

Paragraph Completion Advanced Level Test - Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers)

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This first paragraph completion test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **paragraph completion** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of paragraph completion.

1. 1. The degree to which children feel more self-confident as they grow older depends mainly on their relation with their mothers and fathers. Children always need to be reassured by their parents. ____ . This kind of trust is essential in reducing young children's anxiety.

A) They need to believe that their parents will love them no matter what they do

B) Anxieties are common even in the early years of childhood

C) They may begin to cry if one of the parents goes away even for a short while

D) Any suggestion of forcing children to overcome a fear will only make it last longer

E) So parents should scold their children whenever they want

2. 2. Ocean waves may seem like a fanciful source of energy. ____ . In August, a 750-kilowatt power plant off the coast of Scotland began delivering ocean-wave power for the first time to the local electricity grid. The plant consists of four linked floating cylinders which use wave motion to drive a hydraulic pump and turn a turbine. This is such an inexpensive and clean process that engineers are quite optimistic about its future.

A) Engineers, on the other hand, say ocean power is far behind wind and solar power

B) A recently constructed power plant will change the perception soon

C) Thanks to the rising and falling water level, its cost would be quite low

D) Technicians have already started delivering power to many electricity networks

E) Everybody is against plant construction in this area

3. 3. It's essential for all creatures to keep themselves clean and free from parasites. ____ . Some species are able to clean themselves. For those species that are not, it is obviously vital to find some other animal to perform this cleaning function.

A) Nevertheless, there's no point in doing this cleaning process

B) The vast majority of cleaners are fish; at least 45 species are known as cleaners

C) Some fish species are known to change colour while being cleaned

D) Some animals depended on others to do this

E) If they do not, they will probably fall ill from infected wounds

4. 4. ____ . Within five years, 4.5 million Americans had taken it at least once. This was the fastest acceptance ever for a psychiatric drug. It seemed to go beyond treating illness and actually improve people's lives; a sort of facelift for the character. However, reports emerged that some patients actually felt more suicidal on Prozac

A) There was a very negative reaction towards pharmacy in the U. S. A

B) Lawyers in USA claim that even murders can be done under the influence of some drugs

C) Technology and medicine have improved so much in Europe that people don't go to the USA any more

D) Some psychiatric drugs in the U.S.A. were accepted very slowly in the past

E) Within two years of its introduction, pharmacies in the United States were filling 65.000 Prozac prescriptions per month

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5. 5. Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky was born in Moscow, which at the time was not the Capital of Russia. Dostoevsky's mother died when he was sixteen and he became a student in the Military Engineering School in the then-capital, St. Petersburg. ----- . And therefore, resigned his commission after just over a year. In later years, he became a radical socialist and, after having written two novels and some other shorter works, was arrested in 1848 and sentenced to death for his political activities.

A) Nevertheless he hated politics all his life
B) Being a patriot and a devoted member of the army was his greatest ideal
C) Dostoevsky was an emotional man so he tried to keep away from radicalist movements
D) However, after graduating, he preferred the idea of writing to working in the military
E) His other famous books are "Notes from the Underground" and "The Gambler"

6. 6 . A virus can be regarded as a self replicating program that spreads by inserting copies of itself into other executable code or documents in computer technology. _____. Extending this comparison, the insertion of the virus into a program is termed g "infection", and the infected document or code is known as a "host".

A) Hackers benefit a lot from entering bank computer systems
B) Therefore, a computer virus behaves similarly to a biological virus, which spreads by inserting itself into living cells
C) The first virus was created by an American in the 20th century
D) Some computer viruses can even do away with company or school computer networks
E) Nowadays, viruses are also named as worms and trojan horses

7. 7. _____. In Western medicine, all the ingredients are single compounds, making it much easier to quality control, and the mode of function can be analyzed. In Chinese medicine, however, because it is a mixture that is used, it is very difficult to investigate how it works. One of the ways that pharmaceutical companies are looking at bringing traditional Chinese medicine into line with Western Standards is to identify the active ingredients in the herbs that are used.

A) There may be some leading compounds to be discovered in Chinese medicine
B) Modern Chinese medicine rejects using mixtures since it has single compounds
C) European medicine is regarded as sophisticated but many researchers say— that~ the Americans have proceeded much further
D) Pharmaceutical companies have realized that traditional medicines tend to have a better effect on their area's local patients
E) In analyzing traditional Chinese medicine and' its Western counterpart, the main difference lies in identifying the active ingredients in the drugs

8. 8 . The olive is possibly the most important fruit of the Mediterranean and Near Eastern region so much that according to Greek mythology, it helped to give Athens its name. This was because when the gods Poseidon and Athena clashed over whose name the city would get, it was decided that the honour would go to the one who could offer the most precious gift to it. _____. The olive even gets important mentions in the religious books of the area. According to the Bible, after Noah's Ark is left high and stranded on a mountain, he sent out a dove, and when it returned with an olive leaf in its mouth, Noah knew that God's wrath had passed.

A) Today, the Mediterranean countries of Spain and Italy are the world leaders in commercial olive protection
B) Other important gods and goddesses in the period were Zeus, Hera, Artemis and Aphrodite
C) Poseidon offered a salt water spring, but Athena won with an olive tree
D) And Poseidon won the bet with Narcissus flower
E) But some people think this is just mythology and people who believe in it must be crazy

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9. 9. Argentinian author Jorge Luis Borges was born in Buenos Aires on 24 August 1899. His father was a lawyer, a psychology teacher, and an anarchist who was part of Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and British, while his mother was a translator of Spanish and Catalan descent. At his home, both Spanish and English were spoken. _____. And in fact he learned to read in English before Spanish. He grew up in a suburb of Buenos Aires called Palermo, in a large house with a comprehensive library, for which he began writing stories at the age of 6 .

A) Therefore, from early childhood on, Borges was effectively bilingual

B) But before that could happen, however, two tragedies had to be lived through

C) Borges embarked on his career as a writer there by publishing poems and essays

D) As a result, he was married to his Japanese-Argentinian personal assistant

E) Miquel de Cervantes' Don Quixote has long been regarded as a masterpiece by the Spanish

10. 10. The author Alfred Jarry is best known for his play King Ubu, in which the title character is a gross satire on bourgeois stupidity and greed. In fact, the character became so famous at the time that Jarry himself often pretended he was Ubu, especially in his later years. _____. He was, for example, the inventor of an "imaginary science" known as "pataphysics" and he also wrote an essay about a time travel machine.

A) One of his funniest short stories was the slightly scandalous story containing the life and death of Christ

B) Jarry, however, deserves to be known for other things as well

C) He was an alcoholic throughout all his adult life

D) Pataphysics -is -the- same-thing as quantum mechanics

E) Jarry was thus, an author of French origin

11. 11. Lichen are one of the few kinds of life that can survive in the mountains of Antarctica. These tiny plants live in small holes in the rocks. Outside, the extreme cold and strong winds do not allow any life at a il. _____. However, much of the time they are frozen. This fact means that the lichen function very slowly, and live a very long time.

A) Inside the holes, these lichen manage to find enough water and warmth to keep alive

B) Scientists believe that lichen may remain alive for only several years

C) Therefore, they never die

D) Because they're among the oldest forms of life on earth

E) Nevertheless they may not survive another Antarctic winter

12. 12. Sociologists and psychologists have argued for centuries about how a person's character is formed. The argument has long been known as "Nature versus Nurture", for the two main opposing theories. The first theory says that character is formed genetically before birth. _____. The other theory says, on the contrary, that a person's character is formed after birth.

A) herefore, the most important factors are cultural and environmental

B) Since the theoretical approach approves of none of them

C) According to this theory, nature - through genetics-determines what a person will be like

D) In this view, it's been claimed an individual's character-is-formed after he's born

E) As regards this theory; exercise is the best treatment

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13. 13. Money has not always been made of metal or paper. In many parts of the world people have used other materials. Precious stones, valuable cloth (silk), and rare spices (saffron) have all been used as money at times. But people have also given special value to other kinds of objects. For example, in Ethiopia, blocks of salt have been used as money. _____. In India and in North America, special kinds of shells have been used

- A)** The trader can lose the money, he invested
- B)** In America, the citizens used to barter one thing for another
- C)** Thus, that money was worth at least one dollar
- D)** Because money is a very important means of buying cheap things
- E)** In Malaysia, people have used large bronze drums

14. 14. _____. This expression can be true in a very literal sense. The Luo people from Kenya often cook and eat the leaves of a plant called black nightshade. This plant serves as an effective treatment for many stomach problems. The Luo eat it regularly from childhood and do not suffer any negative effect from it. However, when one American researcher ate just a small amount, she felt quite ill afterwards. In fact the plant contains a substance called solanine that can be poisonous.

- A)** There is a substance that benefits the digestive system in great amounts
- B)** African cuisine resembles to that of Asia in many ways
- C)** Now that pluralism has beaten communism, they say the next battle is between Islam and others
- D)** One man's medicine is another man's poison
- E)** In order to be healthy, you should have more vegetables in your diet

15. 15. Supermarket managers have all kinds of tricks to encourage people to spend more money. Their aim is to make customers go more slowly through the supermarket. _____. They also make the corridors near the cash registers more narrow. Then customers with large shopping carts will get stuck or have to slow down. In some supermarkets, the floor is even slightly uphill for people going towards the exits.

- A)** In this way, they decide not to buy anything more
- B)** That's why all the customers get angry and go home
- C)** They place colourful displays in surprising places to catch the customers' attention
- D)** The supermarket prices are really high in big cities if you want to rent one
- E)** But then they realized that things weren't going on like that

16. 16. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was a basketball star in the United States. When he was born in New York City in 1947, his parents named him Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor, Jr. He studied at the university of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in the late 1960s. At that time, he led the university's basketball team to three championships. _____. He changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. In 1969, Kareem began his professional basketball career as a center on the Milwaukee Bucks team. Later, in 1975, he joined the Los Angeles Lakers.

- A)** When he retired in 1989, Kareem held several all time records in basketball
- B)** He had also been named "most valuable player" six times
- C)** He had many difficulties during his childhood in Los Angeles
- D)** He provided a loving and stable home for his family
- E)** It was also during his college years that he converted to the Muslim faith



17. 17. Making orange juice concentrate from fresh oranges is done entirely by machines. First, oranges are dumped onto a moving belt. They travel into a machine which washes them with detergent. Next they are rolled into juicing machines, where seven hundred oranges per minute are split and squeezed. Then the rinds are thrown out the end of a long tube. _____. Next, the juice goes into another machine called the finisher. And the process is over.

- A)** Last, the juice goes into large tanks, where most of the water is removed
- B)** This hand-made nectar is then manufactured and put on the market
- C)** By the help of detergents and soaps the fruit is washed thoroughly
- D)** At the same time, the juice goes through small holes in the bottom of the tube
- E)** Finally, the seeds and other tiny objects are removed

18. 18. _____. Some people like to go for long walks in the forest, where they won't see anyone for days. Others prefer to spend their holiday in an exciting city. There they can visit museums, theaters, and good restaurants. Still others enjoy the fresh air at the seashore. They can spend their days at the beach and listen to the ocean waves at night.

