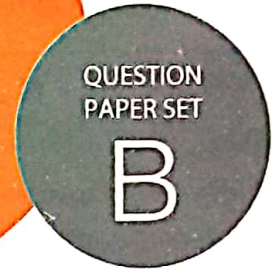


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Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

Please teach my dog ____ a ball.

- A.** to fetch **B.** learn **C.** show **D.** to learn

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FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

Example

I am so _____ as I went running today! Tomorrow I will need a rest.

- A. exhausted
B. happy
C. disgusted
D. drain

1. Animals move around the countryside _____ whereas people need papers and documents.
A. freeing
B. freely
C. freedom
D. free
2. You must try and work as much as possible if you want _____ successful.
A. is
B. will be
C. to be
D. has been
3. There needs to be an _____ unit to this textbook.
A. additionally
B. addition
C. add
D. additional
4. We _____ to fix this bicycle for almost a month now.
A. have been trying
B. have been tried
C. trying
D. was trying
5. Our thoughts on the subject run in _____ with each other.
A. next to
B. sideways
C. converse
D. parallel
6. Being _____ is not the highest achievement a person can attain.
A. wealthy
B. wealth
C. wealthily
D. wealthiest
7. Our house is _____ from the roundabout _____ the playing field.
A. on, with
B. across, near
C. off, by
D. away, under
8. We all need to work well together _____ that we can complete the task.
A. in order
B. and
C. so
D. however
9. I am really tired this morning, _____ you?
A. were
B. weren't
C. haven't been
D. aren't
10. Our new teacher was angry and _____ at us all to get inside.
A. yelled
B. mentioned
C. told
D. asked
11. I have no idea _____ of these we will need for tonight's dinner.
A. how much
B. how many
C. when
D. what
12. The rain has stopped but you _____ be able to go out until the flooding has reduced.
A. should
B. mustn't
C. won't
D. have

13. _____ this picture of on the table over there?
A. Who
B. Who is
C. Whom
D. Whose
-
14. I can't find _____ keys to _____ back-door, so we will have to use the front.
A. no article, no article
B. the, no article
C. the, the
D. the, a
-
15. Never _____ himself was the secret to my father's mountaineering success.
A. doubts
B. have doubted
C. doubting
D. were doubting
-
16. I woke up in a _____ after dreaming about the match we have today.
A. hot flush
B. cold sweat
C. big mess
D. cool room
-
17. At no time _____ failed to get our projects in, on time.
A. did we sometimes
B. are we always
C. can we occasionally
D. have we ever
-
18. I'm so tired because I've been up every day at the _____ of dawn.
A. cracking
B. cracked
C. crack
D. cracker
-
19. I might have written more if I _____ the chance to.
A. had had
B. was having
C. am going to have
D. have have
-
20. My old school does look worse for _____. It really needs to be rebuilt.
A. itself
B. wear
C. being
D. time
-
21. My living room could do with being spruced _____ a bit.
A. over
B. in
C. up
D. at
-
22. The _____ of rain has meant that there will be more food imported next year.
A. reassignment
B. revelation
C. recondition
D. reduction
-
23. Our new headmaster is the _____ of good sense and manners.
A. pinnacle
B. point
C. pedestrian
D. pretend
-
24. There was nothing much for us to do, so we sat back _____ the breeze with one another.
A. booting
B. rooting
C. shooting
D. holding
-
- FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.
25. Mammoth
A. Boring
B. Common
C. Minuscule
D. Colossal
-
26. Expedient
A. Ephemeral
B. Elliptical
C. Judicious
D. Belligerent

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Giddy
- A. Sensible
 - B. Enthusiastic
 - C. Enabled
 - D. Pleasurable

28. Begrudging
- A. Empty
 - B. Demanding
 - C. Backward
 - D. Generous

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. What is the spelling of the word that means 'unpleasant'?
- A. Grosstesck
 - B. Grotesque
 - C. Grotisck
 - D. Grostiest

30. What is the spelling of the word that means 'to have a break'?
- A. Heights
 - B. Highates
 - C. Hiatus
 - D. Hitatus

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

The current 'biggest' threat to climbers on the world's tallest peak, the former head of the Nepal Mountaineering Association said, is the staggering amount of human waste being left on its slopes with some estimates putting that number at more than 8,500 kilos for this season alone.

The biggest problem and concern now on Everest is human. It is impossible to know exactly how much litter is spread across Everest because it only becomes visible when the snow melts. But at Camp 2, two levels higher than Base Camp, Sherpas who worked on the government's cleanup drive this spring believe around 8,500 kilos of human waste was left there during this year's climbing season. The clean-up took 3 weeks, and the Sherpas were continually going up and down the mountain with sacks.

Melting conditions at Camp 2 create an odour that is sickening to climbers, and the waste will eventually contaminate water

sources below and become a health hazard, Tshering warns. "During our expedition to Camp 2, eight of our 10 Sherpas got stomach illness from bad water at Camp 2," said John All, a professor of environmental science at Western Washington University who visited Everest on a research expedition.

Ang Dorjee, who heads the independent Everest Pollution Control Committee, has demanded that the Nepal government institute some rules. The problem is there are no regulations on how to dispose of the human waste. Some climbers use biodegradable bags that have enzymes, which decompose human waste but most of them don't.

