

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. We attended the inauguration of the cruise company's latest ship last week, _____ the mayor of Paris gave a speech.

- A. in which event B. during that C. in which case D. during which

Question 2. _____ a number of difficulties in the first week, Maria ultimately decided to quit her new job.

- A. Being encountered B. Having been encountered
C. To encounter D. Having encountered

Question 3. She is _____ aware that there should be a need to obey the rules of the competition.

- A. far B. greatly C. much D. well

Question 4. The resignation of the chairman of the board came like a bolt from _____.

- A. the red B. the blue C. above D. the sky

Question 5. "What shall we do this weekend?" - "The new James Bond film _____ at the Odeon."

- A. shows B. will have been showing
C. has shown D. is showing

Question 6. Please let me know if you can take on the role of Blanche. _____, we'll have to hold a new audition.

- A. If anything B. If not C. If so D. If in doubt

Question 7. Being the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest has staggered even the most organized and _____ climbers.

- A. experienced B. experiencing C. inexperienced D. experience

Question 8. We took Peter _____ for two months after the fire at his home. It was no trouble as we have the extra bedroom up in the converted loft.

- A. out B. in C. off D. up

Question 9. My uncle's always had a _____ spot for children. He really likes them.

- A. gentle B. kind C. warm D. soft

Question 10. Her _____ look tells me that she didn't understand a single thing I said.

- A. dead B. dark C. lost D. blank

Question 11. We are considering having _____ for the coming New Year.

- A. to redecorate our flat B. redecorated our flat
C. our flat redecorated D. our flat to be redecorated

Question 12. "It seems a bit harsh to give football players a yellow card for removing their shirt when they score?" ~ "_____ pointless it is, the rule has to be adhered to."

- A. Though B. Whatever C. How D. However

Question 13. We caught sight of dozens of _____ elephants on safari.

- A. Indian huge grey B. grey Indian huge
C. huge grey Indian D. huge Indian grey

Question 14. The older Miss Lucy is, _____ she becomes.

- A. most attractive B. the more attractive
C. more attractive D. the most attractive

Question 15. _____ can sometimes get themselves into trouble because they're such curious animals.

- A. The cat B. A cat C. Cats D. The cats

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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 16. A. resolve B. event C. emblem D. design

Question 17. A. cosmopolitan B. infrastructural C. presupposition D. biological

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 18. A: "I'd like to change some money" - B: " _____ "

- A. Five tens, please B. You haven't signed it
C. Which currency? D. What's your account number?

Question 19. Mary: "Thank you, Peter. I wouldn't have been able to succeed without your help."
Peter: " _____ "

- A. That's too good to be true. B. No big deal.
C. You're right. D. None of your business.

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

Question 20. It was only recently that the US began to allow American companies to invest in Vietnamese economy.

- A. to allow B. only recently C. Vietnamese D. to invest

Question 21. How many people know that the Brooklyn Bridge, built in 1883, were the world's first suspension bridge?

- A. built in B. were C. the Brooklyn Bridge D. suspension bridge

Question 22. I know beyond a shade of a doubt that she will decide to stand as a candidate in the local election.

- A. shade B. stand C. election D. candidate

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

Question 23. From here to Cardiff is about fifty kilometres as the crow flies.

- A. if you travel by motorway B. if you travel by car
C. if you travel in a straight line D. if you go by plane

Question 24. The hands on my alarm clock are luminous. So I can tell time in the dark.

- A. enormous B. shining C. helpful D. moving

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

DISABILITY ON TV

Nine official complaints have so far been lodged with the BBC - plus many more blog postings - about 29-year-old children's television presenter Carrie Burnell, who was born with only one hand. Parents have complained that they cannot let their children watch her because the sight will "probably cause sleep problems", that she is scaring toddlers, and that they are being forced to discuss the issue of disability with their offspring before they are ready.

