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SECTION A - WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

1. Choose the incorrect sentence.

- a. It is the best film I have ever seen.
- b. The earth revolves around the sun.
- c. Our neighbours, the Smiths, have invited us for lunch on Sunday.
- d. I like playing the chess.

2. Choose the option which best describes the idiom or phrase.

The manager hesitated to assign the job to the newcomer as he was

_____.

- a. wet in the rain
- b. wet behind the ears.
- c. wet behind his neck
- d. wet his ear in water

3. Jane: "What _____ in the evenings?"

Mary: "Usually I watch TV or read a book."

- a) you doing
- b) you do
- c) do you do
- d) are you doing

4. Change the given sentence into passive voice.

They have informed me, about their late arrival.

- a. I have informed by them, about their late arrival.
- b. I had informed by them, about their late arrival.
- c. I have been informed by them, about their late arrival.
- d. I had been informed by them, about their late arrival.

5. That's the journalist who _____ detained in a city for more than a year.

- a. has been
- b. might been
- c. might be
- d. can be

6. A person fond of books_____.

- a. Bibliophagist
- b. Bibliophile
- c. Bibliographer
- d. Bibliophobia

7. _____ is the antonym for AMENABLE.

- a. Persuadable
- b. Uncooperative
- c. Biddable
- d. Docile

8. Choose the best synonym for the word ABSTAIN.

- a. Ingest
- b. Take in
- c. Refrain
- d. Consume

9. Quixotic : pragmatic

murky : _____

- a. clear
- b. rapid
- c. cloudy
- d. friendly

10. "James said that _____ word with me." "Yeah, come in and have a seat."

- a. you can have a
- b. you wanted to have a
- c. you will want to have a
- d. you had a

11. Find the plural subjective pronoun in the given sentence.

"They will have a party and all of their friends are invited."

- a. they
- b. their
- c. have
- d. of

12. Which word is a predicate noun in the given sentence?

She is a mother and a great teacher too.

- a. great
- b. too
- c. mother
- d. teacher

13. Choose the correct option as your answer.

He was a mere boy. He could not stand the fight.

- a. Being a mere boy, he could not stand the fight.
- b. Being a mere boy, he can't stand the fight.
- c. Being a mere boy, he won't stand the fight.
- d. Being a mere boy, he would not stand the fight.

14. There is _____ something wrong.

- a. sometimes
- b. so
- c. almost
- d. clearly

15. Complete the sentence using the options given below.

You need to leave your shoes _____ the door.

- a. at
- b. on
- c. by
- d. along

16. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

P. My friends are insisted

Q. that I should

R. see the movie

S. from beginning to end

- a. P
- b. Q
- c. S
- d. No Error

17. I usually _____ the bed as soon as I get up from sleep.

- a. make
- b. do
- c. have
- d. ready

18. Change the given sentence to indirect speech.

“I am happy to be here this evening,” she said.

- a. She said that she was happy to be there that evening.
- b. She said that she was happy to be there this evening.
- c. She said that she was happy to be here this evening.
- d. None of the above

19. Which word is a nominative noun in the given sentence?

Australian government will bring together anti-terror laws.

- a. bring
- b. anti-terror
- c. Australian
- d. government

20. Which of these is used to separate short coordinate clauses in a compound sentence.

- a. semicolon
- b. colon
- c. comma
- d. full stop

SECTION B - READING COMPREHENSION

FOR QUESTIONS 21 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGES AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

Three-year-old Teddy Lasry was napping yesterday in his cowboy outfit yesterday at his family's Fifth Ave. apartment when he shot up in bed screaming. A 3-foot-long black-and-white snake was coiled around his left arm and had just bitten his pinky.

"The baby-sitter freaked out," said Teddy's father, David Lasry, who, along with his wife, Evelyn, was at work when the reptile showed up about 4 p.m.

The horrified nanny called 911 and the building's doorman. The doorman and two cable TV workers helped pry the snake off the boy's arm and stow it in a garbage bag, Lasry said.

