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#  Read the text and answer the questions choosing the right option. 

Line number
In that faraway village in Zimbabwe the pupils' ages ranged from six to 26, because some who did not get schooling as children were there to make it up. Some pupils walked many miles every morning, rain or shine and across rivers. The girls had to fetch water and cook before they set off for school and when they got back. They struggled to do homework because there was no electricity in the villages; you can't study easily by the light of a burning log. But what astonished me most was a real desire to learn and a longing to read.

The school 'library' was half a room with nothing more than an encyclopedia and a few old paperbacks. Each of these had been read and re-read a thousand times, and they wanted more. "Please send us books when you get back to London," one man said. "They taught us how to read but we have no books." Everybody I met, everyone, begged for books.

Some time later I gave a talk at a school in North London, a very good school with beautiful buildings and gardens. The children there seemed not to be interested in anything, though they were visited by some well-known person every week: these might be fathers, relatives, even mothers of the pupils; a visit from a celebrity was not unusual for them. Afterwards I asked the teachers how the library was, and if the pupils read. I heard what I always hear when I go to such schools and even universities. "You know how it is," one of the teachers said. "A lot of the boys have never read at all, and the library is only half used."

Sadly, we do know how it is. We are in a culture where it is common for young men and women, who have had years of education, to know nothing of the world, to have read nothing, knowing only some speciality or other, for instance, computers. We are in the middle of a revolution brought on by computers and the internet and TV. It is an amazing revolution, but it is also dangerous.

The Internet has already attracted a whole generation with its stupidities, so that even quite reasonable people can become addicted and find it hard to cut free. But perhaps more importantly, the internet has stopped a whole generation from reading books.

Until recently, everyone would respect learning, education and our great treasure-house of literature, going back to the Egyptians, the Greeks, the Romans. It is all there, this wealth of literature, to be discovered again and again. But if we ever lost all interest in these books, it would be as if they didn't exist. And then how uneducated, how empty we would be.

## 1 The writer was shocked by

a) the great wish of the pupils to learn and read.
b) the lack of resources.
c) the lack of teachers.
d) the attitude of the other teachers.

## According to the text the pupils at the school in Zimbabwe

a) were well-educated
b) varied considerably in age.
c) all had part time jobs.
d) were unable to do any homework.
a) had a large reading hall.
b) was rarely used by the students.
c) had very few books.
d) did not allow students to take books out.

How did the pupils at the London school feel about the writer's visit?
a) They had never met a well-known person.
b) They wanted to hear more about Zimbabwe.
c) They were enthusiastic about attending her talk.
d) They were not particularly excited.

When she heard about the library in the London school, the writer was
a) amazed.
b) bored.
c) disappointed.
d) surprised.

The writer is particularly angry about the effects of
a) literature.
b) TV .
c) libraries.
d) the internet.

7 The word reasonable used in line 24 is NOT synonymous with
a) intelligent
b) sensible
c) wise
d) sensitive

The writer feels we would be uneducated if we
a) were hard-working.
b) spent more money on education.
c) no longer studied ancient cultures.
d) were no longer interested in reading.

9 The expression to be discovered in line 28 can best be replaced by
a) to be discussed
b) to be invented
c) to be disclosed
d) to be founded
a) old books with paper covers
b) ancient newspapers
c) old covers
d) forgotten books

## 

Choose the right option.
Albert Einstein was a German-born physicist, although most people probably (11) $\qquad$ him as the most intelligent person who ever (12) $\qquad$ . His name (13) part of many languages when we want to say someone is a genius, as in the phrase, "He's a real Einstein". He (14) $\qquad$ pretty brainy to discover the Theory of Relativity and the equation $\mathrm{E}=\mathrm{mc} 2$.

## 11

a) know
b) was known
c) known
d) knows

12
a) lived
b) living
c) lives
d) was living
a) will become
b) was becoming
c) had become
d) has become
a) had to be
b) must be
c) can be
d) must have been

In 1999, 'Time' magazine (15) $\qquad$ Einstein as the Person of the Century. No one could have guessed this (16) $\qquad$ when he was at school. He was extremely interested in science but hated the system of learning by heart. He said it (17) $\qquad$ learning and creativity. He (18) $\qquad$ many experiments, but failed the entrance exams to a technical college.Twelve years later he (19) $\qquad$ a university professor and in 1921, he won the Nobel Prize for Physics.

