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**TEST D 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. By next year, they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English for five years.**

1. will study
2. have studied
3. will have studied
4. studied

**2. He looked tired because he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all day.**

1. was travelling
2. had been travelling
3. has been travelling
4. has travelled

**3. When she came home, her husband \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner.**

1. already cooked
2. had already cooked
3. has already cooked
4. already was cooking

**4. Last night, while I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my favorite TV show, the power suddenly went out.**

1. watch
2. watching
3. was watching
4. were watching

**5. I need \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ help to move these heavy boxes into the storage room. I will do it myself.**

1. anyone’s
2. everyone’s
3. nobody’s
4. somebody’s

**6. We haven’t seen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for ages!**

1. ourselves
2. myself
3. yourselves
4. each other

**7.** **As the enemy approached, the soldiers were advised to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to a safer location.**

1. attack
2. retreat
3. advance
4. surrender

**8. My boss makes me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the weekends**.

1. working
2. works
3. to work
4. work

**9.** **In the end, I decided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the shoes because they were a bit too small.**

1. not buy
2. not to buy
3. not buying
4. to don’t buy

**10. As a trusted employee, she had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to highly confidential information.**

1. admission
2. entrance
3. contact
4. access

**11. The movie reminds me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a book I’ve read recently.**

1. -
2. about
3. of
4. to

**12. The movie was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; it kept me captivated throughout.**

1. intriguing
2. thrilled
3. tedious
4. dull

**13. This time next week, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the sea.**

1. will be sunbathing
2. going to sunbathe
3. sunbathe
4. have sunbathed

**14. I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ languages is very important.**

1. studies
2. study
3. studying
4. to study

**15. I met Caroline on my way \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ home.**

1. –
2. to
3. for
4. into

**16. He jumped \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity to travel abroad.**

1. in
2. about
3. at
4. for

**17. I can’t believe you’re going on a cruise this summer. It must have cost a/an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. expense
2. bargain
3. fortune
4. saving

**18. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his homework before going out to play.**

1. finish
2. finished
3. was finished
4. had been finished

**19. She had to leave early \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she had an important meeting.**

1. so
2. since
3. but
4. however

**20. Both my parents can speak German fluently, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them speaks English.**

1. any
2. either
3. neither
4. nobody

**TASK B**

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

21. From a travel guide

Throughout the Arab world, it is considered bad manners either to display anger or to openly criticize another person in public. Tact and diplomacy are always required. In social life, punctuality is almost laughable. For business, visitors should be on time but expect locals to be often late. Men should not offer to shake a woman’s hand, and vice versa, unless clearly invited to do so. Men and women should dress smartly for business meetings – a suit and a tie for men; a smart skirt and a jacket for women – and always dress modestly. Shoulders and knees should never be shown.

**What is true about the text?**

1. Foreign business people are required to be punctual.
2. Women can wear mini-skirts for business meetings.
3. Shaking hands is banned for women.
4. Local people are always on time.

22. From a magazine

Adopting felt like the right choice for my husband and I. It wasn’t because we couldn’t have a baby by ourselves. I didn’t get pregnant naturally, but we could have tried IVF. But I was worried that doing so would affect our relationship. We had always aimed to do things together and share responsibility. But that’s not possible when it comes to pregnancy and IVF. Plus, my husband’s mother was adopted, so it didn’t seem an unusual thing to do. Since then, I’ve realised just how many kids are in care, looking for homes and families, and I know it was the right choice.

**Why did the writer choose to adopt a child?**

1. She hadn’t been able to have a baby with IVF.
2. Her mother-in-law persuaded her to do so.
3. She didn’t want to change her relationship.
4. She was concerned about kids needing care.

23. From the local news

The Barnley Village Committee is opposed to plans to build a 6,890-panel solar farm on a 15-acre site adjacent to the village recreation ground, currently used for agriculture. Under the proposed scheme, the area will be surrounded by an 8ft-high fence. The panels themselves will be about 7 feet high. The committee has already lodged an appeal to the local authority against construction of the solar farm. The councillors are due to meet on 13th March to vote whether or not plans will go ahead. Local residents are invited to attend.  Our objections will be presented before the board.

