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**QUESTIONS:**

**Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the following passage:**

Do you ever wish you were more optimistic, someone who always (1) ..... to be successful? Having someone around who always fears the worst isn't really a lot of (2) ..... - we all know someone who sees a single cloud on a sunny day and says, 'It looks like rain.' But if you catch yourself thinking such things, it's important to do something about it.

You can change your view of life, according to psychologist. It only takes a little...(3)....., and you'll find life more rewarding as a..(4)..... . Optimism, they say, is partly about self-respect and confidence but it's also a more positive way of looking at life and all it has to (5) ..... Optimists are more (6) ..... to start new projects and are generally more prepared to take risks.

Upbringing is obviously very important in forming your (7) ..... to the world. Some people are brought up to depend too much on others and grow up forever blaming other people when anything (8)..... wrong. Most optimists, on the (9) ..... hand, have been brought up not to (10) ..... failure as the end of the world - they just get on with their lives.

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| Question 1. A. counted       | <b>B. expected</b> | C. felt             | D. waited         |
| Question 2. A. amusement     | B. play            | <b>C. enjoyment</b> | D. fun            |
| Question 3. A. energy        | <b>B. effort</b>   | C. work             | D. effect         |
| Question 4. <b>A. result</b> | B. reason          | C. purpose          | D. product        |
| Question 5. A. supply        | B. suggest         | C. offer            | <b>D. propose</b> |
| Question 6. A. possible      | <b>B. likely</b>   | C. hopeful          | D. welcome        |
| Question 7. A. opinion       | <b>B. attitude</b> | C. view             | D. position       |
| Question 8. <b>A. goes</b>   | B. falls           | C. comes            | D. turns          |
| Question 9. A. opposite      | B. others          | <b>C. other</b>     | D. far            |
| Question 10. A. regard       | B. respect         | <b>C. suppose</b>   | D. think          |

**Read the passage and circle the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following questions or statements:**

Since the world became industrialized, the number of animal species that have either become extinct or have neared extinction has increased. Bengal tigers, for instance, which once roamed the jungles in vast numbers, now number only about 2,300. By the year 2025, it is estimated that they will become extinct.

What is alarming about the case of the Bengal tiger is that this extinction will have been caused almost entirely by **poachers** who, according to some sources, are not always interested in material gain but in personal gratification. **This** is an example of the **callousness** that is contributing to the problem of extinction. Animals such as the Bengal tiger, as well as other endangered species, are valuable parts of the world's ecosystem. International laws protecting these animals must be enacted to ensure their survival – and the survival of our planet.

Countries around the world have begun to deal with the problem in various ways. Some countries, in an effort to circumvent the problem, have **allocated** large amounts of land to animals reserves. They then charge admission prices to help **defray** the costs of maintaining the parks, and they often must also depend on world organizations for support. This money enables them to invest in equipment and patrols to protect the animals. Another response to the increase in animal extinction is an **international boycott** of products made from endangered species. This has had some effect, but by itself it will not prevent animals from being hunted and killed.

Question 11: What is the main topic of the passage?

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| <b>A. Endangered species</b> | B. Problems with industrialization |
| C. The Bengal tiger          | D. International boycotts          |

Question 12: The word "poachers" could be best replaced by which of the following?

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| A. Concerned scientists   | B. Enterprising researchers |
| <b>C. Illegal hunters</b> | D. Trained hunters          |

Question 13: The word "callousness" could be best replaced by which of the following?

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| A. incompetence | B. indirectness | <b>C. insensitivity</b> | D. independence |
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Question 14: The previous passage is divided into two paragraphs in order to contrast:

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| A. A comparison and a contrast     | <b>B. A problem and a solution</b>  |
| C. A statement and an illustration | D. Specific and general information |

Question 15: What does the word "this" refer to in the passage?

