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Listen to a lecture and choose the best option in questions 1-5.

1. Researchers investigated teenage behavior of the last _____ years.

- A) 8
- B) 19
- C) 40
- D) 70

2. According to Professor Jean Twenge, today's eighteen-year-old teenagers _____.

- A) look like 15 years old
- B) do not take as many risks as past generations did
- C) do not spend so much time on things as their parents did
- D) should not be considered grown-up individuals

3. Which one of the followings is NOT a finding of the research about teenagers?

- A) They find girlfriends or boyfriends at a later age today
- B) They tend not to have part-time jobs
- C) They want to leave their families and rent their own rooms at a younger age
- D) They do not drive as much as past generations did

4. Professor Jean Twenge attributes the "slow life strategy" of today's teenagers to _____.

- A) careless parents
- B) dangers in the real world
- C) not playing games
- D) the time they spend on the Internet

5. What's Jean Twenge's attitude towards over-protective parents?

- A) negative
- B) neutral
- C) favorable
- D) optimistic

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Listen to a lecture and choose the best option in questions 6-10.

6. According to the reporter, Cambridge University _____.

- A) did not have handwritten exams 800 years ago
- B) is famous for hand written exams
- C) is the most technologically developed university in the world
- D) is planning to put an end to hand written exams

7. According to examination markers, _____.

- A) students' handwriting cannot be read easily
- B) students complain about academicians' handwriting
- C) poor students can write more neatly than rich students on exam papers
- D) it may take longer to mark exam papers when exams are administered online

8. According to Dr. Sarah Pearsall, _____.

- A) today's students are less muscular than those 20 years ago
- B) it will be harder to concentrate on questions in exams if handwriting is abolished
- C) today's teenagers do not use physical power for anything
- D) handwriting is not so common today as it was 20 years ago

9. According to Dr. Sarah Pearsall, abolishing handwriting in exams will be beneficial _____.

- A) only if students want this change
- B) solely for examination markers
- C) not only for students but also for examination markers
- D) not in the short run, but in the long run

10. How was the illegibility problem on exam papers overcome last summer?

- A) students read their answers aloud to examination markers
- B) technological devices were used to help read students' handwriting
- C) students were made to repeat the lessons during the summer school
- D) students took exams again

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Choose the best option in questions 11-20.

11. With scientific and technological advancements, the standard of living has improved _____ in the last century.

- A) remarkably B) considerably
C) hardly D) doubtfully

12. The _____ of safety precautions over the years has made nuclear power one of the most sought-after sources of energy.

- A) deterioration B) abandonment
C) enhancement D) decrease

13. Recent reports have _____ that alfalfa, one of the most nutritious plants in nature, may be a great remedy for allergic reactions.

- A) perceived B) stimulated
C) constituted D) indicated

14. George Washington Carver is rightly regarded as one of the most _____ names in the fields of botany and agriculture because of his significant contributions.

- A) negligible B) distinguished
C) notorious D) indifferent

15. The best piece of advice for those trying to lose weight in a healthy manner is to _____ consuming too much processed and fatty food.

- A) refrain from B) take up
C) give off D) make out

16. _____ romance novels have millions of followers worldwide, they still receive high criticism and ridicule by the mass.

- A) Because B) Even though
C) However D) In case

17. In many parts of the underdeveloped world, agriculture is mostly based on human and animal labor _____ oil and electricity.

- A) in terms of B) owing to
C) irrespective of D) rather than

18. It is only a matter of time before climate change affects human beings directly _____ more drastic solutions are put into effect.

- A) if B) just as
C) unless D) whereas

19. Long disputed in scientific circles, Artificial Intelligence (AI) _____ alleviate the difficulties _____ by man.

- A) might have helped / to have been faced
B) can help / faced
C) should help / facing
D) may help / having faced

20. Until the time agriculture _____ mainstream, our human ancestors rarely _____ permanent settlements.

- A) became / had
B) becomes / have had
C) had become / will have
D) has become / have

Choose the best option to complete the sentences in questions 21-22.

