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For questions 1-16 choose the correct alternative.

1. _____ terrible weather conditions, the plane was delayed almost two hours.
a. Thanks to b. In spite of c. Although d. Due to
2. She has never been to the USA before, _____?
a. has she b. did she c. hasn't she d. had she
3. After the celebration, everyone looked so pleased. They _____ had a fantastic time.
a. can't have b. could have c. must have d. should have
4. If you hadn't revised last week, you _____ the exam yesterday.
a. won't have passed b. wouldn't have passed
c. wouldn't pass d. didn't pass
5. I'm glad we had a map. I'm sure we would have got lost if we _____ one.
a. didn't have b. hadn't had c. don't have d. haven't had
6. I _____ drive a car at before driving lessons but now I drive all the time.
a. had to b. could c. can't d. couldn't
7. I wish a school _____ there earlier than last year.
a. was built b. was being build c. had built d. had been built
8. You _____ asked David before borrowing his guitar. He seemed angry when he heard that you had his guitar.
a. should have b. must have c. can't have d. shouldn't have
9. Paul left the party early. He said he _____ for his Maths exam.
a. is going to study b. studied c. was going to study d. had studied
10. The taxi driver was responsible _____ the accident. Therefore, he had to pay a fine.
a. for b. with c. of d. about
11. The journalist asked President Smith _____ in India the week before.
a. what he had seen b. what he saw c. what had he seen d. what he was seeing
12. Sarah: What are those workmen doing in your garden?
Bill: Oh, we _____
a. 're having our garage to build b. 're having our garage building
c. 're having our garage build d. 're having our garage built
13. She was very sad because the man _____ she fell in love with left her.
a. which b. --- c. where d. whose
14. Ann: You look annoyed. What happened?
Bill: Jane revealed my secret to everybody. I wish I _____ her.
a. didn't trust b. hadn't trusted c. don't trust d. wouldn't have trusted

15. Amy: Why did the cat run away?

Jack: Because you didn't close the windows before you went out. If you _____ the windows open, it _____ away.

- a. didn't leave / wouldn't run
c. hadn't left / wouldn't run

- b. didn't leave / wouldn't have run
d. hadn't left / wouldn't have run

16. The flood has affected the whole city. More than 150 victims _____ rescued so far. It _____ feared that more residents are still in danger of drowning.

- a. have been / was b. had been / is c. have been / is d. were / was

Read the following text and choose the correct alternative for questions 17-26.

Online education today is an important part of education sector. One of the first famous online schools 17. ____ in Los Angeles, America. It was called "Online Academy". The main advantage of studying in that school was that people 18. ____ commute to a school every day. In order not to fall behind the regular schools, the course tried to provide the best education with famous teachers with lots of interactive exercises online. However, there were also some arguments against this course. Some people claimed that students 19. ____ lacked in computer skills couldn't reflect their real performance during the lessons. Seeing these arguments, the institution decided 20. ____ computer course at the weekends. Students had the chance to learn not only computer skills but also how to prepare good presentations during those courses. By the time the course 21. ____ many students had already made a great progress in their lessons. Parents were also satisfied with this situation as they paid 22. ____ money compared to the previous years. If they had sent their children to private schools, they 23. ____ much more money for their education. Nearly 10 years ago, there were about 1000 online education institutions available in different subjects. In the last 10 years, this number 24. ____ and nowadays this trend has taken over the world. As an education expert, I am sure that more and more students 25. ____ these online courses due to their convenient conditions in the future. Technology has made our lives easier, but is it valid for education sector? This question can't be answered accurately until we see the long-term consequences of these online courses. You should consult an expert before 26. ____ your education path.

