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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

Questions 1-8: Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks.

1. A study conducted by the University of Cambridge ----- that 40 per cent of spam or junk e-mail goes to addresses starting with an A, M, S, R or P.
A) borrowed B) revealed C) remained D) created
2. The study of the genetic causes of mental disorders involves the statistical analysis of the frequency of a particular disorder's ----- among individuals who share related genes, such as siblings and twins.
A) occurrence B) falsehood C) disturbance D) negligence
3. There were analogue computers in the past, but these were not programmable and generally lacked ----- of modern digital computers, so you couldn't take right results all the time.
A) fallacy B) disconformity C) accuracy D) discrepancy
4. It is quite obvious that people have the ----- to blame others for the problems and failures in their lives.
A) tendency B) hostility C) benefit D) diversity
5. Some vegetables can be consumed raw, some may be eaten raw or cooked, and some must be cooked in order to be -----.
A) precious B) deceptive C) edible D) deformed
6. We were all irritated when the film was constantly ----- by commercials.
A) interrupted B) demonstrated C) consumed D) confused
7. The number of scientific experiments ----- on animals is to be reduced wherever possible, and other methods should be found to test cosmetics.
A) made up for B) caught on C) got along with D) carried out
8. The plane ----- twenty minutes late because of an engine problem, so I missed my connection flight to Paris.
A) came across B) took off C) put off D) put through

SECTION 2 – USE OF ENGLISH

Questions 9-17: Choose the correct option to fill in each space.

9. ----- the examinees finished the test long before the due time, they didn't want to leave the examination room ----- the examiner told them the exam was over.
A) If/ therefore B) No sooner / than C) Since / as long as D) Even though / until
10. Many types of surgery to remove cataracts in the elderly patients' eyes used to be a complex and arduous job for physicians -----today, when they are almost a routine through new surgical techniques and technology available.
A) in spite of B) in place of C) in contrast to D) as well as

11. According to archaeologists, discoveries from excavations at the ancient city Troy in Turkey's north-western Çanakkale province ----- that the area ----- as a settlement more than six centuries earlier than previously known.
- A) suggested / would have been used B) suggest / may have been used
C) have suggested / should have been used D) were suggesting / must have been used
12. Despite their popularity, currently, almost no data ----- validating the health benefits of wearable technologies and to date almost no consumer sleep devices ----- official review.
- A) exist / have undergone B) existed / would undergo
C) will exist / were undergoing D) have existed / will be undergoing
13. Although oats do not contain gluten, ----- rare cases, these crops can sometimes contaminate oats ----- gluten as they are grown in the same fields as wheat or barley.
- A) to / into B) in / with C) for / on D) off / over
14. In the years to come, the thickness of glaciers ----- the Arctic and Antarctic is expected -----, though there is some uncertainty as to the amount of melt.
- A) covering / to decrease B) covered / decreasing
C) being covered / to have decreased D) having covered / decreased
15. The social sciences are a range of disciplines within the arts and humanities ----- principal concerns are the study of various aspects of society.
- A) who B) which C) when D) whose
16. If he _____ in the woods at that particular time, he _____ the suicide.
- A) wouldn't be / hadn't witnessed B) weren't / hasn't been witnessing
C) hadn't been / wouldn't have witnessed D) wasn't / ought not to witness
17. The overexposure of children to media may result in a measurable decline in their cognitive abilities, including their memory and thinking skills, and ----- addressed promptly, this problem may lead to early amnesia
- A) even so B) as long as C) so that D) unless

Questions 18-21: Read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap.

Fear of flying refers to a level of anxiety so great that a person refuses to travel (18) ---- air or finds doing so extremely distressing. Experts estimate that at least 10% of Americans have such a phobia. They worry that they will crash or even die of their own fear. In extreme cases, an individual suffers a panic attack: a sudden feeling of intense anxiety that is often followed by shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea and dizziness. (19)----- intense fear may prevent a person from travelling to distant destinations on vacation. Also, it (20)----- with the careers of those who have to travel for their jobs. Fortunately, fear of flying can usually be helped by treatments such as hypnosis. (21)-----, the most effective technique involves forcing a patient to face what he or she fears the most flying in a plane.

18. A) at B) by C) towards D) in
19. A) Such B) Less C) Little D) All
20. A) used to interfere B) must interfere C) had to interfere D) can interfere
21. A) Therefore B) Similarly C) However D) Accordingly

Questions 22 -24: Choose the option which best rewrites each sentence.