- A. Bengal tiger  
**C. Killing animals for personal satisfaction**  
 B. Interest in material gain  
 D. The decrease in the Bengal tiger population
- Question 16: Where in the passage does the author discuss a cause of extinction?  
 A. Paragraph 1  
**B. Paragraph 2**  
 C. Paragraph 3  
 D. all of them
- Question 17: Which of the following could best replace the word “*allocated*”?  
**A. set aside**  
 B. combined  
 C. taken  
 D. organized
- Question 18: The word “*defray*” is closest in meaning to which of the following?  
**A. make a payment on**  
 B. raise  
 C. lower  
 D. make an investment toward
- Question 19: What does the term “*international boycott*” refer to?  
 A. A global increase in animal survival  
**B. A refusal to buy animal products worldwide**  
 C. Defraying the cost of maintaining national parks  
 D. Buying and selling of animal products overseas
- Question 20: Which of the following best describes the author’s attitude?  
 A. indifferent  
 B. forgiving  
**C. concerned**  
 D. surprised

**Circle the underlined words/ phrases that need correcting:**

- Question 21. Because the Red Cross accepts blood from most donors, the nurses will not let you give blood if you have just had a cold.  
 A B C D
- Question 22. Many young people lack skills, good education, and financial to settle in the urban areas where many jobs are found.  
 A B C D
- Question 23. The man acted as though he had met the young beautiful woman some times before.  
 A B C D
- Question 24. The suits were hanged in the closet when they were returned from the cleaners.  
 A B C D
- Question 25. A basic knowledge of social studies, such as history and geography, are considered a basic part of the education of every child.  
 A B C D

**Choose the best sentence which has the same meaning with the original one:**

- Question 26. ***But for his father’s early retirement, Richard would not have taken over the family business.***  
 A. Richard didn’t take over the family business because his father didn’t retire.  
**B. Richard only took over the family business because his father decided to retire early.**  
 C. His father retire early, but he still ran the family business.  
 D. Richard’s father didn’t want him to take over the family business despite his retirement.
- Question 27. ***The worker only called off the strike after a new pay offer.***  
 A. Not until a new pay was offered, the workers called off the strike.  
 B. The worker called off the strike only when a new pay offer.  
 C. A new pay was offered, which made the strike call off.  
**D. Not until a new pay was offered did the workers call off the strike.**
- Question 28. ***Miss White said to him, “Why are you so late? Did your car have a flat tire?”***  
 A. Miss White told him why was he so late and did your car have a flat tire.  
 B. Miss White asked him why was he so late and did you have a flat tire.  
 C. Miss White asked him why he was so late and if your car have a flat tire.  
**D. Miss White asked him why he was so late and whether his car had a flat tire.**
- Question 29. ***“How beautiful the dress you have just bought is!” Peter said to Mary.***  
 A. Peter promised to buy Mary a beautiful dress.  
 B. Peter said thanks to Mary for her beautiful dress.  
**C. Peter complimented Mary on her beautiful dress.**  
 D. Peter asked Mary how she had just bought her beautiful dress.
- Question 30. ***People know that English is an international language.***  
 A. English is known to be an international language.  
 B. It is known that English is an international language.  
 C. It is known that English to be an international language.  
**D. A & B are correct.**
- Question 31. ***They may use this room for the classroom.***  
**A. This room may be used for the classroom.**  
 B. The classroom may be used for this room.  
 C. They may be used for the classroom.  
 D. This room may use for the classroom.

Question 32. *Much as he loved her, he couldn't forgive her for what she had done.*

- A. He didn't forgive her for what she had done despite loving her very much.
- B. He loved her so much, that's why he forgave her for what she had done.
- C. He didn't forgive her for what she had done as he loved her very much.
- D. She loved him very much, so he forgave her for what she had done.

Question 33. *I happened to run into him on my way to the library.*

- A. Fortunately, I met him first before I entered the library.
- B. I was quite surprised when I met him in the library.
- C. I happened to see him going into the library.
- D. I met him by chance as I was going to the library.

Question 34. *It may rain this afternoon. I hope it doesn't because I don't want the match to be cancelled*

- A. If it rains, the match is cancelled.
- B. If it rains, the match will be cancelled
- C. If it rained, the match would be cancelled
- D. If it had rained, the match would have been cancelled

Question 35. *Tom got to the station in time to catch his train for his interview.*

- A. If he had missed it, he would have been late for his interview.
- B. If he missed it, he would have been late for his interview.
- C. If he had missed it, he would be late for his interview.
- D. If he had missed it, he would had be late for his interview.

