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**TEST C 2024**

**TASK A**

***For sentences 1-20 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. When I arrived, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner.**

1. have
2. had been
3. were having
4. have been

**2. By the time Jane arrives, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ everything for the party.**

1. will prepare
2. are preparing
3. will have prepared
4. have been preparing

**3.** **I will call you as soon as our plane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. lands
2. will land
3. will be landing
4. is going to land

**4. Peter is going to be famous someday. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in three movies already.**

1. has been appearing
2. had appeared
3. has appeared
4. appeared

**5. Some people are enthusiastic about the plan; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people are strongly against it.**

1. others
2. all
3. another
4. other

**6.** **The children prepared lunch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ without any help.**

1. themselves
2. on themselves
3. by their own
4. oneself

**7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the weather was really horrible, Mark decided to finish his morning run early.**

1. However
2. Nevertheless
3. Although
4. Since

**8.** **I’m furious! I couldn’t believe it when my boss suddenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my idea during the meeting.**

1. made up with
2. turned down
3. put up with
4. brought down

**9. I can’t remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a teddy bear when I was a little boy.**

1. had
2. have
3. to have
4. having

**10. The electronic anti-theft device was far from easy to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my car.**

1. implant
2. install
3. insert
4. improve

**11. The success of the project is dependent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your ability to communicate effectively**.

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

**12. I showed them my student card and got a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the books.**

1. bargain
2. discount
3. offer
4. refund

**13. You are too fat now. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not have eaten too much.**

1. must
2. might
3. could
4. should

**14. He regretted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his phone at home when he realized he needed it for an important call.**

1. leaving
2. to leave
3. leave
4. that left

**15. I am going to buy it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expensive it is!**

1. whatever
2. whichever
3. however
4. how much

**16. In recent years there has been a large increase \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the number of people who take no regular exercise.**

1. of
2. in
3. for
4. to

**17. I’ll be ready to leave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about twenty minutes.**

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

**18. The trip was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than we expected.**

1. much pricier
2. much more pricey
3. the priciest
4. more priciest

**19. Work in teams and cooperate with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. yourself
2. yourselves
3. each other
4. every other

**20. When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the picnic lunch, they went for a swim in the lake.**

1. they’d been eating
2. they’ve eaten
3. they’d eaten
4. they’ve been eating

**TASK B**

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

21. A new record

We all know what twins and triplets are. Most of us are familiar with the terms quadruplets and quintuplets. But what is the word to describe nine babies being born at the same time? The answer is... nonuplets. A 25-year-old Malian woman, Halima Cisse, has given birth to nine healthy babies. This is a new record. The previous record was by a woman in the US who delivered eight babies (octuplets) at a single birth. People in Mali were avidly following the progress of Ms Cisse’s pregnancy and she was inundated with well wishes.

**Why is Ms Cisse famous? She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. is the oldest Malian mother
2. has raised 25 healthy children
3. brought eight children from the US
4. delivered the highest number of babies

22. Social networks - Business applications

Social networks connect people at low cost; this can be beneficial for entrepreneurs and small businesses looking to expand their contact base. These networks often act as a customer relationship management tool for companies selling products and services. Companies can also use social networks for advertising in the form of banners and text ads. Since businesses operate globally, social networks can make it easier to keep in touch with contacts around the world.

**According to the text, social networks \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. are used by businesses for marketing
2. can reduce costs of customer service
3. advertise on business websites
4. can damage business reputation

23. From a lifestyle magazine

The high protein diet is the most effective way of losing body fat. Remember, if we go on a starvation diet, we lose weight but not much fat. In starvation mode, we use up our energy stores of carbohydrate first (in the form of a substance called glycogen). However, the body can store only a little glycogen, and this is used up within two days. Then we start breaking down fat and protein. But we can’t afford to lose body proteins: our muscle mass decreases, we become noticeably weaker, and our immunity is compromised because the lack of protective immunoglobulin proteins means we are subject to an increased risk of infection. Not good!