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| 17. a. was founded | b. is founded | c. founded | d. had been founded |
| 18. a. had to | b. were able to | c. didn't have to | d. couldn't |
| 19. a. who | b. when | c. whose | d. which |
| 20. a. doing | b. to do | c. do | d. to be done |
| 21. a. ended | b. had ended | c. were ended | d. has ended |
| 22. a. more | b. less | c. the least | d. much |
| 23. a. would spent | b. would have spent | c. couldn't have spent | d. will have spent |
| 24. a. doubled | b. has been doubling | c. was doubled | d. has doubled |
| 25. a. will prefer | b. would prefer | c. prefer | d. will be preferred |
| 26. a. choose | b. to choose | c. chosen | d. choosing |

Read the following text and choose the correct alternative for questions 27-36.

David Lewis, 27. ____ has travelled to many parts of the world, is a wildlife writer and photographer. He 28. ____ by Anna Douglas recently. 29. ____ of his books was based on wild animals in South America- principally the armadillo. However, for the last 18 months, he 30. ____ the urban fox in London, 31. ____ he lives. He made up his mind about his new project while he 32. ____ back home by train. It was half past three in the afternoon and suddenly he noticed a brown dog sitting in the sunshine. Then, he realized that it wasn't a dog, it was a fox. People usually think that foxes like open country, but there are some foxes 33. ____ live on the outskirts of London. For example, Crystal Palace Park 34. ____ by many tourists every summer and people see some foxes there. David believed that these few foxes came by following the railway tracks. They don't look aggressive as they can easily find food in dustbins which provide rich pickings 35. ____ for foxes but also for cats. So far, in his studies he 36. ____ no evidence of foxes which attacked domestic animals. On the other hand, in his speech yesterday, he said that they sometimes attacked lambs in the wild.

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| 27. a. whose | b. that | c. where | d. who |
| 28. a. was interviewed | b. is interviewed | c. has been interviewed | d. has interviewed |
| 29. a. One | b. Some | c. Any | d. A couple |
| 30. a. was going to study | b. was studying | c. would study | d. has been studying |
| 31. a. which | b. where | c. that | d. whose |
| 32. a. would travel | b. travelled | c. was travelling | d. had travelled |
| 33. a. who | b. where | c. when | d. which |
| 34. a. is being visited | b. has been visited | c. is visited | d. was visited |
| 35. a. not only | b. between | c. neither | d. either |
| 36. a. was finding | b. found | c. has found | d. has been finding |

Choose the option which best rewrites each sentence.

37. As a child, I would spend every summer at my grandparents' home.
a. During my childhood, I regularly spent summer vacations at my grandparents'.
b. I visit my grandparents every summer, just like I did when I was a child.
c. My grandparents came to stay with us every summer during my childhood.
d. I've never spent a summer away from my grandparents since childhood.
38. Scientists still don't fully understand why volcanic activity rises.
a. The reason behind the rise in volcanic activity is still unclear to scientists.
b. Scientists know why volcanic eruptions have become more frequent.
c. Most scientists blame human activity for increasing volcanic eruptions.
d. It is widely accepted that volcanic activity is decreasing over time.
39. We missed the train because the traffic was heavier than expected.
a. Although traffic was light, we couldn't catch the train.
b. Scientists know why volcanic eruptions have become more frequent.
c. We couldn't miss the train even though traffic was heavy.
d. We had enough time, but we waited too long at the station.
40. Despite her efforts, she didn't manage to complete the project on time.
a. She completed the project earlier than expected thanks to her efforts.
b. She couldn't finish the project by the deadline, even though she tried hard.
c. She didn't bother finishing the project because she started too late.
d. She put in no effort but still completed the project on time.

Read the following text and choose the correct alternative for questions 41-45.

In the last few years, more and more people have been buying homes. This 41. ____ is taking place in cities and in suburbs. As the 42. ____ for homes increases, home prices go up. Overall, this is 43. ____ good for the housing market, which has had problems. In addition to 44. ____ home, research shows that people are making other big expenditures. As a result, the economy is improving as 45. ____ spend money.