15
a) named
b) is named
c) was named
d) has been named

## 16

a) is happening
b) will happen
c) would happen
d) had happened

## 17

a) have destroyed
b) was destroying
c) will destroy
d) was destroyed
a) was done
b) have been done
c) has done
d) had done

## 19

a) had been
b) was
c) will be
d) been

He (20) $\qquad$ on to publish over 300 scientific papers.Einstein is the only scientist to become a cult figure, a household name, and part of everyday culture. He once joked that when people stopped him in the street, he always replied: "Pardon me, sorry! Always I (21) $\qquad$ for Professor Einstein." Today, he (22) as the typical mad, absent-minded professor, who just (23) $\qquad$ to change our world.

## 20

a) went
b) had gone
c) was gone
d) would go
a) had mistaken
b) has been mistaken
c) am mistaken
d) was mistaken
a) had seen
b) will be seen
c) was seen
d) is seen
a) came
b) had come
c) comes
d) is coming
 Choose the appropriate option.

24 "I think the train moves at 8 pm ."
"Oh. We don't have $\qquad$ to get there."
a) enough time
b) time enough
c) too time
d) little time
"The soup is hot."
"The $\qquad$ , the better."
a) hottest
b) hot
c) hotter
d) hotly

26 Unfortunately, I've never seen Angela $\qquad$ . They say she took the first prize at the competition last year.
a) dances
b) is dancing
c) to dance
d) dance

27 "I was so busy last week. I could not even find time to watch my favorite program." " $\qquad$ ."
a) So could I
b) I neither
c) Nor I could
d) Neither could I

28 "How many $\qquad$ have you got?"
"Two."
a) sisters-in-the-laws
b) sisters-in-law
c) of sisters-in-law
d) sister-in-laws

29 "I have something to tell you, Joe. Let's go to the study-room." "You may speak $\qquad$ here. There is nobody in the house."
a) the freer
b) free
c) freely
d) more free

30 "I know you are studying Math. Are you studying Chemistry too?" "Yes, I am studying $\qquad$ Math $\qquad$ also Chemistry."
a) not only... but
b) both...or
c) either...or
d) neither...nor

31 "If only I had taken your $\qquad$ !"
"Yes. You wouldn't have any problem."
a) advice
b) advises
c) advices
d) an advice

32 "I don't like tea with such a lot of milk." "Well, put in $\qquad$ milk next time."
a) a little of
b) less than
c) a little than
d) less

33 "Ann looks like a smart student."
"Oh, yes, she is always the first $\qquad$ her homework."
a) to finish
b) finishing
c) finished with
d) to being finished with

34 My new glasses cost me $\qquad$ the last pair that I bought.
a) as much three times as
b) times three
c) three times more
d) three times as much as
"What time are your friends arriving?"
"I don't know. They $\qquad$ arrive on time."
a) never
b) yet
c) already
d) still

36 "Have you quarrelled with Jack?"
"Yes. We don't socialize $\qquad$ .$"$
a) not so long
b) no longer
c) any longer
d) not any longer

37 "What's Mary doing?"
"She is sitting on the bed $\qquad$ a book."
a) to be reading
b) reading
c) to read
d) having to read

##  Fill in the blanks with the word form that best fits each space.

One of the mainstays of life is making and keeping appointments. Many people consider "an appointment" to mean a doctor's visit or a job interview or other (38) $\qquad$ meetings. However, it is important to (39) $\qquad$ that such activities as meeting a friend for lunch or dinner, going to a concert with friends, or having work done on your flat are also (40) $\qquad$ . Setting and handling appointments is a must for those learning business English and require some basic organizational skills. The ability to set appointments, both formal and informal, changing or (41) $\qquad$ appointments, and confirming appointments (42) $\qquad$ and clearly will help you efficiently manage your time, help you be more productive, and help alleviate stress.
a) informally
b) formal
c) formally
d) informality
a) realize
b) realization
c) realized
d) real
a) appointments
b) appointing
c) appointment
d) appoint
a) cancelation
b) cancelling
c) cancel
d) cancelled

