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Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to choose the word or phrase that best fits each other numbered blanks.

Many people say that schooldays are the best days of their life, and they often feel that this should be a period of enjoyment. (1) _____, exams often make them unhappy, and many students prefer having no exams at all. They say the exams (2) _____ they have to take often make them worried, and they have no time to relax. Others, on the other hand, say that exams help students study better. They will have to study throughout the year, and if they do well, they will become more (3) _____ in studying.

There are (4) _____ students who prefer only final exams. They say that they have to work hard for two months a year and so they have more time for their leisure activities. They think that this is a better way of (5) _____ students' knowledge and ability in the subjects they are studying.

(Adapted from Complete First for Schools by Brook-Hart, Hutchison, Passmore and Uddin)

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| Question 1: | A. Moreover | B. Although | C. Therefore | D. However |
| Question 2: | A. where | B. when | C. which | D. who |
| Question 3: | A. friendly | B. nervous | C. interested | D. bored |
| Question 4: | A. some | B. another | C. each | D. fever |
| Question 5: | A. accepting | B. assessing | C. accessing | D. assisting |

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 6: John is not here. He can't give you any advice.

- A. Provided that John is here, he can't give you any advice.
B. If John were here, he couldn't give you any advice.
C. If only John had been here, he could have given you some advice.
D. If John were here, he could give you some advice.

Question 7: The newly advertised product had just been on sale. Customers realised that it had lots of defects.

- A. Hardly had the newly advertised product been on sale when producers realised that it had lots of defects.
B. Hardly had the newly advertised product been on sale when customers realised that it had lots of defects.
C. Hardly had the newly advertised product been on sale when did customers realise that it had lots of defects.
D. Hardly had the newly advertised product been on sale when customers wouldn't realise that it had lots of defects.

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 8: It is said that these good life skills will make young people become more confidential.

- A. become B. these C. confidential D. life skills

Question 9: : The book which you borrow from the city library yesterday is very interesting.

- A. the B. interesting C. borrow D. which

Question 10: Doing physical exercise helps teenagers improve his health and social life.

- A. helps B. physical C. social D. his

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 11: The children enjoy learning about plants and how they grow.

- A. building B. changing C. breaking D. studying

Question 12: The atmosphere at work was so bad that Brian eventually decided to hand in his notice.

- A. be given a better job
- B. notify the boss
- C. apply for another job
- D. give up his job

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 13: Two friends Nam and Lan are talking about the topic of lifelong learning.

- Lan: "What do you think about lifelong learning?"

- Nam: "_____."

- A. Lifelong learning helps us to improve our job prospects.
- B. I am thinking about lifelong learning.
- C. What is the definition of lifelong learning, do you think?
- D. Do you like lifelong learning?

Question 14: Hai is thanking Tom for his help.

- Hai: "Thank you for helping me, Tom."

- Tom: "_____."

- A. Good idea
- B. Same to you
- C. You're welcome
- D. That's not good

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 15 to 21.

Hawaii is often considered to be one place where you can find paradise. But when I arrived in Hawaii, I was shocked to discover beaches were covered in plastic rubbish washed up from around the world. As I dug through the sand, I realised the sandy beach was being transformed into a plastic beach. A chill went down my spine.

From the beaches of Hawaii to the sea around Britain, we are polluting our own environment. Beaches are now covered in more rubbish than ever before. The plastic we see on our beaches is just a small amount of the plastic waste that exists in our oceans. Scientists believe that sea currents have created five huge garbage areas in our oceans, including the one in the North Atlantic. This is a global problem for which we are all responsible.

Plastic makes our life easier, but its production and use are completely out of control. Because plastic rubbish in the oceans looks like food, it is being eaten by small fish, which in turn is eaten by large fish, which in turn is eaten by us. Plastic is damaging our beaches, polluting the oceans, and poisoning our food chain. The consequences are still not fully understood, but they are likely to be terrible.

We need to stop using plastic bags for packaging and single-use water bottles. These make up most of the plastic garbage in the oceans. In Bangladesh and Kenya, they have stopped using plastic bags completely.

The UK has put a tax on plastic bags. Many supermarkets around the world are not packing goods in plastic. The future of our beaches, our seas, and the food chain is at risk. This is an environmental problem that we need to solve immediately.

(Adapted from *Headway* by Soars, Soars and Hancock)

Question 15: Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

- A. Common Plastic Products
- B. Planet poisoned by plastic.
- C. A green lifestyle
- D. Benefits of Plastic Products

Question 16: The word transformed in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. placed
- B. checked
- C. changed
- D. broken

Question 17: The word they in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. consequences
- B. beaches
- C. oceans
- D. fish

Question 18: According to paragraph 4, both Bangladesh and Kenya _____.

- A. encourage the use of plastic bags
- B. do not use plastic bags any more.
- C. have produced a lot of plastic bags
- D. have used more and more plastic bags

Question 19: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

- A. One huge garbage area in the ocean is in the North Atlantic.
- B. Hawaii is protected from plastic rubbish.
- C. Production and use of plastic are now out of control.
- D. The UK has introduced a tax on plastic bag.

Question 20: The phrase at risk in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to?

- A. developed
- B. threatened
- C. refused
- D. accepted

Question 21: Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?

- A. There is far more plastic waste on the beaches than in the oceans.
- B. People in the past were more concerned about the effects of plastic waste.
- C. The environment in Hawaii was not as good as the writer had expected.