21. People around the world travel to various destinations by different means of transport, _____.

- A) therefore tourism activities have been on decline recently
B) but air travel is by far the safest one among them
C) thus budget travel has become more common recently
D) likewise popular holiday destinations attract more people

22. _____ because the steps taken to achieve these goals automatically lead to one's personal development.

- A) Everyone strives to lead a happy life
B) One should know his/her strengths and weaknesses
C) Self-confidence really matters in times of distress
D) It is important to have different types of goals in life

Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the boldfaced sentences in the questions 23-24.

23. The United Kingdom is one of the best countries in the world in terms of quality for studying engineering and technology.

- A) For those wanting to have a schooling process in engineering and technology, the United Kingdom is among those countries that offer the highest standards.
 B) The United Kingdom is a country preferred by most students in the fields of engineering and technology, and its quality is high.
 C) What makes the United Kingdom the best choice for students all over the world is its advanced engineering and technology education.
 D) No country can offer the same quality of education in engineering and technology as the United Kingdom does.

24. The impact of unemployment is not limited to finances, it also affects one's mental and physical health.

- A) Unemployment has little to do with finances, but a lot to do with a person's mental and physical health.
 B) When one is affected mentally and physically by unemployment, its effects also extend to finance.
 C) The effect of unemployment can be felt not only in terms of finance, but in terms of a person's mental and physical health, as well.
 D) While unemployment directly affects finances, it can exert its influence on one's mental and physical well-being later in life.

Choose the best option in the questions 25-29.

With everybody becoming aware and alert about environmental issues, travel and tourism 25) _____ greatly over the past decade or so. A new concept has now been introduced in the world of travel and tourism called ecotourism. Ecotourism is defined as travel to such places that are rich 26) _____ ecological wealth and are full of biodiversity; but with responsibility and with the minimum amount of impact on the place possible. Ecotourism is undertaken more by students and scholars who are interested in studying the biodiversity of the world 27) _____ by professionals involved in the travel and tourism business. Ecotourism is not just traveling for fun, or traveling for its sake. Individuals who 28) _____ in ecotours often volunteer to work for the environment and its protection, especially in the area they plan to visit. Volunteering includes monetary help 29) _____ practical help such as conservation, increasing awareness among ordinary people about the nature, culture and aesthetic appeal of the place.

25.

- A) have revolutionized
 B) had been revolutionizing
 C) revolutionized
 D) are revolutionizing

26.

- A) by
 B) on
 C) within
 D) in

27.

- A) rather than
 B) but for
 C) such as
 D) in case of

28.

- A) culminate
 B) obtain
 C) participate
 D) involve

29.

- A) instead of
 B) in addition to
 C) in spite of
 D) on grounds of

Choose the best option to complete the dialogues in the questions 30-34.

30.

Richard :

- I've been reading about the ancient Egyptians lately.

Antony :

- How interesting! Anything particularly drawing your attention?

Richard :

- It is claimed by some linguists that the early Egyptian language might represent the survival of a "root" language from which the other languages of the Afro-Asiatic group evolved in the past.

Antony :

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A) Possible. In fact, the language of the ancient Egyptians has for long been a matter of debate among linguists.

B) Actually, as you may remember, the first known permanent settlement in Egypt dates back to approximately 4750 B.C.

C) You know that the patterns of development in ancient Egypt differed greatly from those of the Sumerians in Mesopotamia.

D) It is true that, due to the Nile, ancient Egypt was able to forge a cultural and political unity.

31.

Judy :

- What do you know about John Stuart Mill?

Tom :

- As far as I can recall, he was the most committed and influential defender of personal liberty in Victorian Britain in the 19th century.

Judy :

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Tom :

- Indeed, he was. He wrote many essays on women's political rights.

A) Agreed. In his On Liberty, he defended individual freedom in the face of the state and "the tyranny of the majority."

B) I know his On Liberty became one of the defining texts of Western liberalism.

C) He strongly argued that human freedom was essential to social progress.

D) Yet, for me, more importantly, he was a dedicated supporter of suffrage for women.

32.

John :

- By the way, can you tell me what the expression "the scramble for Africa" means?

Harry :

- Oh, I thought you knew it, since you are seriously interested in the history of Africa.

