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

Question 1: My father doesn’t smoke and he doesn’t drink.
A. My father doesn’t smoke but he drinks.  B. My father neither smokes nor drinks.
C. My father enjoys smoking and drinking.  D. My father not only smokes but also drinks.

Question 2: Without transportation, our modern society would not exist.
A. If there were no transportation, our modern society would not exist.
B. If transportation no longer exists, our modern society will not either.
C. Our modern society does not exist if there is no transportation.
D. Our modern society will not exist without having traffic.

Question 3: “Remember to bring your books,” he said.
A. He reminded me to bring my books.
B. He warned me against bringing my books.
C. He asked me if I remembered to bring my books.
D. He said I remembered to bring my books.

Read the following passage taken from Microsoft Encarta and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word(s) for each of the blanks from 4 to 8.

WHY DO ANIMALS GO EXTINCT?
Different kinds of animals have appeared and disappeared throughout Earth’s history. Some animals go extinct because the climate (4) where they live changes. The climate may become wetter or drier. It may become warmer or cooler. If the animals cannot change, or adapt, to the new climate, they die.

Some animals go extinct because they cannot (5) compete with other animals for food. Some animals go extinct because they are killed by enemies. New kinds of animals are always evolving. Evolving means that the animals are changing (6) slowly from generation to generation. Small differences between parents, children, and grandchildren slowly add up over many, many generations. Eventually, a different kind of animal evolves.

Sometimes many of the animals on Earth go extinct at the (7) same time. Scientists call this a mass extinction. Scientists think there (8) have been at least five mass extinctions in Earth’s history. The last mass extinction happened about 65 million years ago. This mass extinction killed off the dinosaurs.

Question 4: A. where B. which C. when D. what
Question 5: A. complete B. find C. compete D. exist
Question 6: A. accidentally B. suddenly C. quickly D. slowly
Question 7: A. same B. similar C. different D. various
Question 8: A. has been B. have been C. will be D. are

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 9: The restaurant is so badly managed________
A. that it wants to repair  B. that no one wants to eat there
C. for anyone to eat there  D. unless someone eats there

Question 10: If you didn’t get rid of smoking________.
A. you will affect your health  B. your health wouldn’t affect
C. your health would be affected D. your health will be affected

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

Question 11: A. effective B. surgery C. enterprise D. alcohol
Question 12: A. apply B. persuade C. reduce D. offer

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 13: We first ________ each other in London in 2006.
A. met  B. have met C. meet D. had met

Question 14: All of our rain forests _____ unless we find some ways to stop people from cutting down trees.
Question 15: ____ his serious disease, he tried to finish writing his novel.
A. Although  B. Despite  C. In spite  D. However

Question 16: The 22nd Southeast Asian Games were ____ in Vietnam from 5th to 13th December 2003.
A. conducted  B. taken  C. held  D. carried

Question 17: Sales were poor last month; ____, there has been an increase this month.
A. otherwise  B. moreover  C. because  D. however

Question 18: The gardener fertilizes his land to ____ it more productive.
A. make  B. do  C. help  D. force

Question 19: She suggested ____ for a drink.
A. to go  B. being gone  C. going  D. go

Question 20: Nowadays more and more women go out to work, and they become more ____ than they used to.
A. independently  B. dependence  C. dependent  D. independent

Question 21: The salesman left a good _______ on his customers.
A. impression  B. expression  C. idea  D. belief

Question 22: A new study group has been set _______ by the government.
A. away  B. out  C. up  D. down

Question 23: Each of us must take _______ for our own actions.
A. probability  B. ability  C. possibility  D. responsibility

Question 24: This machine is _______ easy to install and cheap to operate.
A. compare  B. comparatively  C. comparative  D. comparision

Question 25: He is very _____ because he is concerned only with his own interests and feelings.
A. helpful  B. confident  C. grateful  D. selfish

Question 26: Please remember to _______ the lights as you leave the room.
A. go out  B. set off  C. get out  D. turn off

Question 27: The factory in ______ John works is the biggest in the town.
A. that  B. where  C. when  D. which

Question 28: Two thieves _______ at a bus stop were arrested yesterday.
A. wait  B. waiting  C. having waited  D. were waiting