**What is the committee’s standpoint?**

1. It prefers a different project.
2. It is against the development.
3. It depends on the local authority.
4. It criticizes the local residents.

24. From a BBC programme

Michael Palin is an actor and travel writer. In *Full Circle*, he went on a journey through the seventeen countries along the Pacific coast. While travelling 50,000 miles in ten months, he saw and discovered things beyond his dreams. He learnt how to cook eggs in a volcano and how to make music with horses’ bones in Chile! In this episode, Michael travels across the Andes from Arica in Chile to La Paz in Bolivia in a small train.

**What is true about this article? Michael Palin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. is a professional traveller from Chile
2. has discovered new cooking methods
3. has sailed along the Pacific coast
4. has made an adventurous journey through America

25. From an article about a music festival

The first Coachella festival was held in 1999. It was intended to be a one-time event, but it was successful, so the organizers decided to make it an annual event. In its early years, it was primarily focused on alternative rock and indie music. In 2001, the festival expanded to two days, and in 2002, it featured its first hip-hop act. Today, the festival features everything from rock and hip-hop to pop and even country. Over the years, the festival has helped to launch the careers of many artists, including The Arctic Monkeys and Adele.

**According to the text, which of these statements is true about Coachella?**

1. It has taken place only once.
2. Rock has always been played there.
3. Country music has never appeared there.
4. Some musicians finished their career there.

26. From a magazine

Economic optimism is on the rise as major world economies sign a comprehensive trade agreement aimed at caring for global cooperation. The deal focuses on reducing trade barriers, promoting fair competition, and stimulating economic growth on an international scale. Analysts predict positive impacts on various industries, signalling a potential sudden rise in the global economic landscape. This collaborative effort strengthens economic ties. As the agreement takes effects, it sets the stage for a more interconnected and flexible global economy, laying the foundation for sustained growth and shared prosperity among participating nations.

**What is true according to the text?**

1. The global economic situation is expected to become unstable.
2. The agreement emphasizes fair competition and economic growth.
3. Analysts are not sure about the potential impacts on industries.
4. The agreement ignores the trade barriers between nations.

27. From a magazine

“I heard about cryptocurrencies years ago when Bitcoin first came out, but I can’t say I was intrigued from the start. Even when cryptocurrencies were mentioned more and more in the news and on social media, I didn’t pay much attention. It wasn’t until my friends started trading that I got into it. Seeing them earning loads of money overnight by doing practically nothing made me want to get in on it too. I’d been trading for a while by the time the pandemic started, but that was when the trouble began.”

**The respondent started trading in cryptocurrencies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. influenced by his peer’s success
2. when Bitcoin first came out
3. during the global pandemic
4. after seeing it in the media

28. From a magazine

I find my career extremely interesting, but I am in love with a man who wants me to give my job up so that we can get married and start a family. I know that if I stopped working I would be very unhappy. His salary is much lower than mine and we wouldn’t have enough to live on. However he keeps saying: “Money isn’t the most important thing in my life,” and “If you really loved me, you would do what I want.”

I don’t want to give him up - but I don’t want to give up my job, either.

**What do we know about the woman? She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. prefers family to her career
2. needs more money
3. has to make a decision
4. has to leave her job

29. From a newspaper

In 2008, an 18-year-old man named Ruben Zarate attempted to rob a muffler shop in Chicago. After demanding money, he was told that most of the cash was stored in a safe that could only be opened by the manager, who wasn’t scheduled to come in until a few hours later. To have himself some trouble, Zarate left his cell phone number for the store to call him back once the manager arrived. Of course, the store first called the police and then called Zarate back.

**When Zarate arrived at the shop the first time, the manager \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

1. gave him the money
2. called the police
3. was in trouble
4. was absent

30. From a magazine

Scientists have copied the self-healing characteristics of seashells to produce a scratch-proof coating that could be used to protect cars’ body-work. Researchers at Sandia Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico, discovered that shells get their strength from microscopic layers of calcium and polymer. When a crack appears, it is stopped by the next layer, making the finish incredibly tough.

