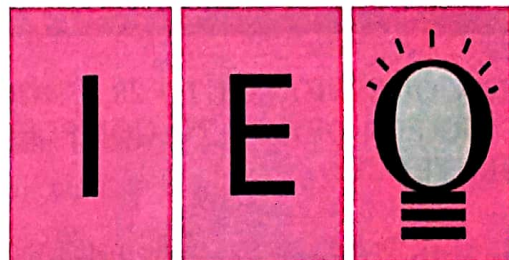


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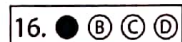
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- A.** to fetch **B.** learn **C.** show **D.** to learn

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

1. Not for the _____ in the match, the underdogs took the lead to the surprise of all the spectators and the team coach.
A. lighthearted
B. first time
C. end game
D. well off

2. A small woman _____ in the corner of the room looking out of the window at the trees blowing in the wind before getting up and making tea.
A. was sitting
B. did sit
C. is sitting
D. sits

3. Whether you like it or not, there are only a limited number of options _____ happen the way they do.
A. to why things as
B. things as why to
C. as to why things
D. why as things to

4. The best thing about being at _____ school is being able to use _____ library because _____ one near my house has been closed.
A. the, the, the
B. a, the, a
C. no article, the, no article
D. no article, the, the

5. The question was asking for what he _____ for breakfast that morning and not what he regularly had for breakfast.
A. has had
B. has
C. had had
D. has been having

6. The longest route back to the cabin was by far the most interesting but it was also fraught with danger and _____ all day.
A. would take
B. will be taking
C. can have taken
D. won't take

7. The new student in the class always took a raincoat to school _____ it started to rain at any point while they were there.
A. by the time
B. in principal
C. in case
D. now that

8. The band played better than they ever _____ before and as they marched around the arena _____ of their practice was evident.
A. having had, none
B. have had, some
C. have been, most
D. have, all

9. My teacher wouldn't stop _____ about handing homework in late which became quite tiring after a while.
A. having banged on
B. banged on
C. banging on
D. doing bang on

10. These results are simple to follow _____ they don't fit the model we were given before the experiment.
A. and
B. nor
C. yet
D. even

11. My sister always runs to work these days _____ the weather, no matter how hot it gets.
A. regardless of
B. rather than
C. in spite of
D. on the other hand

12. The easiest thing to do is _____ the obvious and move on to the less obvious solutions to the problem.
- A. having ignored
 - B. to ignore
 - C. ignored
 - D. ignoring
-
13. There _____ what might happen next if we were to win the finals next week but we'll have to put a lot of work in before then.
- A. hasn't been told
 - B. is not told
 - C. is no telling
 - D. was no telling
-
14. The sauce was _____ with a lot of different herbs and spices so it tasted delicious.
- A. subsumed
 - B. imbued
 - C. relayed
 - D. filtered
-
15. The top scorer was _____ by previous toppers so it was no surprise really.
- A. satiated
 - B. blemished
 - C. inculcated
 - D. confined
-
16. I am sorry, there has been a _____ these potato chips today so we have none left.
- A. run on
 - B. nip out
 - C. slip in
 - D. push forward
-
17. On the whole people who regularly challenge themselves develop _____ to deal with failure.
- A. critical flaws
 - B. irrelevant responses
 - C. savvy gestations
 - D. coping mechanisms
-
18. This area is so beautiful, it truly is a sight _____.
- A. for sore eyes
 - B. above and beyond
 - C. around the world
 - D. having a lot of people
-
19. Thanks for helping me out. I really needed to get through a _____ before the exam tomorrow.
- A. damp squib
 - B. still night
 - C. dry run
 - D. hot potato
-
20. They _____ the hardest and longest route back because they all liked the idea of a challenge.
- A. moved up
 - B. opted for
 - C. jumped in
 - D. sat up
-
21. The _____ made getting to the top of the mountain difficult and at times dangerous.
- A. titrate
 - B. tranche
 - C. transducer
 - D. terrain
-
22. We have had the _____ at the front of our house repainted because it was starting to get a bit scruffy looking.
- A. instep
 - B. conclave
 - C. vestibule
 - D. harbinger
-
23. He was not happy when I declined to _____ to his request for more time to complete the project.
- A. derange
 - B. censure
 - C. acquiesce
 - D. expound
-
24. It is important not to be overly _____ and to take others' feelings into account when you are a prefect.
- A. compensated
 - B. hepatic
 - C. egocentric
 - D. ecumenical

25. At the rally there was a lot of _____ and very little in the way of facts and figures.

- A. hyperbole
- B. garret
- C. scepter
- D. turret

26. The professor's aptitude for problem solving seemed _____ proportional to his ability to finish tasks which is why he never finished anything.