Instead of using the makeshift toilets, many climbers dig a hole in the snow, letting the waste fall into small crevasses. However, rising temperatures have thinned the glacier, leaving fewer and smaller crevasses. The overflowing waste then spills downhill towards Base Camp and even communities below the mountain.

Local people living at the Base Camp use melted snow for drinking water -- and for

them, the human excrement poses a health risk. Tshering and other mountaineers say the government should **mandate** the use of biodegradable bags for human waste. The bags are expensive and have to be imported from the United States.

31. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Too Many People at Camp 2
 - B. A Mess Up the Mountain
 - C. Himalayas in Meltdown
 - D. How to Climb Everest
-
32. What is the biggest issue on the mountain?
- A. The steepness of the slopes.
 - B. The bad weather these days.
 - C. Rubbish people leave behind.
 - D. The cleanliness of the toilets.
-
33. How many Sherpas got ill?
- A. 8
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 10
-
34. Who will probably be affected by the pollution?
- A. Commission staff
 - B. Government
 - C. Foreigners
 - D. Local villagers
-
35. What does the word 'mandate' mean in the final paragraph?
- A. Ask
 - B. Select
 - C. Remove
 - D. Force

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

A bizarre new trend has started to spring up across the US and the UK. It seems that more than 6,000 people have taken out

"alien abduction policies" each worth the equivalent of \$8 million in compensation.

The bizarre deal, provided by Saint Lawrence Agency in Altamonte Springs, Florida, promises clients cover for supernatural sites, such as Area 51. It offers coverage for a one-off fee of \$24.95, which they will mail a paper copy of the certificate in a frame. Digital copies cost a reduced \$19.95. But there's one catch in the small print, they will only pay \$1 per year over a 10 to 20-million-year period.

Mike St. Lawrence, who owns the firm, said the surge in interest comes after a Facebook page urging people to storm Area 51 went viral. More than 6,000 people have snapped up Mike St. Lawrence's \$24.95 alien abduction insurance policies.

It proposes a meeting on September 20 at the Area 51 Alien Center tourist attraction to coordinate a raid.

Mr. St. Lawrence said: "I don't want to try to rip somebody off. The people that come to me, if I think they don't understand the terms and conditions, that this is tongue and cheek, I won't sell it to them."

The policy also offers asteroid, reincarnation and Area 51 insurance. There is "sarcasm coverage" that is limited to only cover against family members who mock the **abductee** and categorically not the rest of the world.

Speaking to the website, Mr. St. Lawrence claimed two people have submitted claims so far, with one even submitting a Polaroid photograph of the suspected aliens. "I said we're going to waive the signature and we started paying him a dollar a year for 10 years before we lost contact with him," St. Lawrence said. "When I started, most people thought it was completely absurd, and today I'd say 50 percent of the people think it's a possibility."

Nearly two million people have confirmed they will be attending the storm Area 51 event in September. But the US Air Force warned people against the idea recently. Area 51 is an open training range for the U.S. Air Force, and they would discourage anyone from trying to come into the area where they train American armed forces. A spokesman said, "The U.S. Air Force always stands ready to protect America and its assets."

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.

- A. Insure Yourself Quickly
- B. Cheapest Insurance for Area 51
- C. Insurance Against Aliens
- D. Insurance Salesman Taken by Aliens

37. How many people have alien insurance?

- A. Around 51

- B. Over 6000
- C. 1
- D. 10-20 million

38. Why have people suddenly started buying the insurance?

- A. Bad weather
- B. Area 51
- C. Facebook
- D. More aliens

39. Customers will get their money back _____.

- A. up to around 8 million dollars
- B. if they want it back
- C. in one big lump sum
- D. at one dollar a year

40. What is the meaning of the word 'abductee' in the sixth paragraph?

- A. Lonely person
- B. An insured person
- C. Prisoner
- D. A family member

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Ali: I need to mull _____ what has just happened here.

- A. on
- B. with
- C. over
- D. some

42. Harry: We're going to this party for _____.

Ben: Great, I thought you were wavering.

- A. go
- B. sure
- C. reason
- D. such

43. Son: Dad, why do we have so much luggage?

Father: Hmm, I _____ if it's because of all the toys.

- A. know
- B. hope
- C. dream
- D. wonder

44. Edward: What were you doing just now?

Carl: Hi, I _____ my lunch before we left.

- A. have eaten
- B. was eating
- C. had eaten
- D. will have eaten

45. Marly: The end of this experiment _____ the end of the unit on reproduction.

- A. is marking
- B. is marked
- C. marks
- D. marking

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. However _____, this is something I regularly think about.

- A. repudiation
- B. inconsequential
- C. breaking
- D. elevator

47. The old man proved his vim and _____ by sprinting up the steps.

- A. virtue
- B. van
- C. vigor
- D. vanity

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Predicate

- A. Affirm
- B. Reduce

- C. Sequenced
- D. Contradict

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Vital

- A. Optional
- B. Easy
- C. Practical
- D. Alive

50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Paul: I don't know what to do about Billy.

Ed: Well, we can't turn our _____ on him because we promised to help.

- A. backs
- B. shoulders
- C. faces
- D. hands





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