

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

Question 1. Hoi An Ancient Town is a well-preserved example of a Southeast Asian trading port _____ from the 15th to the 19th century.

- A. to date B. dated C. that date D. dating

Question 12. The new supermarket is much cheaper than the one in John Street. _____, they do free home deliveries.

- A. Consequently B. Moreover C. Nevertheless D. Instead

Question 3. _____ with an average of 320 days of sunshine a year, the coastline offers the perfect holiday destination for anyone _____ to switch off and unwind.

- A. Blessed/wants B. Blessing/wanting C. Blessed/wanting D. Blessing/wanted

Question 4. A video lab is _____ useful means for language learning.

- A. a B. the C. an D. no article

Question 5. The concert was performed by _____.

- A. an exciting new band French B. a new French exciting band
C. a French exciting new band D. an exciting new French band

Question 6. Her paintings _____ international recognition thanks to a major exhibition in New York.

- A. made B. won C. took D. required

Question 7. All the girls in the school were wearing jeans, except two; one wore a blouse and a skirt and _____ wore a dress.

- A. others B. other C. another D. the other

Question 8. The police arrived at the _____ of the accident within minutes.

- A. view B. sight C. scene D. image

Question 9. You really dropped _____ the other day when you told Brian you'd seen his wife at the cinema. He thought she was at her mother's.

- A. a plank B. a log C. a brick D. a stone

Question 10. The kids go to school on foot, _____?

- A. don't they B. are they C. aren't they D. do they

Question 11. These areas used to be _____ populated, but then its residents migrated.

- A. sparsely B. highly C. scarcely D. densely

Question 12. He had to walk home as he had _____ any money on his credit card _____ any cash with which to pay for the bus home.

- A. neither – nor B. either – or C. not only – but also D. both - and

Question 13. _____ the distance was too far and the time was short, we decided to fly there instead of going there by train.

- A. To discover B. Discovering C. Discover D. To have discovered

Question 14. I have a message for people _____ by the traffic chaos.

- A. to delay B. who delay C. delayed D. who delaying

Question 15. Come and work for my company if you _____ better to do.

- A. have nothing B. has nothing C. had something D. had nothing

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 16. The keynote speaker (A) started with some complementary remarks (B) about the organizers (C) of the conference, and then proceeded(D) with her speech.

Question 17. The Complex of Hue Monuments (A) was (B) the first (C) site in Viet Nam recognized (D) as a World Heritage Site by the UNESCO.

Question 18. He strongly (A) demanded that every (B) employee wore (C) uniform to (D) the meeting.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of stress in each of the following questions.

Question 19. A. robot B. injured C. machine D. crisis

Question 20. A. employment B. politics C. dependent D. invention

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 21. A. fare B. black C. match D. calcium

Question 22. A. caused B. smoked C. decreased D. asked

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 23. Jane: "Are you interested in scuba diving?"

Janet: "_____."

- A. Very. Undersea life is fascinating. B. Very. Undersea life is being strongly contaminated.
C. Well, things are much different, now. D. Not any. Undersea life is too expensive.

Question 24. "_____ " - "Yes. Do you have any shirts?"

- A. Could you do me a favor? B. May I help you?
C. Oh, dear. What a nice shirt! D. White, please

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 25. Releasing too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere can lead to global warming.

- A. result in B. result from C. cause D. activate

Question 26. Joe's been walking with a spring in his step ever since he found out he was getting a promotion.

- A. a happy and excited mood B. a joyful and energetic mood
C. a worried and depressed mood D. a bad and sorrow mood

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

Question 27. As fossil fuel resources are running out, it is important for the government to find some types of alternative energy.

- A. substitute B. impossible C. irreplaceable D. practical

Question 28. Ha Long Bay has attracted millions of visitors who come to enjoy its breathtaking views and experience other activities.

- A. unforgettable. B. unbreathable C. awe-inspiring D. heartbreaking

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 29 to 33.

Heavy rainfall, _____ (29) started in mid-March, led to non-stop flooding across Iran, destroying nearly 2,000 cities and villages. The rain _____ (30) thousands of people and killed at least 70. An Iranian news agency said that some 140 rivers burst their banks. People reported hundreds of landslides, and hundreds of millions of dollars _____ (31) of damage to water and farming infrastructure.

