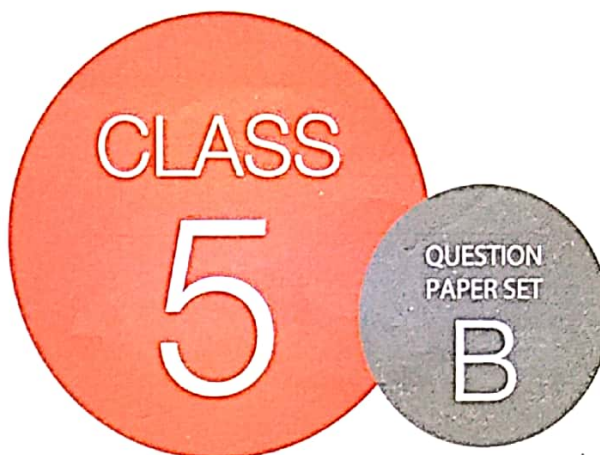


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Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

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.

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

Example

I got here at 1:00 and now it's 2:15, so I've _____ here for over an hour.

- A. waited
- B. waiting
- C. been waiting
- D. had waited

1. The train _____ slowly into the station at six this morning.
 - A. pulls
 - B. pulling
 - C. pull
 - D. pulled
2. _____ teachers think we have a day off next week.
 - A. Hers
 - B. One
 - C. I
 - D. Our
3. I'm looking forward to _____ my bike back from the shop.
 - A. got
 - B. getting
 - C. gets
 - D. have got
4. I am not sure I _____ that film before, so let's watch it tonight.
 - A. were seeing
 - B. had seem
 - C. have seen
 - D. saw
5. Last year went by _____ quickly.
 - A. surprised
 - B. surprisingly
 - C. surprising
 - D. surprises
6. The most _____ part of this match is the commentary.
 - A. interestingly
 - B. interested
 - C. interests
 - D. interesting
7. The restaurant is _____ the school and to the right.
 - A. up
 - B. behind
 - C. along
 - D. between
8. They have just seen _____ new comedy about family life.
 - A. an
 - B. the
 - C. any
 - D. -
9. It was just below freezing _____ it didn't feel that cold.
 - A. so
 - B. because
 - C. unless
 - D. although
10. My mum came to school today, _____ she?
 - A. didn't
 - B. isn't
 - C. hasn't
 - D. won't
11. My teacher _____ me that I had to get to school earlier.
 - A. told
 - B. explained
 - C. asked
 - D. said

12. Before you came to help, I _____ to lift the fridge on my own.
A. was being tried
B. has been trying
C. had been trying
D. can have been trying
-
13. I think that I will have a sleep _____ you are out shopping.
A. how
B. during
C. while
D. depending
-
14. There seems to be _____ interest than I thought there would be.
A. a few
B. fewer
C. over
D. less
-
15. I was _____ for about an hour before my dad collected me.
A. being waiting
B. waited
C. waiting
D. waits
-
16. I can't get _____ how tall your brother is now.
A. on
B. up
C. in
D. over
-
17. I was asked to clean the mess _____ after you had all gone home.
A. through
B. on
C. up
D. over
-
18. I love being a young person with _____ responsibilities.
A. no way
B. no
C. none
D. nothing
-
19. I don't think that is _____ I want to go on holiday.
A. something
B. somewhere
C. somehow
D. someone
-
20. I don't think you need to call _____ your party because of this.
A. here
B. out
C. up
D. off
-
21. The plants I grew last summer were all very _____ shaped.
A. interestingly
B. immediately
C. fortnightly
D. gratefully
-
22. People _____ think it's important to be punctual, but I don't agree.
A. nearly
B. often
C. fast
D. towards
-
23. I can come and help you _____ it's convenient for you.
A. never
B. forever
C. something
D. anytime
-
24. Since going to a new school, he has kept his old friends at a/an _____ length.
A. arm's
B. leg's
C. feet's
D. head's
-
- FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.
25. How do you spell something you can eat?
A. Liecheez
B. Licheese
C. Lychees
D. Laicheese

26. How do you spell the word that means to calm?

- A. Alley
- B. Alloy
- C. Allay
- D. Alliy

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Agitate

- A. Collapse
- B. Fasten
- C. Enroll
- D. Disturb

28. Bewilder

- A. Contain

- B. Confess
- C. Confuse
- D. Consider

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Contentious

- A. Simplistic
- B. Replaceable
- C. Irreverent
- D. Agreeable

30. Emulate

- A. Partake
- B. Imagine
- C. Endorse
- D. Neglect

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

After six years of construction, the new 'Old Town' in Frankfurt has been opened to visitors and residents. The new district includes thirty-five buildings. Fifteen of the buildings are reconstructions of buildings from different eras and twenty are brand-new houses.

Only two buildings are reconstructed on historic buildings: The buildings 'Red House' and the 14th Century gothic building 'Golden Scales'. Both buildings are attractions already since they were built centuries ago.

