



**Question 15:** The cinema is no longer as popular as it was in the 1930's and 1940's, but it is still an important \_\_\_\_\_ of entertainment.

- A. origin                      B. prospect                      C. status                      D. source

**Question 16:** China's placement of its oil rig in Vietnam's East Sea EEZ has been denounced by ASEAN and Western politicians and professionals as the violation of Vietnam's \_\_\_\_\_ waters.

- A. farmed                      B. territorial                      C. fresh                      D. inland

**Question 17:** "Could you turn off the stove? The potatoes \_\_\_\_\_ for at least thirty minutes."

- A. are boiling                      B. were boiling                      C. have been boiling                      D. boiled

**Question 18:** \_\_\_\_\_, she continued to carry out her duties.

- A. Despite her good health                      B. No matter how poor her health  
C. Although she is in good health                      D. Although in poor health

**Question 19:** Carbon dioxide \_\_\_\_\_ as one of the main contributors to the greenhouse effect.

- A. has been identified                      B. has identified                      C. had identified                      D. had been identified

**Question 20:** \_\_\_\_\_ my mother's encouragement, I wouldn't have made such a daring decision.

- A. In spite                      B. Providing                      C. But for                      D. Until

**Question 21:** The young lady sat still in the afternoon breeze, with her hair \_\_\_\_\_ her back.

- A. streaming down                      B. fallen against                      C. flowed down                      D. running over

**Question 22:** Students are encouraged to develop critical thinking \_\_\_\_\_ accepting opinions without questioning them.

- A. for instance                      B. because of                      C. instead of                      D. in addition

**Question 23:** "Take a spare tyre \_\_\_\_\_ you have a puncture on the way to the beach."

- A. in case                      B. if                      C. so that                      D. unless

**Question 24:** Phuong Thao is a student in Ms Lan's writing class. She is asking for Ms Lan's comments on her last essay. Select the most suitable response to fill in the blank.

Phuong Thao: "You must have found reading my essay very tiring."

Ms Lan: "\_\_\_\_\_. I enjoyed it."

- A. You are welcome                      B. Just in case                      C. At all costs                      D. Not in the least

**Question 25:** He applied for a teaching \_\_\_\_\_ at Bales University with great confidence.

- A. career                      B. post                      C. work                      D. employment

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.**

**Question 26:** Those children who stay longer hours at school than at home tend to spend their formative years in the company of others with similar aims and interests.

- A. being together with friends                      B. forming a new business company  
C. enjoying the care of parents                      D. being separated from peers

**Question 27:** Many parents may fail to recognize and respond to their children's needs until frustration explodes into difficult or uncooperative behavior.

- A. remains at an unchanged level                      B. slowly reaches the boiling point  
C. stays under pressure                      D. suddenly becomes uncontrollable

**Question 28:** "A friend in need is a friend indeed": Our friends have voiced their strong criticism of China's escalation of tension on our continental shelf.

- A. facing the reality                      B. worsening the situation  
C. improving the condition                      D. easing the tension

**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 29 to 38.**

We live in a world of tired, sleep deprived people. In his book *Counting Sheep*, Paul Martin - a behavioural biologist - describes a society which is just too busy to sleep and which does not give sleeping the importance it deserves.

Modern society has invented reasons not to sleep. We are now a 24/7 society where shops and services must be available all hours. We spend longer hours at work than we used to, and more time getting to work. Mobile phones and email allow us to stay in touch **round the clock** and late-night TV and the Internet tempt us away from our beds. When we need more time for work or pleasure, the easy solution is to sleep less. The average adult sleeps only 6.2 hours a night during the week, whereas research shows that most people need eight or even eight and a half hours' sleep to feel at their best. Nowadays, many people have got used to sleeping less than they need and they live in an almost permanent state of 'sleep debt'.

Until the invention of the electric light in 1879 our daily cycle of sleep used to depend on the hours of daylight. People would get up with the sun and go to bed at nightfall. But nowadays our hours of sleep are

mainly determined by our working hours (or our social life) and most people are woken up artificially by an alarm clock. During the day caffeine, the world's most popular drug, helps to keep us awake. 75% of the world's population habitually consume caffeine, **which** up to a point masks the symptoms of sleep deprivation.

What does a chronic lack of sleep do to us? As well as making us irritable and unhappy as humans, it also reduces our motivation and ability to work. This has serious implications for society in general. Doctors, for example, are often chronically sleep deprived, especially when they are on 'night call', and may get less than three hours' sleep. Lack of sleep can seriously impair their mood, judgment, and ability to take decisions. Tired engineers, in the early hours of the morning, made a series of mistakes with **catastrophic** results. On our roads and motorways lack of sleep kills thousands of people every year. Tests show that a tired driver can be just as dangerous as a drunken driver. However, driving when drunk is against the law but driving when exhausted isn't. As Paul Martin says, it is very ironic that we admire people who function on very little sleep instead of criticizing them for being irresponsible. Our world would be a much safer, happier place if everyone, whatever their job, slept eight hours a night.