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| 41. a. essence | b. trend | c. assumption | d. function |
| 42. a. demand | b. flexibility | c. factor | d. confusion |
| 43. a. accurately | b. reasonably | c. particularly | d. indirectly |
| 44. a. consuming | b. purchasing | c. spending | d. extinguishing |
| 45. a. stockbrokers | b. merchants | c. architects | d. consumers |

Read the following text and choose the correct alternative for questions 46-50.

Being known as one of the most popular species, red squirrels used to be a/an 46. ____ sight in British forests and countryside. Then in the 1970s, the grey squirrels were introduced from North America because rich people 47. ____ the squirrels as fashionable in the grounds of their large homes. Today, only about 140,000 red squirrels remain, mostly in Scotland. In contrast, gray squirrels are now 48. ____ common and seen as major pests due to the 49. ____ they cause to plants and houses. While red squirrels are protected, gray squirrels can be 50. ____ trapped and destroyed. Official rules allow this for gray squirrels.

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| 46. a. common | b. unfashionable | c. rare | d. scarce |
| 47. a. implied | b. inquired | c. considered | d. concluded |
| 48. a. rarely | b. extremely | c. slightly | d. amazingly |
| 49. a. advantage | b. benefit | c. efficacy | d. damage |
| 50. a. fortunately | b. impatiently | c. legally | d. hastily |

For questions 51- 60 please choose the correct alternative.

51. The speech of the lawyer was so _____ that the criminal didn't get any punishment.
a. hilarious b. dull c. persuasive d. catchy
52. Energy drinks are _____ nowadays. They especially have become popular among teenagers who go to the gym regularly.
a. buying into b. falling behind c. getting to d. catching on
53. Congratulations! You have _____ progress in writing argumentative essays.
a. made b. done c. got d. taken
54. After he had retired from his job, Jane's father _____ painting as he had lots of free time.
a. fell behind b. took up c. let down d. get along
55. Jack is an honest person. I am sure he will _____ his promise about the party organization.
a. find out b. sign c. keep d. save
56. Experts can't predict the time of earthquakes _____. They haven't got enough data for this.
a. commercially b. accurately c. considerably d. critically

57. Scientists have different ways to _____ information which they use in their experiments.
a. emerge b. wrap c. preserve d. gather
58. When her father asked where she had been, Maria couldn't give a/an _____ answer as she panicked a lot.
a. jealous b. fellow c. rational d. unpredictable
59. The Nokia has launched a new mobile phone to the market and it became so popular that the sales are _____ the expectations of the company.
a. beyond b. in front of c. through d. under
60. After the death of his father, Scott has taken _____ the management of the company.
a. up b. over c. out d. on

Read the following texts and answer the questions accordingly.

Text I: Planet Football

Throughout history, people have played some version of a kicking game. What the world now calls football, or soccer in the U.S., began as far back as 2500 B.C. with the Chinese game of tsu chu. The sport we're familiar with today originated in Britain; by the 1840s, England's Football Association had established a set of rules, and the modern game was born. Today, more than 120 million regular players from all over the globe participate in the game annually, truly making soccer the world's sport.

Europe: Home of the Rich and Famous

Europe has the largest number of soccer players on Earth and is also home to the world's richest and best-known professional teams. Europe's major clubs -such as Spain's Real Madrid and England's Manchester United- have evolved from local teams to global brands, with supporters all over the world. Some are owned by foreign businessmen, who invest large amounts of money in their clubs, hoping to earn significant returns on ticket sales, television, and advertising deals.

Asia: A Growing Passion

Over the past two decades, an intense soccer competition among Japan, China, and South Korea has helped to increase enthusiasm for the sport across Asia. In China, for example, recent data suggest that soccer is now more popular than traditional Chinese favourites, such as table tennis and basketball. This enthusiasm has also helped to bridge differences and bring people together. The 2002 World Cup, co-hosted by South Korea and Japan, was a victory for cooperation and friendship, and in the Middle East, youth soccer teams have also helped to promote peace.