Altogether, it makes you glad that the medieval witch-hunters weren't Internet-enabled. The comments of course reveal nothing about the children's true feelings and everything about those of the adults involved. Very young children do not have profound concerns about disability. I worked for several years, on and off, at a school for physically disabled children and it was never their able-bodied peers who were the problem when our paths crossed on school outings, but their parents, who kept them pinioned to their sides and made sure they turned their faces away. If a curious child ever did slip out of his mother's vice-like grip and come over, he or she would ask a few **unabashed** questions about what the problem was, want to press buttons on a few wheelchairs, and accept quite happily the explanations offered. To a young child, it is just another element of a large and confusing world that they want to find out about, no more fearsome or embarrassing than any other.

No, Burnell's arm is likely only to give parents nightmares. It is they who do not want to confront disabilities, not now, not at teatime, not ever. To let your toddler be scared every day that Burnell has hurt herself rather than explain the truth is a failure of parenting, not an imposition by the BBC. And toddlers are frightened of lots of things. My two-year-old godson is currently terrified by trees ("Too scary! Too scary!"). His mother isn't out felling all nearby arboreal horrors - she's taking him on extra visits to the park.

So, it should be here, though increasing exposure to presenters with disabilities is going to be tricky. I can only think of performer Mat Fraser, who appears occasionally on television, often presenting programmes about living with the shortened limbs caused by Thalidomide, and even more occasional screen appearances by the actor and standup comedian Francesca Martinez, who has cerebral palsy. Perhaps the most frequently seen is BBC security correspondent Frank Gardner, who has used a wheelchair since being shot while reporting from Riyadh five years ago.

But the strength of reaction to Burnell's missing hand shows that she remains something of a pioneer. There is still a lot of ignorance to get through. Or a lot of ignoramuses to get through to.

(Source: The Guardian Online)

Question 25. According to the passage, the complaints stem from parents _____.

- A. whose children are suffering from nightmares
B. whose children suffer from similar conditions and are now asking questions
C. who have uncovered information about the presenter on the Internet
D. who are anxious about tackling controversial issues

Question 26. Which of the following best describes those making the complaints?

- A. reactionary B. distasteful C. warranted D. contemptible

Question 27. According to the passage, on past school trips with disabled children _____.

- A. they mingled happily with able-bodied children
B. it was grown-ups who were the most inquisitive
C. the sight could often distress very young children

D. adults tended to display the most extreme reactions

Question 28. The word "**unabashed**" in paragraph 2 can be best replaced by _____.

- A. brazen B. frank C. shameless D. outspoken

Question 29. It is implied in the passage that for children, disabilities are _____.

- A. extremely difficult to empathize with
B. simply one more bewildering issue to be explored
C. likely to confuse their view of the world
D. a source of anxiety

Question 30. Telling children that the presenter has been injured _____.

- A. is a story that the BBC is wrong to promote
B. is likely to make young children mistrustful of adults
C. potentially does far more harm than candour would
D. panders to parents with bigoted views

Question 31. The writer suggests that the disabled on TV are _____.

- A. limited to appearing on programmes aimed at the disabled
B. sufficiently represented in the UK
C. an inspiration to other people with disabilities
D. still the victims of prejudice from certain quarters

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 32. 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 worried and depressed mood
C. a joyful and energetic mood D. a bad and sorrow mood

Question 33. The rise in the minimum wage will have a negligible effect on jobs.

- A. considerate B. significant
C. insignificant D. responsible

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.

The Internet is, no doubt, a wonderful meeting place. At the same time, it poses certain risks to (34)_____ its users no matter how old they are.

And (35)_____ some eighteen- or nineteen-year-olds realise the potential threats they face online, they don't seem to give much thought to the fact that university administrators and employers more and more often scrutinise their profiles before admitting them to prestigious colleges or giving them jobs.

Young adults (36)_____ post provocative photos and comments about their partying habits or, what's worse, about drinking or drug abuse can make themselves (37)_____ immature and lack common sense.

Experts advise against posting any material that would make you feel ashamed of yourself in the future and, as one media expert said, 'wouldn't make your grandmother proud of you!' So, it's high time you treated social networking sites as space to promote yourself personally, academically and professionally by sharing information that will help you leave a positive (38)_____ on your future employers. Too young to agonise over it? Think twice before you turn this advice down.