- A)** A few people decide to stay at home and do some major household projects during the weekend
- B)** People have many different ideas about what makes a great vacation
- C)** Life in a small apartment would sound as terrible to many
- D)** There are many similarities between a sea-side holiday and camping
- E)** Working in a big company has many disadvantages

19. 19. Scientists believe that the earth's climate may be warming up. This trend probably began thousands of years ago. Many areas of the earth used to be covered with ice that has now melted. _____. Scientists think that part of the reason for this may be carbon dioxide pollution from industry and automobiles. The carbon dioxide mixes with other gases. This pollution covers the earth like a blanket and keeps it warmer. Another reason for the warming may be the fact that the earth is losing its forests.

- A)** Forests are an important part of the earth's system for keeping the air temperature cool
- B)** Therefore, violent storms cause damage and deaths all over the world
- C)** However, in recent years, the warming trend has speeded up
- D)** It's also important to keep yourself cool by wearing loose, light clothes
- E)** Now, millions of people live here and suffer from the floods

20. 20. The first guitarist to become known worldwide was Andres Segovia, born in 1893 in Spain. _____. Most people thought that the guitar was suitable only for popular music or folk music. Few classical composers wrote music for the guitar, and it was never included in classical concerts. But Segovia, a classical instrument, and he was a great musician.

- A)** Segovia used his genius to prove he could produce beautiful classical music with every instrument
- B)** The Spanish were glad to have such a great composer
- C)** Guitar was extremely popular in classical music at the time
- D)** Classical music contributed to guitar positively in making it worldwide
- E)** Before the 20th century, the guitar was not taken very seriously as a classical instrument



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21. 21. Many studies have shown that it is better to wear your seat belt when you are traveling in a car. Seat belts greatly reduce the risk of death or injury in an accident. This fact is widely recognized and many governments have passed laws requiring seat belt use. _____. Researchers have found several reasons for this. Some people feel uncomfortable with the seat belt. They are afraid of being trapped in the car in an accident. Others do not think that the seat belt can protect them. They believe that people have no power over their fate.

- A)** Therefore, people think that wearing a seat belt or not will make no difference
- B)** On the other hand, fate will decide whether one will have an accident
- C)** Some cars must now be equipped with seat belts
- D)** In this respect, it's unavoidable for the drivers to get injured or die
- E)** However, many people still do not wear seat belts

22. 22 , _____ , The main cause of this is loneliness. In the past, older people usually lived with other members of the family. They usually had responsibilities around the home. For example, older women could help take care of the children. And older men could help their sons at work. These days, married children often prefer to live on their own, sometimes ^ far away from their parents. Thus, m older people may be cut off from p family ties. They may feel cut off from g the world around them.

- A)** In industrialized countries today, >many elderly people suffer from depression
- B)** Some elderly people felt the world .has changed too quickly
- C)** The average age of the population of many countries is getting older
- D)** A great many elderly and lovely people would feel pressure on them
- E)** Businesses in a country must adjust to older customers

23. 23. In the past few years, scientists have found several new fuels to replace gasoline for automobiles. _____. It can be used in many cars in almost the same way that gasoline is used. Natural gas is another alternative fuel for cars. However, cars that burn this fuel must be equipped with special tanks of natural gas. A third alternative, and perhaps the best, is electricity. Cars fueled by electricity have no engine at all, though they do have to carry large batteries.

- A)** One of these fuels is methanol, a form of wood alcohol
- B)** Electricity fueled cars are the most striking ones
- C)** Unfortunately, there are only two alternatives to gasoline
- D)** In fact, gasoline was a very efficient form of fuel for vehicles
- E)** Cars fueled by solar energy are also popular, nowadays

24. 24. Both New York City and Paris depend on vast subway lines to transport their millions of commuters. In both cities, the subways are often crowded, especially at rush hours. Another likeness is the terrible noise level in the trains. A further similarity is that two subway systems both cover a wide area at little expense for commuters. However, the differences between the two are quite striking. _____. Many of the French stations are filled with works of art. In Paris, the subway trains are clean. On the other hand, New York's trains can sometimes be less clean.

- A)** New York trains also run every few minutes
- B)** Both trains are unreliable in terms of their rail system
- C)** While subway stations in New York range from plain to ugly, Paris stations are generally attractive
- D)** For example in New York, passengers are fond of eating sandwiches during their journey
- E)** Similarly French subway stations have less crime rate

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25. 25. When people move from one city or country to another, the spread of diseases may result. People often bring in germs which may not have been present there before. These new germs can spread quickly and cause previously unknown diseases. _____. They become ill more easily and die more often. In turn, newcomers may catch diseases which were not present where they came from.

- A) If they had gone back, they would have started an epidemic
- B) Such changes may result in enhancing conditions for people in big cities
- C) If a germ is completely new to a region, people have no natural protection against it
- D) Pollution can also lead to the spread of disease
- E) This infected bacteria can stick to ships, which then carry the cholera germs all around the world



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Answer Key:

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| 1: A | 14: D |
| 2: D | 15: C |
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| 4: E | 17: D |
| 5: D | 18: B |
| 6: B | 19: C |
| 7: E | 20: E |
| 8: C | 21: E |
| 9: A | 22: A |
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| 12: C | 25: C |
| 13: E | |

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This second paragraph completion test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **paragraph completion** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of paragraph completion.

1. 1. Shopping malls have produced a revolution in United States shopping and living habits in just 45 years. Before 1950, there were no malls, but now almost every city or region has at least one. In fact, shopping malls have become a part of daily life. Many people even think of them as social centers. We can say, malls have taken the place of main street. Shops and services which were once spread over several city householders can save time by doing their shopping at the mall. _____. And people young and old, with time on their hands, often say, "Let's go to the mall!"

A) Thus, such handicaps as transportation and location of the malls have limited the number of people who go to the malls
B) And these factors make the explanation why there are not so many people as there were in the past preferring shopping malls
C) Hence, you can always find any department you like in a mall
D) In a way, shopping malls have changed United States culture
E) Because every mall is surrounded by a large parking area

2. 2. In 1585, Sir Walter Raleigh tried to start the first English settlement in North America. _____. Many settlers became sick and others died of hunger or in battles with the Native Americans. When another ship came from England a few years later, the newcomers found that all the settlers were dead.

A) The settlers were not glad to see the native people
B) However, the settlement was not successful
C) Therefore, they all married Indians
D) The settlement had grown
E) He managed to fulfil the American dream in the best way

3. 3. Anthropologists used to believe that romantic love was invented by Europeans in the Middle Ages. By romantic love, they mean an intense attraction and longing to be with the loved person. _____. Others thought that it may have existed in some other cultures but only among the rich and privileged. Now, however, most antropologists agree that romantic love has probably always existed among humans.

A) It's not surprising, then, that stories of romance exist only in the Oriental cultures
B) Romeo and Juliet' is an unusual example of this
C) However, it has never taken place in history
D) Therefore, romance can be regarded as unnecessary as a literary type
E) Some anthropologists believed that this kind of love spread from the west to other cultures only recently

4. 4. _____. There are a number of reasons for this fear. One reason is that the patient cannot see what the dentist is doing. Another reason is that the patient, who is lying back, may feel very helpless. Social factors may also increase a person's fear. People may be influenced by the general belief that dentists are scary.

A) People like seeing the dentist's shiny instruments
B) Many people are afraid of going to the dentist
C) There is an ongoing research nowadays about why people do not like to brush their teeth very often
D) I, myself, do not like the idea of instruments in my mouth
E) Doctor visit is essential especially for the old every six months

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5. 5. Are you sometimes a little tired and sleepy in the early afternoon? If so, you are not the only one. Many people feel this way after lunch. They may think that eating lunch is the cause of their sleepiness. Or, in summer, they may think it is the heat. _____. At that time-about eight hours after you wake up your body temperature goes down. This is what makes you slow down and feel sleepy.

A) However, the real reason lies inside their bodies

B) They slept for one long period and then for one short period about eight hours later

C) Scientists have tested sleep habits in experimental situations

D) Therefore, lunch is alleged to be the sole reason for taking naps in the middle of the day

E) Many working people, unfortunately, have no time to sleep in the afternoon

6. 6. The use of electric automobiles in the future will help reduce air pollution. This was the conclusion of a recent study by experts of a large area in the northeastern United States. The area is highly urban and includes the cities of New York and Boston. At present, the air quality is poor. However, the use of electric cars could improve the situation. By the year 2015, there will be about 3,3 million electric cars on the road in the Northeast. ____.

A) If things go on like this, there'll be more pollution in the country

B) According to the study, this will mean 20-50% less pollution

C) That's why there has been a gradual increase in the number of cars on the road

D) Moreover, a sharp reduction of air quality in the northeast is expected

E) That is to say, our future does not promise us good news

7. _____. Dishes of uncooked fish, called sushi or sashimi, are prepared at most Japanese restaurants. Japanese cooks use many kinds of fish or shellfish for their dishes. Whatever kind of fish they use, however, it must always be very fresh. To prove that the fish is fresh, some restaurants will even serve fish that is still alive

A) Many Asians want to eat the unusual kinds of meat

B) Europeans prefer a fish cooked on a grill

C) The Japanese love to eat raw fish

D) Whole fish is only preferred by the seamen

E) There are three kinds of fish

8. 8. Where there are people, there are almost always mice or rats. This is true in all parts of the world. These animals can be a real problem. They eat or damage supplies of food. _____. Finally, they can carry many types of diseases to humans and other animals. Therefore, you should keep your home free of mice and rats.

A) Then, you must take measures to make them stay away

B) Another solution is to clean your clothes carefully

C) In this way, it tries to keep all the food at home

D) Eventually, they may wear out your accessories

E) They can also damage clothes and furniture in the home

9. 9. On a narrow avenue in New York City's "Little Italy" section in the early 1970s, hundreds of men, women, and children stood in long lines, wearing traditional Italian parade costumes- Many carried musical instruments which were stuffed behind ropes, with an occasional police officer present to keep them from running. _____. Director Francis Ford Coppola was filming a scene for The Godfather

A) Yet, this was no ordinary New York ethnic festival

B) What if a sociologist joined these spectators?

C) The movie seemed to be successful

D) Typically, when movies like this one are shot during the day, huge crowds can never be gathered to watch

E) But, the camera has not been placed yet



10. 10. There are several ways to locate and record important information as you read. Underlining the material on a page is quickest, but taking notes makes you reorganize the reading material into an easily understood form. Outlining helps you record the structure of the ideas in your reading. Summarizing helps you to grasp the meaning of what you read most fully and to restate that meaning in a concise way ____ .

A) Each of these study techniques helps you understand the material better the first time you read it

B) At first, you will often need to look back at what you learned from your reading

C) Therefore, the more active a study technique is, the more you'll like it

D) Hence, underlining the most important ideas will help you find rapidly what you read

E) These extra special marks will make you remember your thoughts

11. 11. Today, farmers in most of the industrialized countries grow cash crops. This means that they usually grow large amounts of only a few crops; such as soya, wheat, or corn. They sell these crops and use the money to buy what they need for their families and their farms. ____ . Most farmers used to grow lots of different kinds of crops. They sometimes sold some of the crops when there was extra.