Circle one word that has different main stress:

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|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Question 36. A luggage   | B increase  | C benefit      | D argument   |
| Question 37. A democracy | B committee | C. proficiency | D television |
| Question 38. A energy    | B primary   | C facilities   | D pleasure   |

Circle one word whose underlined part is differently pronounced:

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| Question 39. A. <u>kites</u>    | B. <u>catches</u> | C. <u>oranges</u> | D. <u>buzzes</u>   |
| Question 40. A. <u>whistled</u> | B. <u>laughed</u> | C. <u>lodged</u>  | D. <u>received</u> |

Read the passage and circle the best option A, B, C, or D to complete the following questions or statements:

After inventing dynamite, Swedish-born Alfred Nobel became a very rich man. However, he foresaw its universally destructive powers too late. Nobel preferred not to be remembered as the inventor of dynamite, so in 1895, just two weeks before his death, he created a fund to be used for awarding prizes to people who had made worthwhile contributions to humanity. Originally there were five awards: literature, physics, chemistry, medicine, and peace. Economics was added in 1968, just sixty-seven years after the first awards ceremony. Nobel's original legacy of nine million dollars was invested, and the interest on this sum is used for the awards which vary from \$30,000 to \$125,000.

Every year on December 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death, the awards (gold medal, illuminated diploma, and money) are presented to the winners. Sometimes politics plays an important role in the judges' decisions. Americans have won numerous science awards, but relatively few literature prizes.

No awards were presented from 1940 to 1942 at the beginning of World War II. Some people have won two prizes, but this is rare; others have shared their prizes.

Question 41. The word "foresaw" in the first paragraph is nearest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. prevailed
- B. postponed
- C. prevented
- D. predicted

Question 42. The Nobel prize was established in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. recognize worthwhile contributions to humanity
- B. resolve political differences
- C. honor the inventor of dynamite
- D. spend money

Question 43. In which area have Americans received the most awards?

- A. Literature
- B. Peace
- C. Economics
- D. Science

Question 44. All of the following statements are true EXCEPT

- A. Awards vary in monetary value
- B. ceremonies are held on December 10 to commemorate Nobel's invention
- C. Politics plays an important role in selecting the winners
- D. A few individuals have won two awards

Question 45. In how many fields are prizes bestowed?

- A. 2
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 10

Question 46. It is implied that Nobel's profession was in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. economics
- B. medicine
- C. literature
- D. science

Question 47. In the first paragraph, "worthwhile" is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. economic
- B. prestigious
- C. trivial
- D. valuable

Question 48. How much money did Nobel leave for the prizes?

- A. \$30,000
- B. \$125,000
- C. \$155,000
- D. \$9,000,000

Question 49. What is the main idea of this passage?

- A. Alfred Nobel became very rich when he invented dynamite.  
 B. Alfred Nobel created awards in six categories for contributions to humanity.  
 C. Alfred Nobel left all of his money to science  
**D. Alfred Nobel made a lasting contribution to humanity**

Question 50. The word "**legacy**" in the second paragraph means most nearly the same as \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. legend                      **B. bequest**                      C. prize                      D. debt

**Circle the best word/ phrase that is closest in meaning with the underlined one:**

- Question 51. A doctor is a person who is responsible for taking care of people's health.  
 A. examining                      B. searching for                      **C. looking after**                      D. taking after
- Question 52. You should concentrate on what the interviewer is saying and make a real effort to answer all the questions he/ she asks.  
 A. focus on                      B. look out                      C. come in                      D. study
- Question 53. To attract someone's attention, we can use either verbal or non-verbal forms of communication.  
 A. speaking                      B. talking                      C. waving                      **D. body language**
- Question 54. It is important that you should not make a phone call at night for the fear of disturbing others.  
**A. telephone**                      B. ask for                      C. buy a phone                      D. rang