Police rushed Teddy to Mount Sinai Medical Center, where his parents said he spent two hours attached to a heart monitor as a precaution in case the snake was poisonous.

It wasn't. Experts at the snakebite treatment center at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx, where cops took the critter, determined it was a non-venomous California king snake.

But how did it end up in Teddy's bed?

A little sleuthing determined that the serpent had escaped two weeks ago from its cage in the apartment of a doctor whose family lives four floors below the Lasrys. The apologetic owner said his son's pet snake likely travelled up the radiator pipes and into his neighbour's apartment.

"It's a very docile, very harmless snake," he said. "It's handled by our family all the time."

Lasry, 42, a fine arts publisher, said he believed the pet was simply hungry after two weeks of cruising. Teddy's mother, Evelyn Lasry, 37, said her son seems to have gotten over his fright by thinking of himself as a hero cowboy as he rode in the back of the police cruiser to the hospital.

"I told Teddy he's a pretty snake, a nice pet snake who got out of his cage," Evelyn Lasry said. "But he asked, 'Why did he bite my finger, Mamma?' And I said, 'Because he saw that you are a big boy, Teddy, in your cowboy outfit and he got scared.'"

21. What did the babysitter do?

- a. She ran out of the apartment.
- b. She called for help.
- c. She took the snake off Teddy's arm.
- d. She called the television company.

22. What do we learn about the snake?

- a. It was about a meter long.
- b. It had escaped from a zoo.
- c. It was poisonous.
- d. It had escaped earlier in the afternoon.

23. Which of these statements is true?

- a. Teddy needed a heart machine to stay alive for two hours.
- b. The snake is used to being touched.
- c. Teddy's father was working and his mother was at home.
- d. Teddy was awake when the snake arrived.

24. How does Teddy think now of the snake attack?

- a. He was attacked because he was asleep.
- b. He was attacked because the snake was scared of him.
- c. He was attacked because the snake was hungry.
- d. He was attacked because his parents weren't at home.

25. What according to Lasry was the real reason behind the snake attack?

- a. The snake was hostile
- b. The snake was docile
- c. The snake was hungry
- d. None of the above

26. What is the meaning of the word 'critter' as used in the passage?

- a. reptile
- b. animal
- c. snake
- d. carnivore

27. Give the antonym of the word 'docile.'

- a. unyielding
- b. willing
- c. well-behaved
- d. obedient

Mount Vesuvius, a volcano located between the ancient Italian cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, has received much attention because of its frequent and destructive eruptions. The most famous of these eruptions occurred in A.D. 79.

The volcano had been inactive for centuries. There was little warning of the coming eruption, although one account unearthed by archaeologists says that a hard rain and a strong wind had disturbed the celestial calm during the preceding night. Early the next morning, the volcano poured a huge river of molten rock down upon Herculaneum, completely burying the city and filling the harbour with coagulated lava.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the mountain, cinders, stone and ash rained down on Pompeii. Sparks from the burning ash ignited the combustible rooftops quickly. Large portions of the city were destroyed in the conflagration. Fire, however, was not the only cause of destruction. Poisonous sulphuric gases saturated the air. These heavy gases were not buoyant in the atmosphere and therefore sank toward the earth and suffocated people.

Over the years, excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum have revealed a great deal about the behaviour of the volcano. By analysing data, much as a zoologist dissects an animal specimen, scientists have concluded that the eruption changed large portions of the area's geography. For instance, it turned the Sarno River from its course and raised the level of the beach along the Bay of Naples. Meteorologists studying these events have also concluded that Vesuvius caused a huge tidal wave that affected the world's climate.

In addition to making these investigations, archaeologists have been able to study the skeletons of victims by using distilled water to wash away the volcanic ash. By strengthening the brittle bones with acrylic paint, scientists have been able to examine the skeletons and draw conclusions about the diet and habits of the residents. Finally, the excavations at both Pompeii and Herculaneum have yielded many examples of classical art, such as jewellery made of bronze, which is an alloy of copper and tin. The eruption of Mount Vesuvius and its tragic consequences have provided everyone with a wealth of data about the effects that volcanoes can have on the surrounding area. Today, volcanologists can locate and predict eruptions, saving lives and preventing the destruction of other cities and cultures.

