**UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE**

**LANGUAGE CENTER**

**TEST F**

**TASK A**

***For sentences 1-30 choose one correct option A, B, C, or D and mark it on your answer sheet as shown in the example. Please, do not write into the test booklet.***

***Example:***

***For many young people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in one of the school teams is very important****.*

1. *having*
2. *taking*
3. *putting*
4. *being*

**A B C D**

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**1. Sarah is taller \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her sister.**

1. as
2. like
3. than
4. then

**2. Peter will be here if his train \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on time.**

1. was
2. were
3. being
4. is

**3. He would have fewer accidents if he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more carefully.**

1. drives
2. drove
3. is driving
4. drive

**4. Right now, their children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ television.**

1. watch
2. watches
3. are watching
4. watching

**5. Can you look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my cat when I am on holiday?**

1. after
2. forward
3. at
4. for

**6. I can’t believe it! My bicycle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last night.**

1. stole
2. stolen
3. was stolen
4. was stealing

**7. They are tired \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ working without being paid properly.**

1. on
2. of
3. about
4. with

**8. They will be taking part \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the discussions, along with other organizations.**

1. at
2. with
3. on
4. in

**9. Luke didn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ much in that class.**

1. learned
2. learnt
3. learning
4. learn

**10. Jim has never been arrested, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

1. is he
2. has he
3. hasn’t he
4. doesn’t he

**11. From my seat, I couldn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out what was happening on the stage.**

1. make
2. drop
3. turn
4. stand

**12. I’m going to bring some wood to the living room so we can burn it in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. chimney
2. fireplace
3. shelf
4. roof

**13. My uncle’s new-born baby Oliver is my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. cousin
2. son-in-law
3. nephew
4. brother-in-law

**14. My youngest brother is a person you can trust or depend on. He is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. charming
2. ambitious
3. reliable
4. affectionate

**15. Which word means a kind of wind?**

1. humidity
2. thunder
3. chill
4. gale

**16. The medicine he takes can only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the pain.**

1. relieve
2. retake
3. relate
4. relocate

**17. I twisted my ankle and it’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now.**

1. stolen
2. fallen
3. swollen
4. woollen

**18. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very well with my parents.**

1. get out
2. get over
3. get up
4. get on

**19. Tim has been painting his room. He’s almost done, he just needs to finish the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. carpet
2. ceiling
3. mirror
4. floor

**20. Exhaust fumes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the air.**

1. pollute
2. purify
3. waste
4. junk

**TASK B**

***Read the following texts and choose one correct option A, B, C, or D. Mark your answers on the answer sheet.***

21. Arctic Fox

The Arctic Fox is a small fox found commonly in the arctic regions of the world. Measuring a little less than three feet in length, this fox is mottled brown in the summer and pure white in the winter. Adult foxes weigh between six and twenty pounds, though most are closer to six. Its thick fur coat helps insulate it from the freezing temperatures and windswept snow.

**The text says that the fox \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) changes its weight during the year

B) can live in various kinds of climate

C) changes colours during the year

D) has a water-proof fur coat

22. News from air travel business

The price of jet fuel has gone up 50 percent in the past year, and airline executives in the United States are warning that they may have to raise ticket prices and cut capacity if fuel costs continue to rise. Delta Air Lines on Wednesday became the latest carrier to cut its profit forecast because of the sharp rise in fuel prices. American Airlines took that step a little over a month ago, when it estimated that the higher prices would cost it $2 billion this year.

**According to the text, airlines in the United States have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) achieved higher profits

B) increased their ticket prices

C) agreed on the fuel prices

D) adjusted their estimated profits

23. News from China

Last August, a small farm in northern China reported the unexplained deaths of some of its pigs to authorities. Within days, a few dozen tested positive for a deadly and highly contagious virus, and more than 19,000 pigs in the vicinity were slaughtered. It was the start of the country’s worst outbreak of a livestock disease in decades. Eight months later, African swine fever has swept across China, showing up more than 2400km from the first confirmed cases.