John :

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Harry :

- Well, it is about the colonization of Africa. It indicates the scope and speed with which the major European powers, excited by stories of rubber forests and rich diamond mines, conquered and colonized Africa in the 19th century.

A) For instance, I know that in 1884 a conference, attended by the representatives of the European colonial powers, was held in Berlin to settle the matter of control over the Congo River basin.

B) It has been pointed out that by the 1830s the French had created a general government of their possessions in Algeria.

C) I am afraid I don't. I came across it in an article I was reading yesterday. There was no explanation given.

D) Actually, the colonial powers' partition of Africa in the 19th century was the most striking instance of European imperialism.

33.

Liz :

- I am puzzled about why declining birth rates in the West have been accompanied by growing populations of older adults.

Susan :

- You are right. Actually, it is a very complicated issue, and there is a wide range of reasons for it.

Liz :

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Susan :

- I don't know where to start. I think one obvious reason is improved standards of health care.

A) Thank you so much. I'll take your advice and do some research on the subject.

B) Exactly. You can perhaps outline some of them for me.

C) I believe a new type of demographic crisis different from this confronts Western governments.

D) One can definitely see that globalization has a serious impact on the world's population.

34.

Harriet :

- I am writing an article about the Cold War period. There is a great deal of material I have to deal with.

Ares :

- I suggest you focus on a specific topic rather than giving a general account.

Harriet :

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Ares :

- So, your article will, I am sure, arouse a great deal of interest in academic and political circles.

A) Right. I will demonstrate how the Cold War has given way to more complex global relations.

B) You know the Eastern European revolutions of 1989 brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union.

C) Especially the Soviet Union's increasingly severe domestic problems led to mounting protests in Russia in 1991.

D) Everyone knows that the Iron Curtain had established one of the most rigid borders in European history.

Choose the best option for the situations in the questions 35-38.

35. In a football match, a friend has unfortunately kicked the ball into his own goal and naturally feels very badly about it. The other members of the team don't hide their annoyance, but you wish to comfort him and say:

A) You always make this mistake. Next time, be more careful.

B) Forget what they say. It can happen to anyone, you know, even in big matches.

C) They are very upset. You should have done your best.

D) Promise you'll never do it again.

36. A group of friends are planning to spend the day walking in the mountains. You want to join them, but aren't sure that you will be able to. You don't want them to wait for you after 7:30, the time arranged for the meeting. You say:

A) I'll probably be there by 7:30, but I hope you'll wait till 7:45.

B) I'll try not to be late.

C) I may be a few minutes late; you'll have to forgive me.

D) If I'm not there by 7:30, it means I'm not coming. You set off.

37. Your classmates are trying to persuade you to produce the end-of-semester play. You don't think you can do it successfully, so you refuse to produce the play, but offer to help in some other way. You say:

A) Why not get John to produce the play? He'd do it well.

B) I produced the play last year, so I know I can do it.

C) I can't possibly produce the play, but I'll willingly help with the costumes.

D) I don't want to have anything to do with the play this year.

38. Your parents have temporarily limited your mobile telephone and computer time because they think that you will be able to concentrate better on your studies this way. You disagree with them on this point, and want them to let you use these devices whenever you want. You say politely and reasonably:

A) It's not fair! All my friends can use their computers and telephones whenever they want.

B) Well if you won't let me use my mobile phone or the computer when I want, I'll go to my friends' houses and use theirs!

C) I don't think using my mobile phone or the computer keep me from studying properly. Let me use them, and you'll see that my marks won't go down.

D) But I need the computer to do my research projects for school! And I can't live without sending messages to my friends every day! Can't you understand?

Choose the best option for the questions 39-44 according to the passage.