A) However, they spend the whole money for their own needs

B) People in the city needed food, too

C) In the past, farming was quite different

D) They didn't grow soya in those days

E) Therefore most of the crops are kept to feed the farmer's family

12. 12. ____ . In the United States, it is the most expensive health problem in the workplace. In all, it costs people up to \$ 60 billion in medical expenses and lost working time. Back pain is bad for business as well. It is the cause of 40% of all lost work days. That means a total of about 93 million sick days a year in the United States. Doctors now believe that exercise is the best treatment for back pain. For this reason, some companies have started special exercise programs for employees.

A) People living in the big cities cannot find enough time for exercise

B) In the last few years, cancer cases increased so much that management departments of the big companies tend to employ specialised doctors in their firms

C) Employees who suffer from fatigue are allowed to rest more in their workplaces

D) Four out of five people suffer from back pain at some time in their working lives

E) Exercising too much may lead to many health problems especially if you are old

13. 13. The tendency to help others begins quite early. Many children become sensitive to other people's emotional states at a very young age. As they grow older, children's efforts at helping become more elaborate. Their helping behaviours often follow the examples set by those around them and are usually supported and encouraged by the norms communicated through the child's reference groups. In our culture, these norms result in praise and other rewards for helpfulness and scolding for selfishness. ____

A) Thus, an adult's tendency to help others appears related to numerous characteristics

B) Psychologists thought it unlikely that everyone in the neighborhood was helpful

C) The clarity of someone's need for help has a major impact on whether others provide help

D) Helping behavior is defined as any act that is intended to benefit another person

E) Eventually, just as they internalize, or adopt, other social norms, most children come to believe that it is good to be helpful



14. 14. The first step in reading for specific information is to look for the main idea. _____. In a longer work, you add up the main ideas of the various paragraphs in order to figure out the main idea of the whole selection. But the main idea does not give you all the information you need. Facts and details may appear within the paragraphs you read and help develop the main ideas of the paragraphs.

A) In a one-paragraph selection, you gather all the sentences to find the main idea

B) To make the best use of these facts and details, you have to be able to remember them

C) And they may all be found out at the beginning, in the middle or at the end of the paragraph

D) Readers used to separate major facts and details from the minor ones in order to determine the topic

E) A course that requires several books may demand different kinds of reading for those several books

15. 15. To read well, you need a strong vocabulary. To build a strong vocabulary, you need to read well. These sentences are a paradox. _____. Together, they state the challenge facing anyone trying to improve reading skills. In order to read confidently, you have to know many words. Yet the best way to expand your knowledge of words is to read often. As you improve your skills in one, you improve your skills in the other.

A) Most of us have vocabularies that allow us to read widely from the everyday sources of information that surround us

B) That is, they seem to express . opposite points but, nevertheless, are both true

C) The first step to take in improving your vocabulary is to recognize that it is not possible for you to know the meaning of every word you see

D) But often you really need to find out exactly what these two words mean

E) Then, why don't you learn to use the context?

16. 16. The amount of time people spend researching, checking prices, visiting stores and seeking advice from friends tends to rise in proportion to the value of the product they're thinking of buying. _____. So why are some people now walking into car showrooms and ordering a vehicle without even asking for a test drive? Or turning up at an electrical store and pointing out the washing machine they want without seeking advices from a sales assistant? Welcome to a new style of shopping shaped by the Internet.

A) Some companies are already adjusting their business models to take account of these trends

B) People should be careful about what people around them think of their new properties

C) A new car is one of the biggest purchases people make, and buyers typically spend four to six weeks mulling over their choices

D) If you look at the internet's wider influence over what people spend their money on, then the figures escalate out of sight

E) According to America's Online Publishers Association, more than 90% of people aged between 18 and 54 say online purchasing was a wonder of the 20th century

17. 17. The sheer number of vehicles on the roads of Western countries hugely lessened the appeal of driving. _____. Meanwhile, the country's road network has expanded by nowhere near as much. With increased traffic density has come tougher speed regulations. Motorists with what was described jauntily in the 1960 s as a "brisk" driving style are increasingly feeling the heavy hand of the law closing over their driving licences

A) Driving a car was no longer a liberating, life-enhancing experience

B) When the magazine started in 1997, there were 156 track days for cars in London

C) But the interest in driving has been decreasing gradually throughout Europe

D) A famous American company had opened a car factory by 2001 in Dallas

E) In Britain, traffic density has grown by over 7% during the past couple of decades



18. Dogs acting as guides for the blind are now a familiar sight in most cities. _____. In 1982 an innovative programme was established to provide deaf adults with dogs to alert them to sounds in the home such as the doorbell, alarm clock, telephone or smoke alarm. Instead of barking, they use a paw to gain attention and then lead the deaf person to the sound source.

A) Many blind people who have dogs say that they will find confidence and make new friends

B) The practical value of a hearing dog is immediately obvious but the • therapeutic value should not be underestimated

C) Less familiar are "Hearing Dogs For Deaf People" but in Britain more than such 600 animals exist

D) Although the programme is expensive to run, it has clearly made an enormous difference

E) The deaf person also needs time to adapt to the dog with the help of the trainers

19. Running out of exotic places to visit or more extreme thrills for an even bigger adrenaline rush? _____. When it arrives, space tourism will offer the ultimate in bragging rights. If things go as planned, flights into suborbital space ought to be more or less routine within three years-at least for those ready to stump up the \$200,000 fare. But despite the price, the jostling to be jostling to be front of the queue has already begun.

A) Space ship One is a rocket ship that's carried to a high altitude beneath the belly of a mother jet

B) By the time the missions begin, many wealthy businessmen will take their turns for the flights

C) Out of those billions of people on the planet, very few have actually ventured across the boundary between the Earth's atmosphere and its surrounding space

D) For those who can afford it, a wholly new travel experience is coming up over the horizon

E) The craft is what is known as a suborbital vehicle

20. _____. Programme selection becomes easier with a menu of channel options displayed on the screen-like the index of track titles on a CD. Digital systems in general are also more robust than their analogue equivalents-for instance, a CD or DVD player can make an old scratched disc work as well as a pristine one. A DTV receiver can do similar tricks by ignoring, say, signals that arrive late at the antenna after reflection from tall buildings. On an analogue set, such reflections create "ghost" images on the screen.

A) Digital television has many advantages

B) Television broadcasters are great fans of digital transmission

C) Viewers do not care whether their ' favourite television show arrives at their television set as binary digits or analogue waves

D) A DTV has its downsides in terms of its discouraging expense, its huge size and its demanding luxuries on the other furniture around it

E) When you play a CD, the digital music you hear is being delivered at a rate of 1,4 megabits a second

21. Today, there are many options for travel. The poor travel by bus or, rather, they used to is one of them. If you don't mind arriving in Peoria, Illinois, in the middle of the night at some crime-ridden downtown terminal, there is no cheaper way of criss-crossing America. Nowadays, the poor travel is by air. Low-cost airlines are great for those on a tight budget. But in Europe and Asia, the premium way to travel today is by train. _____.

A) With low-cost airlines multiplying like rabbits, the options and the prices are remarkable

B) No self-respecting businessman in Frankfurt, Paris or Osaka would dream of enduring the tedium of even first-class air travel if there were an express train available to get him to his destination more quickly

C) Therefore, cars can no longer compete on journeys of more than 200 miles with the airlines

D) Americans will have to put up with the air shuttle, motor car or rattly old train

E) Nevertheless, predictions that speeds of 300 mph will soon be common and are being made by engineers in Asia in some leading rail companies



22. 22. _____. In fact we still find lightning thrilling and fascinating. It is now also an important area of research for scientists who are trying to uncover its secrets and are looking for ways to predict storms and protect people against lightning strikes.

- A)** In the eighteenth century people were given dramatic proof that lightning really can strike the same place twice
- B)** It's not surprising that people in the past were afraid of lightning and thought that it was a sign of anger from their gods
- C)** In March 1993, Florida and other states of America were struck by driving blizzards-and severe lightning storms
- D)** Even the most advanced forecasting systems can sometimes be caught out when the weather springs one of its surprises
- E)** Many people - including scientists - claim to have seen ball lightning and are in no doubt about its existence

23. 23. Over the past 3500 years different civilisations and cultures across the world have created at least 700 different forms of writing. To our eyes most of these scripts look quite distinct, and people who can read only one script cannot understand another. _____. Nearly all of them originated from just four sources; the ancient scripts of Egypt, Mesopotamia, China and Mexico.

- A)** This made it possible for central governments to organise large populations and economies
- B)** There is, however, still a lot of controversy about which of the four ancient scripts came first
- C)** With it came the ability to keep administrative records and pass messages over long distances
- D)** Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs in fact combined pictograms with logograms
- E)** However, if the evolution of the world's writing systems is traced back through time, things become clear



24. 24. Greed, desire, anguish and devotion all played a part in the development of the tulip from a wild flower of central Asia and the Caucasus to the worldwide phenomenon it is today. When merchants first brought it to the flower markets of Europe, it caused a sensation. Thousands of intensely competitive tulip growers' societies opened in England in the nineteenth century. _____. Holland was another setting for perhaps the most mysterious of the events. What might be called "Tulipmania" engulfed the country and has puzzled historians and economists ever since

- A)** Other buyers, taking the advice of contemporary alchemists, laid powdered
- B)** The Dutchman Carolus Ciusius created a tulip collection so fine that he couldn't bring himself to sell it
- C)** There is no denying that the flower had an eventful history full of mystery and drama
- D)** Tulipmania is supposed to have ended when the firm brought an end to the three years of frenzied trading in the flower
- E)** On the other hand the tulip became the ultimate status symbol in much the same way as a fast sports car might be today

25. 25. Two epic poems are attributed to Homer, the Iliad and Odyssey. Ranked among the great works of Western Literature, these two poems together constitute the prototype for all subsequent Western epic poetry. Scholars tried to analyse the two works by various tests, usually to show that they were strung together from older narrative poems_____.

- A)** Recent evidence suggests that the Iliad is the work of a single poet and Odyssey belongs to a poet who lived slightly after the author of the Iliad
- B)** Modern scholars generally agreed that there was a poet named Homer who lived before 700 B. C, probably in Asia Minor
- C)** Therefore, the study of Homer is required of all Greek students
- D)** In this way, Homer's heroes are worshipped in many parts of Greece because of their courage
- E)** Every scholar in Greece agrees that no other poet has been able to surpass Homer yet



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This third paragraph completion test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **paragraph completion** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of paragraph completion.