**According to the text, the epidemic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) appeared in winter

B) covered a huge area

C) started in many places

D) came from abroad

24. Travel Bug

Have you ever had the desire to wander the world and see what was out there? While some people prefer to stay in the comfort of their own home, others have been bitten by the travel bug and can’t wait to explore the world. Exotic places call to them. “Come visit me and I will show you my mysteries,” they say. Travelling gives them a better perspective about the earth and the people living on it. It opens their minds, it gives them a feeling of accomplishment, and it makes them feel alive.

**The text is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) the reasons for travelling

B) looking for accommodation

C) the dangers of exotic places

D) visiting friends while travelling

25. From the IT field

Australian organisations are paying excessive amounts of money to attract tech talent, with employers having to raise their salary offers to secure a preferred candidate. According to the latest research from IT recruiter Robert Half, IT employers have had to increase the salary amount for seven out of every 10 new hires, with chief information officers saying that it was getting increasingly harder to attract qualified IT professionals.

**The text points out that there is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) a problem to do research in the IT field

B) a shortage of money in the IT field

C) a problem to hire new IT experts

D) a shortage of talented IT people

26. News from Italy

Italian celebrities who allegedly refuse to tip when ordering takeaway have been named and shamed by food delivery riders. The long list of actors, TV presenters, footballers and rappers who are said to be tight-fisted was published online by a group of Milan riders who said they were far more likely to receive tips from low-income customers than the rich and famous.

**According to the text, some Italian celebrities \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) are very generous to delivery riders

B) refuse to pay for their takeaway

C) are rude to low-income customers

D) behave shamefully when paying

27. Geography

Once, the traditional British holiday was a week at the seaside – either in the UK or somewhere with more reliable weather like the Mediterranean. But recently, holidaymakers have been looking for a different holiday experience. Perhaps inspired by wildlife documentaries on television, tourists have been flocking to places like Kenya and South Africa for safaris and bush camp holidays. Interest in China has been growing too. About half a million UK tourists have visited China on cultural tours since the 2008 Olympic Games.

**According to the text, these days the British prefer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) new destinations for their holiday

B) watching TV to travelling abroad

C) traditional holiday at the seaside

D) visiting China to going to Africa

28. From a scientific magazine

Early artists drawing dangerous animals in the Lascaux complex accomplished a monumental and difficult task. They did not limit themselves to the easily accessible walls but carried their painting materials to spaces that required climbing steep walls or crawling into narrow passages.

**Why was painting inside the Lascaux complex a difficult task?**

A) It was completely dark inside.

B) Painting materials were hard to find.

C) Many painting spaces were difficult to reach.

D) The caves were full of wild animals.

29. From a newspaper article

Mississippi River towns are preparing for the highest round of flooding so far this spring, with river levels in St. Louis and surrounding areas swelling to their second-highest points on record. “The ground is soaked, and more rain is on the way,” said Mark Fuchs, senior service hydrologist with the National Weather Service in St. Louis. A river bank breached Sunday in Lincoln County, Mo., causing evacuations in several nearby towns, he said.

**The text informs about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) a favourable weather forecast

B) dangerous levels of the river

C) a serious flood in St. Louis

D) places for evacuated people

30. At an amusement park

Everyone has a favorite attraction at an amusement park, and I am no different. However, unlike most people who seem to prefer rollercoasters, my favorite ride is a little more gentle. Every time I go to Coney Island, I absolutely have to ride the Ferris wheel. The Ferris wheel is simple and yet also quite complex. That is, riding it is easy, but how it works is complicated. A series of carts are attached to a wheel, which is attached to a rim. That rim rotates vertically around an axis, and gravity keeps the carts upright. As simple as the ride seems, only advanced engineers can make safe and fun Ferris wheels.

