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Correct answer : +3

Wrong answer : -1

No answer : 0

**I. Grammar and Vocabulary: find the best answer for each question.**

- 1) "\_\_\_\_\_ next week?" a) Is Susan working b) Susan works  
c) Did Susan work d) Has Susan worked
- 2) He \_\_\_\_\_ only five back then. a) has b) had c) was d) is
- 3) It costs \_\_\_\_\_ money. a) few b) little c) many d) a lot
- 4) My brother \_\_\_\_\_ to New York yesterday. a) leaves b) leaved c) left d) has left
- 5) I have never \_\_\_\_\_ to Wales. a) go b) been c) be d) went
- 6) Lily is a genius. She \_\_\_\_\_ fail at the exam. a) may not b) will c) should d) can't
- 7) Don't worry, these things \_\_\_\_\_. a) arrive b) arrived c) happens d) happen
- 8) Keep quiet now, he \_\_\_\_\_ start his concert." a) wills b) Ø c) is going d) is about to
- 9) Could you please \_\_\_\_\_? a) speaking clearer b) clearer speak  
c) to speak clear d) speak more clearly
- 10) "Why are you walking so fast?"  
"I'm \_\_\_\_\_!" a) hurry b) in hurry c) in a hurry d) hurried
- 11) I \_\_\_\_\_ be off now. I have an appointment in half an hour. a) might b) ought c) must d) need
- 12) Unfortunately, I \_\_\_\_\_ my results yet. a) haven't had b) didn't had c) hadn't have d) don't had
- 13) I would rather \_\_\_\_\_ a quiet cup of coffee in the office than sit in a noisy café. a) having b) to have  
c) prefer to have d) have
- 14) "Where \_\_\_\_\_ last weekend?" "I went to see my grandparents." a) you went b) do you go  
c) did you go d) have you gone
- 15) I was told that they \_\_\_\_\_ the exam." a) hadn't passed b) have passed  
c) are passing d) haven't pass
- 16) I hope that the coming weekend \_\_\_\_\_ too cold. a) will be b) won't be c) wasn't d) had been
- 17) The sky is getting dark. It's probably \_\_\_\_\_ rain. a) will b) going to c) to d) likely
- 18) Would you do me a small favour? I \_\_\_\_\_ very much. a) appreciate it b) would appreciated  
c) would be appreciative d) would appreciate it
- 19) I am familiar with that product. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ times I've seen it advertised on TV.  
a) how many b) how often c) how much d) many often
- 20) When they left Toronto, they \_\_\_\_\_ to drive overnight. a) had already decided b) was already deciding  
c) already decided d) have been already deciding
- 21) They \_\_\_\_\_ their lessons while he was playing the piano. a) have reread b) rereaded  
c) had rereading d) were rereading
- 22) \_\_\_\_\_ tasted a cherimoya? a) You have already b) Have you ever c) Did you ever d) Did you never
- 23) If I had known you were visiting Auckland, I \_\_\_\_\_ tips. a) would give you b) would be given you  
c) had given you d) would have given you
- 24) I've never found \_\_\_\_\_ why he had never turned \_\_\_\_\_. a) out .... down b) out .... up  
c) into .... out d) into .... off
- 25) Let's hurry, we have very little time left before the bus \_\_\_\_\_. a) will come b) come  
c) comes d) came