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**Question 29:** According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE about Paul Martin?

- A. He describes the modern world as a place without insomnia.
- B. He gives an interesting account of a sleepless society.
- C. He is a scientist who is chronically deprived of sleep.
- D. He shows his concern for sleep deprivation in modern society.

**Question 30:** The phrase "round the clock" in the second paragraph is similar in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. surrounded with clocks
- B. having a round clock
- C. all day and night
- D. during the daytime

**Question 31:** The writer mentions the Internet in the passage as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an easy solution to sleep deprivation
- B. a temptation that prevents us from sleeping
- C. a factor that is not related to sleep deprivation
- D. an ineffective means of communication

**Question 32:** According to the third paragraph, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?

- A. Our social life has no influence on our hours of sleep.
- B. The electric light was invented in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- C. The sun obviously determined our daily routines.
- D. The electric light has changed our daily cycle of sleep.

**Question 33:** The word "which" in the third paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. masking the symptoms
- B. reaching a point
- C. caffeine consumption
- D. the world's population

**Question 34:** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the last paragraph?

- A. Doctors 'on night call' do not need more than three hours of sleep a day.
- B. Sleep deprivation has negative effects on both individuals and society.
- C. Thousands of people are killed every day by drunken drivers.
- D. Our motivation decreases with the bigger number of hours we sleep.

**Question 35:** The word "catastrophic" in the last paragraph probably means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. likely to become worthless
- B. causing serious damage or loss
- C. bound to bring satisfaction
- D. becoming more noticeable

**Question 36:** Which of the following would the writer of the passage approve of?

- A. Both drunken drivers and sleep-deprived people should be criticized.
- B. We certainly can function well even when we hardly sleep.
- C. There is no point in criticizing irresponsible people in our society.
- D. Our world would be a much safer place without drinkers.

**Question 37:** All of the following are mentioned as those whose performance is affected by 'sleep debt' EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. biologists
- B. drivers
- C. doctors
- D. engineers

**Question 38:** Which of the following could best serve as the title of the passage?

- A. Sleep Deprivation: Causes and Effects
- B. A Society of Sleepless People
- C. A Well-known Biologist
- D. Accident Prevention: Urgent!

**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 39:** Since January this year, Joe has suffered two injuries, one to his ankle and the other in New York.

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Question 40:** Women in many parts of the world have had lower status than men, which the extent

of the gap between genders varies across cultures and times.

- C
- D

**Question 41:** As seeing from the mountain top, the area looks like a picturesque harbour town.

- A
- B
- C
- D

**Question 42:** All of the students in this course will be assessed according to their attendance, performance, and they work hard.  
A B C D

**Question 43:** Most of the students are queuing in lines waiting to enter the classroom.  
A B C D

**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 44:** Any student who neglects his or her homework is unlikely to do well at school.  
A. looks for B. puts off C. attends to D. approves of

**Question 45:** We run a very tight ship here, and we expect all our employees to be at their desks by eight o'clock and take good care of their own business.  
A. manage an inflexible system B. run faster than others  
C. have a good voyage D. organize things inefficiently

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is CLOSEST in meaning to the sentence given in each of the following questions.**

**Question 46:** "Why don't you join us for our next class reunion?" Mary said to me.  
A. Mary cordially invited me to join them for the next class reunion.  
B. Mary insisted on my joining them for the next class reunion.  
C. Mary advised me not to join them for the next class reunion.  
D. Mary strongly urged me to join them for the next class reunion.

**Question 47:** The president placed his car at my disposal as a bonus for my good work.  
A. To show his appreciation for my good work, the president allowed me to use his car whenever I liked.  
B. In order to praise me as a good worker, the president took me home in his own car.  
C. To get rid of the car, the president decided to sell it to me, his good worker, at a bonus price.  
D. I was willing to drive the president's car as a compliment for my good performance at work.

**Question 48:** "Send this urgent document immediately!" the officer told the soldier.  
A. The officer advised the soldier to send the urgent document right away.  
B. The officer ordered the soldier to deliver the urgent document instantly.  
C. The officer recommended the soldier leave right away because of the urgent document.  
D. The officer requested that the soldier rush out due to the document's urgency.

