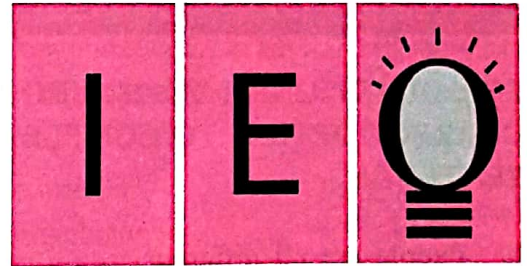


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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

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6. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
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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

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 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

1. People are all different, _____ as to say that not everyone enjoys the same sports.
A. so far
B. in the main
C. really
D. first of all

2. There hasn't been a film as good as this one in years, _____ it stand out from all the others I've seen.
A. having made
B. making
C. is making
D. made

3. It is difficult to know when to do the right thing and sometimes _____ the best thing to do is.
A. which
B. why
C. what
D. when

4. The museums and libraries in this city are _____ world famous and millions of tourists come to visit them every year from all over _____ globe.
A. a, the
B. the, no article
C. a, a
D. no article, the

5. _____ something unique is considered an impossibility by some and a gift by others, all we do know is that it happens very rarely.
A. Imagine
B. To imagine
C. Having imagined
D. Imagined

6. I spend a lot of time wondering about how much water _____ to get the best yield from my chilli plants.
A. is needed
B. needed
C. is needing
D. is being needed

7. The angle that the ball _____ through the air meant that the player underneath had no chance of catching it even though it might have looked easy.
A. had been moved
B. will be moved
C. has moved
D. moved

8. There haven't been any changes to the way mathematics is taught for decades but that _____ there probably aren't better ways.
A. not meant
B. isn't meaning
C. doesn't mean
D. no meaning

9. A few of the students in the class below _____ extra tuition recently because they lost a lot of time earlier in the year when they went away on a field trip.
A. have had
B. had had
C. are having
D. have

10. In the long run there are huge benefits _____ regularly but people often rely solely on chance to oral hygiene.
A. to be brushing
B. to be brushed
C. to brushing
D. to brush

11. To my mind it is absolutely _____ that we will go on to win the semifinals and then finals.
- A. giving
B. given
C. to give
D. having given
-
12. Well over a quarter of all people who saw the _____ last night didn't watch it until the end.
- A. on play TV
B. on TV play
C. TV on play
D. play on TV
-
13. My friends all say that I take _____ my mother, but I think I am more like my father.
- A. over
B. on
C. after
D. up
-
14. The officer was clearly a very strict woman, but she came across as very _____ when I met her at school last week; she was lovely.
- A. congenial
B. bemoaned
C. tetchy
D. arachnid
-
15. The problems I have catching a ball are _____ compared to my brother.
- A. salutary
B. existential
C. masochistic
D. diminutive
-
16. By the time we _____ to finishing this homework it will almost be Monday again.
- A. get around
B. go off
C. move across
D. look through
-
17. There is not generally a correlation _____ being lazy and success, if anything the opposite can be said to be true.
- A. afore
B. between
C. throughout
D. in
-
18. Our new teacher is rather _____ but she is always quite as a mouse when her class is being observed.
- A. temperate
B. entrenched
C. disenchanting
D. strident
-
19. They would have had a chance if they had _____ their fingers out sooner and done more work.
- A. grabbed
B. pulled
C. withdrawn
D. loosened
-
20. Mechanics diagnose cars _____ the same way a doctor diagnoses a patient.
- A. under
B. on
C. at
D. in
-
21. I think I need a/an _____ to come and fix my sofa and armchairs because they are all getting old and the fabric is almost threadbare.
- A. upholsterer
B. carpenter
C. grocer
D. herpetologist
-
22. I was surprised to see that you have a _____ keeping guard over the gates to the school these days.
- A. laxative
B. sentinel
C. blemish
D. heliosphere

