

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.

If an American is satisfied with you, he will put his thumb and forefinger into a circle. That means OK. But in Brazil, the very sign is considered to be (1) _____. In Poland, a guest usually presents flowers to his hostess. The number must be an odd one. (2) _____, the hostess isn't expected to remove the cover of the (3) _____ of flowers. And usually, red rose is a sign of love.

Usually, we nod to express our agreement and shake our heads to show disapproval. (4) _____ our surprise these body movements mean the opposite in Bulgaria. The differences in (5) _____ and cultures in the world are really noticeable. We should learn more about them to avoid embarrassment. Then, would you please remember: When in Rome, do as Romans do.

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| 1. A. polite | B. rude | C. agreeable | D. positive |
| 2. A. However | B. Therefore | C. As a result | D. Besides |
| 3. A. bunch | B. branch | C. leaves | D. thorns |
| 4. A. With | B. To | C. For | D. At |
| 5. A. costumes | B. festivals | C. customs | D. languages |

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.

6. I tried to look on the bright side, to be grateful that I was at least healthy.
A. be disinterested B. be optimistic C. be pessimistic D. be careful
7. Unemployment is a massive problem for the government at the moment.
A. complicated B. major C. minor D. primary

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

8. John was inexperienced in the field. He applied for the job.
A. John was unable to do the job because he was inexperienced.
B. John didn't apply for the job because of his experience in the field
C. John applied for the job because he has experience in the field.
D. John applied for the job though he has no experience in the field
9. I have to do so much work. I can't go to the movies with you.
A. I wish I didn't have so much work to do so that I could go to the movies with you.
B. If I didn't have so much work to do, I could have gone to the movies with you.
C. Were I not to have so much work to do, I couldn't go to the movies with you.
D. If I had had so much work to do, I could have gone to the movies with you.

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 primary stress in each of the following questions.

10. A. candidate B. solution C. applicant D. memory
11. A. future B. burden C. device D. certain

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.

12. Russian should learn by Hoa before she goes to Moscow
A B C D
13. Works written by Vladimir Nabokov often contain heroes and heroines which have lived in many places.
A B C D
14. John works as a journalist since he graduated from university in 2000.
A B C D

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.

15. A. attracteded B. supposeded C. maintaineded D. arriveded
16. A. feature B. breakfast C. peasant D. pleasure

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

17. Maria tried to read a novel in French _____ the book was too difficult for her to understand.
A. so that B. however C. and D. but
18. Pho is _____ with those who like Vietnamese food.
A. popularly B. popular C. popularise D. popularity
19. When the first child was born, they _____ for three years.
A. have been married B. had been married C. were married D. will have been married
20. The term the mass media in English refers basically _____ TV, radio and newspapers
A. to B. on C. in D. about
21. The interviewer asked me what experience _____ for the job.
A. do you get B. did I get C. I got D. you got
22. Portuguese _____ as an official language in this city since three hundred years ago.
A. has been spoken B. has spoken C. was spoken D. was being spoken
23. He talked about the books and the authors _____ interested him.
A. which B. who C. that D. when
24. _____, Nguyen Hue had proved that he was really an excellent general, only gained victories.
A. Despite of his peasant background B. Though his peasant background
C. Because he is a peasant D. In spite of having a peasant background
25. When John called last night, I _____ my favorite film on Netflix.
A. watch B. had watched C. was watching D. watched
26. There isn't _____ airport near where I live. _____ nearest airport is 70 miles away.
A. an – A B. an – The C. the – A D. the - The
27. It gets _____ to understand what the professor has explained.
A. the more difficult B. more difficult than
C. difficult more and more D. more and more difficult
28. If I _____ it was a formal party, I wouldn't have gone wearing jeans and a jumper.
A. knew B. had known C. had been knowing D. could know
29. Something should be done immediately to prevent teenagers _____ being exploited in factories and mines
A. from B. with C. on D. of

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

30. *Chloe and Jess are talking about a new bicycle.*

Chloe: "Oh, your new bicycle is very nice"

Jess: "_____". I don't think it's the one that suits me"

- A. You are too kind B. I'm glad you like it.
C. You've got to be kidding D. You're welcome

31. *Jenny and Jimmy are talking about university education.*

Jenny: "I think having a university degree is the only way to succeed in life."

Jimmy: "_____". There were successful people without a degree."

- A. That's all right. B. I don't quite agree.
C. I can't agree more. D. That's life.

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

32. The older he grew, the more forgetful he became.
A. He grew older when he became more forgetful.
B. He became more forgetful and older.
C. As he grew older, he became more and more forgetful.
D. He grew older and less forgetful.
33. "I agree that I am narrow-minded", said the manager.
A. The manager promised to be narrow-minded.
B. The manager admitted being narrow-minded.
C. The manager denied being narrow-minded.
D. The manager refused to be narrow-minded.

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

Newspapers and television news programs always seem to report about the bad things happening in society. However, there is a place where reader can find some good news. That place is the website called *HappyNews*.

The man behind HappyNews is Byron Reese. Reese set up HappyNews because he thought other news sources were giving people an unbalanced view of the world. Reese said about HappyNews, "The news media gives you a distorted view of the world by exaggerating bad news, misery, and despair. We're trying to balance out the scale".

Not everyone agrees with Reese's view, though. Many people think that news sources have a responsibility to provide news that is helpful to people. People need to know about issues or problems in today's society. Then **they** are better able to make informed decisions about things that affect their daily lives. Reese said that HappyNews is not trying to stop people from learning about issues or problems. HappyNews is just trying to provide a balanced picture of today's world.

By the end of its first month online, HappyNews had more than 70,000 unique readers. About 60 percent of those readers were women. Something else **unique** makes HappyNews different from any of the other news or information websites that are on the Internet. Unlike many other websites, HappyNews gets fan mail from its readers on a daily basis.

34. Which of the following is NOT true about Happy News after its first month online?
A. It had thousands of readers. B. Most of its readers were women.
C. Readers sent in nice letters about it every day D. Reese used it to create other websites.
35. What is another possible title for the reading?
A. "Good News for a Change" B. "Byron Reese Tells People How to Be Happy"
C. "Why Women Like Happy News" D. "Newspapers vs. Online News"
36. How is HappyNews different than other news sources?
A. Happy News does not exaggerate its stories. B. The website only has stories about women.
C. Its stories are not about bad things. D. All of the stories are written by Reese.
37. The pronoun "**they**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. problems B. people C. sources D. issues
38. The word "**unique**" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.
A. interesting B. very special C. different D. awful

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.

39. Urbanization is the **shift** of people from rural to urban areas, and the result is the growth of cities.
A. maintenance B. movement C. transposition D. variation
40. Before the **advent** of the railways, communications were slow and difficult.
A. import B. disappearance C. introduction D. arrival

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