- 26) Water \_\_\_\_\_ at 100°C.      a) boil              b) will boils              c) is boiling              d) boils
- 27) The managers \_\_\_\_\_ the good news about everyone getting a pay raise.      a) spread              b) spent  
c) spared              d) spiced
- 28) Dave is panic-stricken because he \_\_\_\_\_ his cellphone.      a) is only losing              b) will already lose  
c) has just lost              d) did eventually lost
- 29) Due to the terrorist attacks, people \_\_\_\_\_ to visit this museum for the moment.  
a) can't              b) mustn't              c) are not allowed              d) are likely
- 30) This vending machine does not take bills. You have to have the exact \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) money              b) currency              c) charge              d) change
- 31) As you can see, the characters on the painting \_\_\_\_\_ at the cows in the fields.  
a) are looking              b) had looked              c) looks              d) was looking
- 32) The lift was out of order so we \_\_\_\_\_ run up the 5 flights of stairs.      a) couldn't              b) must  
c) had to              d) was obliged to
- 33) He asked if they \_\_\_\_\_ him about his application next week.      a) can tell              b) telled              c) could tell              d) tell
- 34) He \_\_\_\_\_ for months but he is actively looking for a new job.  
a) has hired              b) is out of work              c) is being jobless              d) has been unemployed
- 35) They exercise regularly \_\_\_\_\_ fit.      a) for be              b) to be              c) so to be              d) for been
- 36) "Is Berlin worth \_\_\_\_\_?"      a) visit              b) visited              c) visiting              d) visits  
"It sure is! It is a fascinating city."
- 37) They have walked all the way \_\_\_\_\_ the station, it's quite a long way.      a) at              b) from              c) in              d) of
- 38) Who said we \_\_\_\_\_ alike?      a) were              b) be              c) was              d) has been
- 39) \_\_\_\_\_ this coat until I've washed yours?      a) Can't you were              b) You will take  
c) Could you wear              d) Have you
- 40) You \_\_\_\_\_ avoid spreading information that hasn't been confirmed, it's irresponsible!  
a) may              b) shouldn't              c) has to              d) ought to
- 41) This product is flammable, it \_\_\_\_\_ to catch fire easily.      a) is likely              b) could              c) couldn't              d) is unlikely
- 42) If she had asked, I \_\_\_\_\_ her.      a) wouldn't told              b) could have tell              c) told              d) wouldn't have told
- 43) They \_\_\_\_\_ when the neighbour arrived.      a) have discussed              b) had discuss  
c) would discussed              d) were discussing
- 44) I felt \_\_\_\_\_ I had been hit by a train.      a) even as              b) such as              c) as              d) as if
- 45) The pupils usually \_\_\_\_\_ the words to improve their pronunciation.  
a) repeat              b) have repeated              c) were repeating              d) are repeating
- 46) You will be told where \_\_\_\_\_ off the bus.      a) you will got              b) to get              c) get              d) you getting
- 47) They can't help thinking that they \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong decision.      a) have made              b) was making  
c) will made              d) makes
- 48) Tom's friend asked him \_\_\_\_\_ flavour he liked best.      a) whatever              b) whose              c) which              d) why
- 49) "How \_\_\_\_\_ have they discussed this?"      a) many times              b) much              c) long              d) frequent  
"For an hour."
- 50) The house \_\_\_\_\_ is being painted is mine!      a) where              b) who              c) which              d) whom
- 51) I asked Stella when she could fix my leaking tap. She said that she would come round and fix it \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) as much as possible              b) as possible as she could  
c) as fast as she could possibly              d) as soon as possible
- 52) This house \_\_\_\_\_ at least 100 years ago."      a) was building              b) had be built  
c) has been built              d) was built
- 53) The very last train today arrives \_\_\_\_\_.      a) at three thirty              b) at three thirty o'clock  
c) in three thirty              d) in three thirty o'clock
- 54) That's the university \_\_\_\_\_ I graduated.      a) where              b) who              c) which              d) that