1. 1. We owe the name and the concept of Atlantis to Plato. It was first mentioned in his dialogues Timaeus and Critias, where he claims to be reporting a conversation that had taken place between his ancestor, Solon, and an Egyptian priest. The dialogues tell us the overwhelming of a culture by a catastrophe which by modern chronology would have occurred about 9600 BC, at the end of the last Ice Age. _____. Therefore, it's hard for archaeologists to believe that it's fictitious and this has given rise to a host of speculations about where Atlantis might have been and even to expeditions aiming to discover , vestiges of the civilisation itself.
- A)** Nevertheless, the story doesn't appeal to the logical reader
- B)** Atlantis was said to have been under the Atlantic Ocean in the accounts of Plato
- C)** In the dialogues, epic voyages in primitive craft proved that they could have sailed immense distances simply by drifting with the current
- D)** Atlantis was destroyed by a group of primitive huge creatures which had human intelligence but a body of a monster
- E)** The account is so realistic that you can even read a detailed description of the geography, architecture and social life of an advanced civilisation

2. 2. Every year about two and a half million animals are used in scientific experiments in Britain. The number has fallen in the last few years but it still provokes the vigorous opposition of defenders of animal rights. The scientists who carry out the experiments justify them by the argument that thousands of people owe their lives to medicines and techniques first evaluated and made safe by animal testing; in their opinion, the benefit for humanity outweighs the inevitable suffering inflicted on animals. _____. Their contention is that animals have feelings, like us, which ought to be respected.

- A)** However, some thoughtless people are against this because they don't care for human life
- B)** Logically, each side cites the aspects of the case, likely to have the greatest impact on uncommitted public opinion
- C)** Then, it may be a better idea to make use of the findings of similar research in other countries
- D)** Animal rights activists, on the other hand, believe that they should never be subjected to experiments
- E)** The government demanded from the scientists to obtain as much information as possible from experiments

3. 3. _____ It's the piece of paper listing previous qualifications and experience. Increasing reliance on paper qualifications and the multiplication of the number of qualifications now available have led to a situation where this particular qualifications list and its presentation are an essential first step towards getting one's foot in the door of a job.

- A)** In most of the job applications people tell lies or they pretend that they have passed all the subjects in examinations that they've failed
- B)** Almost everyone who applies for a job these days must expect to attend an interview but whether or not they should have curriculum
- C)** Companies are employing professional assessors to find out in the course of interviews whether candidates can substantiate their claims
- D)** If you have failed to keep any job for very long, link a number of them together to suggest they all formed part of the same job
- E)** Many people prepare some documents related to their past before a job interview

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4. 4. Cosmology is the scientific inquiry into what the universe is like. By making assumptions that are not contradicted by the behaviour of the observable universe, scientists build models, or theories, that attempt to describe the universe as a whole, including its origin and its future. _____. Then the model must be modified or discarded. Cosmologists usually assume that the universe, except for small irregularities, has an identical appearance to all observers. This unproven concept is called the cosmological principle.

- A)** In this way, they can examine the background of the events
- B)** These theories explain us how or when we came into being
- C)** They use each model until something is found that contradicts it
- D)** They can speculate on our future by using several equipments during the observation
- E)** Immortality of the universe has been proved through these observations

5. 5. While it can be argued that the early Victorians invented Christmas, reinvented would be a more accurate expression. _____. In fact the idea that Christmas should be a time for feasting and merrymaking can be traced back to pagan festivals like the Roman Saturnalia, predating Christianity itself, and the traditional Christmas pudding, containing nuts and raisins, was already on the menu two hundred years ago. The family in a Christmas Carol were following tradition in having goose for their dinner, though turkey has now taken its place as the cornerstone of the feast

- A)** Because many of the features of the modern Christmas are much older
- B)** In the Victorian period Christmas was celebrated just in the family and nobody else was invited
- C)** Therefore like Christmas -Carols were also first invented in this age
- D)** Christmas tree and Santa Clause are all imported from Germany
- E)** Since it's been too recent for the Christmas to celebrate Christmas

6. 6. "Aborigines" are the first or original inhabitants of a country. The Australian Aborigines have been living in Australia for over 40,000 years. At one stage in their history, there were possibly over a million Aborigines. _____. Today, only about 100,000 survive. Although some still lead a traditional life in the remote and desert areas of the Australian outback, many now live in poor conditions in cities and towns.

- A)** The Aboriginal people know there is a long way to go before they win back their land
- B)** The huge rock, in the centre of Sydney, is of great importance to them
- C)** They are leading a luxurious life in their palaces in the biggest cities of the country
- D)** It is clear that there has been a sharp increase in their population
- E)** However, when the first white settlers arrived in the 18th century and stole their land, many Aborigines died fighting to protect it

7. 7. Before a child is 14 years old, he or she views 11 thousand murders on TV. He or she begins to believe that there is nothing strange about fights, killings, and other kinds of violence. Many studies show that people become more violent after watching certain program. They may even do the things that they saw in a violent program. _____. After it appeared on TV in the United States, twenty-nine people tried to kill themselves in a way similar to an event in the film.

- A)** A lot of children like watching horror and action movies including violence
- B)** Such movies as Harry Potter, The Ice Age. Shrek and Finding Nemo are among the films the children in the USA enjoy watching
- C)** Today even cartoons and animations have violence in them
- D)** An example is the effect of the movie "The Deep Hunter"
- E)** Children are affected by the amount of violence they watch on TV.



8. 8. Most of the world is changing rapidly. However, some North American Indian leaders - called elders - do not want to give up traditions, their old ways. Technology does not impress them. Progress is not always good. _____. Therefore, they keep the stories, the religion, and the traditions alive.

A) These native people of Canada, the United States, and Mexico want to teach their children the old ways, their history and culture

B) However, they can easily adapt to technological improvements

C) Written literature kept on the computer is the way they prefer rather than teaching orally

D) Because they even borrowed from others' cultures via internet

E) And this makes them fairly open to the new developments in science

9. 9. _____. Wherever they go, people turn out in the thousands to greet them. The crowds go wild trying to catch a brief glimpse of their smiling, colourfully-dressed idols. They transported in their chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royces, private permanent entourage of managers, press agents, and bodyguards. Photographs of them appear regularly in the press and all their comings and goings are reported, because, like royalty, they are news.

A) A man working in a steady job and looking forward to a pension at the end of it has no right to expect very high rewards

B) The financial rewards the famous actors receive for the sacrifice they do cannot be calculated

C) Pop stars today enjoy a style of living which was once the prerogative only of royalty

D) Most of the singers well-known all around the world say that they feel lonely because people ignore them

E) For every famous star, there are hundreds of others struggling to earn a living

10. 10. For many years, people living in remote areas relied on the Sears or Montgomery Ward's catalogues to purchase the necessities of life. These "wish books" as they were often called, helped people improve the quality of their lives. Nowadays, every household in the country receives a barrage of various catalogues selling everything from electric golf carts to padded coat hangers. _____. But so often these items are just superfluous, absurd trifles.

A) Rather than improve the quality of our lives, such items detract from it by wasting our time and money

B) The descriptions of these items suggest that they, too, will help improve the quality of our lives by providing convenience, comfort, and / or shortcuts to improve our appearance

C) Unfortunately, some of these clever items that claim to save time might actually end up making us waste time

D) All these items, whether they are designed to help us in the kitchen, comfort us in the bathroom, or improve the way we look and feel, are for the most part unnecessary

E) Cluttering up our coffee tables and end tables were those stacks of catalogues offering much more such useless trifles

11. 11. Many people assume that music is mediated solely in the right brain. That is not so. It is true that the right brain recognizes chords and melodies and seems to mediate pure and slow tones. _____. Fast music, such as bluegrass, requires judgements about sequencing and rhythm, and for this the left hemisphere lends its services

A) However, the left hemisphere is also involved in music

B) As a result of this, the right brain cannot be dominant in listening to music which is not slow

C) Both halves of the brain are involved in our mental activities such as solving a puzzle

D) When words are involved, again the right brain dominates

E) The two hemispheres have acted as partners in language and communication



12. 12. A wise person thinks about the results of simple actions. He or she thinks beyond the situation and into the future. Part of being wise is intelligence. _____. In this way, he or she can easily communicate with people. A wise person is also someone who mulls causes and outcomes of his or her movements over is a wise.

- A)** Then a wise person doesn't have to use a polite language with people
- B)** This is what most people look down on
- C)** Another component of it is understanding people well
- D)** But sometimes people who have standard intelligence may do wise actions
- E)** Only intelligence can lead one to being wise

13. 13. In almost all major cities of the world, there are homeless people. _____. Most of them do not have jobs because of the bad economic situation in the country. Their families can no longer take care of them because of bad economy, so they live on the streets. Taking care of these homeless people is a serious problem because of their increasing numbers for many cities and countries.

- A)** It can be observed that there is a sharp decrease in their population
- B)** However, almost all of them led a luxurious life in their bygone days
- C)** They constitute only a small part of the whole population, so they can be ignored
- D)** In cities such as Moscow, New York, and Warsaw, homeless people live in parks, railroad stations, hallways, or any other place they can find
- E)** Nobody wants to be homeless in a big city

14. 14. Gasoline comes from oil; oil is the raw material from the Earth that is used for many important products. _____. In other words, petroleum is a nonrenewable resource. When the supply of this important raw material is gone, there will be no more.

- A)** It had been the basic material used for the construction of weapons in the army
- B)** However, the world's supply of oil, petroleum, is running out
- C)** The oil stock in the world today is sufficient and there is no risk for the future
- D)** Without this vital raw material, there can be nothing regarding technolog
- E)** Thanks to God, it seems we'll have no problems in finding oil in the future

15. 15. . For example, customers see advertisements in magazines and newspapers. They often see television ads or hear ads on radio. Sign along roads are advertisements. It is not unusual for people to get advertisements in the mail. However, manufacturers are always looking for the best form of advertising. They know that the best ads demonstrate products.

- A)** In industrialised countries people are in short of raw material
- B)** A television makes its money from the price people pay for it and also from the advertising it carries
- C)** Advertisement companies are thought to be unimaginative by the employees
- D)** Mass media is a phrase often used to describe ways of giving information and entertainment to very large numbers of people
- E)** Manufacturers have various ways of advertising products



16. _____. In neurotic anxiety the person fears that his instincts will get out of control and cause him to behave in ways that will be punished. In moral anxiety the person feels consciencestricken or guilty about unacceptable things that he feels he has done or even contemplates. Both neurotic and moral anxiety are derivatives of reality anxiety, the fear of real dangers in the external world.

A) When anxiety can't be handled by realistic methods, the organism resorts to unrealistic defenses

B) The sequence of events in panic attack has been external danger, perception of danger and reality anxiety

C) In the psychodynamic view, the defense mechanisms of people are primitive and desperate

D) Anxiety differs from other painful states because the patient has a quality of consciousness during the attack

E) Freud distinguished three kinds of anxiety

17. _____. However, new technology may soon make this possible. Cars will have computers to tell drivers which roads have the least traffic. That way the drivers will not waste time in traffic jams. There will also be less pollution because the car engines will be running less. These new cars will be known as "smart cars."

A) There hadn't been any such vehicle running with water ever to have been invented

B) According to the recent statistics, pollution caused by car engines will result in chaos

C) Most of the car manufacturers have been in a harsh rivalry to produce more advanced cars than each other for a long time

D) Have you ever dreamt of driving in such a car that you can fly in?

