

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

1. At this time last week, we _____ a party in a luxurious restaurant.
A. will be having B. had had **C. were having** D. had
2. _____ the rain was heavy, I arrived on time.
A. Because B. Unless C. Despite **D. Although**
3. We have decided to meet _____ the second Wednesday of next month to address the issue.
A. on B. at C. in D. to
4. Lan doesn't mind _____ the midnight oil to revise for her final exam.
A. burning B. to burn C. to burning D. burn
5. My parents were _____ that I gained the scholarship to study at Stanford.
A. annoyed **B. pleased** C. afraid D. surprising
6. The car, _____ can reach speeds of over 300km/ph, cost over \$500,000.
A. which B. that C. whose D. when
7. _____ is the existence of a wide variety of plant and animal species living in the natural environment.
A. Biodiversity B. Globe C. Individual D. conservation
8. The teacher didn't seem to be happy about our tasks, _____?
A. didn't they **B. did they** C. didn't he D. did he
9. My brother's hobby is _____ old postcards.
A. composing B. including C. taking **D. collecting**
10. I'm particularly interested in the _____ development of young children.
A. linguist B. linguistically C. language **D. linguistic**
11. It shakes and rattles as the engine _____.
A. turns over B. knock over C. stress out D. sort out
12. Humans have continued to evolve over thousands of years _____.
A. although challenges still exist
B. while animals follow their instincts

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

I love shopping online. I prefer (23) _____ mobile phone apps, but sometimes I use my computer. The phone is so convenient for me that I can even do my (24) _____ from bed. I love shopping so much that I buy everything I need at home. But I still want to get clothes from a store, so I can (25) _____ them on to be sure they fit me fine.

Yesterday, I bought a birthday present for my mother, and it arrived today. That (26) _____ me a lot of time. My friends aren't as comfortable with buying things online as I am (27) _____ they think that it can be dangerous. Of course, bad things sometimes happen, but I am very (28) _____ with my personal details. It is important to be sure that the web page is secure. You can see this if the address has got an "s" in it, like https://. That "s" means it is safe.

23. A. use B. to use **C. using** D. uses
24. A. shop B. shopped C. to shop **D. shopping**
25. **A. try** B. go C. turn D. depend
26. A. takes B. spends **C. saves** D. loses
27. **A. because** B. so that C. although D. because of
28. A. care **B. careful** C. careless D. carefully

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The Convenience of Shopping Online

In today's digital world, shopping online has become more popular than ever. With just a few clicks, customers can browse through a vast selection of products, compare prices, and place orders without leaving their homes. Many online stores offer discounts and promotions that are not available in physical stores, making shopping even more attractive. Additionally, **it** saves time and effort since buyers do not have to visit multiple stores to find what they need.

However, while online shopping is convenient, it does have some drawbacks. One major concern is the risk of fraud, as some websites may sell low-quality or counterfeit products. Customers may also experience delays in shipping, especially during peak shopping seasons. Additionally, some buyers prefer to see and touch products before purchasing, which is not possible when shopping online. To address these issues, many websites provide customer reviews and return policies to help buyers make informed decisions.

Despite these **challenges**, online shopping continues to grow in popularity. Advances in technology have improved the security of online transactions, making it safer for consumers to make purchases. Many businesses have also improved their delivery services, offering same-day or next-day shipping options. With these improvements, it is likely that online shopping will become even more widespread in the future.

29. What is the passage mainly about?

A. The benefits and drawbacks of online shopping

B. How to start an online shopping business

C. The history of online shopping

D. Why people should avoid online shopping

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

A. Online shopping allows customers to compare prices easily.

B. Online shopping is always faster than shopping in physical stores.

C. Some online stores offer discounts that physical stores do not.

D. Customers can read reviews before making a purchase.

31. The word "it" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. A discount

B. Online shopping

C. A product

D. A physical store

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

A. Problems

B. Opportunities

C. Advantages

D. Improvements

33. Why do some customers hesitate to shop online?

A. They think it is too expensive.

B. They worry about fraud and shipping delays.

C. They do not know how to use the internet.

D. They cannot find products online.

34. What are some advantages of online shopping?

A. It allows customers to touch products before buying.

B. It makes shopping slower and more complicated.

C. It saves time and often provides discounts.

D. It only works during certain hours.

35. How have businesses improved online shopping?

A. By increasing product prices

B. By closing physical stores

C. By allowing customers to buy only in bulk

B. By offering safer transactions and faster shipping

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36.

- a. Anna: That sounds lovely! Do you also have any traditions at home?
- b. Anna: How does your family usually spend weekends together?
- c. John: Yes, every Sunday, we cook a big family dinner together, and everyone helps out.
- d. Anna: That's such a nice way to bond! It must be a lot of fun.
- e. John: We often go for walks in the park and have a picnic if the weather is nice.