- Question 34.** A. every B. all C. some D. much
Question 35. A. despite B. however C. in spite of D. although
Question 36. A. where B. which C. who D. when
Question 37. A. emerge B. recognize C. appear D. happen
Question 38. A. suggestion B. impression C. feeling D. notion

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on the answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 39. " Don't forget to buy some milk, Andy," said Clare.

- A. Clare asked Andy to buy some milk. B. Clare encouraged Andy to buy some milk.
C. Clare persuaded Andy to buy some milk. D. Clare reminded Andy to buy some milk.

Question 40. We last had the living room repainted 5 years ago.

- A. We haven't had the living room repainted for 5 years.
B. We had the living room repainted for 5 years.
C. We have had the living room repainted for 5 years.
D. We didn't have the living room repainted 5 years ago.

Question 41. Her father is not home yet. She is pretty sure that he is on his way.

- A. Her father must be on his way since he is not home yet.

- B. Her father may be on his way since he is not home yet.
- C. Her father must have been on his way since he is not home yet.
- D. Her father may have been on his way since he is not home yet.

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

Question 42. He put the mobile on the table. She then called him back.

- A. Hardly had he put the mobile on the table when she called him back.
- B. Had it not been for her call, He wouldn't have put the mobile on the table.
- C. Only after she had called him back did he put the mobile on the table.
- D. Not only did she call him back but he also put the mobile on the table.

Question 43. Her father has many new clothes. However, he always wears his old coat.

- A. Many clothes as he has worn, her father always wears his old coat.
- B. However many new clothes he has, her father always wears his old coat.
- C. As old as his coat is, her father still has many new clothes.
- D. However old his coat is, her father still has many new clothes.

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

Marina Hills High School is fighting pollution in an unusual way. It's planting trees!

In an effort to fight pollution and help the environment, the Marina Hills Ecology Club offers free trees to institutions willing to plant them on their grounds. Among those that took advantage of the offer was Marina Hills High School. After consulting with his teachers on where to plant the trees, Principal Max Webb contacted the Ecology Club.

But when the **seedlings** arrived, Webb had an idea. Instead of planting the young trees in front of the school, he thought it would be better to put them behind the school, where the sun gets very hot in the afternoon.

"It gets so hot inside the building that the students start to sweat during their afternoon classes," said Webb. "Now the shade from our trees will bring them some relief."

"There was no argument from the teachers," he added. "When I proposed the idea, everyone said, 'Now why didn't I think of that!'"

The relief won't come until the trees grow taller, but the school will not have to wait long because it requested two species of trees that grow quickly.

"Time is key, and we wanted our trees to get big fast," said Webb. "We were given a wide choice, from shrubs to fruit trees. We requested eucalyptus and willow trees."

Webb said he is also looking forward to finally seeing some wildlife in the school yard at Marina Hills High School.

"If all you have is a grass lawn with no trees, you can't expect the local birds to come and visit," said Webb. "They have no place to make their nests. Now that will change, and we'll be able to see birds from our classroom windows."

Question 44. What would be the most appropriate title for this passage?

- A. Principal Discovers New Trees
- B. Local School Gets Greener
- C. Teacher Leads Ecological Club
- D. Student Wins Science Award

Question 45. What problem does Principal Webb talk about?

- A. Tall trees that block the view
- B. Classrooms that are too hot
- C. Pollution in the city
- D. Wild animals that destroy trees

Question 46. In the third paragraph, the word **seedlings** is closest in meaning to

- A. packages of seeds
- B. young trees
- C. bird nests
- D. members of a club

Question 47. What decision was changed?

- A. Which trees should be dug up
- B. Which type of tree should be chosen
- C. When the old trees should be cut down
- D. Where the new trees should be planted

Question 48. What will Marina Hills High School do next?

- A. Go to other school to ask for eucalyptus and willow trees.
- B. Plant eucalyptus and willow trees behind the school.
- C. Go to the wilderness to collect eucalyptus and willow trees.
- D. Go to the market to buy eucalyptus and willow trees.

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 49.** A. likes B. loves C. makes D. hates
Question 50. A. fasten B. alternative C. domestic D. retein