E) The idea of a car that knows where to go may seem impossible

18. One hundred and thirteen million Americans have at least one bank-issued credit card _____. They give their owners automatic credit in stores, restaurants, and hotels, at home, across the country, and even abroad, and they make many banking services available as well. More and more of these credit cards have magnetic strips on the back which can be read by automatic tellers, making it possible to withdraw or deposit money whether or not the local branch bank is open.

A) Actually the card adds little to people's benefit in practice

B) Computer is relied on more by manufacturers nowadays

C) Such a technology helps physicians and others in health fields to monitor patients' conditions

D) These small plastic rectangles have truly remarkable abilities

E) Then, "cashless society" is not on the horizon. It's already here

19. When people first began to try to fly in the 18th century, they used hot-air balloons. However, it was not really possible to control the balloons. They went wherever the wind was blowing. The idea of a real flying machine remained a dream for a long time to come. _____. That year Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first successful flight in an airplane.

A) The two brothers who managed to fly across the Atlantic Ocean wrote a scientific book about flying experience over the Atlantic Ocean

B) People couldn't fly in a modern vehicle until the twentieth century

C) The dream finally came true in 1903

D) The years between 1900 and 1910 were very important for the airplane industries in Europe

E) The balloons have been used as an entertainment means in the world



20. 20. In order to answer some questions about life, we have to consider the different development rates of various animals. We know, for example, that mammalian lifespans vary from a few weeks to more than a century. But is this a "real" distinction in terms of a mammal's own perception of time and rate? Does a rat really live "less" than an elephant? ____ . The heart beats more rapidly and metabolism proceeds at a greatly quick rate. In fact, for several criteria of relative time, all mammals live about the same amount.

- A)** Then all living things involving people would breathe about the same number of times during their lives
- B)** Laws of scaling dictate that small, warm-blooded animals live at a faster pace than larger relatives
- C)** Our methods of measuring time were not appropriate for all human beings
- D)** Human biology often provides a poor model for the struggles of other organisms
- E)** So why do we put the rats in zoos as well?

21. 21. ____ . Because of this, they were known as "prize-fighters". However, boxing was very crude, for there were no rules and a prize-fighter could be seriously injured or even killed during a match.

- A)** One of the most colourful figures in boxing history was Daniel Mendoza
- B)** The use of gloves was not introduced until 1860
- C)** The Marquis of Queensberry drew up the first set of rules in 1862
- D)** This sport was adored by rich and poor alike
- E)** Boxers fought with bare fists for prize money

22. 22. Editors of newspapers and magazines often go to extremes to provide their readers with unimportant facts and statistics. Last year a journalist had been instructed by a well-known magazine to write an article on the president's palace in a new African republic. ____ . The article began: "Hundreds of steps lead to the high wall which surrounds the president's palace." The editor at once sent the journalist a telegram instructing him to find out the exact number of steps and the height of the wall.

- A)** The journalist immediately set out to obtain these important facts, but it took him a long time to send them
- B)** From the initial sentence to the last full-stop, the article will be perfect enough to satisfy the readers, especially the editor
- C)** When the article arrived, the editor read the first sentence and then refused to publish it
- D)** However, the journalist sent, the editor a telegram in which he informed the editor that he had been arrested
- E)** The new president will not allow the journalist to count the number of the steps in his palace

23. 23. Pumas are large, cat-like animals which are found in America. When reports came into London zoo that a wild puma had been spotted forty-five miles south of London, they were not taken seriously. ____ . Because the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar.

- A)** Therefore, the hunt for the puma began in a small village where a woman picking blackberries saw "a large cat" only five yards away from her
- B)** However, as the evidence began to accumulate, experts from the zoo felt obliged to investigate
- C)** So the experts were now fully convinced that the animal was a puma
- D)** It's disturbing to think that a dangerous wild animal is still at large in the quiet countryside
- E)** The hunt has been going on for several weeks, but the puma has not been caught



24. 24. There was a time when the owners of shops and businesses in Chicago had to pay large sums . of money to gangsters in return for "protection". If the money was not paid promptly, the gangsters would quickly put a man out of business by destroying his shop. _____. As long ago as the fourteenth ' century, an Englishman, Sir John Hawkwood, made the remarkable discovery that people would rather pay large sums of money than have their work destroyed by gangsters.

A) The police tried hard to cover up these gangsters' illegal activities

B) When he died at the age of eighty, the government gave him a state funeral

C) Paying "protection money" is very popular in the United Kingdom today

D) Obtaining "protection money" is not a modern crime

E) He has been regarded as a noble gangster since the last decade

25. 25. _____. She was carrying 1316 passengers and a crew of 891. Even by modern standarts, the 66.000 ton. She was a colossal ship. At that time, however, she was not only the largest shio that had ever been built, but was regarded as unsinkable, for she had sixteen watertight compartments. Even if two of these were flooded, she would still be able to float. The tragic sinking of this great liner will always be remembered, for she went down on her first voyage with heavy loss of life.

A) The great ship, Titanic, sailed for New York from Southampton on April 10th, 1912

B) Catherine Manshfield was the creater of the biggest voyager with the most modern standards

C) 1500 lives were lost iri the tragic and shocking crash in the Atlantic Ocean

D) The captain realized to his horror that the plane was falling rapidly, for both of its engines had already been broken

E) The cry waters of North Atlantic have caused many disatraus events that will never be forgotten



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1. 1. This year, oil exporters could haul in \$700 billion from selling oil to foreigners. This includes not only the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) but also Russia and Norway, the world's second- and third-biggest earners. _____. In real terms, this is almost double their dollar surpluses in 1974 and 1980 when Russia's hard-currency exports were tiny.

A) The IMF estimates that oil exporters current-account surplus could reach \$400 billion, more than four times as much as in 2002

B) Relative to their economies, the oil producers' current-account 0 surpluses are far bigger than China's

C) The combined current-account surplus of China and other Asian emerging economies is put at only \$188 billion this year

D) The rise in oil prices represents a big redistribution of income from those who buy oil to those who produce it

E) If oil exporters spend their bonanza, they import more from other countries and thus help to maintain global demand

2. 2. "Information wants to be free," according to a celebrated aphorism from the early days of the internet. _____. As search-engine firms and others unveil plans to place books online, publishers fear that the services may end up devouring their business, either by bypassing them or because the initiatives threaten to make their copyrights redundant.

A) The cost of digitising a book can be as low as 10 cents per page, and as much as \$100 per book

B) Yet this ethos has been creating new headaches recently

C) For readers, the idea of being able to access the knowledge on a single device seems a benefit of mythic proportions

D) A digitisation initiative dating back to the 1970s, currently boasts over 17,000 books in around 45 languages

E) This summer, European nations backed a "digital library" plan to place literary works online

3. 3. Across the Himalayas there is what seismologists call a "slip deficit" -a lack of earthquakes to release the stress that is known to be accumulating. _____. Nevertheless, Roger Bilham, of the University of Colorado, says it is doubtful that this quake released more than one tenth of the cumulative energy stored there. Furthermore, in the past half-century the Himalayan region has seen fewer powerful earthquakes than might be predicted from historical records.

A) Nevertheless, Kashmir is seismically active on both sides of the border, with many regular, though less damaging, quakes

B) In recent years, Pakistan has not . suffered as greatly from earthquakes as its neighbours in the Himalayas

C) The Kashmir quake was in just such a region, where a great earthquake was overdue

D) Its biggest earthquakes in living memory occurred in Quetta in 1935, with 30,000 deaths

E) In 2002 in the Astore region, 100km north of Muzaffarabad, large earthquakes made about 16,000 people homeless

4. 4. Two years after the end of the first world war, America passed the Jones Act. _____. The war had convinced lawmakers of the need to foster a home-grown fleet for use in times of conflict or national emergency. In 1944, while a more modern war still raged in Europe, governments meeting in Chicago took inspiration from the Jones Act while laying down the regulations that would govern international air transport. These were crafted to safeguard the vital strategic role of each country's "flag carrying" national airline.

A) This restricted the shipping of goods between home ports to American-owned vessels

B) This is the latest in a series of attempts in recent years to unpick the anti-competitive -measures that were put in place in Chicago

C) And restrictions on foreign ownership of airlines, in the name of national security, have prevented the competition that has preserved the vitality of other industries

D) On Monday November 14th, a new round of "open skies" negotiations is set to begin between Europe and America

E) For decades, arcane rules on routes and frequencies have distorted the market for aviation

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5. Benjamin Franklin, one of America's founding fathers, wrote that "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." _____. What precisely are the essential liberties which, when given up, make a liberal society unworthy of the name? In Franklin's own country, as well as in Britain, Australia and elsewhere, these questions are proving particularly vexing to policymakers trying to deal with terrorism.

A) The Pentagon issued new guidelines on prisoner interrogations, in an implicit response to the abuses at Baghdad's prison

B) Some of the government's other proposals are perhaps even more controversial than detention without charge

C) He presaged an argument that is raging almost two and a half centuries later

D) Ministers had argued that 14 days' detention without charge was too short to assess lots of complex and classified evidence

E) Britain's prime minister, Blair, announced that "the rules of the game are changing" and proposed new security measures to Parliament

6. For two weeks, France has been gripped by unrest that began in one suburb north-east of Paris, later spreading around the capital's periphery and to scores of cities across the country. In scenes that have rocked the country and are broadcast nightly on television, more than 6,000 vehicles have been set alight; over 1,500 people have been arrested. By Friday November 11th, the violence had subsided in many of the worst-hit areas, though sporadic incidents were still being reported in Paris, Toulouse and elsewhere. _____.

A) Across the road, riot police face a group of hooded youngsters outside the treeless estate of Les Tarterets

B) This rapid domino effect reflects two broader failings and two policy problems

C) The bleak high-rise estates that encircle the French capital have long been neglected in more ways than one

D) It is the worst social turmoil the country has seen since the studentled unrest of 1968, and the government has appeared powerless to contain it

E) Physically removed from the elegant tree-lined boulevards of central Paris, they house a population that is poor, jobless, and, mostly, of north African origin

7. In recent weeks, the world's public health officials have been afflicted with a sort of pandemic of meetings about bird flu. _____. Plans were hatched for how best to respond to the threat from a virus that is threatening poultry around the world and which, it is feared, may trigger a pandemic of human flu.

A) In the short term, international agencies such as the WHO, the FAO and the DIE say they need about \$80m to respond

B) Much of this culminated, this week, in a meeting of officials from nations at the headquarters of the WHO in Geneva

C) Everyone seems to agree that the ; best strategy for dealing with the threat of a human pandemic is to control flu in birds

D) Countries such as Japan have reacted quickly to eliminate outbreaks of highly pathogenic bird flu

E) It is increasingly clear that the world's richer nations will have to pay for these countries to raise their capacity in these areas



8. 8. The airlines are constantly pressing the manufacturers to produce large and medium-sized aircraft that can fly anywhere in the world non-stop. Gradually they are getting what they want, particularly with the latest Boeing and Airbus 250-300 seaters on the way. _____. If flights like that become common, Emirates, with its giant planes and global hub, would be flying in the face of conventional wisdom.