- A. absolutely
- B. eruditely
- C. conversely
- D. particularly

27. Alice walked around to the other side of the lounge, _____ out at the window at the sun-kissed North Sea.

- A. staring
- B. stared
- C. stares
- D. stare

28. There was a Manila folder _____ the desk next to the computer that Sam felt he had to read.

- A. rounding off
- B. sitting on
- C. bearing down
- D. squatting in

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

29. Anachronistic

- A. Contrite
- B. Pungent

- C. Anionic
- D. Obsolete

30. Pugnacious

- A. Counterintuitive
- B. Immaterial
- C. Credulous
- D. Truculent

31. Risible

- A. Reviled
- B. Humorous
- C. Illuminated
- D. Particular

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

32. Litigious

- A. Swarthy
- B. Pitiful
- C. Agreeable
- D. Barbarous

33. Mawkish

- A. Serious
- B. Retractable
- C. Eloquent
- D. Flippant

34. Propitious

- A. Benign
- B. Elegant
- C. Adverse
- D. Brackish

35. Eclectic

- A. Special
- B. Erect
- C. Narrow
- D. Irreverent

READING

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

(1) Have you ever dreamed of getting paid for just showing up to work and doing nothing? Then you are in luck! In 2025, the

Korsvägen train station in Göteborg, Sweden will offer a unique career opportunity to one lucky person; a job with no defined responsibilities! The lifetime position comes with a generous starting monthly salary of around \$2,320 with a guaranteed annual

wage increase of 3.2 percent, and even vacation time. The controversial social experiment is the brainchild of Swedish artists Simon Goldin and Jakob Senneby, who are famous for incorporating real-world economics into strange new art forms. The two proposed the idea in response to a design competition organized by the Public Art Agency Sweden and the Swedish Transport Administration for the Korsvägen train station, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2026. Instead of presenting a radical artistic design, the artists suggested using the \$753,000 prize money to hire a lifetime employee to do nothing! Surprisingly, the unconventional idea appealed to the judges, who announced their decision in earlier this year, and the Eternal Employment Project was born.

(2) The job description only requires the lucky employee to arrive at the station each morning and punch in the clock, which will turn on a bank of bright fluorescent lights. The person can remain at the station all day greeting passengers, texting friends, or even napping or leave and return at the end of the day to clock out. According to the artists, the position holds no duties or responsibilities besides the fact that the work should be carried out at the station. Whatever the employee chooses to do constitutes the work. The job is guaranteed for life as long as he or she abides by these simple requirements and does not accept any other employment.

(3) To ensure the employee can be paid for “eternity”, defined as 120 years, the prize money has been placed in a tax-exempt foundation. The salary will be paid from the interest earned by investing the prize money. The endless duration of this employment is feasible because money pays better than work. As long as we live in a society where the return on capital is substantially higher than the average increase in wages, Eternal

Employment is kept afloat. As a result, it is not surprising that the Eternal Employment Project has been met with uproar among politicians, as well as the general public, who believe paying someone to do nothing is a total waste of taxpayer money. The artists agree but think it is necessary given Göteborg’s current economic environment. Home to car manufacturer Volvo, the Swedish city was once a major industrial and shipping center. However, over the past few decades, automation and Göteborg’s transformation into a cultural hub has made it increasingly harder for the working class to afford to live there. The marginalization of the locals inspired the artists with the idea of a job that gives total control to the worker. In the face of mass automation and artificial intelligence, the impending threat/promise is that we will all become **productively superfluous**, their proposal said.

(4) Though the job sounds like a waste of a life, the artists believe the employee will be doing important abstract work. The proposal noted that what remains in an employment without productivity is time. In this sense, we can understand the employee as a witness of time. Even an embodiment of time itself. The job itself will not just be offered to the locals and as has been noted because of the employment laws is that it is an equal-opportunity job, which means people from all over the world can apply to be considered for this unique position. So be sure to mark your calendars for 2025 because this job has a wage of over three times the global median monthly salary.

36. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Jobs for Everyone
 - B. When a Job is Art
 - C. The Worst Job in the World
 - D. Work Whenever you Want

37. How will they pay the employee?
- Using advertising from the artwork.
 - Using ticket sales at the station.
 - Using interest from a large sum.
 - Using money paid by the construction company.
-
38. Which paragraph explains why the project is important?
- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
-
39. It's important that the employee does no work because _____.
- the insurance for the job won't allow them to
 - only then can they show the passage of time
 - the person can come from any country and won't have a work permit
 - only then will it be a funny prank
-
40. What do the words '**productively superfluous**' mean in third paragraph?
- Machine operators
 - Badly paid workers
 - Unrequired labour
 - Highly skilled artists

