, and online courses, **they** can acquire new things, become more knowledgeable in a variety of topics and finally contribute significantly to their communities.

Secondly, lifelong learning matters to learners' careers. In today's job market, staying updated with the latest technology is vital. By learning continuously, they can boost their work performance and upgrade their professional skills **to** **climb** **up** **the** **career** **ladder** quickly. In addition, lifelong learners generally find it easy to build relationships in groups or communities where they can meet others with similar interests. These groups are great places to make new friends and find new opportunities. By being active in these groups, lifelong learners can help each other improve their skills. Taking part in activities like public speaking training, people become more confident and better at talking to others, which **enables** them to make new professional connections.

To sum up, by always being open to learning new things, people can enhance their personal and professional lives as well as relationship-building skills.

**29.** Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

 **A.** The Positive Effects of Lifelong Learning **B.** The Values of Growth Mindset in Lifelong Learning

 **C.** The Helpful Groups of Lifelong Learning **D.** The Effects of Lifelong Learning on Human Growth

**30.** The word **they** in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** courses **B.** classes **C.** skills **D.** learners

**31.** The phrase **to** **climb** **up** **the** **career** **ladder** in paragraph 3 mostly means \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** to become rich **B.** to develop a job **C.** to realize a dream **D.** to achieve difficult targets

**32.** The word **enables** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** permits **B.** allows **C.** encourages **D.** prevents

**33.** Which of the following is NOT true in the passage?

 **A.** With a growth mindset, lifelong learners keep searching for new knowledge and skills.

 **B.** By taking part in many kinds of training, people can help each other improve their communication skills.

 **C.** Making significant contributions to communities allows people to acquire more knowledge and skills.

 **D.** It’s crucial for workers to stay updated with the latest technology if they want to be successful.

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

A start-up is a company founded by one or a group of entrepreneurs that has the same idea. To build a start-up, entrepreneurs must have the right mindset and suitable skills.

First, the right mindset starts with a true passion. It's important to love what you're doing. If you start a business based on something you love, it helps you stay motivated and work hard, especially when you have to face serious unexpected issues. Therefore, being strong when facing problems is crucial. If you can learn from failures and not give up, that will play a key part in being a successful entrepreneur. Second, it's vital to maintain the attitude of lifelong learning in your mindset. Today's **constant** learning can play a key role in a start-up's success. It means staying curious and always trying to explore new things for more opportunities. Whether you're dealing with difficulties or not, it's the right attitude that determines the values you can learn.

Suitable skills are essential to develop a start-up. First, effective planning is like building a strong foundation for a skyscraper. If you have a good plan for your business and keep it updated regularly, you're more likely to succeed. Second, adaptability can ensure the survival of a business. Today, things can change rapidly, so being able to adapt quickly is a big advantage. Successful business owners are flexible enough to change their plans when needed. Third, taking smart risks is **inevitable** in business whether entrepreneurs like it or not. It's about making careful calculations and preparing for what might happen. If you're good at managing risks, it helps your business grab wonderful opportunities to move forward.

In summary, being an entrepreneur is like following a map. If your map is built on the right mindset and suitable skills, you're on the right path to making your start-up successful.

**34.** Which of the following could be the best title for the passage?

 **A.** The Successful Trend of Entrepreneurship **B.** The Mindset and Skills for Entrepreneurship

 **C.** The Necessary Skills of Entrepreneurship **D.** The Career Path in Entrepreneurship

**35.** The word **constant** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** academic **B.** practical **C.** continuous **D.** theoretical

**36.** The word it in paragraph 3 refers to \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** business **B.** plan **C.** skyscraper **D.** foundation

**37.** The word **inevitable** in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** unexpected **B.** predictable **C.** unplanned **D.** avoidable

**38.** According to paragraph 2, being passionate about your business is vital for success because \_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A.** it maintains your motivation during difficult times

 **B.** it keeps you engaged in your hobbies

 **C.** it helps you set specific goals

 **D.** it contributes to your problem-solving

**39.** Which of the following could be inferred from paragraph 2?

 **A.** Lifelong learning is a minor aspect of business.

 **B.** Lifelong learning creates a short-term positive attitude.

 **C.** Lifelong learning can be crucial for a start-up’s success.

 **D.** Lifelong learning is only required when a business starts.

**40.** Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

 **A.** Taking smart risks involves careful calculations.

 **B.** Effective planning ensures a foundation for future success.

 **C.** Being adaptable helps entrepreneurs make necessary changes.

 **D.** Successful entrepreneurs could fail unexpectedly.