A) That is why there is strong interest in some of the upcoming airline orders from the ones that Boeing hopes will come its way
B) The airlines are expected to opt for large wide-bodied jets such as the latest version of Boeing's 777 preferred by Emirates
C) The key-thing about- these new subjumbos was that they had been suited for short flights
D) A Boeing 777 has taken off from Hong Kong to fly to London, covering 20,300 kilometres and flying for 23 hours, to set a new record
E) In particular, Emirates has ordered no fewer than 45 of Airbus's A380, with operating costs promised to be 15-20% lower than today's 747s

9. 9, One of the more interesting ideas to emerge from America's soulsearching after the turn-of-the-century corporate scandals is that its leading business schools may have neglected to teach students about the moral dimension of being a CEO. _____. Harvard, Stanford and others have since scrambled to introduce business-ethics classes, but for any aspiring boss not fortunate enough to attend.

A) Instead, they focus on management mainly as a science of numbers
B) Unlike most of the finger-waggers who berate CEOs these days, Mr Hindery has been one himself
C) The book recounts how Disney .B bullied Miramax, into dropping "Fahrenheit 9/11", a controversial Michael Moore documentary
D) On the positive side, they argued that CEOs should have tried to make a difference to society beyond making a return for shareholders
E) Realistically, it is boards of directors and large shareholders who have the power

10. 10. _____. Iraq's former ruling minority had many reasons to dislike the document's contents -the federal system split the country, they said, and allowed oil revenues to be distributed unevenly to benefit the Shia- and now they have reason to contest its legitimacy. Even before the election, some American and British officials said they were dreading this kind of result, which could stoke rather than pacify the insurgency.

A) Sunnis wanted to put forward various proposals at a national reconciliation conference sponsored by the Arab League
B) However, opportunities still exist to bring the Sunnis into the political process
C) Iraq now has a constitution supported by large majorities of two of the three main ethnic groups, the Shia Arabs and the Kurds, but rejected by the third, the Sunni Arabs
D) The adoption of the constitution and December's elections brought an end to the succession of short-lived transitional governments
E) As a result in a last-minute deal aimed at getting the Sunnis on board, the constitutional drafters added a mechanism to review and amend the constitution in the first half of the new year

11. 11. Erectile dysfunction (ED) is a common problem in the United States, with a prevalence of 52 percent in men 40 to 70 years of age and an increase of 5 percent per decade after 40 years of age. There seems to be a cure for the dysfunction. _____. Although improvements in sexual function appear to be related to quality of life, the relationship between quality of life and successful treatment of ED has been difficult to ascertain.

A) It is the sildenafil (Viagra) which has been shown to be effective for ED
B) Additional outcome measures were response to other aspects of the measures of sexual function
C) Patients were randomized to sildenafil or placebo
D) Studies indicate that ED is common worldwide
E) The study outcome has been a change from baseline score



12. 12. Like most students, Emily was juggling a full schedule of classes. But in the middle of her junior year, she became overwhelmed by her normal routine. She rarely went out. Now a 30-year-old retail analyst. "Even though my eating habits hadn't changed, I kept gaining weight." At first she chalked it up to the winter blues. _____.

- A)** Her doctor prescribed a recipe, and within a few weeks her energy levels improved
- B)** A butterfly-shaped gland in her neck has occurred
- C)** Most women aren't diagnosed as easily as Emily
- D)** And then she met Adrian, her husband for the next 20 years
- E)** But then a routine test at her yearly checkup showed something different: hypothyroidism

13. 13. During the earliest stages of life, when an embryo consists of fewer than a dozen or so cells, _____ Each embryonic cell is, in the jargon of biologists, totipotent: It has the ability to give rise to cells that make up the eyes, the liver, the brain, or any other part of an adult animal. Yet as an embryo develops, cells lose this ability.

- A)** scientists have dismissed this idea of nuclear equivalency.
- B)** does a nucleus retain the know-how to construct an entire organism?
- C)** the genes inside every nucleus have their fullest potential.
- D)** this gradual specialization of cells poses a provocative question
- E)** most experts irreversibly alter their DNA.

14. 14. Jane Addams was a peacemaker even when she was criticized for her views. She taught, wrote, and lectured about peace both nationally and internationally. Before World War I, Addams was probably the most beloved woman in America. In a newspaper poll that asked, "Who among our contemporaries are of the most value to the community?" _____

- A)** But she never changed her mind.
- B)** Addams was second, after Thomas Edison.
- C)** Addams's reputation gradually was restored during the last years of her life.
- D)** When she opposed America's involvement in WW I, newspapers called her a traitor.
- E)** Have you ever believed she was right about something?

15. 15. _____. Even as a young man, Patrick Henry had that kind of influence in the American Colonies. Born in 1736, Henry, a natural leader and a brilliant speaker, believed in individual rights and independence from the British government. As a young lawyer, he astonished his courtroom audience in 1763 with an eloquent defense based on the idea of natural rights, the political theory that humans are born with certain inalienable rights.

- A)** With war against Britain looming, Henry proclaimed, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"
- B)** The idea of natural rights is central to the Declaration of Independence
- C)** As the first governor of Virginia, Henry continued to have profound influence on the development of the new nation.
- D)** Have you ever heard someone speak so passionately that the speech moved you-to do something?
- E)** Known as the Bill of Rights, they guarantee certain freedoms, such as the freedom of speech and religion

16. 16. Business diversity is associated with walking trips. Having four or more different types of businesses in a neighborhood significantly increased the number of walking trips among residents. This is probably true because of added convenience _____.

- A)** A greater number of four-way intersections was also associated with more walking
- B)** The effects of housing density had been mixed
- C)** Neighbourhood age, and block length aren't associated with walking
- D)** Residents are able to accomplish multiple routine errands in a single walking trip and thus may drive less
- E)** Children living in close-knit neighborhoods are less likely to be overweight than children who don't



17. 17. Midsize organizations producing live performances face the most serious financial strain. Either they will have to become larger and more prestigious -which many lack the resources to do- or they will have to cut their budgets and become more community oriented, using local talent to keep costs down._____.

- A)** These trends could also have affected the quality of performing arts in the future
- B)** Firstly the public that attends live performances has remained stable
- C)** Those that are not able to adapt may disappear
- D)** The population purchasing recorded performances had been growing
- E)** The young is comfortable with entertainment delivered by the Internet

18. 18. One problem with Bing Bang theory is explaining how the stars and galaxies were formed. _____Gravity alone cannot cause this in a smooth universe, and so something had to supply the initial gravity that allowed galaxies to form. Physicists suggests that dark matter WIMPs (weakly interacting massive particles) accomplished this task Since WIMPs only affect ordinary matter gravitionally, physicists say this dark matter could be the seed of galactic formation.

- A)** Gravity is strong enough to stop the expansion eventually and pull everything back to a single point.
- B)** If matter initially was distributed evenly in all directions, what caused it to clump together in some regions and from stars and galaxies?
- C)** Then, a great explosion resulted in the universe being formed
- D)** However, the gravity of the galaxies seen in this image is strong enough to contain the glowing hot gas.
- E)** The Bing Bang theory tries to explain how the universe was formed.

19. 19. Magic is used to overcome and help the good. However, it is portrayed as a positive element to be used in our daily life. _____This emphasizes asserts that can be resolved through human willpower and effort. In this case, there is the possibility to believe in socery's power, and thereby be drawn into helplessness and pessimism and forgetfulness of Divine Power.

- A)** As a result, they use their father's cars without permission, lie to cover up incidents
- B)** Thus, all daily behaviors are associated with magic
- C)** There had been a new wave of increasing violence in children's films, books and toys
- D)** Children, to- whom we one day will hand over the future, can be saved only in this way
- E)** However, it is implied that black magic is used for murder and death

20. 20 . _____. Some plants, such as cactus, are able to store large amounts of water in their leaves or stems. After a rainfall these plants absorb a large supply of water to last until the mesquite, have extraordinarily deep root systems that allow them to obtain water from far below the desert's arid surface.

- A)** Most people think of deserts as dry, flat areas with little vegetation and little or no rainfall
- B)** Desert plants have a variety of mechanisms for obtaining the water needed for survival
- C)** Many deserts have varied geographical formations ranging from soft, rolling hills
- D)** Deserts are dry, flat areas with few plants which need no water
- E)** Many kinds of vegetation can survive with little water



21. 21. Although science and technology have never been humanity's first need, it is wrong to reject them in favour of some idealistic philosophies. _____. What is more important here is who controls science and what goals they are serving. In the hands of few irresponsible individuals, science might make the world into a hell, whereas no one has ever been hurt from a gun in the hands of an angel. Science and technology are desirable as long as they serve human values, bring peace and happiness, contribute to international harmony, and help solve humanity's material and spiritual problems.

A) We must praise scientific research and the outcomes of technological innovation

B) If they move away from these goals, the world is better off without them

C) At most, doing so would be an utopia

D) Since the Renaissance, humanity has designed amazing innovations

E) We cannot comprehend the advantages and disadvantages of such a world

22. 22. In English there are many different kinds of expressions that people use to give a name to anything whose name is unknown or momentarily forgotten. The word gatget is one such word. _____. In everyday use, the word has a more general meaning. Other words are also used to give a name to something unnamed or unknown, and these words tend to be somewhat imaginative.

A) It was first used by British sailors in the 1850's and probably from French

B) Some words are used to name something when the name is not known

C) Not every language has all words original

D) The word "Geomorphology" includes the surface of the earth

E) English language has some troublesome words difficult to be pronounced

23. 23. Blood plasma is a clear, almost colorless liquid. It consists of blood from which the red and white blood cells have been removed. It differs in several important ways from whole blood. At the very beginning, plasma can be mixed for all donors and doesn't have to be from the right blood group, as whole blood does _____.

A) Blood cells have been taken out of blood plasma

B) Most patients are transfused with blood plasma

C) So, there are huge differences between plasma and whole blood

D) Apart from that whole blood can't be dried and stored, while the other can

E) Plasma portion of the blood is generally more important to the patient than other parts of whole blood

24. 24. Penguins are the most highly specialized of all birds for marine life. They swim entirely by means of their flipperlike wings, using their webbed feet as rudders. Their stiff feathers serve as insulation, and are waterproof when oiled. Since their legs are set far back on their bodies, they waddle awkwardly on land often travel by swinging on their bellies over the ice as they migrate sometimes great distances. Underwater they can swim up to 25 miles (40.3km) per hour as they pursue the fish, squid, and shrimp that form their diet. _____. This results in weight losses of up to 1 lb (33.8 kg) during the two-month incubation period.

A) The largest penguins, the emperor and the king (3-4 ft / 91.5-122 cm in height), incubate their eggs between their feet in a fold of skin

B) Penguins are highly gregarious, and a population density of half a million birds

C) They do not eat while on land, subsisting on a layer of fat under the skin

D) There are 17 species of penguins, 10 of which are considered endangered or threatened

E) Their chief enemies are the leopard seal, killer whale, and skua gull



25. Singapore possesses all the ingredients for traffic disaster. The Island city-state has a large population, a limited land area, booming economic growth and one of the highest automobile densities in the world. _____. Yet, Singapore's traffic moves smoothly. Much of the explanation lies in sound urban planning and an effective mass-transit system.