22. Although food production has increased in recent decades, many people remain undernourished, a problem accounting for 15% of global disease.
- A) Undernourishment accounts for 15% of global disease; a number which should be decreasing thanks to an increase in international food production.
 - B) Undernourishment is a global problem that makes up 15 percent of all diseases and is found in many people even though food production has been drastically increasing.
 - C) Regardless of food production's steady increase, a percentage of the world's population, nearly 15%, remains undernourished as a global disease.
 - D) Food production has increased substantially in recent decades; nevertheless, undernourishment continues to be a worldwide problem, making up 15% of all deadly diseases.
23. Each stage of a journey involving several flights is represented by a separate part of the ticket.
- A) Passengers need to buy a new ticket for each additional flight in transfers.
 - B) There is a box on the flight ticket for each flight to be ticked by the conductor.
 - C) The flight consists of several stages each of which is shown on the ticket.
 - D) There is a separate part on the ticket to be used for each single flight.
24. The north of Italy is directly responsible for the country's place among the world's top industrial nations.
- A) Italy's northern regions are well-known as one of the most industrialized areas in the world.
 - B) It is entirely the northern part of the country that has earned Italy a prominent position among the world's industrial nations.
 - C) In Italy, industry is focused in the north, but nevertheless she is still one of the world's top industrial nations.
 - D) Italy is one of the few countries in the industrial world where only one region, the north, is industrialized.

Questions 25-28: Choose the best option to complete the given passages.

25. Many of the ideas that we have about pirates have come from books and films which tell of stories of adventures of pirates and of buried treasures. ----- So, they are a combination of facts and fiction. For example, there are many stories about characters named Captain Kidd and Blackbeard, both of whom were famous pirates in British history.
- A) The stories are made up, but the characters are real people.
 - B) Pirate stories have fascinated people for many centuries.
 - C) Pirates really existed in the past and were very famous in their times.
 - D) Books and films about pirates have led to great interest in piracy.
26. The storm had caused only minor damage to the vessel, and the crew and captain tried to reassure the passengers. ----- So, it was decided to return the ship to port and cancel the excursion.
- A) The passengers had all tried to help keep the vessel afloat.
 - B) The water had flooded the lower levels of the small ship.
 - C) However, the passengers were on their first trip and became frightened.
 - D) It was unfortunate that the crew did not want to help the passengers.

27. Bees can fly quite long distances very easily. Moreover, they can fly as fast as ten meters a second. ----- In search of food, bees usually fly out from home for about two miles. Some have been known to return home from as far as ten miles away.
- A) The bees go to the place where the hive used to be.
 - B) They find their way home because they know all the landmarks around the hive.
 - C) Thus, a trip of several miles takes only a few minutes.
 - D) Several scientists have studied how bees fly home.
28. Short-term memory actually stores material that is needed for short time periods, and it serves as a workspace for mental computation. ----- . That is, information may reside in short-term memory while it is being encoded or transferred into long-term memory.
- A) Another possible function is that short-term memory may be a way-station to long-term memory.
 - B) Some of the best support for these ideas comes from experiments on free recall.
 - C) People have other, more effective ways of encoding information in long-term memory.
 - D) At the time of recall the last few words presented are still likely to be in short-term memory.

Questions 29-31: Choose the most appropriate expression for the situation given.

29. Jane: The point is made in this article that we need a reliable source of electricity to meet our needs in the 21st century.
 Larry: But we also need clean air.
 Jane: -----
 Larry: So you mean that nuclear power plants don't pollute the air. Right?
- A) Why not? Nuclear energy already generates more than 20 per cent of America's electricity.
 - B) Well, with nuclear energy, we can have both.
 - C) Year by year there is a growing need for more energy nation wide.
 - D) I am afraid the world is fast heading towards a huge environmental disaster.
30. Tim: As a business, we are doing our best to recycle.
 Marie: We need to think of more creative ways in which we can reduce waste during working hours.
 Tim: -----
 Marie: Yes, I agree and we have developed a creative way to lower our paper usage in documentation.
- A) Have other firms been pursuing recycling solutions?
 - B) Can you tell me how we can be waste conscious if we need to produce more and more products as time passes?
 - C) Don't you think the solution is to use preventative strategies rather than having to deal with all the waste produced?
 - D) Is the paper we use for printing going to increase this trimester?
31. Police Officer: Mr. Cohen, you're under arrest.
 Cohen : Damn! What's the charge?
 Police Officer: ----- .
- A) You look awfully funny in those clothes.
 - B) This is not the first time you're doing this.
 - C) I don't think you will be able to afford it, boy!
 - D) Non-payment of federal income tax.

SECTION 3 – READING

Questions 32-34: Choose the best answer according to the passage below.