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

(1) The Black Sea Maritime Archaeological Project (MAP) was established to survey the floor of the Black Sea to determine the impact of sea-level changes on early human settlements at the end of the last ice age. The Black Sea is located between far-southeastern Europe and the western edges of Asia. It's bordered by Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia, and Georgia. The search for answers has led to an unexpected bonus for historians; ancient shipwrecks which provide invaluable information about civilizations of the past. Since the project

began three years ago, over 67 old vessels, most from the 14th to 19th centuries, have been found. On October 23, 2018, the team of international sailors and researchers, led by University of Southampton Professor Jon Adams, announced their most exciting find yet: an intact shipwreck that dates back over 2,400 years. The world's oldest shipwreck, which is located a mile below sea level, was first sighted by MAP's survey vessel's remotely operated vehicle (ROV) a year before, in 2017. Measuring 75 feet long, the ship, lying on its side, is in impeccable condition complete with mast, rudders, and rowing benches.

(2) The researchers, who confirmed the wreck's age by carbon dating a small piece, believe it was a Greek trading vessel from around 400 BC. Before this, the only evidence of ships from this era had been found on decorations such as the *Siren Vase* which sits in the British Museum. The artifact is attributed to a mysterious Greek artist who decorated several red-figured vases between the years 480 BC to 470 BC, but never signed his or her name. A ship surviving intact from the classical world, lying in over 2 km of water, is something I would never have believed possible. This will change our understanding of shipbuilding and seafaring in the ancient world. Adams, who plans to leave the shipwreck in its ancient grave, believes while the oar and sail-powered vessel was primarily used for trading, it may have also been involved in "a little bit of raiding" of coastal cities. The professor says, "Ancient seafarers were not hugging the coast timidly going from port to port but going blue-water sailing." Though the ROV has not examined the ship's cargo, the team suspects it to include goods like grains, furs, seafood, and perhaps even wine, stored in jars called amphorae, all things that have been found in other similar discoveries. Unfortunately, given that the

team does not have **subventions** to return to the shipwreck to investigate, its contents may forever remain a mystery.

(3) Given that the Black Sea was once a hub for traders from Greece, Persia, and neighboring areas, the large number of shipwrecks is not surprising. The researchers say the ships remain in pristine condition because of the depth in which they rest; more than double the height of the world's tallest skyscraper. In waters so deep, oxygen is sparse making the environment inhospitable for organisms that feast on organic materials such as wood. As a result, there is an extraordinary opportunity for the preservation of undersea historical artifacts, including shipwrecks and the cargoes they carried.

(4) The ship is not close to being the oldest boat in the world but it is a new find that is in itself very exciting because it was found at the bottom of a sea. The oldest boat in the world is the Pesse canoe. Carbon dating suggests that this is from the Mesolithic era between 8040 BCE to 7510 BCE. This means that it is potentially more than ten thousand years old. It is on display at the Drents Museum in the Netherlands. The boat was found in Holland in 1955 during the construction of a motorway. The boat is made from Scots pine which is an evergreen conifer that is native to Northern Europe and found nowhere else at this time, so it is safe to assume that that was where it came from. It is not a large boat at 40 centimetres wide and 300 centimetres long but it sure is very old.

41. Choose the best title or heading for the passage.
- A. Oldest Shipwreck is Comparatively Young
 - B. Black Sea Mystery Never Found
 - C. Ships in the Night Pass by Unseen
 - D. New Tech Saves Cargo of Old Ship
-
42. What was different about this kind of vessel?
- A. It had a lot of men aboard.
 - B. It was used for open sailing.
 - C. It was created by the Persians.
 - D. It was only used for war.
-
43. Which paragraph explains about a boat from the north?
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
-
44. The ship in the Black Sea is in such a good state because _____.
- A. the water is so salty nothing grows
 - B. it was kept in a museum
 - C. it hasn't been able to rot
 - D. The darkness stops light damage to the wood
-
45. What is the meaning of the word '**subventions**' in the second paragraph?
- A. Grants
 - B. Documents
 - C. Abilities
 - D. Sources

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. The ribonucleic acid strand was first observed by scientists _____ it was really understood what it does.
- A. hardly ever
 - B. ages ago
 - C. sometime when
 - D. long before

47. Lethargy is sometimes _____ of a lack of iron which can be solved quite easily.

- A. relativistic
- B. hydrometric
- C. symptomatic
- D. analgesic

48. Elevating yourself to the top ten in the school _____ really difficult to do because there is such competition here.

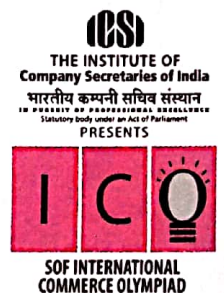
- A. must have been
- B. is never
- C. was being
- D. might be going to be

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- Riposte
- A. Energise
 - B. Ignore
 - C. Define
 - D. Salvage

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- Scupper
- A. Raise
 - B. Satiated
 - C. Ruin
 - D. Elevate



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