**Questions 21 to 30 are based on the following passage.**

If [21]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a journey a couple takes together, perhaps it is fitting for that journey to begin on the move—literally. If you choose to enter the next phase in your life on a scenic cable car, your big day can be truly [22]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A British expatriate [23]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had made double New Zealand history by [24]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ married on the capital city cable car in what’s thought to be the country’s [25]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marriage ceremony. Nicola Tod and Macolm Stuart tied the knot in just four and a half minutes while the Wellington cable car completed its [26]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ six-minute journey. The cable car is one of the city’s most [27]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tourist attractions and runs from Lambton Quay in the commercial heart of the city up to the botanic gardens with panaramic views of the CBD, harbor, and surrounding districts. Asked why they [28]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to marry on the cable car, Ms. Tod, a journalism student, said she wanted something that would be a bit more fun. When a friend [29]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cable car the couple agreed and said planning the event had been [30]\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stress-free.

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| A．profoundly | I．suggested |
| B．unforgettable | J．shortest |
| C．longest | K．popular |
| D．comfortable | L．getting |
| E．requested | M．chose |
| F．journey | N．marriage |
| G．scheduled | O．remarkably |
| H．couple |  |

**Questions 31 to 35 are based on the following passage.**

The way people hold to the belief that a fun-filled, pain free life equals happiness actually reduces their chances of ever attaining real happiness, if fun and pleasure are equal to happiness then pain must be equal to unhappiness. But in fact, the opposite is true: more often than not things that lead to happiness involve some pain.

As a result, many people avoid the very attempts that are the source of true happiness. They fear the pain inevitably brought by such things as marriage, raising children, professional achievement, religious commitment（承担的义务）, self-improvement.

Ask a bachelor（单身汉）why he resists marriage even though he finds dating to be less and less satisfying. If he is honest he will tell you that he is afraid of making a commitment. For commitment is in fact quite painful. The single life is filled with fun, adventure, excitement. Marriage has such moments, but they are not its most distinguishing features.

Couples with infant children are lucky to get a whole night’s sleep or a three-day vacation. I don’t know any parent who would choose the word fun to describe raising children. But couples who decide not to have children never know the joys of watching a child grow up or of playing with a grandchild.

Understanding and accepting that true happiness has nothing to do with fun is one of the most liberating realizations. It liberates time: now we can devote more hours to activities that can genuinely increase our happiness. It liberates money: buying that new car or those fancy clothes that will do nothing to increase our happiness now seems pointless. And it liberates us from envy: we now understand that all those who are always having so much fun actually may not be happy at all.

31．According to the author, a bachelor resists marriage chiefly because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. he is reluctant to take on family responsibilities

B. he believes that life will be more cheerful if he remains single

C. he finds more fun in dating than in marriage

D. he fears it will put an end to all his fun adventure and excitement

32．Raising children, in the author’s opinion, is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. a moral duty C. a rewarding task

B. a thankless job D. a source of inevitable pain

33．From the last paragraph, we learn that envy sometimes stems from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. hatred C. prejudice

B. misunderstanding D. ignorance

34．To understand what true happiness is one must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. have as much run as possible during one’s lifetime

B. make every effort to liberate oneself from pain

C. put up with pain under all circumstances

D. be able to distinguish happiness from fun

35．What is the author trying to tell us?

A. Happiness often goes hand in hand with pain.

B. One must know how to attain happiness.

C. It is important to make commitments.

D. It is pain that leads to happiness.