It was Greek mathematician and philosopher Pythagoras who first proposed that the Earth was round sometime around 500 BCE, after observing the line between the part of the Moon in light and in the dark as it moved through its orbital cycle. He reasoned that if the Moon was round, the Earth must be round too. In later years, Athenian philosopher Plato taught his students that the Earth was a 'round body' though he offered no scientific explanation. Later, Greek philosopher Anaxagoras observed the shape of the Earth's shadow on the Moon during a lunar eclipse and used it as evidence that the Earth was round. In 350 BCE, the great Greek philosopher Aristotle decided that the Earth was a sphere after observing the star groups moving in the sky. And during the next 100 years, Aristarchus, a Greek astronomer and mathematician, spoke about the Sun being at the centre of the universe with the Earth revolving around it. And in 240 BCE, Greek mathematician and geographer Eratosthenes managed to calculate the circumference of the Earth for the first time.

32. Who claimed that the Earth was round but did not base it on any scientific facts?

- A) Aristarchus B) Plato C) Anaxagoras D) Pythagoras

33. Which of the statements given below is true according to the passage?

- A) The first claim that the Earth had a spherical shape was made in 350 BCE.
B) Ancient ideas about the Earth's spherical shape were based on observations of the Moon and the sky.
C) Aristotle did not support Pythagoras' idea of a spherical world.
D) Greek scientists had found out the size of the Earth long before 240 BCE.

34. Which of the following can we conclude from the passage?

- A) It has been known that the Earth was round since the time of the ancient Greeks.
B) It was thought that the Sun revolved around the Earth in the ancient Greece after 350 BCE.
C) Ancient scholars argued that the Earth was flat rather than spherical.
D) The Earth's shadow on the Moon doesn't give any clues about its shape.

Questions 35-37: Choose the best answer according to the passage below.

Cricket is an elaborate bat and ball game; first played in England in Tudor times and has spread as a major sport throughout the Commonwealth. The principles are basically simple, but the laws - first drawn up in 1744 – are complicated. The game is usually played by 2 teams of 11 on a field of unspecified size with 2 wickets. The teams decide by tossing a coin whether to bat or to field. Members of the batting side endeavour singly to defend each wicket from attack by the fielding side's bowlers – players who attempt individually to trap the batsmen by delivering a regulation ball in a manner defined in the laws.

35. In 1744, -----

- A) English men first started to play cricket.
B) the principles of cricket were simplified.
C) the laws of cricket were made more complicated.
D) the laws of cricket were arranged and decided on.

36. Cricket is played by ----

- A) 22 people on a field - the limits of which is not fixed.
B) 22 people on a field - the limits of which is fixed.
C) 11 people on a field - the limits of which is specified by wickets.
D) two teams of 11 players on a football field.

37. The batting side ----

- A) endeavours to toss a coin.
- B) endeavours to attack the wickets.
- C) attempts to defend the wickets.
- D) does everything to help the batsmen

Questions 38-40: Choose the best answer according to the passage below.

Book publishers and motion – picture producers do not depend on only advertising for their incomes. In addition to *revenue from direct sales, publishers receive royalties when one of their books is adapted for use in another medium. Motion picture revenues derive from the theater box office and from the sale of movies to television. And sometimes an original movie script is sold to publishers. Today, U.S book publishers produce over 800.000.000 books **annually**, worth \$2.450.000.000. Textbooks and reference books accounted for more than half the sales. In specialized book publishing, one of the largest operations is the publication of subscription – reference books, encyclopaedias, for instance.

38. What does annually (line 5) mean?

- A) every year B) for a period of time C) especially D) effectively

39. It is clear in the passage that advertising -----.

- A) is the most effective source of income for book publishers and motion - picture producers.
- B) makes up the highest proportion of book publishers and motion – picture producers.
- C) brings no less money than direct sales to book publishers and motion – picture producers.
- D) is not the only source of income for book publishers and motion – picture producers.

40. Most selling books in the U.S. are -----.

- A) subscription – reference books and encyclopaedias.
- B) textbooks and reference books.
- C) adapted to movies.
- D) immediately advertised on TV.

----- END OF TEST -----

- 1. B
- 2. A
- 3. C
- 4. A
- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. D
- 8. B
- 9. D
- 10. C
- 11. B
- 12. A
- 13. B
- 14. A
- 15. D

16.C
17.D
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19.A
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21.C
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23.D
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25.A
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27.C
28.A
29.B
30.C
31.D
32.B
33.B
34.A
35.D
36.A
37.C
38.A
39.D
40.B