The Iranian Red Crescent Society said the “volunteers and staff evacuated hundreds of people to safety” and it was handing out items like tents, blankets and health kits to thousands. _____ (32), because of US sanctions on Iran, help from the IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) has not been received. The aid network said that it sent Iran \$500,000 but the _____ (33) of Iran's Parliament stated that they didn't get a dollar because of the American sanctions.

(Adapted from <https://www.newsintlevels.com>)

Question 29: A. which B. that C. what D. who

Question 30: A. displaced B. disarranged C. dislocated D. disputed

Question 31: A. price B. cost C. worth D. value

Question 32: A. Despite B. Though C. Even though D. However

Question 33: A. speech B. speaker C. spoken D. speaking

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 34. "You're always making terrible mistakes," said the teacher.

- A. The teacher complained about his students making terrible mistakes.
- B. The teacher asked his students why they always made terrible mistakes.
- C. The teacher realized that his students always made terrible mistakes.
- D. The teacher made his students not always make terrible mistakes.

Question 35. After twenty-five years of hard work, he made a decision to retire.

- A. He made a decision to retire after his hard work for twenty-five years.
- B. He has been working hard for twenty-five years before he retired.
- C. After he worked hard in twenty-five years, he made a decision to retire.
- D. He made a decision to retire after he had worked hard for twenty-five years.

Question 36. If there hadn't been such a strong wind, it would not have been so difficult to put out the fire.

- A. When a strong wind began to blow it was even more difficult to control the fire.
- B. As the wind was really very strong, it took them a long time to put out the fire.
- C. It was the strong wind which made it difficult for us to put out the fire.
- D. If the wind hadn't been so strong, it would have been much easier to put out the fire.

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

Question 37. You weren't able to come. Collin was very sad.

- A. Collin would rather you were able to come since she was very sad.
- B. If I were you, I would come so Collin won't be sad anymore.
- C. If only you'd been able to come, then Collin would have been happy.
- D. It is high time you were able to come so Collin wouldn't be sad.

Question 38. We almost gave up hope. At that time, the rescue party arrived.

- A. We were on the verge of giving up hope when the rescue party arrived. .
- B. Only after the rescue party arrived did we give up hope.
- C. It was not until the rescue party arrived that we gave up hope.
- D. Had the rescue party not arrived, we wouldn't have given up hope.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 34 to 38.

Antibodies are Y-shaped proteins produced as part of the body's immune response to infection. They help eliminate disease-causing microbes from the body, for instance by directly destroying **them** or by blocking them from infecting cells.

Antibodies work by recognizing and sticking to specific proteins, such as those found on the surfaces of viruses and bacteria, in a highly specific way. When the body encounters a microbe for the first time, immune cells produce antibodies that specifically recognize proteins associated with that particular microbe.

After recovering from an infection or receiving a vaccine, a small number of these antibody producing immune cells usually remain in the body as memory cells, providing immunity to future infections with the

same bug. Because memory cells and antibodies are already present, next time the body encounters the same microbe, the immune response is much faster and can stop the infection from taking hold.

Because of their **unique** ability to recognize and stick to specific proteins, antibodies are commonly used as a tool in biomedical research, for example to identify whether a particular protein is present in a sample or to find out where a specific protein is located within a cell.

(Adapted from newscientist.com)

Question 39: What is the best title for this passage?

- A. The Body's Immune Response
- B. What Are Antibodies?
- C. How Memory Cells Work
- C. Dangerous Disease-Causing Microbes

Question 40: The word "**them**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. cells
- B. antibodies
- C. proteins
- D. microbes

Question 41: When the body is infected with a microbe that it has encountered before, the immune response is much faster because _____.

- A. all antibody-producing immune cells from the last infection are still present.
- B. antibodies are much stronger after encountering a microbe for the first time.
- C. all antibodies have already been turned into memory and immune cells.
- D. memory cells and antibodies for this microbe already exist in the body.

Question 42: Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Antibodies can either destroy or block microbes from infecting cells.
- B. After the body recovers from an infection, immune cells will disappear.
- C. Antibodies work by detecting and sticking to all proteins in the body.
- D. Biomedical researchers can use antibodies to produce specific proteins.