South America: Unbeatable Talent

South America produces some of the most exciting soccer on Earth, and many of the most admired players. Brazil has won the most World Cup Finals ever, and is the only team to have participated in every World Cup to date. Youth soccer is also an enormous business in South America (third after Europe and North America), but as with Africa and Asia, many of the best players join the wealthy European teams for the chance to earn big money and international recognition.

Soccer: A Global Force

Thanks to its worldwide popularity and the reach of satellite television, soccer has experienced a major evolution in recent years. Today's major teams import both players and coaches from abroad, and clubs once supported only by their local communities now have fans all over the world. In the last quarter century, soccer has succeeded in cutting across national lines to become a global, interconnected sport - one that has the power to unite us all.

61. What is this text mainly about?

- a. the history of soccer
- b. the popularity of soccer around the world
- c. the increasing popularity of women's soccer
- d. China's passion for soccer

62. Which game is NOT mentioned in the passage as a popular sport in China?

- a. table tennis
- b. basketball
- c. badminton
- d. soccer

63. What is the main idea of the third paragraph?

- a. In Asia, soccer is a very competitive sport.
- b. In Asia, soccer has increased in popularity in recent years.
- c. Soccer has helped to promote peace in the Middle East.
- d. The 2002 World Cup was held in Asia.

64. According to the passage, South American soccer teams don't pay as well as _____ .

- a. African teams
- b. Asian teams
- c. European teams
- d. Korean teams

Text II: Sleep Deprivation

If you can sleep well, be grateful. Sleep deprivation is extremely common, and its side effects are both serious and underestimated. It is estimated that 50–70 million people in the U.S. suffer from a sleep disorder, and yet too many of them do not seek medical help. Although occasional sleep interruptions are generally no more than a nuisance, continuous lack of sleep can lead to excessive daytime sleepiness, emotional difficulties, poor job performance, and even obesity.

Sleep deprivation also impacts mental well-being. A study done by the U.K. Mental Health Foundation found that people who didn't get enough sleep were about three times more likely to exhibit poor concentration and four times more likely to have relationship problems. According to another study, by the University of Warwick, getting less than six hours of sleep on a continuous basis makes a person 48% more likely to die of heart disease and 15% more likely to develop a stroke. According to study co-author Professor Francesco Cappuccio, lack of sleep "is like a ticking time bomb for your health."

If a person is experiencing difficulties falling and staying asleep, there are several effective methods that can help and do not require medication. These include relaxation techniques, like tightening and relaxing muscles, breathing slowly, and meditating; stimulation control, which involves controlling pre-bedtime activities and surroundings; and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), designed to help people understand and change their thought patterns. If sleep deprivation and negative symptoms continue, however, consultation with a doctor is recommended. It's essential not to underestimate the importance of adequate sleep to maintaining good mental and physical health.

65. The main idea of the article is that _____ .

- a. lack of sleep can have significant health consequences
- b. sleeping is not as essential as people used to think
- c. people underestimate how much sleep they need
- d. relaxation techniques are important for a good night's sleep

66. According to the article, many people with sleeping disorders _____ .

- a. breathe more slowly
- b. do cognitive behavioral therapy
- c. do not speak to their doctor about it
- d. usually practice healthy sleeping habits

67. Professor Cappuccio found that _____.

- a. sleep-deprived people have more relationship problems
- b. sleep deprivation might make people critically ill
- c. research from the Mental Health Foundation was incorrect
- d. lack of sleep is just a minor nuisance

68. The article says that people experiencing sleep difficulties can _____.

- a. lose some weight
- b. take some types of medicine
- c. immediately find medical help
- d. try methods that help them fall and stay asleep

Text III:

Although China has successfully confronted its recent short-term economic problems, large challenges remain. Some are economic. But the bigger challenges are political, both internally and with the rest of the world. China's critics predicted an economic hard landing when its growth began to slow, pulled down by shrinking export markets and the excess industrial and residential investment the country had generated in response to the global downturn at the end of the previous decade. Overcoming this slowdown was made more difficult by China's need to reverse a rise in domestic inflation, particularly the surge in real estate prices. While doubts can remain, it looks like all three problems are under control. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth will probably be at an annual rate of 8% this quarter and heading higher. The central bank has eased monetary policy, and the government has instructed commercial banks to increase lending. Although some of the new stimulus will add to excessive industrial capacity, much of it will go into needed urban infrastructure and low-income housing. Inflation has come down to less than 3%, now that world prices of food and energy are no longer accelerating. Real-estate prices remain very high but have stopped rising, thanks to a variety of government limits on speculative investing. Yet longer-term economic issues remain. The population is aging rapidly as a result of China's one-child policy, creating a problem for financing the benefits and health care of future retirees.

69. According to the passage, although there are some doubts about the problems mentioned, _____.

- a. the economic measures taken for recovery proved to be efficient
- b. the only solution is to get rid of inflation in the country
- c. it seems that China has taken them under control
- d. overcoming the slowdown in the country doesn't seem easy

70. It is clearly stated in the passage that the decrease of inflation to 3% is partly due to _____.

- a. the one-child policy of China
- b. a decrease in world prices of food and energy
- c. the increase in real estate prices
- d. the excessive industrial capacity of China

71. It is seen in the passage that due to the constrictions of government on investment, _____.

- a. the financial problems have turned out to be less dangerous
- b. domestic inflation has decreased a lot
- c. economic slowdown was dealt with successfully
- d. real estate prices stopped increasing

72. It can be concluded from the passage that _____.

- a. there are still economic problems in the long run
- b. the central bank has effective incentives for countries with economic problems
- c. China will not be able to overcome its economic issues

- d. the one-child policy proved to be beneficial in terms of economy

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Text IV: The Perfect Beach

In pursuit of the perfect beach, travel writer Stanley Stewart heads to Brazil, where he discovers some of the world's most beautiful sandy escapes.

I'm standing on Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana beach, one of Brazil's -and the world's- most famous stretches of sand. As I watch life go by here in all its varied forms, I've come to realize that any understanding of Brazil really begins on its beaches. In this vibrant, multicultural country, the beach is not just a place; it's a state of mind -a way of thinking and living.

Rio alone, I'm told, has over 70 beaches, each with its own community: some are for bodybuilders, others are for senior citizens, still others are popular with parents and children. But Rio's beaches are just the starting point for my exploration of Brazil's Atlantic coastline, which at more than 8,000 kilometres (5,000 miles), and with more than 2,000 beaches, is the longest in the world. Every Brazilian has his or her own ideas of the perfect beach and is eager to tell you where to find it. I'm happy to take people's advice, but my ultimate goal is to find my own dream beach.

I head to a place said to have some of Brazil's best coastline: the state of Bahia in the northeast. Portuguese settlers established themselves at Bahia's present-day capital, Salvador da Bahia, in 1549. Over the centuries, people of many races have arrived and intermarried here, creating a distinctive cultural mix, which influences Bahia's language, religion, cuisine, music, and dance.

I'd been told that one of Bahia's best beaches Prainha -lies just south of Salvador, near the town of Itacare. On arriving at Prainha's beach, I discover its golden sand lined by a row of perfect palm trees, moving softly in the ocean breeze. Under the moon, silver waves roll onto the sand. As I enter the water, I have the feeling of swimming through moonlight. Prainha's beauty is magnificent -its perfect curves and graceful lines are like something you might see in a postcard. But for me, it's a little too perfect. The beach I'm searching for needs to be a little wilder...

I continue my search, heading north to one of Brazil's **legendary** beaches: Jericoacoara. Twenty years ago, only a handful of people were living in Jeri. Today it's an international destination, considered one of the best beach hangouts in the world (especially if you like windsurfing). It attracts visitors from Tokyo to Toronto and has grown from a small village into a lively little town. Despite the changes, Jeri hasn't been spoiled by tourists, mostly because of its isolated location -it's at least five hours from any airport.