23. Leading up to the year 2000 there was a deep _____ that computers would crash because of a date coding problem.

- A. sophistication
 - B. apprehension
 - C. amelioration
 - D. conflagration
-

24. It is important to shine silverware until it has a brilliant _____ that you can see your face in.

- A. lustre
 - B. blusher
 - C. rotunda
 - D. spatter
-

25. People often get a touch _____ if they haven't eaten for a long time.

- A. ecumenical
 - B. allegorical
 - C. fractious
 - D. pilloried
-

26. Animals are being bred for specific traits, such as dogs with hair that _____ .

- A. was shed
 - B. shedding
 - C. did shed
 - D. doesn't shed
-

27. There are notable exceptions to many old rules that make people wary of _____ restrictions.

- A. archaic
 - B. sampled
 - C. empathic
 - D. drastic
-

28. It is easy to see which _____ will make the best possible set for your house.

- A. combining
- B. combined
- C. combination
- D. combine

FOR QUESTIONS 29 TO 31, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Denizen

- A. Reaction
 - B. Animal
 - C. Occupant
 - D. Conflagration
-

30. Purloin

- A. Scrap
 - B. Separate
 - C. Embezzle
 - D. Revile
-

31. Inveigh

- A. Protest
 - B. Beseech
 - C. Concoct
 - D. Calibrate
-

FOR QUESTIONS 32 TO 35, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

32. Facade

- A. Spam
 - B. Cross
 - C. Brick
 - D. Rear
-

33. Parity

- A. Variation
 - B. Adequation
 - C. Postulation
 - D. Devolution
-

34. Frivolous

- A. Giddy
 - B. Responsible
 - C. Elegant
 - D. Protuberant
-

35. Diatribe

- A. Straighten
- B. Rebel
- C. Support
- D. Conceive

READING

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

(1) Sleep, considered a luxury by many, is essential for a person's wellbeing. Researchers have found that insufficient sleep increases the risk of developing severe medical conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Now, a new study by Boston's Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has found that getting sufficient sleep is also the key to improve academic performance.

(2) They were not trying to find the correlation between sleep and grades when Fitbits to the 100 students were handed out. Instead, the professor hoped the popular wrist-worn device which, tracks a person's activity 24/7, would show a connection between physical exercise and academic achievement. As part of the research, a quarter of the participants were enrolled in an intense fitness class specially created for the study. After the semester ended, the researchers carefully analyzed the data. Much to their surprise, they found no measurable difference in test performance between the group that had been physically active and the group that had been **sedentary**.

(3) However, the study yielded a surprising insight. As the researchers were parsing through the large amount of data, they noticed an interesting trend emerging from the participants' sleep patterns. There was a straight-line relationship between the average amount of sleep a student got and his or her grades on the 11 quizzes, three midterms, and the final exam administered during the semester. Even more interesting, it was also not sufficient for students to just head to bed early the night before a test.

We've heard the phrase 'Get a good night's sleep, you've got a big day tomorrow.' However, it turns out this does not correlate at all with test performance. Instead, it's the sleep you get during the days when learning is happening that matter most.

(4) The time students went to bed each night was similarly important. Those who went to bed in the early hours of the morning performed poorly, even if the total sleep time was the same as a higher-performing student. So, when you go to bed matters. If you get a certain amount of sleep — let's say 9 hours — no matter when you get that sleep, as long as it's before certain times. Say you go to bed between 10pm and 1am, your performance is the same but if you go to bed after two in the morning, your performance starts to go down even if you get the same nine hours so you should probably be asleep before then. So, quantity isn't everything. The research does not prove that sleep is the only factor that helps improve academic performance. However, the lead researcher says the results are a strong indication that sleep really matters. So, with teens estimated to need around 9 to 10 hours sleep a day and the average school goer getting up at 7 am, the results may suggest a bedtime of 9 or 10 at night. This can be shifted somewhat at the weekend if the student still gets their correct number of hours and can sleep in long enough to ensure the suggested amount of time and it also doesn't factor in having an afternoon sleep.