28. Herculaneum and its harbour were buried under _____ lava.

- a. liquid
- b. gas
- c. flowing
- d. coagulated

29. The poisonous gases were not _____ in the air.

- a. able to float
- b. visible
- c. able to evaporate
- d. able to condense

30. Scientists have used _____ water to wash away volcanic ash from the

skeletons of victims

- a. bottled
- b. purified
- c. sea
- d. fountain

31. Scientist analysed data in the same way that a zoologist _____ a specimen.

- a. describes in detail
- b. studies by cutting apart
- c. photographs
- d. charts

32. Scientists used acrylic paint to strengthen the _____ bones.

- a. soft
- b. fragile
- c. spongy
- d. rubbery

33. Large portions of Pompeii was destroyed in the _____ .

- a. Tranquillity
- b. Truce
- c. Holocaust
- d. Pacification.

34. Excavations at Pompeii and Herculaneum have provided examples of –

- a. Modern art
- b. Classical art
- c. Abstract art
- d. None of the above

35. The eruption of the Vesuvius mountain changed the course of the

_____ .

- a. Naples river
- b. Vesuvius river
- c. Sarno river
- d. None of the above

SECTION C - SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

36. The hospital is now discounting 10 standard operations and _____, ranging from having a baby and treating a cataract to undergoing a heart bypass.

- a. Equipment
- b. medication
- c. Procedures
- d. Visits

37. Fill the blanks by choosing options that will make the dialogues meaningful.

Rohan: Mother, can I come with you?

Mother: _____ . Come on then.

- a. I guess so.
- b. Well, at long last.
- c. I'd love to go.
- d. I got it.

38. Identify the situation.

Mauritius? It's a lovely place. Have a good time.

- a. Asking for help
- b. Getting information
- c. Wishing for a vacation
- d. Asking directions.

39. Fill the blanks by choosing options that will make the dialogues meaningful.

Derek: Have you heard? Susie met with an accident.

Julie sympathised: _____.

- a. Is she alright now.
- b. It must be very painful.
- c. She's very careless.
- d. So she will be absent for two weeks.

40. Can I borrow your pen please? Identify the situation.

- a. Giving permission
- b. Asking permission
- c. Giving an order
- d. Taking an order

41. _____ you open the window please? It's hot in here. (Polite request)

- a. Could
- b. Couldn't
- c. Won't
- d. Wouldn't

42. Choose the correct reply.

Is it okay if Sammy comes with us?

- a. Yes, take them
- b. Sure, make yourself comfortable.
- c. Fine by me.
- d. No, go ahead!

43. Choose a reply to shown disagreement.

You will help me with my project, won't you?

- a. No, I will
- b. No, I won't
- c. Yes, I will
- d. Yes, I won't

44. Choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

- A. We all
 - B. must respect
 - C. a honest
 - D. person
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- a. A
 - b. B
 - c. C
 - d. D

45. Choose the correct reported speech for the given sentence.

“Milan is bigger than Turin.”

- a. He said that Milan is bigger than Turin.
- b. He said that Milan would be bigger than Turin.
- c. He said that Milan was bigger than Turin.
- d. He said that Milan were bigger than Turin.

SECTION D - ACHIEVERS SECTION

46. There is another important difference between a man and a woman _____ a larger percentage of a man’s body is made up of muscles.

- a. is that
- b. which is
- c. that
- d. in that

47. Use of force or threats to get someone to agree to something.

- a. Conviction
- b. Cajolement
- c. Coercion
- d. Confession

48. Find the correctly spelt word.

- a. Adversity
- b. Adverisity
- c. Advercity
- d. Advercety

49. "I passed by the skin of my teeth" means:

- a. I passed but with a very low score.
- b. I passed with a very high score.
- c. I passed by cheating.
- d. I have gum disease, and my teeth are falling out.

50. Choose the best antonym for SURREPTITIOUSLY.

- a. Concealed
- b. Visible
- c. Observable
- d. Really