- 55) "Where should I put the key?" "You can \_\_\_\_\_ it on the shelf." a) hang b) deposite c) sit d) leave
- 56) Newton \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most fundamental laws in the history of science.  
a) keeps discovering b) who has discovered c) the discoverer of d) discovered
- 57) \_\_\_\_\_ he was seen to be an aggressive politician, he was a quiet and loving family man at home.  
a) Although b) Despite c) In spite of d) Nevertheless
- 58) Can you please tell me \_\_\_\_\_? a) what time the next bus arrives b) at which time arrives the next bus  
c) when arrive the next bus d) when arrives the next bus
- 59) \_\_\_\_\_ is a mystery. a) How did it b) What she did it c) How she did it d) When did it
- 60) This method is often used \_\_\_\_\_ algorithm is very simple. a) because its b) because his  
c) it is because d) because of it
- 61) The guy \_\_\_\_\_ cap is red is named Brad. a) whom b) whose c) which d) where
- 62) The printer is not working, on top of that, they \_\_\_\_\_ repair it – how annoying!  
a) can b) are unable to c) shall not d) have been able to
- 63) Akira told us about the customs in his country and we told him about \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) our b) your c) their d) ours
- 64) The children will have to do their homework, \_\_\_\_\_? a) will they b) won't they c) do they d) no
- 65) My uncle and aunt \_\_\_\_\_ take a holiday if they \_\_\_\_\_ more money. a) would / have b) will / had  
c) would / had d) will / will have
- 66) My sister \_\_\_\_\_ up early tomorrow, I remember she has got an important meeting at 8.  
a) may have been b) could be getting c) should get d) might be
- 67) This is the time in the day \_\_\_\_\_ the old lady walks her dog. a) where b) that c) when d) which
- 68) Stewart wanted to know if we \_\_\_\_\_ give him a hand. a) can b) could c) will d) shall
- 69) It's \_\_\_\_\_ blurred \_\_\_\_\_ distinguish anything on the picture.  
a) so .... for b) to .... too c) two .... for d) too .... to
- 70) Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ take out the trash? a) me to b) that I c) I d) Ø
- 71) My relatives \_\_\_\_\_ to my parents' for Christmas if the roads had been covered with snow.  
a) may have driven b) couldn't have driven c) shouldn't drive d) would drive
- 72) Could you please give \_\_\_\_\_ a lift to the airport? a) our b) your c) theirs d) us
- 73) I knew it \_\_\_\_\_ to happen, it was just inevitable! a) is likely b) has c) was bound d) were
- 74) On the one hand, they have deserved it, but on the other hand, they \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) could have had more luck too b) could have be too lucky  
c) were unlucky also d) have also been out of luck
- 75) The first part of this test is almost finished, \_\_\_\_\_ is quite a relief!  
a) what b) whom c) which d) whose

----- THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS 76 TO 100 -----

**II. Reading Comprehension : read the following texts carefully and choose the answer that best corresponds to the text.**

Text 1

**“A Plastic Free Wedding”, extracted from “Time”, December 15, 2017**

When Amber Marcoux and Tyler Wilcox of Ormond Beach, Florida, started planning their wedding, they wanted to make the event a \_\_\_\_\_(101) of love with a light footprint on the Earth and local wildlife. They took the time to research and plan so that no single-use plastic was used during the event. We spoke with Amber to find out how they did it.

**Why and how did you decide to have a wedding with no single-use plastic?**

**Amber:** This is something that gradually took shape for us. My husband is a huge Jack Johnson fan, and we recently \_\_\_\_\_(102) a few of his shows. Jack made his events more than just the music and celebration, he made it about how \_\_\_\_\_(103) a group of people together is the perfect audience for talking about \_\_\_\_\_(104) in our world.

Part of our inspiration came from that belief, and the other half came from my extreme love of turtles. I used to work for a non-profit humane society in the area, so \_\_\_\_\_(105) are a big part of our lives. During my time at the humane society, I took a group of camp students to a local marine science center. During my first visit to the Marine Science Center, I watched a volunteer teach a group of 5-year- \_\_\_\_\_(106) about the impact a plastic bag has \_\_\_\_\_(107) a sea turtle. She talked about how a sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_(108) see the difference from a plastic bag and a jelly fish and how the bags can make the turtles very \_\_\_\_\_(109). That was my moment. I went home that day, and vowed never to use plastic bags again. Since then, I've been able to convince my friends and family about \_\_\_\_\_(110) the use of single-use plastic bags and either bringing their own, using paper, or just skipping the bag all together.

