

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

1. Last week's weather _____ exceptionally hot, with temperatures reaching over 35 degrees Celsius.
A. is B. has been **C. was** D. had been
2. He decided _____ a new language as part of his New Year's resolution to broaden his horizons.
A. learning **B. to learn** C. to learning D. learn
3. The conference will be held _____ London next month, attracting experts from various fields.
A. on **B. in** C. at D. under
4. The weather was beautiful, _____ I couldn't go outside because I was feeling unwell.
A. however **B. therefore** C. so D. but
5. This watch costs too much, _____?
A. doesn't it B. isn't it C. does it D. is it
6. He is _____ about participating in the marathon next month; he has been training for it for months.
A. interested B. keen C. surprised **D. excited**
7. When a city has more skyscrapers, the glass walls make _____ more serious.
A. air pollution **B. global warming**
C. habitat loss D. ecological balance
8. They are going to spend their holiday _____ rural France.
A. relaxing **B. exploring** C. reserving D. searching
9. If Emily _____ sick today, she would be able to go to school.
A. isn't **B. weren't** C. wasn't D. didn't
10. She stepped onto the stage and delivered an inspiring speech.
A. confidence **B. confidently** C. confident D. confide
11. I decided to _____ gardening as a hobby, and now my backyard is filled with beautiful flowers and plants.
A. put off **B. take up** C. look after D. stand for

12. Teaching is a rewarding profession _____.

- A. although it does not require much effort.
- B. if teachers do not communicate well with students.
- C. unless students are willing to learn.

D. because it allows educators to inspire and guide students.

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

Temporary Closure for Inventory

Dear Customers,

Our store will be temporarily closed (13) _____ inventory purposes. This closure will take place on Monday, March 18th, and we will reopen on Wednesday, March 20th.

During (14) _____ time, our team will be focusing on (15) _____ and organizing all stock to ensure accurate records and better service. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

This process will help us provide a (16) _____ experience for you in the future.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to serving you (17) _____ than before when we reopen!

Best regards,

13. A. on **B. for** C. at D. in
14. A. a B. an **C. the** D. some
15. **A. checking** B. selling C. delivering D. producing
16. A. service B. order C. smooth **D. shopping**
17. A. good **B. better** C. best D. more

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

Get Fit at Victory Gym Center

Are you ready (18) _____ your fitness goals? At Victor Gym Center, we provide top-quality training programs, modern equipment, and expert guidance to help you achieve the body and health you desire.

Join us and experience the benefits of (19) _____, which will improve your strength, endurance, and overall well-being.

Not only do we offer state-of-the-art facilities, (20) _____ we also have professional trainers who will support you every step of the way.

With our (21) _____ workout plans and a motivating environment, you'll stay inspired to push your limits and reach new heights.

Sign up today and (22) _____ your fitness journey with us!

18. **A. to achieve** B. achieving C. to be achieved D. achieved

19. **A. regular exercise** B. food delivery
C. time management D. tourist attraction

20. A. and B. or **C. but** D. so

21. **A. personalized** B. careless C. harmful D. complicated

22. A. give up **B. work out** C. run out of D. take after

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

Health is something we tend to ignore when we have it. When our body is doing well, we are hardly aware (23) _____ it. But illness can come, even if we are young. In fact, childhood has been a very susceptible time. (24) _____ diseases attack children in particular, and people know very little (25) _____ to cure them once they strike. The result was that many children died. About a century ago, scientists (26) _____ about germs, and then everything changed. The cause of many diseases was found, and (27) _____ were developed. As this medical discovery spread, the world became much safer for children. The result is that a hundred years ago, the average man lived for 5 years. Nowadays, in many areas of the world, people can expect (28) _____ for 75 years. And what do we expect by the year 2020? Undoubtedly, medical science will continue to advance. Some people will be able to avoid medical problems that are unavoidable today.