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

- A. Never Sleep more Than you Need to
- B. Less Sleep and More Exercise Helps
- C. Sleeping is the Only Thing that Counts
- D. Sleep Your Way to Success

37. Why were the researchers shocked by their findings?
- A. Exercise had no impact on grades
 - B. Sleeping more than needed was bad
 - C. Not enough sleep is unhealthy
 - D. The time participants slept didn't matter
-
38. What is the latest people should go to bed?
- A. 10 pm
 - B. Midnight
 - C. 2 am
 - D. 1 am
-
39. Which paragraph explains the reason for the research?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
-
40. What does the word 'sedentary' mean in the second paragraph?
- A. Hyperactive
 - B. Inactive
 - C. Active
 - D. Suddenly active

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

(1) Bees are essential for the pollination of flowers, fruits, and vegetables. Sadly, over the past 15 years, the global population of the industrious insects has been declining at alarming rates. Bee Informed Partnership, a collaboration of American insect experts, estimates that between April 1, 2018, and April 1, 2019, the country's managed bee population unfortunately decreased by 40.7 percent. The numbers are similarly as dire worldwide. Now, some cities in the Netherlands are coming up with innovative ideas to help stem the population decline of these all-important insects.

(2) In the country's capital, Amsterdam, bees can reside for free in specially built "hotels" — tall wooden structures — that are scattered across the city. While they may not look like much to the untrained eye, the **nooks and crannies** within the stacked branches provide perfect homes for members of the over 200 known species of solitary bee. As the name indicates, the insects spend their lives alone, with each female bee laying 20 to 30 eggs over her lifespan. They nest inside holes like the ones provided by the insect hotels, marking their occupancy by covering the entrance with a mud "door". Though unable to produce honey, solitary bees are excellent pollinators and perform an essential role in many ecosystems.

(3) Additionally, city officials are also educating residents on the use of harmful pesticides and are providing incentives to encourage developers to build green roofs or exterior walls and populate them with local plants. In 2015, they also set a goal to convert the foliage in half of all public green spaces to native plants. Geert Timmermans, one of eight ecologists working for the city, says, "Our strategy is when we design a park, we use native species but also the species that give a lot of flowering and fruit for [bees]." Many residents, with help from the government, are also replacing the small strips of pavements outside their homes with small gardens featuring shrubs, flowers, or climbing vines. The city's collective efforts seem to be working. A recent study found that the diversity of wild bee and honeybee species in the Dutch capital has increased by an astounding 45 percent since 2000.

(4) In a testament to the difference an individual can make, Deborah Post, who lives in a rural area 40 miles southwest of Amsterdam, is single-handedly fighting for

the cause. She found out that the deaths could be attributed to several factors; the use of pesticides and fertilizers, invasive pests, and a shortage of food and habitat. There was not much she could do about the first two issues; however, she could try to restore the bees' habitat. She began by populating the area around her neighborhood with native foliage. She also persuaded government officials and developers of a new highway near her home to replace the usual gravel or grass along the roadside with wildflowers. The experiment was a big success, with the bees living in the 11 hives on her family's property, thriving. She has since expanded her "Honey Highway" initiative and led efforts to plant flowers along many of the country's highways, dikes, and railway tracks.

41. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- Where There's Bees, There's Honey
 - American Bee Issues
 - Thriving Dutch Bees
 - Where are All the Bees?

42. What are the Dutch trying to do?
- Beat the American bee numbers
 - Decrease poisonous chemicals
 - Make more honey to sell
 - Increase living space for bees
-
43. Which paragraph explains the work of a single person?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
-
44. There has been a huge increase in the number of bees in Amsterdam because _____.
- there are new laws to protect bee habitats
 - they are introducing new bees in areas around the city
 - they are changing the plants around the city
 - the weather has changed making it better for bees
-
45. What is the meaning of the words 'nooks and crannies' in the second paragraph?
- Nests
 - Rooms
 - Gaps
 - Hives

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. There is a plethora of reasons why it's difficult to _____ your teacher, first being that they have broad experience of tricksters.
- grasp at straws
 - put one past
 - run over again
 - sidle up to
-
47. Helping your elderly neighbours with the shopping and gardening is a truly _____ act that deserves recognition.

- precocious
 - eloquent
 - avuncular
 - embattled
-
48. On occasions we have a lot of options that we have to choose _____ but often we just have to choose the limited _____ that we have on offer.
- about, those
 - by, that
 - from, ones
 - up, them

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Seminal

- A. Unsympathetic
- B. Boring
- C. Relevant
- D. Unimportant

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Quagmire

- A. Prelude
- B. Mélange
- C. Muddle
- D. Passerby



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