**Question 49:** "Believe me. It's no use reading that book," Janet told her boyfriend.  
A. Janet opposed her boyfriend's idea that reading the book was not useful.  
B. Janet suggested to her boyfriend that reading the book was useful.  
C. Janet tried to convince her boyfriend that the book was not worth reading.  
D. Janet managed to persuade her boyfriend that reading the book was worthwhile.

**Question 50:** The early failure of the Spanish squad in the 2014 World Cup deeply disappointed their fans.  
A. Living up to their fans' expectation, the Spanish squad left the 2014 World Cup so early.  
B. That their squad left the 2014 World Cup so early was very disappointing for the Spanish sportsmen.  
C. The Spanish squad was terribly disappointed that their fans had to leave the 2014 World Cup so early.  
D. To the disappointment of their fans, the Spanish squad had to leave the 2014 World Cup too early.

**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 51 to 60.**

Centuries ago, man discovered that removing moisture from food helped to preserve it, and that the easiest way to **do this** was to expose the food to sun and wind. In this way the North American Indians produced pemmican (dried meat ground into powder and made into cakes), the Scandinavians made stockfish and the Arabs dried dates and apricots.

All foods contain water - cabbage and other leaf vegetables contain as much as 93% water, potatoes and other root vegetables 80%, lean meat 75% and fish anything from 80% to 60% depending on how fatty it is. If this water is removed, the activity of the bacteria which cause food to go bad is **checked**.

Fruit is sun-dried in Asia Minor, Greece, Spain and other Mediterranean countries, and also in California, South Africa and Australia. The methods used vary, but in general the fruit is spread out on trays in drying yards in the hot sun. In order to prevent darkening, pears, peaches and apricots are exposed to the fumes of burning sulphur before drying. Plums for making prunes, and certain varieties of grapes for making raisins and currants, are dipped in an alkaline solution in order to crack the skins of the fruit slightly and remove their wax coating, so increasing the rate of drying.

Nowadays most foods are dried mechanically; the conventional method of such dehydration is to put food in chambers through **which** hot air is blown at temperatures of about 110°C at entry to about 45°C at exit. This is the usual method for drying such things as vegetables, minced meat, and fish.

Liquids such as milk, coffee, tea, soups and eggs may be dried by pouring them over a heated horizontal steel cylinder or by spraying them into a chamber through which a current of hot air passes. In the first case, the dried material is scraped off the roller as a thin film which is then broken up into small, though still relatively coarse flakes. In the second process it falls to the bottom of the chamber as a fine powder. Where recognizable pieces of meat and vegetables are required, as in soup, the ingredients are dried separately and then mixed.

Dried foods take up less room and weigh less than the same food packed in cans or frozen, and they do not need to be stored in special conditions. For these reasons they are invaluable to climbers, explorers and soldiers in battle, who have little storage space. They are also popular with housewives because it takes so little time to cook them.

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**Question 51:** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Advantages of dried foods.
- B. Water: the main component of food.
- C. Different methods of drying foods.
- D. Mechanization of drying foods.

**Question 52:** The phrase “do this” in the first paragraph mostly means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. moisten foods
- B. remove moisture from foods
- C. produce pemmican
- D. expose foods to sun and wind

**Question 53:** The word “checked” in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. motivated to develop
- B. reduced considerably
- C. examined carefully
- D. put a tick

**Question 54:** In the process of drying certain kinds of fruits, sulphur fumes help \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. crack their skin
- B. remove their wax coating
- C. maintain their color
- D. kill off bacteria

**Question 55:** Nowadays the common method for drying vegetables and minced meat is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. spreading them out on trays in drying yards
- B. pouring them over a heated horizontal steel cylinder
- C. dipping them in an alkaline solution
- D. putting them in chambers and blowing hot air through

**Question 56:** What does the word “which” in the fourth paragraph refer to?

- A. Chambers
- B. Foods
- C. Things
- D. Vegetables

**Question 57:** The final product of the process of drying liquids that uses the first method will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. fine powder
- B. dried soup
- C. recognizable pieces
- D. small flakes

**Question 58:** Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- A. Liquids are not dried in the same way as fruits and vegetables.
- B. Fruit is usually dried by being laid out on trays in the sun.
- C. People in India began to use drying methods centuries ago.
- D. Dried foods have several advantages over canned or frozen foods.