- A)** All Singaporean citizens face two extra charges or taxes when buying a car
- B)** The Singaporean government doesn't care about the air pollution caused by traffic
- C)** Despite all efforts, car sales in Singapore increased in 1991
- D)** Singaporeans are sympathetic to the government's goal of keeping traffic moving
- E)** In other rapidly Asian metropolises, like Bangkok, such conditions have wreaked bumper -to- pumper in the streets



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| 7: B | 20: B |
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This first situational expression test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **situational expression** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of situational expression.

1. 1. Your cousin is upset since he's getting no job satisfaction. He thinks his salary is also rather low, so he's going to resign immediately. You feel he's behaving foolishly. You advise him caution and say:

A) You'd better be cautious and resign right away
B) This idea doesn't sound very sensible to me. But if you want it, do it.
C) I wish I could help you finding a job, but I can't.
D) I suggest you hang on to this job while you look around for something better, or you may be landed with something worse.
E) Why don't we set up our own company?

2. 2. Last weekend you went to a recital given by a very famous pianist with high expectations, but you were very disappointed after seeing his performance. Today at school when asked if you'd enjoyed it, you answer:

A) It certainly didn't come up to my expectations.
B) It was marvellous. I'm going once more this weekend.
C) It was awful as you didn't come with me.
D) The pianist was in every respect, superb.
E) I didn't like it at all since it was too crowded

3. 3. You're now working in a scientist's team and doing fieldwork in the mountains. Nevertheless, your work has often been hindered by the inconvenient weather conditions. You're now apprehensive that it may not be finished on time. Since this cannot be permitted, you say to your friends:

A) In my opinion, it doesn't seem to be rational to carry on with our work.
B) I'm afraid we're behind the schedule owing to the adverse weather conditions: therefore we must make a much greater effort.
C) In spite of the bad weather, the work goes ahead as planned beforehand.
D) The unfavourable weather conditions have affected our work very little.
E) Despite the rainy weather, we've done too much so far.

4. 4. On your way home, somebody asks you where a certain post office is. You only know vaguely where it is. On the other hand, you want to be as helpful as possible. So you say:

A) Go ahead the street. Then turn left and you'll see it on the right.
B) You'd better not ask everybody such difficult questions
C) I'm sorry but I can't help you since I'm really very busy at the moment.
D) It's very near here. You can see it when you take the first turning on the right.
E) I'm not sure but I don't think it's anywhere near here. In fact it may be in the downtown.

5. 5. You want to go to the cinema with one of your friends. But he has a project to finish and so doesn't have time for the cinema. You insist and persuade him in the end. When you watch the film, you realize that the story is meaningless and the acting is bad. You feel you should apologize and say:

A) I know the film is not good but still it's better to be here than be at home, isn't it?
B) I seldom go to the cinema so don't put the blame on me.
C) I think the story is perfectly good; whereas the actors are rather amateur.
D) I'm really sorry but believe me, if I had known the film was such a nonsense, I wouldn't have dragged you here.
E) I can't understand why you've liked this film so much

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6. 6. You've been waiting for long in a queue in front of the bank on a rainy day. A large woman pushes you and walks before you in the queue. You really get very furious and you approach the woman and say to her in the loudest and angriest voice that you can manage:

A) Where on earth did you learn such kind of behaviour?

B) Is this the right queue for the bills?

C) Excuse me, but would you mind giving your turn to me?

D) That really wasn't a very nice thing you did back there, you know.

E) It's really nice to see you again after all these years!

7. 7. Your boss has invited you to his house for a barbecue party which you expect to be extremely boring. You decide to talk to your boss about this. You approach him and say very frankly:

A) Can I bring my wife too? You know she's fond of barbecue.

B) Will you be coming with me or shall I endure all the torture by myself?

C) I want to apologize to you since on that marvellous day I'll be out of town.

D) It was great last time you invited us, why don't we call the people from other offices?

E) I know how important this special organization is for you. But it'll be extremely boring for me.

8. 8. You lost your mobile phone in the university dormitory very recently. You don't care for the phone itself but what's important for you is the list of telephone numbers that you'll be needing. Therefore, you hang a paper on the notice wall, saying:

A) I've lost my mobile phone. Please inform me about it.

B) I've found a mobile phone on my way home. Please consult me if you want to take it back.

C) I've lost my mobile phone and I'm desperately in need for the numbers in it. Whoever found it will be awarded generously if they bring the numbers to room 325.

D) I've just lost a very expensive mobile phone. It has a spiritual value for me, too since it was a gift. Please bring it to room 215.

E) If you've found a colourful mobile phone, don't try to operate it; as soon as you work it, it'll explode in five seconds!

9. 9. While you're walking to work one day, you see a blind woman standing at the traffic lights. She obviously wants to walk across the street but she seems to get confused of the car horns and crowd. And nobody helps her. Hoping to help her, you approach and ask in a polite manner:

A) Excuse me, madam, but I was wondering whether I could be of any assistance.

B) Why are you still waiting? Don't you see the cars have just stopped?

C) The lights are red now, why don't you stop and wait, you old woman?

D) You're too passive. Be active and jump into the street!

E) You look so miserable! Is it because you're blind?



10. 10. You're preparing for the university entrance exams and decided that you want to study foreign languages. But your parents are of the idea that foreign languages don't promise a wealthy future. Namely, it's not a good career planning. Nevertheless, you've t-already decided and you're so determined. You tell them forcefully by saying:

- A)** Why are you insisting on science? I prefer engineering.
- B)** It's not yet certain I'll pass the exams, so it's no use talking about these.
- C)** I haven't decided yet; if you were in my position, what would you do?
- D)** I'm just determined and I'm going to study what I want to study and this is my final decision.
- E)** I think you speak too early. We'll wait and see

11. 11. One of your friends has asked you to take care of her pet while she's abroad. Unfortunately her dog is a spoiled and noisy one. You actually don't want to accept but on the other hand, you don't want to hurt your friend by refusing her. Trying to conceal your reluctance, you say:

- A)** I'm afraid I'm not that patient to look after it.
- B)** You know I have a husky at home, and it may give harm to yours.
- C)** Sorry but why are you always giving such responsibilities to me? Do I look stupid?
- D)** I want to help out you so much but do you have any suggestions for keeping him silent?
- E)** You know how busy I am. Can't we postpone your travel for a while?

12. 12. Your cousin has his second English exam for this term tomorrow. You feel that this exam is very important for him. But he's been suffering from headache since the morning and very upset for this. You want to soothe his apprehensive feelings and remind him that he'll have many other chances during the lessons other than exams. Trying to encourage him, you say:

- A)** Your headache seems far from getting well. I'm so sorry for you.
- B)** I'm sure you'll recover from your headache soon and show yourself in class.
- C)** What a pity! You've studied day and night for this one, now you won't pass it.
- D)** You'd better see a doctor otherwise you can never succeed in the exams.
- E)** You must take a lesson from this; if you had looked after yourself, you wouldn't be sick now

13. 13. You've just arranged a job interview with the manager of a well - established firm. When you arrive there, you approach the officer at the reception and tell her politely the reason for your presence:

- A)** Excuse me, I can't find the interview room.
- B)** Do you know where the other applicants are?
- C)** Good morning. I'd like to ask you if m I'm in the right place for the is! interview?
- D)** I'm sorry but wouldn't it be better to ^ set up a better organization for the >< interviews?
- E)** Good afternoon. I'm John Melbourne W and I'm here for a job interview with .g Mr Dawson.

14. 14. You've planned a trip up to the mountains with your wife for Sunday. On Saturday night, you watch the weather report and see that heavy rain is predicted. You get disappointed and you at once talk to your wife and say:

- A)** It seems as if we may have to postpone our trip to another day.
- B)** If I were you, I'd prepare an umbrella.
- C)** Being together is important then who cares about the rain?
- D)** Did you put the jumpers in the suitcase?
- E)** Darling I've changed my mind. Under such favourable weather conditions, why don't we go for a picnic?



15. 15. You're going to theatre with some friends who are regarded as the most popular students at school. You have an extra invitation and you want to give it to a newcomer girl who is shy and rather introvert. But your friends are against this. So as to persuade your friends, you say:

A) This new girl is really weird! And I don't want to waste my time with her.

B) Why don't we give her a chance? Perhaps she can accommodate with the atmosphere.

C) Do you think we should invite this new girl, too?

D) What's your problem? Why do you always object to whatever I say?

E) Let's give my ticket to the new girl; I don't want to come at all.

16. 16. You are a university student and you're staying in a dormitory room with your best friend. One day, in the middle of the night you suddenly wake up because of a nightmare. And since you're afraid, you ask your roommate to switch on the lights. You say:

A) Do you mind if I switch on the lights? You seem to be horrified.

B) I don't know what my problem is. I'm always like this nowadays.

C) Would you mind turning the lights on as I'm a bit scared?

D) Why are you looking at me like that? I just had a bad dream.

E) If I turn on the television, I'll feel better. Don't worry about me.

17. 17. Your English literature teacher has given you term homework about Shakespeare. You don't know much about him, but you have an aunt who is also a literature teacher, so you go to see her and hopefully you try to learn whether she can recommend any resources. You say:

A) Have you got any supplementary materials on background reading for Shakespeare?

B) The teacher has given me a really boring study. What do you think?

C) Have you heard of anybody called Shakespeare, because I haven't?

D) Would you mind writing an essay for me about Shakespeare? I'd be grateful.

E) My new assignment is Shakespeare's life, isn't it interesting?

18. 18. You have an assignment on a pretty new subject matter. You need some original resources. Therefore, you go to the library but discover that the books you're looking for have been taken out. As you can't finish your assignment without those books, you say to the library officer:

A) I can't find the book I've been looking for some time. You have to find and bring it to me.

B) Why did you give my books to a stranger? What will I do now?

C) I'd better change the subject of my assignment. What do you think?

D) Excuse me. I'd like to reserve some books for when they're returned.

E) You could have found the books I'm looking for if you had wanted

19. 19. You're attending a private course on Maths. You're very content with the course and your maths teacher. Your cousin is attending another course in the downtown. Yours is a little bit far away from your cousin's house but you persuade her to come to same course as you. But suddenly the maths teacher changes in your course, instead a terrible one in teaching comes. You know how your cousin feels about this. You try to make a reasonable explanation for this situation defending yourself. You say:

A) Okay, I'm very guilty. Now you can do whatever you want to me.

B) I'm very sorry about this. I know you're blaming me, but how could I have known there would be such a change in the course?

C) If you want, we can leave the course and go back to yours so that we can have a fresh beginning.

D) It's your fault to have come here. You were always complaining about the low quality of your former course.

E) Your maths was already terrible. Even if we find the best teacher, you can't succeed in maths.



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20. 20. On your way home you see a woman who seems to have got lost. You want to help her. So you approach her and say:

A) Excuse me, ma'am. I thought you were looking a little apprehensive. Can I help you?