**Starvation diets** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. prevent our bodies from infection
2. are harmful because of the loss of body proteins
3. are effective because you lose a lot of fat
4. help us reduce muscle mass without side effects

24. From a magazine

Food is a fascinating way to connect with others and explore different cultures. People can share their culinary experiences, discuss favourite dishes, and exchange cooking tips. From comforting classics to exotic flavours, conversations about food bring joy. Whether planning meals, swapping recipes, or recommending local eateries, the world of food offers a rich tapestry of shared moments and delightful discoveries. It’s a universal language that brings people together through the pleasure of diverse tastes and the joy of discovering new culinary delights.

**According to the text, what is the PRIMARY role of conversations about food?**

1. Social engagement and cultural exploration
2. Nutritional analysis and health awareness
3. Budget-friendly meal planning
4. Time-saving cooking techniques

25. From a newspaper

A war has been going on for almost a hundred years between the sheep farmers of Australia and the dingo, Australia’s wild dog. To protect their livelihood, the farmers built a wire fence, 3,307 miles of continuous wire mesh, reaching from the coast of South Australia all the way to the cotton fields of eastern Queensland. The Fence is Australia’s version of the Great Wall of China, but even longer, erected to keep out hostile invaders, in this case hordes of yellow dogs. The empire it preserves is that of the woolgrowers, sovereigns of the world’s second largest sheep flock.

**Why was the fence built?**

1. To separate the sheep from the cattle.
2. To protect the Australian wool industry.
3. To act as a boundary between properties.
4. To keep the number of dingoes regulated.

26. From a magazine

Researchers have unveiled “CyberGuard,” an advanced artificial intelligence system that revolutionizes cybersecurity by proactively identifying and neutralizing potential threats before they breach networks. This development represents a critical stride in enhancing the security of sensitive information within our rapidly digitizing world. The system’s ability to foresee and prevent potential cyber threats aligns with the growing need for robust cybersecurity measures. With CyberGuard, organizations can fortify their defences, minimizing the risks associated with cyber-attacks. As technology evolves, this innovative AI system ensures a flexible defence against the ever-changing landscape of cyber threats.

**According to the researchers, CyberGuard \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. is able to detect threats but not to prevent them
2. is crucial for protecting sensitive information
3. is out-of-date for the field of cybersecurity
4. is effective dealing with AI threats

27. From an article.

There’s no denying that women around the world have made great strides toward equality in the past century. One hundred years ago, women in the United States still didn’t have the right to take part in the elections, and very few were allowed to pursue higher education or a meaningful career outside of their household duties. Fast forward to today, and more than 70 percent of women between the ages of 20 and 54 are active members of the national workforce. On top of this, 2015 marked the first year when women were, on average, more likely to have a bachelor’s degree than men, and this trend is on the rise.

**According to the text, one hundred years ago, women in the USA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. had no rights
2. couldn’t vote
3. were not members of the national workforce
4. were not allowed to get higher education

28. From a magazine

Our demand for electricity is rising very fast. We will have to increase the production of electricity by a third in the next ten years. Fossil fuels supply nearly three-quarters of this energy. The smoke from burning coal and gas is responsible for half of our air pollution. Some people may think that it is a small price to pay for progress. But there’s an alternative that produces no smoke and can actually create more fuel than it consumes. In many regions it's even cheaper than coal-fired electricity: nuclear power. It may, however, bring danger of radioactivity to people’s minds, but if other types of power didn’t present equal and even worse problems, it would make no sense to consider nuclear power at all.

**According to the text, nuclear power \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. is dangerous because it’s radioactive
2. will result in a more polluted environment
3. supplies three-quarters of the country’s energy demand
4. can solve problems with demand for electrical power

29. From a website

Adriene Mishler is a yoga teacher, actress, writer, and entrepreneur. She runs a famous YouTube channel, which has an online community of over 12 million subscribers. With a professional theatre background, Adriene has worked in television, voiceover, film, and dance. She is a co-owner of Practice Yoga Austin studio, and a regular contributor for magazines and blogs on topics of wellness and the arts. She has travelled to host live community events in yoga, meditation, and self-care all across the globe.