**According to the text, the writer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

A) is afraid of riding dangerous attractions

B) prefers rollercoasters at an amusement park

C) likes the Ferris wheel because of its speed

D) admires the construction of the Ferris wheel

**TASK C**

***Read the following text and complete its summary below. Use only one word for each gap and write your answers on the answer sheet.***

**The End of Life on Earth?**

It weighed about 10,000 tons, entered the atmosphere at a speed of 64,000km/h and exploded over a city with a blast of 500 kilotons. But on 15 February 2013, we were lucky. The meteorite that showered pieces of rock over Chelyabinsk, Russia, was relatively small, at only about 17 metres wide. Although many people were injured by falling glass, the damage was nothing compared to what had happened in Siberia more than one hundred years ago. Another relatively small object (approximately 50 metres in diameter) exploded in mid-air over a forest region, flattening about 80 million trees. If it had exploded over a city such as Moscow or London, millions of people would have been killed.

By a strange coincidence, the same day that the meteorite terrified the people of Chelyabinsk, another 70m-wide asteroid passed relatively close to Earth. Scientists were expecting that visit and know that the asteroid will return to fly close by us in 2046, but the 17m-wide Russian meteorite earlier in the day had been too small for anyone to spot.

Most scientists agree that comets and asteroids pose the biggest natural threat to human existence. It was probably a large asteroid or comet colliding with Earth which wiped out the dinosaurs about 65 million years ago. An enormous object, 10 to 16km in diameter, struck the Yucatan region of Mexico with the force of 100 megatons. That is the equivalent of one Hiroshima bomb for every person alive on Earth today.

Many scientists say that any comet or asteroid greater than 20km in diameter that hits Earth will result in the complete destruction of complex life, including all animals and most plants. As we have seen, even a much smaller asteroid can cause great damage.

The Earth has been kept fairly safe for the last 65 million years by good fortune and the massive gravitational field of the planet Jupiter. Our cosmic guardian, with its stable circular orbit far from the sun, sweeps up and scatters away most of the dangerous comets and asteroids which might cross Earth’s orbit. After the Chelyabinsk meteorite, scientists are now monitoring potential hazards even more carefully but, as far as they know, there is no danger in the foreseeable future.

**Summary**

The meteorite that exploded over Chelyabinsk, Russia, in 2013 was not as **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_** as the one which blasted over Siberia more than one hundred years ago. However, scientists were not able to **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** this 17-m wide meteorite because they were expecting another 70m-wide asteroid to pass relatively close to the Earth on the same day. As for the extinction of dinosaurs, most scientists **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** that it was probably caused by a large asteroid or comet colliding with the Earth. **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_**, our planet has been kept fairly safe so far, and we do not have to be afraid of any **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_** in the near future.

**TASK D**

***Read the following text and answer the questions below. Do not use more than four words for each answer and write your answers on the answer sheet.***

**Goats Being Hired**

Goats are being hired to do the work of men in a neighbourhood just outside of San Diego. The fires that occurred in Hillborough four years ago destroyed thirty homes, most of which have been rebuilt. While contractors were rebuilding the homes, nature was regrowing the grass, bushes, and shrubs. The area is now so overgrown in brush that it again poses a major fire hazard.

The city council asked for bids to remove the brush. The lowest bid they received was $50,000. And that was if the city provided breakfast and lunch for the work crews for the six weeks it would take to clear the overgrown area. The city countered, offering unlimited coffee (black only) and a doughnut a day for each crew member. When that offer was rejected, the city asked for help on its website.

A sheepherder in Montana and a goat herder in San Bernardino read about the city’s plight while surfing the web on their laptops. They both offered to do the job for $25,000. The council chose the goat herder because he lived closer. When told that the city dump was overflowing, the goat herder said, “No problem. My goats will eat everything in your dump, except for the automobile engines, of course.”

If all goes well, they will invite the goat herder and his “family” back every three years. The goat herder said he will probably visit San Diego while his goats are in the dump, as he will have nothing else to do. “I want to take one of those hang-glider rides. I just hope we don’t crash, it seems quite dangerous, but exciting at the same time. The only thing I am worrying about is that my goats would miss me a lot,” he said.

**Questions**

36. What can growing grass, bushes and shrubs cause?

37. What did the work crews require, except money, for clearing the overgrown area?

38. What was the city council’s counteroffer?

39. Why did the city council prefer to employ the goat herder instead of the sheepherder?

40. How often will it be desirable to hire the goats to do the job?