Question 29: Susan : "Can you do the cooking today?"
Bill : "_______.
A. Yes, please.  B. Oh, all right  C. No, thank you  D. I know that

Question 30: Reading books is still one of _____ most popular forms of entertainment.
A. an  B. the  C. any  D. a

Question 31: They laughed a lot last night. The film ______ have been very funny.
A. can  B. must  C. would  D. ought

Question 32: Last night, the train was delayed ____ the flood.
A. beacuse  B. since  C. ev en though  D. because of

Question 33: The longer he waited, _______ impatient he got.
A. the more  B. more  C. better  D. the better

Question 34: Phil : " I'd like to become a tour guide. What do you think I should do?"
Leonie:" _______ ."
A. Yes, a tour guide is a good job!  B. I don't agree with you.
C. I think you should practise spoken English.  D. Shall we have a package tour this summer?

Question 35: I am studying hard _______ get a place at a good university.
A. so that  B. in order to  C. so as  D. in order that

Question 36: George : "In my opinion, action films are exciting".
Frankie : "_______"
A. There's no doubt about it  B. You shouldn't have said that
C. What an opinion!  D. Yes, Congratulations!

Question 37: We will always _______ the wonderful winter holiday we had in Australia.
A. remind  B. revise  C. reflect  D. remember

Read the following passage adapted from Pre-Essence Reading 1 by Rachel Lee, and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 38 to 42

BODY LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

The body language people use often communicates more about their feelings than the words they are saying. We use body movements, hand gestures, facial expressions, and changes in our voice to communicate with each other. Although some body language is universal, many gestures are culturally specific and may mean different things in different countries.
If you want to give someone the nod in Bulgaria, you have to nod your head to say no and shake it to say yes – the exact opposite of what we do! In Belgium, pointing with your index finger or snapping your fingers at someone is very rude.

In France, you shouldn’t rest your feet on tables or chairs. Speaking to someone with your hands in your pockets will only make matters worse. In the Middle East, you should never show the soles of your feet or shoes to others as it will be seen as a grave insult. When eating, only use your right hand because they use their left hands when going to the bathroom.

In Bangladesh, the ‘thumbs-up’ is a rude sign. In Myanmar, people greet each other by clapping, and in India, whistling in public is considered rude.

In Japan, you should not blow your nose in public, but you can burp at the end of a meal to show that you have enjoyed it. The ‘OK’ sign (thumb and index finger forming a circle) means ‘everything is good’ in the West, but in China it means nothing or zero. In Japan, it means money, and in the Middle East, it is a rude gesture.

Question 38: It is mentioned in the passage that many gestures
A. may mean different things in different countries
B. are not used to communicate our feelings
C. can be used to greet each other in public
D. are used in greeting among men and women

Question 39: People nod their head to say no in
A. Belgium
B. Bulgaria
C. France
D. Japan

Question 40: In the Middle East, people do not use their left hands for eating because they use their left hands
A. when going to the bathroom
B. when preparing the meal
C. to put in their pockets
D. to clean their tables and chairs

Question 41: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
A. In France, people shouldn’t rest their feet on tables.
B. In Belgium, snapping your fingers at someone is very rude.
C. In China, the ‘OK’ sign means money
D. In Myanmar, people greet each other by clapping

Question 42: The word “others” in paragraph 3 refers to
A. other people
B. other shoes
C. other soles
D. other feet

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

Question 43: A. infectious         B. punish         C. describe          D. efficient
Question 44: A. teenage         B. message         C. passage          D. sausage
Question 45: A. chemical        B. characteristic    C. Christmas       D. challenge

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to show the underlined part that needs correction.

Question 46: It is suggested that smoking should to be banned in pubs, restaurants, and other public places
A.        B.          C.        D.       

Question 47: Good scientists always cooperate with each others no matter what their nationalities are
A.        B.          C.        D.       

Question 48: Many species of wild animals would become extinction if people continued to cut down forests.
A.        B.          C.        D.       

Question 49: On Saturday, I enjoy to go to the concert with my friends.
A.        B.          C.        D.       

Question 50: Some bacteria are extremely harmful, but others are regular used in producing foods.
A.        B.          C.        D.       

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