When we started planning our wedding, \_\_\_\_\_(111) Tyler and I began to think of ways that we can make an impact on the audience we had in front of us on our special day. \_\_\_\_\_(112) we did! One of my favorite parts of the wedding was the art we created from our beach cleanups. Jack Johnson had done something similar for his tour, and we were inspired. We did regular beach cleanups leading up until the big day, and I took only a small portion of what we collected and used it to make an art piece to display to our guests on our big day.

**What was the hardest part of planning this type of wedding? What was the best part?**

This sounds silly, but the \_\_\_\_\_(113) part was getting people to understand what we were doing and why. I can't tell you how many conversations I had to have about "single-use" plastic pollution and how going \_\_\_\_\_(114) meant no plastic at all. My wedding coordinator asked once if plastic cups counted as single-use plastic. Yes, that happened.

I just don't think our culture understands what it means. I think that they get it when you're saying "no plastic" but they don't really understand what and why. I had this conversation many times. I guess this would also be the best part. I did a lot of Googling to see if others had "plastic-free" wedding ceremonies. It was sad, but I didn't see it being a common thing. So we had to make it our own, and we had to ask a lot of questions. They weren't hard, but you have to stay more on top of your vendors, and really be \_\_\_\_\_(115) of your ceremony.

Plastic came up in unexpected places. We had gifted our guests cookies in addition to our favor donation to a local marine science center. The cookies, of course, would have been wrapped in plastic. So we had to find an \_\_\_\_\_(116). They're out there, you just have to do your own research and look.

## Can you share about some of the ways you saved money or spent more money going plastic-free?

We didn't necessarily "save" money when it came to the plastic-free initiative. We took the angle with our vendors of: do you use this? And if so, I'd like to provide an alternative. This way, we weren't causing a conflict, but rather, letting the vendor or venue know that we would not accept something at our ceremony. We replaced a lot like trash bags, straws, coffee stirrers, etc.

In the aspect of "saving money" we did a lot on our own. Tyler is incredibly \_\_\_\_\_(117) and loves to spend time in the garage wood-working. So together, we created some really cool pieces for the big day. All of the signs and decor we had were made from upcycled wood from a local shop. A local succulent artist dedicated to conservation of the beach helped me create beautiful succulent pieces. To purchase things of this nature would have probably been more expensive, and they wouldn't have any underlying meaning to them.

We did save money when we said no to things like balloons, fake flowers, etc. It's crazy, but during our beach cleanups we found so many fake rose petals \_\_\_\_\_(118) the beach. Do I think this event cost more from going plastic-free? Yes. Do I think it was worth it? Yes, I didn't spend an unheard amount of money, a few dollars here and there to know we're making a bigger impact.

Tyler and I really loved making this day the way it was. We reached out to a lot of fantastic organizations like Plastic Pollution Coalition that helped support us in making our day so special.

We were sponsored by the Sea Turtle Conservancy and Naked Turtle Rum company in our efforts for the sea turtles and going plastic-free. Naked Turtle Rum provided our guests \_\_\_\_\_(119) custom cocktails and items for use in our recyclable bag favors, and the Sea Turtle Conservancy set up the partnership with Naked Turtle Rum and provided us resources for our guests to learn more about their efforts. In addition to favors, we adopted a sea turtle from the Marine Science Center.

Tyler and I want to help more couples by empowering them to challenge their venues to rid of single-use plastics. For us, weddings while they are about the incredible love we have for one another, sometimes make people \_\_\_\_\_(120) the simple things. You spend so much money for things you want, but don't stop to think about how it might be effecting the environment.