**Choose the best answer A, B, C or D to complete the following sentences:**

- Question 55. I found this wallet on the street while I \_\_\_\_\_ to school.  
 A. walk                      B. 'm walking                      C. 've walked                      **D. was walking**
- Question 56. Ha Phuong's parents were very pleased when they read her school \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A. report**                      B. papers                      C. diploma                      D. account
- Question 57. Significantly, more Asian students than American students agree that a husband \_\_\_\_\_ to tell his wife where he has been if he comes home late.  
 A. obliges                      **B. is obliged**                      C. to oblige                      D. obliging
- Question 58. In my opinion, it's only common \_\_\_\_\_ to wear uniforms at school.  
 A. judgment                      **B. sense**                      C. nature                      D. wit
- Question 59. When I grow up I want to be an \_\_\_\_\_ and make a time machine to visit the future.  
 A. invention                      B. invent                      C. inventive                      **D. inventor**
- Question 60. All my friends have big new electric bikes. I'm becoming \_\_\_\_\_ of my old Mini.  
 A. embarrassed                      B. guilty                      **C. ashamed**                      D. upset
- Question 61. In my company, the director deputy usually \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility for organizing meetings and conferences.  
 A. makes                      B. gets                      **C. takes**                      D. becomes
- Question 62. Most of the students are strongly \_\_\_\_\_ of the school's approach.  
 A. support                      **B. supportive**                      C. supported                      D. supporter
- Question 63. By the time I got to the dentist, the pain in my tooth \_\_\_\_\_ stopped.  
 A. was                      B. has                      **C. had**                      D. would
- Question 64. Americans \_\_\_\_\_ to point at other people.  
 A. consider rude it is                      **B. consider it must rude**  
**C. consider it rude**                      D. are consider rude
- Question 65. This is the second time \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. you are losing your door key                      **B. you've lost your door key**  
 C. you were losing your door key                      D. your door key was lost by you
- Question 66. I'm very tired. \_\_\_\_\_ more than 800 kilometers today.  
 A. I'm driving                      B. I've driven                      C. I drive                      **D. I've been driving**
- Question 67. If she had known how awful this job was going to be, she \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. would accept                      B. wouldn't accept  
**C. wouldn't have accepted**                      D. would have accepted
- Question 68. Some people think \_\_\_\_\_ a foreign language. However, it isn't.  
**A. it easy to master**                      B. easy to master                      C. easily to master                      D. it is easily to master
- Question 69. Lan: "What is the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_?"  
 Hoa: "She always takes people to places of interest."  
**A. a tourist guide**                      B. an engineer                      C. a computer programmer                      D. an electrician
- Question 70. I went to \_\_\_\_\_ school to talk to \_\_\_\_\_ headmistress  
 A the / a                      **B the / the**                      C X / the                      D . X / X
- Question 71. Nam: "What an interesting football match Vietnam had!"  
 Toan: "  
 A. Never mind.                      B. Well done!  
**C. I completely agree with you!**                      D. Thanks.
- Question 72. The girls and the flowers \_\_\_\_\_ he painted were vivid.  
 A. who                      B. which                      C. whose                      **D. that**

- Question 73. Mrs. Khe, \_\_\_\_\_ was born and grew up in in Nghe An, a province in the centre of Viet Nam, \_\_\_\_\_ she still lives, was 100 last year.  
A. that / in which      **B. who / where**      C. that / where      D. whom / where
- Question 74. There are a lot of people at my friend's wedding party, only a few of \_\_\_\_\_ I had met before.  
A. who      B. whose      **C. whom**      D. which
- Question 75. The computer, \_\_\_\_\_ hard disk has just been upgraded, is among the latest generations.  
A. that      **B. whose**      C. of which      D. which of
- Question 76. Taj Mahal, \_\_\_\_\_ by Shah Janhan for his wife, is thought to be one of the great architectural wonders of the world.  
A. being built      B. was built      **C. which was built**      D. been built
- Question 77. \_\_\_\_\_ you, I'd think twice about that decision.  
A. Was I      B. If I had been      C. Should I be      **D. If I were**
- Question 78. The chairman requested that \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the members studied more carefully the problem      B. the problem was more carefully studied  
C. with more carefulness the problem could be studied      **D. the members study the problem carefully.**
- Question 79. - "Would you like to have noodles, spaghetti, or something different?" - " \_\_\_\_\_".  
**A. Anything will do**      B. Yes, please      C. Never mind      D. I'm afraid not
- Question 80. - "Could I speak to Hoang Nguyen, please?" - " \_\_\_\_\_".  
**A. Speaking**      B. Talking      C. Saying      D. Answering