**What is true according to the text?**

1. Researchers treated injuries with the help of seashells.
2. The qualities of seashells inspired new technology.
3. Scientists finished their research on new seashells.
4. New seashells were found in New Mexico.

**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.***

**Passenger Rescue Drone**

A passenger drone, which completed its first flight over low terrain in November, could be in use by next year, the Israeli company behind it has said.

Developed over 15 years for rescue or military use, the $14m Cormorant can carry 500 kg at 185km/h. Urban Aeronautics says internal rotors make it safer than a helicopter. And as well as taking off and landing vertically, it can fly between buildings and below power lines.

“It paves the way forward for the evolution of Cormorant from prototype to near-term production and ultimately commercialisation of this ground-breaking technology – for broad applications and markets,” said Urban Aeronautics chief executive Rafi Yoeli. Commercial drones are becoming big business, with Amazon announcing Prime Air, a delivery-by-drone service, in the summer. In June, another passenger drone – made by Chinese company Ehang –was given approval for test flights in Nevada.

Dr Mirko Kovac, director of the Aerial Robotics Lab at Imperial College London, said: “The proposed vehicle shows that there is a real potential for personal drones, not just for delivery and environmental sensing but also for transport. There still is a lot of technological work that needs to be developed to make such vehicles safe and easy to use, but if the project comes to the market, it can disrupt the way humans move in cities and make fast travel through the air accessible to the masses.”

Drone expert Ravi Vaidyanathan, from Imperial’s department of mechanical engineering, added that the recent flight of the Israeli drone could be a “landmark” moment in low altitude navigation and initially targeting it for humanitarian rescue and military use is the right move. “Finding a niche application and establishing a safety record is a good idea,” he told the BBC.

But while drones for civilian use are likely to follow because such vehicles could help solve issues such as lack of infrastructure and congestion, the timescale remains uncertain. “There are a lot of regulatory hurdles such as where do you take off? Where do you land? What altitude do you fly at?” he said.

**Summary**

The design of the new passenger drone is **\_\_\_31.\_\_\_** than that of other helicopters, and the producer of the drone believes in **\_\_\_32.\_\_\_** use of their product. According to Dr Kovac, it is still necessary to improve the **\_\_\_33.\_\_\_** of the personal drones before they could be used in practice. Drone expert Ravi Vaidyanathan **\_\_\_34.\_\_\_** with the use of drones for humanitarian and military purposes, but he points out some **\_\_\_35.\_\_\_** problems that might slow down the use of drones for civilian purposes.

**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.***

A Veteran’s Journey

John Anderson, a former soldier, shares his unique perspective on his time in the military in an exclusive interview, offering insights into the challenges and rewards of serving the nation.

Anderson’s journey began with a childhood dream of defending his country. Motivated by a sense of duty and patriotism, he enlisted in the military straight out of high school. His early days in basic training were physically and mentally demanding, but the camaraderie among fellow recruits and the guidance of experienced mentors helped him persevere.

“The discipline instilled in us during training laid the foundation for the rest of our service,” Anderson reflects. He vividly recalls the rigorous drills, long marches, and the importance of teamwork, emphasizing how these experiences shaped him both as a soldier and an individual.

One of the most challenging aspects, according to Anderson, was being away from family and friends during deployments. “You miss out on birthdays, holidays, and the everyday moments that others take for granted,” he notes. However, he believes that these sacrifices are a testament to the commitment soldiers make to safeguard their nation.

Anderson’s military service included overseas deployments, and he shares stories of the cultural experiences and the bonds formed with locals. “It’s eye-opening to witness different ways of life and understand the global impact of our work,” he says. Anderson emphasizes the importance of diplomacy and collaboration in fostering international relations.

Upon completion of his service, Anderson faced the transition to civilian life—a process he describes as both challenging and rewarding. “Adapting to a ‘normal’ routine takes time,” he admits. Anderson underscores the significance of support systems for veterans during this transitional period.

**Questions**

36. What was the driving force behind Anderson’s decision to join the army?

37. How did friendship and mentorship impact Anderson’s training?

38. According to Anderson, what was the fundamental skill they learnt during training?

39. How does Anderson characterize the shift to civilian life?

40. What does Anderson emphasize as important when joining life outside the military?