The Internet has drastically changed the world of advertising over the last few years, and this has led to several new advertising methods and concepts being incorporated by companies. A majority of the population has Internet access in their households today, and this has given advertisers a huge target market that **they** can work towards, and the underlying concept of the Internet with regard to this is that a consumer can see various websites at a very rapid pace and jump from one page to the other with a single click. This gives advertisers great opportunities to utilize the space on these websites, and this has inadvertently led to the birth of several new advertising concepts. One of those buzzwords is Cost Per Action Advertising (CPA), in which advertisers are permitted to place their ads on relevant pages as and when they like, but they will pay the owner of that space for the ads only when a user actually clicks on the ad or performs a certain pre-designated action. The reason why this method has become so popular is because it has improved the efficiency of many online ads. Since the advertiser only pays when there is an actual conversion of a lead into a sale, the advertiser has **definitely** benefited from the user seeing the ad.

39. According to the passage, Cost Per Action Advertising (CPA) _____.

- A) has begun to lose its popularity among advertisers recently
- B) does not impose limitations on the advertisers
- C) is seen as the advertisement type of the future
- D) is the cheapest way of advertisement presently

40. It is clearly stated in the passage that one of the advantages internet provides for advertisers is that _____.

- A) they can change the content of their advertisements at any time
- B) the advertisers have to pay only when their advertisements are clicked in all ad types on the internet
- C) consumers can find whatever they like on the internet for cheaper prices
- D) the target population can see their advertisement more quickly and easily

41. It can be understood from the passage that the internet _____.

- A) is still absent in most of people all over the world
- B) was made available thanks to the recently coined term Cost Per Action Advertising
- C) seems to have transformed advertising in the past several years
- D) is the most frequently medium of advertisement by companies today

42. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A) advertisers do not have to pay money to website owners when users only see their ads
- B) the majority of people who have access to internet cannot recognize its efficiency easily
- C) there are some websites on the internet designed only for advertisement
- D) if an advertisement doesn't bring about a sale, advertisers may not pay any money to websites they display their ads on

43. In the passage, the underlined and boldfaced "they" refers to _____.

- A) a majority of the population
- B) households
- C) advertisers
- D) various websites

44. In the passage, the underlined and boldfaced word "definitely" is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) particularly
- B) certainly
- C) ultimately
- D) verbally

Choose the best option for the questions 45-50 according to the passage.

Violence is an intense form of aggression that can lead even to a person's death, alongside having many other fatal impacts. Violent behavior in children may not necessarily result from anger. On the contrary, it may just be a part of his personality as he grows up. Numerous factors may lead to the development of violent behavior in children. These may include the child being a victim of abuse in the past; genetic factors; being exposed to violence in movies, on TV or in video games, or constant stress and tension in the family. Furthermore, in **their** growth years children frequently tend to show negative traits in their behavioral patterns which are more often than not interpreted as disrespectful behavior towards others. Answering back to their parents is one of the most common behavioral problems **witnessed** amongst young kids. As kids begin to grow up, they somehow feel the need to assert their position in the house. Back answering is their way to apply logic to things which they face regularly. Since their wisdom matches their age, their parents never seem to come to terms with it, which is why there always seems to exist, a tug-of-war between the cognition of children and their parents.

45. According to the passage, violence _____.

- A) may lead to life-long suffering only on the side of the offender
- B) has grown to take many forms like physical, mental or verbal torture among teenagers
- C) should be tolerated to a certain extent by parents during growth years of children
- D) can arise from several different reasons

46. It is clear from the passage that parents _____.

- A) tend to misunderstand the behaviors of their children in times of stress
- B) do not show a tendency to accept the wisdom their children enjoy
- C) are almost always ready to set the stage for their kids so that they could show their freedom
- D) are generally the ones that start the fight at home environment

47. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A) someone's death in family makes children more aggressive and violent towards others
- B) exposure to violence on TV programs is the most important factor contributing to aggression
- C) if one's family members show violence, that kid may also be vulnerable to behaving violently
- D) violence and aggression almost always lead to constant stress in the family

48. The best title for this passage could be _____.

- A) Causes and effects of violence
- B) How to overcome violence in kids
- C) What leads to aggressive adults
- D) Negative sides of growing up

49. In the passage, the underlined and boldfaced "their" refers to _____.

- A) growth years
- B) children
- C) negative traits
- D) behavioral patterns

50. In the passage, the underlined and boldfaced word "witnessed" refers to _____.

- A) admitted
- B) denied
- C) seen
- D) played