Question 43: The word "**unique**" in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. spectacular
- B. surprising
- C. distinctive
- D. impressive

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 39 to 45.

Many stories about recovery from burnout - a type of chronic stress which leaves people physically and emotionally exhausted - are very similar: the affected person realizes the problem and starts to **overhaul** their lifestyle: in just a short period of time, they may quit their job, move to another country, or end a relationship. Then, they successfully recover. However, according to Stela Salminen, a doctoral candidate at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, this is not always the case.

Dramatic life changes might be beneficial for some people, but in her own research Salminen has found one factor which truly unites those who recover realizing that they are in control. For a small study in

2015, she interviewed 12 burnout sufferers. Researchers assessed participants to determine the severity of their burnout at the time of the study and seven months later. Their scores were then compared to what they said to look for patterns. The analysis revealed that **those** who recovered successfully experienced a revelation that they are in charge of their own wellbeing.

Salminen explains that if burnout sufferers believe that they can influence their environment, they usually take the necessary steps to reverse the factors which got them there in the first place. This might include things like improving sleep habits, since this is one of the best ways to reset when you're stressed, or drawing clear lines between work and non-work time. "People who have a sense of agency take steps in the workplace, make changes in their families; they take care of themselves, and they're more aware of their own limitations," she says.

One way to achieve this feeling of self-control is to attend slightly scary sounding "*burnout rehabilitation programmes*". These can come in many different forms - such as luxury retreats and basic online courses - but broadly they involve some kind of cognitive therapy to help people re-frame their experiences in a more productive way. Another is to gain control of another aspect of your life, such as by taking up a creative hobby or exercising more often. The late famous painting instructor Bob Ross often emphasized this, advising viewers that "If you don't like it, change it. It's your world."

Another important predictor of recovery from burnout is a healthy life. "Family relationships, one's overall health – these tend to influence people who have gone through burnout and are on the path to recovery," says Salminen. "Finding emotional support seems to be the first step towards recovery," says Salminen. "It can come from many different places - occupational health care like a psychologist, it can be support from family members, or support from colleagues." By validating your experiences, these people can help to improve your motivation and how you see yourself, and regardless of what happens in your journey to recovery, this can only be good.

(Adapted from bbc.com)

Question 44: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Studies that prove recovering from burnout is not always the same
- B. How to tell whether you are getting rid of burnout or not?
- C. How the feeling of having control helps people deal with burnout
- D. Does burnout recovery always require radical life changes?

Question 45: The word "**overhaul**" in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to_____.

- A. completely change
- B. absolutely ruin
- C. carefully reconsider
- D. slowly adjust

Question 46: The word "**those**" in paragraph 2 refers to_____.

- A. scores
- B. researchers
- C. patterns
- D. participants

Question 47: According to paragraph 3, people who have a sense of agency_____.

- A. will only change their lifestyle when they feel that they are suffering burnout.

- B. are more likely to suffer burnout because they are more aware of their own limitations.
- C. try to deal with the factors that initially leads to burnout by taking suitable measures.
- D. make lifestyle changes more frequently and radically than those who do not.

Question 48: Which of the following is NOT TRUE, according to the passage?

- A. Many improve their sleeping habits to avoid burnout since this is the most effective way to reset.
- B. When people recover from burnout, paying attention to mental health seems to be the first step.
- C. The true factor that all stories of burnout recovery involve is the sense of having control.
- D. The frequency of exercising is one of the aspects of a person's life that can be controlled.

Question 49: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. Unclear lines between work and non-work time may be a factor contributing to burnout.
- B. Many people have benefited from the advice of the popular painting instructor Bob Ross.
- C. The 12 burnout sufferers in Salminen's 2015 study all successfully recovered.
- D. One's physical health has no effect on their journey to recovering from burnout.

Question 50: What do we learn about “*burnout rehabilitation programmes*” in paragraph 4?

- A. They most often come in the form of basic online courses that are inexpensive.
- B. They help people look at their experiences in a more productive manner.
- C. Despite varying forms, they all include one common type of cognitive therapy. "
- D. Expensive ones like those involving luxury retreats are the most effective.