23. A. about B. for **C. of** D. in

24. **A. Many** B. Much C. A lot D. A little

25. **A. how** B. what C. which D. when

26. A. find out B. have found out C. will find out **D. found out**

27. A. measures **B. cures** C. solutions D. effects

28. A. to living B. live C. living **D. to live**

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

Affordable Housing: A Growing Need

Affordable housing is a crucial issue in many parts of the world. As urban populations grow, the demand for housing increases, making it difficult for low- and middle-income families to find suitable homes. Governments and organizations are working to create affordable housing programs to ensure that everyone has a safe and stable place to live. These programs often include

subsidized housing, rent control, and low-interest loans for homebuyers.

One of the main challenges in providing affordable housing is the rising cost of land and construction. In many cities, property prices have **skyrocketed**, making it difficult to build homes at lower costs. Additionally, bureaucratic delays, zoning laws, and limited funding make it even harder to develop affordable housing projects. To address these issues, some governments encourage public-private partnerships, where private companies work with the government to build cost-effective housing solutions.

Affordable housing is essential for economic stability and social well-being. When people have access to safe and affordable homes, they can focus on education, employment, and improving their quality of life. Without **it**, many families struggle with high rents, overcrowding, or even homelessness. As the global population continues to grow, finding sustainable solutions for affordable housing remains a top priority for many governments and communities.

29. What is the passage mainly about?

A. The history of urban development

B. The importance and challenges of affordable housing

C. How to invest in real estate

D. The advantages of luxury apartments

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

A. Affordable housing programs can include rent control.

B. Bureaucratic delays can make housing projects difficult to complete.

C. Affordable housing is only necessary for low-income families.

D. Public-private partnerships can help solve housing problems.

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

A. economic stability

B. affordable housing

C. the government

D. public-private partnerships

32. The word "**skyrocketed**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ____.

A. increased quickly

B. decreased suddenly

C. stayed the same

D. improved slightly

33. Why is affordable housing important?

A. It allows people to focus on education and work.

B. It increases land prices in urban areas.

C. It makes cities more expensive.

D. It encourages people to live in rural areas.

34. What is one way governments address housing costs?

- A. Ignoring zoning laws
- B. Lowering home prices directly
- C. Encouraging public-private partnerships**
- D. Banning new housing developments

35. What is a challenge in creating affordable housing?

- A. The decreasing number of urban residents

B. High land and construction costs

- C. A lack of interest in homeownership
- D. The rapid decline in rental prices

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

36.

- a. John: I'm planning to visit Japan next summer.
- b. Mary: Why Japan?
- c. Mary: Have you already decided on the places you want to visit?
- d. John: I've always been fascinated by Japanese culture and history.
- e. Mary: That sounds amazing! I hope you enjoy the trip.

A. c-a-b-d-e

B. a-b-d-c-e

C. b-a-e-d-c

D. c-a-d-

b-e

37.

Hi John,

- a. It's fantastic that you've taken the time to recommend those cultural podcasts to me.
- b. I listened to the first one on ancient civilizations, and it was truly insightful.
- c. You know, maybe we could start a discussion group about these topics, what do you think?
- d. Thanks also for introducing me to those documentaries - they've been an amazing supplement to the podcasts!
- e. While I'm busy at the moment preparing for my exam, I'm eager to dive deeper into the content afterward.

Write back soon,

Emily

A. b-d-a-c-e

B. a-b-d-c-e

C. a-d-b-e-c

D. b-e-a-

d-c

38.

- a. While managing large teams and coordinating multiple tasks can be

challenging, the sense of accomplishment when a project is completed successfully is truly rewarding.

b. I started my journey in project management five years ago, where I quickly developed a passion for overseeing complex projects.

c. My ability to communicate clearly with clients and colleagues is one of my greatest strengths in this role.

d. I have honed my skills through various leadership training programs and by handling diverse projects across industries.

e. In conclusion, my experience in leading teams and delivering results under tight deadlines has shaped me into a well-rounded project manager.