**Question 59:** According to the passage, dried foods are most useful for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. explorers who are underweight
- B. people who are on the move
- C. soldiers who are not in battle
- D. housewives who have little storage space

**Question 60:** This passage is mainly \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. analytical
- B. informative
- C. fictional
- D. argumentative

**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 the primary stress in each of the following questions.**

- Question 61:** A. interact      B. specify      C. illustrate      D. fertilize
- Question 62:** A. territorial      B. economic      C. considerate      D. continental
- Question 63:** A. sovereignty      B. edition      C. advantage      D. enrichment
- Question 64:** A. commit      B. open      C. index      D. preview
- Question 65:** A. candidate      B. habitat      C. wilderness      D. attendance

**Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines the pair of sentences given in each of the following questions.**

**Question 66:** I do my homework and schoolwork in separate books. I don't get muddled up.

- A. I do my homework and schoolwork in separate books so that I don't get muddled up.
- B. I would get muddled up if I did not separate homework from schoolwork.
- C. I do not get muddled up due to the separation between homework and schoolwork.
- D. Having two separate books at home and at work helps me avoid getting muddled up.

**Question 67:** She wrote the text. She selected the illustration as well.

- A. The text she wrote was not as good as the illustration she selected.
- B. In order to select the illustration, she had to write the text.
- C. She not only wrote the text but also selected the illustration.
- D. If she had written the text, she would have selected the illustration.

- Question 68:** She looked through the hotel advertisements. She stopped only when taking a fancy to one piece.
- A. She stopped reading the hotel advertisements only when one of them caught her fancy.
  - B. She stopped looking through the hotel advertisements only when she had found another piece.
  - C. She took so great a fancy to the hotel advertisements that she could not stop reading them.
  - D. She found the hotel advertisements so interesting that she could hardly turn away from them.

**Question 69:** Nam defeated the former champion in three sets. He finally won the inter-school table tennis championship.

- A. Being defeated by the former champion, Nam lost the chance to play the final game of inter-school table tennis championship.
- B. Although Nam defeated the former champion in three sets, he did not win the title of inter-school table tennis champion.
- C. Having defeated the former champion in the inter-school table tennis, Nam did not hold the title of champion.
- D. Having defeated the former champion in three sets, Nam won the inter-school table tennis championship.

**Question 70:** Most scientists know him well. However, very few ordinary people have heard of him.

- A. He is the only scientist that is not known to the general public.
- B. Not only scientists but also the general public know him as a big name.
- C. Although he is well known to scientists, he is little known to the general public.
- D. Many ordinary people know him better than most scientists do.

**Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 71 to 80.**

Postsecondary institutions and private schools are corporations under U.S. law. They are approved to operate as non-profit, for-profit, or public corporations (71)\_\_\_\_\_ education and training. Increasingly, state authorities are requiring approved educational providers to apply (72)\_\_\_\_\_ and receive accreditation as a condition of final and continued approval.

As corporate entities, U.S. institutions are internally self-governing and are (73)\_\_\_\_\_ to make property, facilities, equipment, and utilities transactions; make their own personnel decisions; decide whom to admit to study and to graduate; (74)\_\_\_\_\_ their own funds from outside sources; enter into contracts and compete for grants; and do most of the other things that corporations do. Institutions compete (75)\_\_\_\_\_ one another for students, research funding, faculty, and other benefits. Public institutions may compete within the same state or territory for budget appropriations. It is the corporate nature of institutions and the competition within the system that (76)\_\_\_\_\_ Americans to refer to the concept of the educational or academic marketplace - an important distinctive element of the way U.S. education is organized.

Some institutions are governed (77)\_\_\_\_\_ under multi-campus arrangements. These include most local public schools (governed by school districts) and many state community college and university systems. Whether single- or multi-campus, institutional corporations (78)\_\_\_\_\_ by boards of citizens, both alumni and non-alumni, who are ultimately responsible for all operations. They appoint senior (79)\_\_\_\_\_, such as principals, headmasters, presidents, and deans; and approve the actions taken (80)\_\_\_\_\_ their name.

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|---|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>Question 71:</b> A. provision        | B. provide        | C. providing  | D. provided        |
| <b>Question 72:</b> A. on               | B. with           | C. for        | D. to              |
| <b>Question 73:</b> A. possible         | B. able           | C. probable   | D. capable         |
| <b>Question 74:</b> A. lend             | B. rise           | C. call       | D. raise           |
| <b>Question 75:</b> A. for              | B. with           | C. at         | D. to              |
| <b>Question 76:</b> A. prevents         | B. causes         | C. lets       | D. makes           |
| <b>Question 77:</b> A. collective       | B. collectively   | C. collection | D. collect         |
| <b>Question 78:</b> A. being controlled | B. are controlled | C. controlled | D. are controlling |
| <b>Question 79:</b> A. trainees         | B. assistants     | C. leaders    | D. judges          |
| <b>Question 80:</b> A. at               | B. above          | C. on         | D. in              |

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