42
a) inefficiently
b) inefficient
c) efficient
d) efficiently
 Choose the right option.
the masterpiece looked like genuine Dali, the signature was definitely a fake.
a) Because of
b) Despite
c) In spite of
d) Although than he began to feel sleepy.
a) He had hardly drunk the coffee
b) He had no sooner drunk the coffee
c) He no sooner drinks the coffee
d) Hardly had he drunk the coffee it was extremely windy, we managed to have a good game of beach volleyball.
a) Even though
b) However
c) No matter
d) In spite of getting the highest result in the class, John still had problems with the teacher.
a) Nonetheless
b) Despite of
c) In spite of
d) Even though

47 George knew how to improve his test scores $\qquad$ he did not have enough time to study.
a) unless
b) despite
c) but
d) due to

48 That evening after he got home, he was scolded by his mother $\qquad$ the extravagant green dye in his hair.
a) in spite of
b) since
c) as
d) because of

49 For many years people have wondered $\qquad$ life exists elsewhere in the universe.
a) though
b) whether
c) so that
d) even if
$\qquad$ Johnson \& Smith reached great heights in the business world, they encountered many great difficulties in promoting their theories and methods.
a) Due to
b) Still
c) Before
d) Despite of

##  Choose the correctly transformed sentences.

1. He said:"There was an accident outside the supermarket."

He asked us if there had been an accident outside the supermarket.
2. She said she would come with me as soon as she was ready.
"I"ll come with you as soon as I am ready," she says.
3. "Who would like to join our Drama Group?" she said.

She wanted to know who would like to join their Drama Group.
4. "Think well before you answer," the professor said to her.

The professor warned her to think well before she answered.
5. "Do you have a work permit?" asked Bill.

Bill asked if I had a work permit.

1. He asked me what effect the treatment had on her.

He said to me: "What effect does the treatment have on her?"
2. She said to Liza: "Does he usually take his wife with him when he goes on a business trip?"
She asked Liza if he usually took his wife with him when he went on a business trip.
3. Mother said to us: "You shouldn"t buy this house. It is on the main road." Mother advised us not to buy that house as it was on the main road.
4. They said: "There was a terrible storm in the south-west of the USA last night." They said that there had been a terrible storm in the south-west of the USA the previous night.
5. The teacher said to us, "Hand in your papers. The time is up." The teacher told us hand in our papers but the time was up.

1. He said: "You won't find anything interesting here. You'd better go to the bookshop." He said that I wouldn"t find anything interesting there and advised me to go to the bookshop.
2. "Will you have finished your work by the time I arrive?" said my friend. My friend asked me if I would have finished my work by the time he arrives.
3. Pam said to us: "My son is allowed to watch television if he has finished his homework."
Pam told us that her son was allowed to watch television if he had finished his homework.
4. Lucy asked me: "How did you like your dinner with Mr. Jackson on Sunday?" Lucy asked if I have liked my dinner with Mr. Jackson on Sunday.
5. The girl asked him not to buy a ticket as she didn" $t$ want to go to the cinema that day. "Please, don't buy a ticket, I don't want to go to the cinema today," the girl said to him.
6. Mother says: "When will you be able to take your little sister to the park, Ben?" Mother asked Ben if when he will be able to take his little sister to the park
7. "Did any of you actually see the accident happen?" said the policeman. The policeman asked if some of us had actually seen the accident happen.
8. Ann said Jack's parents had asked her to supper the following night. "Jack"s parents have asked me to supper tomorrow night," said Ann.
9. Lily said to her sister: "Don't forget to take your bag." Lily reminded her sister to take her bag.
10. Bob said to Ted: "Thanks. You were very helpful yesterday." Bob thanked Ted for he had been very helpful the day before.

## 55

1. "You will feel better tomorrow if you stay in bed," says the doctor. The doctor says I will feel better tomorrow if I stay in bed.
2. He said he couldn"t help me as he is busy then. He said:"We can"t help you. We are busy then."
3. Mother said: "Don"t go out without a coat, Lucy! It"s snowing." Mother warned Lucy not to go out without a coat as it was snowing.
4. "Joshua, when are you going to file a report about the incident?" Martin asked. Martin asked when Joshua was going to file a report about the incident.
5. "Did you send a letter to your parents last week?" asked aunt Mary. Aunt Mary asked if I had sent a letter to my parents the previous week.