**According to the text, which of these statements is TRUE?**

1. Adriene’s channel has about ten million subscribers.
2. Adriene has worked in the entertainment industry.
3. Adriene owns a yoga studio in Austin by herself.
4. Adriene has taught yoga lessons only in the USA.

30. From a magazine

Scientists in the UK have announced that the piranha fish’s image **as** a fearsome **killer** may well not be deserved. The fish, which is found in the Amazon in Brazil, have been portrayed as deadly **carnivores** that work in shoals to overwhelm their prey and strip it of its flesh in seconds. However, **experts** from St Andrews University say that piranhas are omnivores that mainly eat fish, plants and insects. They form big groups not to hunt but to defend **themselves** against other predators, according to the team.

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

1. attack other predators in big groups
2. have changed their behaviour
3. are really dangerous animals
4. have a false reputation

**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.***

**World population has passed 8 billion**

The world has reached a somewhat worrying demographic milestone. The U.S. Census Bureau said on Thursday that the population of our planet has surpassed 8 billion. A spokesperson said the Bureau estimated that the global population exceeded 8 billion on the 26th of September. However, he said this was a very rough guess and the precise day could be a month or two either side of this date. The world population has grown from 6 billion to 8 billion in the past two decades. The number of earth’s inhabitants had doubled between 1960 and 2000. The rate of growth is slowing as birth rates are falling in many nations.

The U.S. Census Bureau attributed the slowdown in population growth to trends of longer lifespans and lower fertility rates. However, it forecast that the population would reach 10.2 billion in 2060. It said: “The world population is projected to keep growing despite declining fertility rates. In fact, we estimate the number of infants already peaked in 2017. Instead, population growth in the future will come from larger groups of people at adult ages.” It added: “Population growth is the result of fertility, mortality, migration and the share of the population at certain ages.”

It is widely believed that 2.1 is the replacement level fertility rate — the number of births a woman would need to have in her lifetime to replace herself and the father. Nearly three quarters (74 per cent) of the earth’s population reside in countries where fertility is around or below the replacement level. Only around 4% of the world population (all in Africa) lives in a country with very high fertility — above 5 children per woman. Even in these countries, fertility is generally lower than it was in the past.

**Summary**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the world population has exceeded 8 billion, although the exact **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_** is uncertain. The Bureau supposes that it occurred around September 26, but it is only a **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** estimate. Over the past two decades, the population has increased by 2 **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_.**The population is still expected to reach 10.2 billion by 2060, due to larger groups of **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_** rather than high birth rates. The **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_**of population have fertility rates around or below the replacement level of 2.1 children per **woman.**

**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.***

Brushed Dreams

In a small town nestled between hills and valleys, there lived a passionate young girl named Mia. Mia’s heart was an artist’s palette, and her world was a canvas waiting to be filled with vibrant colors. From sunrise to sunset, Mia could be found with a paintbrush in hand, lost in the enchanting world of her imagination.

As she approached the end of high school, Mia dreamt of attending an esteemed art school in the city. She spent countless nights perfecting her portfolio, pouring her soul into each stroke of the brush. The day of acceptance letter arrived, and Mia’s excitement was palpable. However, as she unfolded the letter, her dreams were painted with a tinge of disappointment – she had not been accepted.

Heartbroken but undeterred, Mia decided to turn her failure into a sparkling opportunity. Determined to continue her artistic journey, she transformed a small room in her house into a personal studio. With unwavering dedication, Mia continued to create beautiful masterpieces, experimenting with new techniques and styles.

Word of Mia’s talent soon spread throughout the town, catching the attention of local art gallery owners. Despite the initial setback, Mia’s art began to gain recognition, and opportunities to display her work started pouring in. Mia found comfort and fulfillment in the support of her community, realizing that success didn’t always come from prestigious institutions but from the passion that fueled her art.

**Questions**

36. What was Mia interested in?

37. What was Mia’s aspiration for post-high school education?

38. What were Mia’s emotions after opening the letter?

39. What did Mia explore in her new studio?

40. Who noticed Mia’s talent after she opened her studio?