A. d-b-a-e-c

B. b-c-a-e-d

C. c-b-a-e-d

D. b-e-a-

c-d

37.

Hi Ethan,

- a. I tried it yesterday, and it was amazing! The instructor was great, and I felt so much more relaxed afterward.
- b. Thanks for the suggestion about the yoga class - I think it will really help me unwind after a long week.
- c. I also plan to take some time off next month to travel and recharge a bit.
- d. I've been really busy lately with work, so I haven't had much time to relax.
- e. Hopefully, I can make it a regular part of my routine.

Write back soon,

Jordan

A. d-a-e-b-c

B. e-d-a-b-c

C. d-b-a-e-c

D. a-e-b-

d-c

38.

- a. In addition to eating well, regular exercise is key to boosting energy levels and maintaining a healthy weight.
- b. A balanced diet, rich in whole foods like fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins, provides the essential nutrients our bodies need to function properly.
- c. It's also important to stay hydrated throughout the day and ensure you're getting enough sleep to help your body recover.
- d. By making these simple changes, we can greatly improve our overall well-being.
- e. Adopting a healthy lifestyle is crucial for improving both physical and mental health in the long run.

A. c-a-b-e-d

B. e-b-a-c-d

C. c-d-b-e-a

D. e-d-b-

c-a

39.

a. It has provided us with advanced tools that make tasks more efficient and convenient.

b. However, while technology brings numerous benefits, it also poses challenges, such as privacy concerns and the risk of job displacement.

c. Technology has drastically changed the way we live and work.

d. Therefore, as we continue to innovate, it is crucial to balance progress with careful consideration of its potential impacts on society.

e. For instance, the development of artificial intelligence has led to automation in many industries, reducing the need for manual labor.

A. c-a-e-b-d

B. c-d-b-a-e

C. e-b-a-c-d

D. e-c-a-

d-b

40.

a. An: Definitely! It can save you a lot of time!

b. Mai: Wow, I should give it a try for my next project!

c. An: I tried using ChatGPT for my essay, and it was so helpful!

d. An: It suggested great ideas and improved my writing style.

e. Mai: Really? I've heard it's quite smart! What did it help you with?

A. a-d-c-e-b

B. b-c-e-a-d

C. d-e-a-b-c

D. c-e-d-

b-a

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. The movie bears little resemblance to the original novel.

A. The movie is very similar to the original novel.

B. The movie is quite different from the original novel.

C. The movie and the original novel resemble in many ways.

D. The movie and the original novel differ in some ways.

42. He started learning French six years ago.

A. It is six years since he has learnt French.

B. He has learned French for six years.

C. He hasn't learnt French for six years.

D. It was six years ago did he start learning French.

43. "Why don't you meet to discuss how to organise the fair?"

A. He suggested to meeting to discuss how to organise the fair.

B. He suggested that we shouldn't meet to discuss how to organise the fair.

C. He suggested that we should meet to discuss how to organise the fair.

D. He suggested to meet to discuss how to organise the fair.

44. Vinfast Automobile Company will introduce a new car model.

A. A new car model will introduced by Vinfast Automobile Company.

B. A new car model will be introduce by Vinfast Automobile Company.

C. A new car model will been introduced by Vinfast Automobile Company.

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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 weather was very hot. The children continued playing football in the schoolyard.

A. Because of the weather was hot, the children continued playing football in the schoolyard.

B. Because the hot weather, the children continued playing football in the schoolyard.

C. In spite of the hot weather, the children continued playing football in the schoolyard.

D. Despite the weather was hot, the children continued playing football in the schoolyard.

47. Ms. Minh is very happy. Her daughter won the first prize of the dancing contest.

A. Ms. Minh is very happy, that is her daughter won the first prize of the dancing contest.

B. Ms. Minh with her daughter won the first prize of the dancing contest, who is very happy.

C. Ms. Minh, whose daughter won the first prize of the dancing contest, is very happy.

D. Ms. Minh's daughter, who won the first prize of the dancing contest, is very happy.

48. She raised her hand high. She wanted to attract her teacher's attention.

- A. Because her teacher attracted her, she raised her hand high.
- B. She had such a high raising of hand that she attracted her teacher's attention.
- C. Though she raised her hand high, she could not attract her teacher's attention.
- D. To attract her teacher's attention, she raised her hand high.**

49. My new neighbour is a famous author. My new neighbour is also an influential political commentator.

A. My new neighbour is a famous author, and she is an influential political commentator.

B. My new neighbour likes writing famous books and commenting on politics.

C. My new neighbour is not only a famous author but also an influential political commentator.

D. My new neighbour writes famous books, but she does not know much about politics.

50. My sisters used to get on with each other. Now they hardly speak.

A. My sisters rarely speak because they have never liked each other.

B. Because they have never got on, my sisters do not speak to each other.

C. My sisters were once close, but they rarely speak to each other now.

D. My sisters do not speak to each other much, but they are good friends.