##  puntinhg tinqniua wultinnitia): <br> Fill in each gap with an appropriate word from the list below (two odd variants are given).

## 56

The Old Man and the Sea is the story of a $\qquad$ between an old, experienced Cuban fisherman and a large marlin. The novel opens with the explanation that the fisherman, who is $\qquad$ Santiago, has gone 84 days without catching a fish. In fact, he is so unlucky that his young apprentice, Manolin, has been forbidden by his parents to sail with the old man and been ordered to fish with more $\qquad$ fishermen. Still dedicated to the old man, however, the boy visits Santiago's shack each night. On the eighty-fifth day, Santiago sets out alone, taking his skiff far onto the Gulf Stream. He sets his lines and, by $\qquad$ of the first day, a big fish that he is sure is a marlin takes his bait. After a long struggle with the fish Santiago $\qquad$ to strap the marlin to the side of his skiff and heads home, thinking about the high price the fish will bring him at the market and how many people he will feed.

1. battle
2. yesterday 3. successful
3. named
4. manages
5. struggles
6. noon
7. It's time you made a final decision, don't you?
8. Do they have to book tickets tomorrow or next week?
9. When brought the students their works?
10. He's got some problems at the office, doesn't he?
11. What do you do that is good for your mental health?

## 58

1. Are you through with your work?
2. Had to all these articles you for your graduation work read?
3. Are you working still on your report or you finished it?
4. Ted's got used to going to bed late, hasn't he?
5. What do you think he will do to save the situation?
6. How many guests at the party there were last night?
7. Is the roast beef overdone or it's underdone this time?
8. Mr Rochester had to spend a weekend in London, didn't he?
9. Remember to buy a bottle of whisky, will you?
10. Did the football match take place yesterday or not?

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1. Did you use to live in a house before you moved into this flat?
2. Did they make the enemy withdraw the troops from the city or not?
3. Coldrex is considered to reduce temperature or not?
4. Your brother's fond of westerns, hasn't he?
5. There's hardly any money left, is there?
6. Where will be going the Browns tonight?
7. How did you like the new performance?
8. Is it time for you to make a decision, hasn't it?
9. What did she use to do when she lived in Greece?
10. Everybody wanted to be present at that meeting, weren't they?

##  ( $n$ ри <br> Fill in the gaps with the prepositions/adverbs given below (two of them are odd).

## 62

Once $\qquad$ an interview Mr. Wilson was questioned $\qquad$ the harmful effects of horror movies on teenagers. He argued that such effects were often exaggerated and claimed that other types $\qquad$ films were far more dangerous for young people. When asked to prove this, he pointed $\qquad$ that horror films were often set in unreal situations and were clearly not to be taken seriously. $\qquad$ contrast, he claimed that films showing violent crime were often set in everyday life, and were therefore more damaging.

1. during
2. about
3. in
4. out
5. of
6. upon
7. for

##  <br> Choose the sentences with an odd word.

## 63

1. Adventure holidays are only recommended for those who want to return from their holidays more exhausted than when they left.
2. Not only did he give us good advice but he also helped us do the work.
3. Scientists have discovered that at least ninety percent of human race is right-handed.
4. I haven't picked up my mail for two days and I don't really care for.
5. My mother asked me if how we could help a neighbour of ours.
6. While in some parts of the world it is jewelry that indicates high economic status, in others, it is been fur coats.
7. If he were elected president, he would make a lot of changes.
8. I liked English and I used to read a lot when I was at school.
9. Unless they don't repair this road, there is a serious risk of an accident on it.
10. As soon as I learnt that I had been accepted for that post, I will cheered up.
11. I played so much football yesterday that I wore out of two pairs of boots.
12. Liquids take the shape of the container in which they are placed.
13. The minister was seen to leave the office hurriedly.
14. Helium has the most lowest boiling point of all substances.
15. That diamonds are a form of carbon has been known since the late eighteenth century.
16. My sister has always believed that honesty pays.
17. I didn't know you wouldn't be coming; at least you could have telephoned by me.
18. She used to visit her friend when she lived in London.
19. We had better to send the letter today and receive the answer as soon as possible.
20. When a country is in an early step of development, so investments in fixed capital are vital.
21. The first professional baseball game took place in 1846 in New York.
22. His remark was so funny that I couldn't help from laughing.
23. The boss suggested to me to look for another job.
24. More than 20 million people throughout the world died from influenza.
25. Labels in your clothes tell you how long to care for those clothes.