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|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 101° | a) party        | b) dinner      | c) event        | d) celebration        |
| 102° | a) attended     | b) visited     | c) saw          | d) stared at          |
| 103° | a) grouping     | b) gathering   | c) collecting   | d) meeting            |
| 104° | a) news         | b) gossips     | c) the weather  | d) issues             |
| 105° | a) cats         | b) dogs        | c) elephants    | d) animals            |
| 106° | a) olds         | b) aged        | c) old          | d) kids               |
| 107° | a) in           | b) on          | c) over         | d) about              |
| 108° | a) will         | b) can't       | c) shouldn't    | d) may                |
| 109° | a) happy        | b) tasty       | c) sick         | d) crazy              |
| 110° | a) stop         | b) stoping     | c) stopping     | d) stopped            |
| 111° | a) both         | b) neither     | c) nor          | d) either             |
| 112° | a) so that      | b) so          | c) also         | d) though             |
| 113° | a) hardest      | b) harder      | c) hard         | d) hardy              |
| 114° | a) none plastic | b) plasticless | c) plastic-free | d) without no plastic |
| 115° | a) in control   | b) in charge   | c) in the mood  | d) in the air         |
| 116° | a) issue        | b) other       | c) alternate    | d) alternative        |
| 117° | a) handful      | b) handsome    | c) handy        | d) hateful            |
| 118° | a) dying on     | b) cluttering  | c) floating on  | d) raving on          |
| 119° | a) with         | b) for         | c) together     | d) to                 |
| 120° | a) remembered   | b) forget      | c) forgetting   | d) to remember        |

## How you can harness the placebo effect

It can influence your body as strongly as some treatments – in the short term. Here's how to exploit the power of positive thinking.

My mum swears that reiki, a technique claimed to channel healing energy through touch, cured her painful frozen shoulder. And my sister promises me a homeopathic remedy will relieve my frequent stomach aches.

Such claims raise eyebrows among those who champion rational thinking. There is often no physiological mechanism by which these and other alternative therapies could work, and they regularly fail to pass the standard tests for efficacy in medicine. But if someone feels better after their chosen remedy, who are we to say it didn't work for them?

At the heart of such questions lies the placebo effect – the way that we tend to feel better just because we believe a medical treatment is going to work, even if the treatment itself is a sham. The power of placebos has been shown in many settings. In one study from 2002, 60 people were even given fake surgery to treat arthritic knees. An elaborate ruse involving doctored footage on a video screen convinced them that they had full surgery, whereas in reality they had only had the skin on their knees cut. Even so, their symptoms improved, and they recovered as well as those who had real surgery. The improvement lasted at least a year.

“We feel better if we believe a treatment will work – even if the treatment is a sham”.

"It's hard to believe that sham surgery can produce a long-lasting effect," says Luana Colloca, who studies the placebo effect at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. "But it can."

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- 121) What is the text mainly about?      a) physiological mechanism      b) the placebo effect  
c) alternative therapies      d) sham surgery
- 122) The author's mum is said to be:      a) vulgar      b) faithful to her country  
c) suffering      d) cured
- 123) What is the expression "raise eyebrows among" closest in meaning to?  
a) help      b) surprise      c) excite      d) make a person angry
- 124) According to the text, alternative therapies:  
a) pass the standard test in medicine efficiency      b) always work  
c) fail the standard test in medicine efficiency      d) never work
- 125) According to the text, what makes a medical treatment work?  
a) positive thinking      b) fake surgery      c) placebos      d) a sham
- 126) How often has the power of placebos been proved?  
a) always      b) never      c) often      d) at times
- 127) What happened to the 60 people mentioned in the text?  
a) They had arthritic knees      b) They were told the truth  
c) They had full surgery      d) They were cured for good
- 128) How long did the surgery work?      a) a year      b) minimum a year  
c) less than a year      d) forever
- 129) "The treatment is a sham" means it is  
a) the last resort      b) a placebo      c) a mistake      d) a miracle
- 130) What is Luana Colloca's opinion?  
a) real surgery is the only efficient treatment      b) fake surgery never works  
c) fake surgery only works for a couple of days      d) fake surgery can work for longer than we think