Everyone in Jeri rents a beach buggy, which comes with a driver. I tell my driver to take me as far along the coast as he can. We drive for three hours, finally arriving at Maceio, a fisherman's beach. Boats lie on their sides while nets hang out to dry on lines between fishermen's houses. We eat on the beach and later rest in hammocks near the table. It's a great day on an amazing beach. How can it possibly get any better? I wonder. But I have one final place to visit.

Of the many beach destinations in this country, there is one that all Brazilians hold in high regard -the islands of Fernando de Noronha. More than a dozen beautiful beaches ring the island of Fernando alone, three of which rank among the top ten in Brazil. The islands of Fernando de Noronha lie a few hundred kilometres out in the Atlantic. For years, people were prohibited from visiting these islands because they were used as a prison and later by the army. Today the islands are a national park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, rich with diverse bird and sea life.

I visit a number of beaches on Fernando, but I leave the best one for last. The beach at Praia do Ledo is the perfect balance of sand, sea, and sky. The water is pale blue and warm, alive with colourful fish, turtles, and other marine life; the sand is the colour of honey. And in the rock formations and strong winds that occasionally come in from the Atlantic, there is that hint of wildness I was seeking. Finally, I've found the beach of my dreams. I dig my toes in the sand deeply and imagine I can hold on to this place forever.

73. What is the text mainly about?

- a. Brazilian beach tourism
- b. an educational tour of South America's beaches
- c. the author's search for the dream beach
- d. little-known beaches of South America

74. What is the purpose of paragraph 4?

- a. to describe Bahia's many beaches
- b. to explain why Bahia has the perfect beach
- c. to describe Bahia's music and dance scene
- d. to give information on Bahia's cultural background

75. In paragraph 4, the word legendary could be replaced with:

- a. Oldest
- b. isolated
- c. picturesque
- d. famous

76. Which of these beaches is the most isolated?

- a. Copacabana
- b. Prainha
- c. Jericoacoara
- d. Maceio

77. The islands of Fernando de Noronha now _____.

- a. contain a prison
- b. are a national park
- c. are used by army
- d. have many beach buggies

For questions 78-90 choose the irrelevant sentence in the following texts.

78. There are ways to reduce the spread of pandemics. (I)The first thing you can do is to wash your hands for 20 seconds after touching things. (II)Secondly, you can wear a mask or cover your mouth and nose with a cloth. (III)Some people think it can be harmful to wear a mask. (IV)Next, you can clean the surfaces you often touch. Clean the tables, laptops and phones frequently. In conclusion, there are many things you can do to reduce the spread of global illnesses.

- a. I
- b. II
- c. III
- d. IV

79. I like traveling abroad because of several reasons. (I)Firstly, I meet different people when I go to different countries. (II)I make friends and learn new things from them. (III)Next, I like going abroad because experiences are always better than pictures. (IV)When I go to a different country, I can take a lot of photos. For example, I can smell the street, taste local food and experience living in a particular place. As a conclusion, I enjoy traveling abroad because I can make friends, and experience things.

- a. I
- b. II
- c. III
- d. IV

80. People cry in many different situations to express many different emotions. The most common situation is when people get physically hurt, but people cry also because of sad events in their life. (I)When people experience loss, such as someone dying or breaking up with them, they often show their sadness by crying. People also cry at very happy times in their lives. (II)At weddings, especially, you will see a lot of people crying because they are happy. (III)Seeing a newborn baby, winning a race, or watching a happy movie can also bring tears to the eyes. (IV)My brother never cries at movies, though. Another situation in which people cry is when they are very angry or very scared. These emotions are so strong that people cry even if they don't want to. In short, crying can happen at many different times and can express many different things.

- a. I
- b. II
- c. III
- d. IV

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