##  Choose the correctly formulated Passive constructions.

## 68

1. The Nobel Peace Prize for 2009 was awarded to Barack Obama.
2. The hot sun deprived the flowers of water.
3. All the necessary wedding accessories can be bought at this shop.
4. The Ninth Wave was painted in 1850 by Armenian marine painter Aivazovsky.
5. The aqualung invented in Paris by Jacques Cousteau and Emile Gagnan.

## 69

1. Breathing in the smoke, non-smokers are exposed to the same hazardous chemicals as smokers are.
2. Sign language, the language used by the deaf, has a five-hundred-year history.
3. The signal of recall was given by the admiral.
4. Some of the mistakes cannot be corrected.
5. They hope to have finished building their new house by winter.
6. Portions of the Requiem were composed by Mozart during his final years in Vienna.
7. The Egyptians used henna to stain their fingernails.
8. We shall have moved to a new flat by your arrival.
9. The flying object was seen to disappear in the sky.
10. This heavy hammer must have been made of iron.
11. Protestant tract writers responded to Gregory's calendar by calling him the Roman Antichrist.
12. The diploma paper was written in good English.
13. A new film about the Armenian genocide is being made at present.
14. The incident would have argued about for a long time.
15. Several houses were washed away by the flood.
16. No prince of the house of Lancaster betrayed a wish to renew the quarrel with the Church.
17. He was shot with a rifle.
18. Evidently somebody had informed him of the news before.
19. These consonants pronounced with aspiration.
20. Mr Smith's lectures were being listened to with interest.
 Match the words and their definitions.
A) Skin
1) a tree growing at the riverside
B) Branch
C) Stem
2) the outer covering of something
D) Body
3) the long, thin part of a plant above the ground
4) the whole physical structure of a human being
5) a part of a tree on which leaves, flowers and fruit grow
A) Shy
6) embarrassed in the company of other people
B) Sociable
7) certain about your abilities
C) Confident
8) having a strong sense of humour
D) Caring
9) willing to talk and engage in activities with other people
10) displaying kindness and concern for others
A) Coin
11) the amount of money that you pay for something
B) Price
12) reduction of prices
C) Discount
13) a small flat piece of metal used as money
D) Prize
14) a paper banknote
15) an award given to the winner
A) Worship
B) Fascinate
C) Imagine
D) Desire
16) have a strong feeling of dislike for smth
17) form a mental image or concept of smth
18) love and admire somebody very much, especially so much that you cannot see their faults
19) attract the strong attention and interest of someone
20) strongly wish for or want
XIII. <ưưuquи Match the beginning and the end of the sentences.

## 77

A) The prices are high, so
B) The auction, which lasted about seven minutes
C) Researchers discovered many hidden paintings
D) The prices were a bit high, but we thought

1) we've decided to think over the problem.
2) is very unusual.
3) was attended only by collectors.
4) from Picasso's "blue period".
5) that it would be worth it, if the food was good.
6) we can't get very much for our money.
A) The fridges were advertised
B) The carpet was worn, the chairs were uncomfortable
C) He spent the next few years completing college
D) We will look forward
7) and these armchairs are broken.
8) to returning in the future.
9) and the walls needed painting.
10) to visit the famous museum.
11) and their advantages were described in detail.
12) and working to save money.
A) He hopes that after returning to the USA
B) We live in an open-air museum where
C) There are almost no palaces or towers here
D) The city was amazing , it was like
13) he will be able to work as a travel writer.
14) you can get everywhere by bike.
15) there were only canals.
16) but all the ordinary houses are lovely.
17) was tired and exhausted.
18) a history museum alive.
A) Young as she was, she barely
B) Tom keeps a blog where he documents his trips
C) Her umbrella blocked the sun rays
D) John looked suddenly grave, and his face
19) understood what was happening.
20) likes hanging in the social nets.
21) it is raining heavily.
22) and posts wonderful photos he's taken.
23) but nothing blocked the heat.
24) became even paler.
