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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

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Word and Structure Knowledge, Reading & Achievers Section.
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6. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
7. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

Q.16 : Fill in the blanks.

Please teach my dog ____ a ball.

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

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

16. ● (B) (C) (D)

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 29, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

1. He won't _____ to see the whole match so let's wait until he gets back before we find out the score.
A. been able
B. have been able
C. to be able
D. having been able

2. I have always wondered how it could be possible to run as quickly as Olympic sprinters _____.
A. been done
B. can do
C. do
D. doing

3. Our next-door neighbours' dog was _____ a frenzy after being stung by a bee on the nose, so we tried to calm it down.
A. next to
B. around
C. for
D. in

4. Prepositions name spatial relationships and _____ abstract relationships, such as _____ relationship between a person and a state of mind.
A. no article, the
B. the, the
C. no article, no article
D. the, no article

5. It was interesting to see that he refrained _____ arguing with the interviewer after they lost the match last night.
A. on
B. with
C. from
D. about

6. Since I was a young child, all I could ever think about was eventually _____ an astronaut and going to space.
A. had been becoming
B. becoming
C. was becoming
D. have become

7. The biggest problem has been deciding _____ of these or those things I should take with me.
A. when
B. what
C. how
D. which

8. He _____ in a hurry after he got a phone call, but came back ten minutes later.
A. have left
B. would leave
C. is leaving
D. left

9. A dependent clause can start with a subordinating conjunction and _____ a subject and verb but does not express a complete thought.
A. contain
B. containing
C. contains
D. contained

10. I was wondering whether or not _____ of you had seen my rucksack for school that I lost last week.
A. either
B. nor
C. or
D. and

11. My mother has always been very clever _____ her hands, so she has always made all our decorations.
- A. by
B. with
C. at
D. around
-
12. My brother _____ having broken the window in the school library last weekend.
- A. accused
B. advised
C. admitted
D. agreed
-
13. We need to grab the bull by the _____ and get this project completed as quickly as we can.
- A. nose
B. legs
C. tail
D. horns
-
14. After years of farming in unnatural environments, it is no surprise that the fish had begun to _____ so much that they started to look different.
- A. mutate
B. multiply
C. mutiny
D. muster
-
15. There are some things that are _____ and others that will have to remain as they are.
- A. placatable
B. redactable
C. negotiable
D. unpalatable
-
16. As things continued to get worse it was clear the management could do nothing to stop the club from _____ south.
- A. sending

- B. being
C. doing
D. heading

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17. It drives my mother _____ the wall when I keep her in the dark about how my schoolwork is going.
- A. up
B. on
C. in
D. over
-
18. It wasn't difficult to _____ up where they had left off because they had written a good set of notes explaining what they were doing.
- A. move
B. pick
C. have
D. stay
-
19. Your teacher really put you _____ the spot when she asked about why you hadn't completed your homework.
- A. in
B. about
C. on
D. down
-
20. He caught me off _____ when he asked me a question about what I had been doing at the weekend.
- A. out
B. course
C. measure
D. guard
-
21. My brother is not overly _____, but he is incredibly shrewd at understanding the rules to his advantage.
- A. sound
B. bright
C. coarse
D. breezy

22. I had been feeling sluggish all day until around seven when I started to _____ up a bit.

- A. perk
 - B. fuss
 - C. move
 - D. cram
-

23. After last week's match, the headmaster has banned us all from _____ the opposition at future games.

- A. rewinding
 - B. running
 - C. taunting
 - D. reading
-

24. The _____ of finding all the materials that are needed to build this boat is quite low.

- A. dexterity
 - B. plausibility
 - C. irreverence
 - D. solidarity
-

25. The one-year old child took her first _____ steps across the room before abruptly sitting down.

- A. reciprocal
 - B. warped
 - C. converged
 - D. tentative
-

26. It is natural to start to _____ steam after 90 minutes but that's why we train so hard.

- A. see off
 - B. buildup in
 - C. create a lot of
 - D. run out of
-

27. There is nothing _____ yet because we are still deciding what to do and when to do it.

- A. ending the day
- B. made of concrete
- C. set in stone
- D. out of line

28. It's important not to _____ your hand during a game like chess otherwise you will surely lose.

- A. tip
 - B. move
 - C. grab
 - D. slap
-

29. We need to really _____ on the issues that caused us to lose last week.

- A. call up
 - B. move over
 - C. add up
 - D. zero in
-

FOR QUESTIONS 30 TO 32, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

30. Virulent

- A. Harmless
 - B. Eloquent
 - C. Situational
 - D. Basic
-

31. Flounder

- A. Croak
 - B. Snap
 - C. Idle
 - D. Protract
-

32. Intersect

- A. Disjoin
 - B. Distil
 - C. Disinterest
 - D. Disambiguate
-

FOR QUESTIONS 33 TO 35, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

33. Unanimity

- A. Noncommitment
- B. Individuality
- C. Irreverence
- D. Consensus

34. Intolerable
- A. Superstitious
 - B. Extreme
 - C. Perpetual
 - D. Unapologetic

35. Muster
- A. Retaliate
 - B. Congregate
 - C. Sympathise
 - D. Relinquish

READING

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

(1) A small crowd-funded satellite promoted by a popular US TV host and science educator has been propelled into a higher orbit using only the force of sunlight blowing against its sail in space. Such a novel propulsion could “democratise” spaceflight say developers. The Lightsail 2 spacecraft, roughly the size of a loaf of bread, was launched into orbit in June and unfurled a tin foil-like solar sail designed to steer and push the spacecraft, using the momentum of tiny particles of light called photons emanating from the sun, into a higher orbit.