The oldest replica building is the Spice Garden. The half-timbered building was first documented in 1292. Most other buildings were restored or reconstructed according to old photographs or even drawings.

The new centre houses shops, cafés and restaurants, museums and 70 apartments.

Although many criticise the new district as Frankfurt's 'Disneyland', most residents praise the reconstruction. The newly built apartments in the quarter were actually so popular that the construction company had to hold a raffle for the sale of the expensive apartments.

Frankfurt is a metropolitan city in central Germany while Frankfurt's airport is the main transport hub in Europe. The historic city centre was largely destroyed during World War II. The official **inauguration** of Frankfurt's new 'Old Town' will take place later this year, when the city will celebrate the massive achievement of reconstructing the city centre. The renovation has cost more than 200 million Euros.

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

- A. Travelling to the Country
- B. Friends in Town
- C. Big Museums
- D. History Uncovered

32. How many buildings are in the developed area?

- A. 2
- B. 15
- C. 35
- D. 14

33. The Spice Garden is the most _____ of the buildings.

- A. exciting
- B. beautiful
- C. expensive
- D. ancient

34. Why do some locals **not** like the development?

- A. The buildings look bad.
- B. The streets and roads are full.
- C. It is like a theme park.
- D. There are not enough cafés.

35. What does the word 'inauguration' mean in the final paragraph?

- A. Celebrating
- B. Development
- C. Ground breaking
- D. Opening

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

We all think mice are a bit of a pest, but they are much more developed than we thought before. They communicate in ways that have shocked scientists and seem to have brain power that is making people reconsider their treatment of them. A recent study of mice offers new insights into the brain's workings.

The remarkable songs of these mice calling each other are very similar to our human conversations. There seem to be similar brain control clusters in these tiny mammals to brain control systems in humans that are responsible for language.

The study revealed that while one brain system directs the patterns of notes that make up songs, the other brain system controls duets with another mouse, according to Michael Long, a neuroscientist at New York University's School of Medicine. This was a real surprise for them.

The mice call each other with repeating calls. Their duets are to attract mates and stake out territory. Two male singing mice create a rapid-fire duet. Once an animal calls, it's like a symphony that goes off.

Although the singing mice's brains are not exactly like the human brains, the areas that are used to pace chatter, give clues to the workings of human conversations.

The singing mice live high in the mountains of the Central American cloud forest. Their main diet consists of fresh insects, fruits and berries. The dark brown mice have a short tail and are **infinitesimally** tiny. An adult mouse weighs only about 12g, which is as much as a tablespoon of sugar!

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

- A. Science is Wrong
- B. Mice Rule
- C. A Long Way to Go
- D. Rodent Music

37. Why do scientists think mice are special?

- A. Their bodies
- B. Their brains
- C. Their fur
- D. Their eyes

38. What surprised the scientists in New York?

- A. Mice did two things at once.
- B. Mice can sing really well.
- C. Mice only eat when they are with others.
- D. Mice like to run around all the time.

39. Mice brains are _____ the same as humans.
- A. far from
 - B. nowhere near
 - C. exactly
 - D. not exactly

40. What is the meaning of the word 'infinitesimally' in the last paragraph?
- A. Heavier than can be lifted
 - B. Bigger than the biggest number
 - C. Noisier than is acceptable
 - D. Smaller than a measurement

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Adrian: I'm so surprised by my brother's decision.

Bob: Me too, it knocked my socks _____!

- A. off
- B. onto
- C. beside
- D. near

42. Elise: I need a new backpack, mine is coming _____!

- A. to town
- B. soon
- C. away
- D. apart

43. Mother: I need some water, can you get it for me?

Daughter: Sure, I'll get _____ and get it.

- A. round
- B. away
- C. near
- D. up

44. Craig: If you go _____ to the restaurant, I'll meet you there.

Beth: No problem, see you in a few minutes.

- A. with it
- B. ahead
- C. inside
- D. away

45. Sally: We need to hold _____ or we'll miss Frankie.

Ed: Ah, he is always late for everything.

- A. over
- B. out
- C. across
- D. on

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. If Ariel's classmates _____ on time for her party, she _____ so upset now.

- A. were/hasn't be
- B. are/hasn't to be
- C. are being/wasn't being
- D. had been/wouldn't be

47. The teachers _____ to come out and support the team on the last day of school by the headmaster.

- A. had asked
- B. have asked
- C. were asked
- D. have been asking

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Fraught

- A. Friendly
- B. Finished
- C. Frail
- D. Filled

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Perpetuate

- A. Halt
- B. Respond
- C. Condemn
- D. Redefine

50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Father: If you have a problem we need to take it _____ with the shopkeeper.

Son: Why? Will he be able to give me a replacement?

- A. away
- B. on
- C. back
- D. up

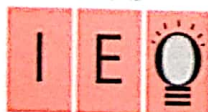




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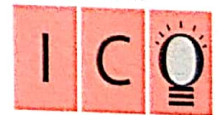
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