D. Plastic helps maintain the natural food chain in the oceans.

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

Question 22: The film is interesting, _____?

- A. was it B. isn't it C. wasn't it D. has it

Question 23: Mr. Smith is often _____ first person to come to the office in the morning.

- A. an B. a C. the D. □ (no article)

Question 24: Learning a new language is _____ than learning a new skill on the computer.

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

Question 25: You will not know who your true friend is _____.

- A. after you had had trouble and needed help .
B. until you have trouble and need help
C. as soon as you had trouble and needed help
D. when you were having trouble and needing help

Question 26: Nam _____ a good mark for his speaking test yesterday.

- A. was giving B. was given C. has given D. gives

Question 27: The children _____ football when it started to rain.

- A. have played B. are playing C. were playing D. play

Question 28: I have decided to apply _____ this new job because it is well-paid.

- A. to B. for C. by D. in

Question 29: I'm planning _____ straight to university, but I'm also thinking of applying for a temporary job in the summer.

- A. going B. to going C. to go D. go

Question 30: My lifelong dream is to live in a house _____ by a big garden full of flowers and trees.

- A. to surround B. surrounding C. is surrounding D. surrounded

Question 31: Failure is the _____ of success! There is not one successful person who at sometime in their life has not experienced failure.

- A. grandfather B. grandmother C. father D. mother

Question 32: I think that doing medical research would be really _____ because this job would save people's lives.

- A. challenging B. rewarding C. tiresome D. monotonous

Question 33: _____ a career is one of the most important decisions you will make in life.

- A. Making B. Choosing C. Getting D. Doing

Question 34: The job gives you lots of chances to travel abroad; it's certainly a very _____ offer.

- A. attractive B. attractively C. attraction D. attract

Question 35: I'm searching for websites offering career advice so that I can _____ a plan.

- A. come up with B. come across with C. draw up with D. come up against

Question 36: In some professions, you have to _____ when you're 60 or 65 years old.

- A. terminate B. dismiss C. resign D. retire

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.

Question 37: A. workforce B. career C. pension D. option

Question 38: A. national B. attitude C. company D. selective

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 43.

During my last couple of years as a student here at Union High, I have noticed that there is nothing to do during our occasional free periods. Hanging around in the hallways or in the library with friends isn't productive or relaxing. The student body council noticed this as well and brought it to the attention of Mr. Swanson and the rest of the faculty. A meeting to discuss the issue occurred last Friday, February 10th, in the all - school meeting room.

The faculty not only agreed that there wasn't much to do during these free periods, but also seemed determined to find a solution. The student body council and the faculty talked about different ideas for a long time. The faculty had noticed that some students don't like using their free periods for studying. Instead, they spend their time disrupting the students who want to study by being noisy in the library. By the end of the meeting, the faculty had decided to put a pool table and a ping pong table in our student lobby at the start of next semester.

I know some people will be concerned about getting their work done with these potential distractions, but I believe this will help us all in enjoying our time at school. I agree that it's important to complete our work but it is just as important to enjoy ourselves and to relax with our friends. School is already such a stressful place. It makes many students feel worried and anxious. We want our school to be a friendly place so that students want to come

every day. Students should remember that this change will make the library a lot quieter. Because of this, the students who want to study will be able to do so in peace.

To all the students at Union High, I sincerely hope that you enjoy the new additions to our lobby. Hopefully, they will make our free periods a lot more relaxing. If you happen to have one of the same free periods as I do, then please challenge me to a game of pool!

Question 39: *What is the text mostly about?*

- A. How students at Union High spend their free periods
- B. A chance to study in peace at Union High library
- C. Another choice for free periods at Union High
- D. A meeting at Union High about its new facilities

Question 40: *What is the meeting on February 10th about?*

- A. Ineffective time at the Union High library.
- B. Students hanging around freely during free periods.
- C. Finding a solution to spending free periods effectively.
- D. Maintaining disciplines at Union High school.

Question 41: *In paragraph 2, the word they refers to ____.*

- A. students' parents
- B. some students
- C. faculty members
- D. council members

Question 42: *In paragraph 2, the word disrupting is closest in meaning to ____.*

- A. corrupting
- B. interrupting
- C. fighting
- D. insulting

Question 43: *According to the author, new facilities ____.*

- A. make the school a stressful place
- B. make students worried
- C. bring anxiety to students' parents
- D. make students relaxed during free periods

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 44: *She last phoned home two weeks ago.*

- A. She has two weeks to phone home.
- B. She has phoned home for two weeks.
- C. She didn't phone home two weeks ago.
- D. She hasn't phoned home for two weeks.

Question 45: *"What did you eat for dinner last night?" asked my friend.*

- A. My friend asked me what did I eat for dinner last night.
- B. My friend asked me what I had eaten for dinner the previous night.
- C. My friend asked me what I ate for dinner the previous night.
- D. My friend asked me what had I eaten for dinner last night.

Question 46: *It is not necessary for you to take this training course.*

- A. You needn't take this training course.
- B. You must take this training course.
- C. You can't take this training course.
- D. You would take this training course.

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 47:** A. attend B. secure C. enclose D. retire
- Question 48:** A. design B. pursue C. persuade D. increase

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 49: Those students who fail the National High School exams may want to retake them the following year.

- A. sit
- B. pass
- C. take
- D. fall

Question 50: Having to work to a deadline can be a stressful experience for students.

- A. tense
- B. painful
- C. practical
- D. relaxing

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