(2) The satellite was developed by the California-based space research and education non-profit group the Planetary Society; whose chief executive is the famous television personality. The technology promises a virtually inexhaustible source of space propulsion as a substitute for finite supplies of rocket fuels that the current generation of spacecraft rely on to maneuver in flight.

(3) Flight by light could best be used for missions carrying cargo in space or on small satellites with enough room for deploying larger, and thus more powerful, solar sails. Other applications include monitoring solar radiation that interferes with Earth-bound

communication networks. The solar sail technology could also reduce the need for expensive, cumbersome rocket propellants and slash the cost of navigating small satellites in space.

(4) The Lightsail project kicked off in the 1990s, but its first planned prototype, Cosmos 1, was destroyed during a faulty launch on a Russian rocket taking off from a submarine in 2005. The Planetary Society got its next prototype, Lightsail 1, into space in 2015, but technical problems kept it from climbing high enough to be steered by sunlight. Lightsail 2 became the latest spacecraft to **demonstrate** space-bound solar sailing after Japan’s experimental IKAROS spacecraft in 2010. The Lightsail project grew from an idea imagined by the society’s co-founders in the 1970s when they wanted to send a solar sail craft to rendezvous with Halley’s Comet.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Space for Free
 - B. No Room in Space
 - C. Sailing on Sunbeams
 - D. Sailing Round the World
37. What is special about the spacecraft?
- A. It is made by a private company.
 - B. It doesn’t need fuel in space.
 - C. It can launch without pollution.
 - D. It is faster than the speed of light.

38. There have been times when the project has _____.
- A. been offered for sale to the Japanese
 - B. gone too far into space
 - C. had money problems
 - D. had issues and some failures

39. Which paragraph explains what the technology can be used for?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

40. What does the word 'demonstrate' mean in final paragraph?
- A. Protest
 - B. Display
 - C. Expound
 - D. Parade

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

(1) It is amazing to see which companies are getting involved in the electric car revolution and one notable firm is Amazon. It seems to be expanding its transportation prowess to do virtually everything short of building a car. While the Amazon CEO has said little publicly about the company's ambitions in the sector, the strategy is aimed at leveraging Amazon's strengths in logistics, cloud computing, and digital services together with new interests in related fields from robotics to manufacturing.

(2) With these new investments and alliances up and down the auto supply chain and by hiring key auto industry veterans and amassing a robust patent portfolio, Amazon is positioning itself to challenge corporate

customers and partners ranging from United Parcel Service Inc. to Uber Technologies Inc. Businesses such as Amazon Web Services and Fulfillment by Amazon started as internal efforts to cut costs and improve efficiency in serving consumers, and later expanded to corporate customers.

(3) Recent Reuters analysis shows at least 210 recent patents have been applied for covering transportation-related topics from drones to automated ground vehicles. The auto-related patent push outpaced tech rivals Apple Inc and Alphabet Inc's Google, whose sister company Waymo is a self-driving pioneer. Amazon has been granted several patents that involve the transport of passengers, including a 2017 patent to provide an on-demand transportation service through a network of self-driving vehicles. A spokesperson for Amazon said. "Like many companies, we file a number of forward-looking patent applications that explore the full possibilities of new technology. Patents take multiple years to receive and do not necessarily reflect current developments to products and services."

(4) The patent push comes with a boost in Amazon's transportation-related investments. Since February, it has joined other major investors in providing nearly \$2 billion in funding to three high-profile startups: electric truck maker Rivian Automotive, self-driving systems developer Aurora and food delivery firm Deliveroo. In the past two years, Amazon has built out its transportation ecosystem further with the acquisition of three startups: Dispatch, Canvas and Tapzo, while investing hundreds of millions of dollars in at least nine others, including Shuttl, an Indian company developing an app to help commuters find seats on buses.

41. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Never Stop Creating
 - B. Who's Driving
 - C. Delivering New Business
 - D. Always Ahead of the Game
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42. What is not part of the company's plans?
- A. Cloud storage
 - B. Transporting goods
 - C. Online services
 - D. Building automobiles
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43. The company's plans may put them _____.
- A. in competition with their partners
 - B. in danger of over expanding too quickly

- C. out of the competition to build new cars
 - D. on the wrong side of the American government
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44. Which paragraph explains the support they are giving to other companies?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
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45. What does the word 'veterans' mean in the second paragraph?
- A. Animal doctors
 - B. Old soldiers
 - C. Experts
 - D. Vehicles

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 TO 48, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

46. It was very funny when my brother _____, the table as he leant on it, all the cups fell on the floor.
- A. backed off
 - B. pulled over
 - C. upended
 - D. undone
-

47. It is almost impossible to escape this _____ without having to put some real effort in and fixing the situation.
- A. morass
 - B. garret
 - C. swart
 - D. trawler
-

48. After _____ his queen, the chess player threw in the towel and walked away from

the table in dismay.

- A. had lost
 - B. have lost
 - C. having lost
 - D. been losing
-

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Palliative

- A. Redirecting
 - B. Injurious
 - C. Trivialising
 - D. Emollient
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50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Fickle

- A. Capricious
 - B. Zealous
 - C. Paternal
 - D. Ebullient
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