A. b-d-c-a-e

B. c-a-d-b-e

C. d-b-a-c-e

D. b-c-a-

d-e

39.

a. However, despite these advancements, the region still struggles with infrastructure challenges, as public transportation remains underdeveloped.

b. Over the past decade, Greystone has undergone a remarkable transformation, shifting from a quiet suburban town to a vibrant hub of commercial activity.

c. The influx of new residents has increased demand for housing, resulting in a rapid expansion of residential developments across the city.

d. This economic growth has attracted businesses from tech startups to retail giants, significantly enhancing employment opportunities and boosting the local economy.

e. The surge in population, along with the expansion of commercial sectors, has led to a noticeable strain on public services and transportation networks.

A. b-d-c-e-a

B. b-c-d-a-e

C. b-c-e-d-a

D. b-e-d-

c-a

40.

a. Brian: I suppose that's true. I just find it hard to connect with the fast lyrics and heavy beats. It feels too chaotic to me.

b. Adela: I understand! Rap can be intense, especially if you're not used to it. But it's interesting how it reflects the voices and issues of today's generation.

c. Brian: Maybe I should give it a second chance.

d. Adela: I used to feel the same way, but I've come to appreciate the storytelling in rap. Some of the lyrics are incredibly insightful and poetic.

e. Brian: You know, my son keeps asking me to listen to his favourite rap artists, but I just don't get it. I'm more into classic rock and jazz.

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

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 will take up golf this year.

A. I will begin to play golf this year.

B. I will build a golf court this year.

C. I will enter a golf competition this year.

D. I will stop playing golf this year.

42. Tom no longer smokes a lot.

A. Tom now smokes a lot.

B. Tom used to smoke a lot.

C. Tom didn't use to smoke a lot.

D. Tom rarely smoked a lot.

43. No one has sent me that letter.

A. I haven't been sent that letter.

B. I wasn't sent that letter.

C. That letter hasn't been sent me.

D. That letter has sent to me by no one.

44. You are not allowed to leave the room without permission.

A. You mustn't leave the room without permission.

B. You might leave the room without permission.

C. You needn't leave the room without permission.

D. You don't have to leave the room without permission.

45. Science and technology have completely changed human life.

A. Human life has been completely changed by science and technology.

B. Human life have been changed completely by science and technology.

C. Human life have been completely changed by science and technology.

D. Human life has changed by science and technology completely.

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. The jeans are over there. I told you about them last week.

A. The jeans about whom I told you about last week are over there.

B. The jeans which I told you about them last week are over there.

C. The jeans which I told you about last week are over there.

D. The jeans about that I told you about last week are over there.

47. The government plans to help poorer countries. It plans to cancel all third world debt.

A. The government plans to help poorer countries so that it cancels all third world debt.

B. The government plans to help poorer countries by cancelling all third world debt.

C. The government plans to cancel all third world debt in case it helps poorer countries.

D. The government plans to help poorer countries with a view to cancelling all third world debt.

48. We spend about one-third of our lives sleeping. We know relatively little about sleep.

A. We know relatively little about sleep; as a result, we spend about one-third of our lives sleeping.

B. We shall know more about sleep if we spend more than one-third of our lives sleeping.

C. We spend about one-third of our lives sleeping so that we know relatively little about sleep.

D. Despite spending about one-third of our lives sleeping, we know relatively little about sleep.

49. My motorbike cannot start in the mornings. I think I will get the garage to repair it.

A. My motorbike I will get it repaired which cannot start in the mornings.

B. My motorbike cannot start in the mornings, so I will have it repaired.

C. My motorbike which I will get it repaired cannot start in the mornings.

D. My motorbike which I will have it repaired cannot start in the mornings.

50. He will go to an interview the next time. He will remember to bring along his qualifications with him.

A. He will remember to bring along his qualifications with him the next time he goes to an interview.

B. He will remember to bring along his qualifications when he goes to an interview the next time.

C. He goes to an interview and then he will bring along his qualifications with him.

D. Once he goes to an interview, he will bring along his qualifications with him.