B) Hello. No matter how courageous you are, you can't find your way here.

C) I wonder why you look so sad!

D) I'm sorry; could you help me to find my way? I think I'm lost

E) Pardon me; I'm very glad that I ran into you today. Shall we have a meal together?

21. 21. Your father has lost his job due to the recent economic crisis. He was a successful architect. Now he feels rather sad. You know how qualified he is, so as to comfort and encourage him, you say:

A) This crisis has made many people homeless or jobless.

B) Why don't you understand the company's financial situation? They must have many other problems more important than you.

C) If I were you, I would sue the company because of this foolish decision.

D) I feel pity for you and you should feel it for yourself. You've lost such a good past for nothing

E) Please, don't be so upset. I'm certain an architect having your qualifications can find a job easily

22. 22. After some hours with you studying, your student finally managed to get even the most difficult structures in English. You want to compliment on her. You say;

A) I can't understand why you need so much time to understand these basic things!

B) Well done Martha. These were really difficult grammatical points but you got them all.

C) After so many hours with me, it is normal that you've learned English.

D) You have no problem but reading. And you have to study much more to achieve it.

E) What's the matter with you? Are you stupid or don't you study enough

23. 23. Since your elder son is so much looking forward to owning a pet animal, you decide to buy him one. You go to a pet shop and choose a Siamese cat for him. After a moment's consideration, you change your mind about buying a cat, and tell the saleswoman politely:

A) Well, I really love cats especially beautiful ones, but I have to look for a less expensive one.

B) Don't you have the Iranian ones? They're much prettier than this one

C) It may not be a good idea after all. I think he'll get tired of it in a few weeks.

D) Is there another pet shop near here where I can find different ones?

E) I don't know what I'm doing here. I must be stupid. I can get infected in this little shop.

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24. 24. One of your colleagues is giving a party today. And you'll go to that party. Your mother is wondering if your girlfriend, Melinda, is coming, too. You are cross with Melinda but you have a hunch that she will be at the party tonight. You tell your mother:

- A)** I know she'll come to the party and we'll have a wonderful time
- B)** I wonder it, too. But it's a Weak possibility for me to see her there.
- C)** Why do you ask it? Don't you know I broke up with her?
- D)** I don't care at all and most probably she won't come.
- E)** Mum, I think she'll be there. After all, she loves me.

25. 25. Your best friend, Norma has bought a new purse. She's showed it to you and you like it very much. Moreover, you've learned that she paid next to nothing for it. You want to buy the same purse as hers. You say to her:

- A)** Where can I get the same purse for free?
- B)** You know my financial situation. Could you help me a little?
- C)** Although it's inexpensive, I didn't like its colour
- D)** You must have got a bargain. I want a purse as cheap as yours. Where did you buy it?
- E)** I'd like to have one but they are very expensive.



Situational Expression Advanced Level Test - Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers)

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Answer Key:

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| 1: D | 14: A |
| 2: A | 15: B |
| 3: B | 16: C |
| 4: E | 17: A |
| 5: D | 18: D |
| 6: A | 19: B |
| 7: E | 20: A |
| 8: C | 21: E |
| 9: A | 22: B |
| 10: D | 23: C |
| 11: B | 24: E |
| 12: B | 25: D |
| 13: E | |

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Situational Expression Advanced Level Test - Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers)

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This second situational expression test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **situational expression** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of situational expression.

1. 1. You've got a new job. You need this job very much because you've been looking for it for a few months. On your first day, you're late for work. Rather apprehensive about this, you say to your boss:

A) I'm sorry for coming late. I really fear that I may create a bad impression by this.
B) I'm absolutely overjoyed to have come so late.
C) I feel uneasy about what will happen to me now.
D) If you'll get angry with me because of my arriving late, I'd rather quit the job.
E) I'm disappointed with my first day at work, so could-you please soothe me?

2. 2. You're a university student in genetic engineering faculty. You really want to be a great scientist and have Nobel one day. When you get a rather low mark from one of your exams, your professor says that you can never fulfil your dream of being a great scientist. You say to him determinedly:

A) I'm very set on becoming a great scientist and you can't change this.
B) I've already made up my mind to leave the college so don't worry!
C) I'm determined to pursue this matter at all costs!
D) I didn't know that my capacity was so insufficient.
E) You're right, I think. I'd better give up dreams!

3. 3. You're not at all satisfied with the way your mobile phone has been serviced. Therefore, you take it back to the repairman and say to him:

A) You want quite a lot of money, but you do a good job.
B) I'm certain you must have worked here for a long time. It can easily be understood from your work!
C) You worked hard on my phone and I'm extremely content with it.
D) I haven't had the chance to get my mobile phone serviced for a long while. Can you have a look at it tomorrow?
E) I must say I'm rather upset about the way my mobile phone has been performing since it was last serviced by you. Please check it again

4. 4. One of your friends has just lost his job. And he doesn't have courage to apply for a new job. You want to encourage him and also want to give him some confidence to arrange some job interviews. You say:

A) not up to the standard for the criteria the firms are looking for.
B) A lot of people have already made their interviews for good positions, I think.
C) While you're thinking here, the jobs wouldn't wait for you.
D) You don't stand much a chance but perhaps you can be accepted to a moderate job. Why don't you try it?
E) It seems to me you've got many right qualifications. Why don't you apply for a job? Even if you're not accepted, there's no harm done.

5. 5. A friend of yours has been drinking heavily for a few years and clearly this is seriously affecting his health. You want to warn him and say:

A) Are you an alcoholic or what?
B) Your health is swiftly deteriorating; thus you'd better give up alcohol.
C) I presume it's only in critical periods you drink so much!
D) I don't understand why, after all these years, you drink so heavily
E) I think you have psychological problems and this affects me in a bad way.



6. 6. You are telephoning about a job advertisement you have seen in the newspaper. You would like to arrange an interview with the director. Her name is Mrs Perkins. You say;

A) I want to see Mrs Perkins on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, ok?
B) Mrs Perkins wants to interview me next Monday
C) I would like to arrange an interview with Mrs Perkins, please
D) When can I see Mrs Perkins about an interview?
E) Today, I'm coming for my job interview.

7. 7. A friend bought you a shirt for your birthday. You like it very much but it is too big for you, so you take it back to the shop and politely ask to change it. You say:

A) This is a nice shirt but it doesn't fit, so I'll have a different one.
B) This shirt is too big for my friend; please give me a different one.
C) Do you think this shirt is too big for me? If so, I want to change it.
D) Do you have this shirt in a smaller size? I would like to change it, please.
E) You'd better change this shirt or I'll call the police

8. 8. You are a science teacher in a public school. You are taking visitors to the laboratory to see how your experiment has been set up. It is important that no one touches anything. You say:

A) Regarding the experiment, let us keep in touch.
B) If you want to touch anything, be sure it is safe.
C) It's essential that nobody touches anything related to the experiment.
D) I'm certain no one has touched anything.
E) Please keep away from the experiment area.

9. 9. Unexpectedly, you are called in for an important meeting and, therefore, cannot keep your appointment with the doctor. So you call his secretary and say:

A) Tell the doctor to telephone me when he returns
B) I'm sure the doctor has left a message to you, concerning my appointment,
C) I think many patients will cancel their H appointment today.
D) This is Mary Wilson. I'm afraid I have to cancel my 4 o'clock appointment with the doctor.
E) Concerning my appointment, I'll be late for some time

10. 10. You are at an art exhibition and have just met the artist. You want to express your appreciation of his works. You say:

A) I'm really very impressed with your paintings
B) I understand most of your paintings are for sale.
C) You must have at least over forty paintings on exhibition.
D) I like your works but I don't like you at all.
E) My father has bought one of your earlier paintings

11. 11. Your brother comments on how old . your bed is. You are already aware of it and have been putting aside money for a new one. You say:

A) Yes, I know. It is second-hand
B) I have enough money, don't worry about it.
C) Oh, come on please! It isn't that old
D) It may be out of fashion but I like it.
E) I know. I'm going to buy another one soon.

12. 12. Your friend has invited you to her house for dinner. When you see her, you want to say something nice about her appearance; you say to her:

A) I liked your dress; you really look gorgeous in it.
B) Your scarf doesn't go with your handbag.
C) Everything is wonderful except your clothes!
D) Are you crazy? Why did you wear such an awful outfit?
E) Your shoes look as if they had been borrowed.



13. 13. You are in a shop and paying what you've bought. You've realised that the salesman has made a mistake while counting the money. He's trying to give you more than it should be as change money. Despite the fact that the mistake is to your advantage, you think you must warn him. So you stop him and say:

- A)** You've overcharged me, please correct your mistake.
- B)** I'm sorry, but you've charged me for eight items and I only have seven.
- C)** Excuse me, but this sweater is 2.90 pounds, not 3.90.
- D)** You're the most careless boy I've ever seen.
- E)** Hey! Why don't you pay more attention to your job? You're being paid for this!

14. 14. You arrange to meet a friend of yours tonight. Unexpectedly, your boss goes abroad and you're requested to give him a lift to airport. You call your friend and say:

- A)** I'm afraid we can't arrange an appointment for tonight as I will go abroad.
- B)** I'm sorry but my boss wants to see me at the airport today
- C)** I regret cancelling our appointment, let's meet tonight.
- D)** Such things occur everyday, why did you get so angry for the cancellation?
- E)** Sorry for not keeping my promise for the night, but I must accompany my boss on his way to airport

15. 15. You visit your English teacher first time. In her flat, you see her library consisting of English novels numbering around a hundred. Expressing your astonishment, you say:

- A)** You must like reading
- B)** I think it's time you stopped wasting your money buying such useless things.
- C)** I wish I had so many books, too.
- D)** What a large collection of books!
- E)** Ma'am did you borrow all these books?

16. 16. Your boss has written your name down for another position which requires more effort. You don't think it will contribute much to your present situation. And also you don't want to work longer hours due to your age. You refuse it politely:

- A)** I hope you won't get annoyed if I refuse this kind offer.
- B)** I'm in two minds about whether I should accept it or not.
- C)** I'm terribly sorry but I think I won't be able to maintain this new position since I don't feel energetic enough.
- D)** Why did you choose me for this position?
- E)** Don't you see that I'm too old to cope with it?

17. 17. Your roommate in the dormitory borrowed your shoes without asking your permission. When she brought them back, you saw that they're dirtier than usual. Now, you're really angry and you want to warn your friend. So you say:

- A)** Oh! Come on! It's okay, everything will be all right soon.
- B)** How on earth can you do such a thing?
- C)** Don't worry. There's nothing to get annoyed.
- D)** Sorry but why did you do that?
- E)** Your irresponsible behaviour has irritated me a lot so you'd better not do this again.

18. 18. You own a shop in the downtown. While you're checking the records on the computer, you see that one of your customers has failed to keep up with the instalments. Thus, you send a note to remind him of this in a kind manner so, you say:

- A)** I'd like to remind you that there are a few instalments of you which you haven't paid for yet; if it's possible could you please pay for them?
- B)** Don't forget to pay for your instalments; next time I'll go to the court.
- C)** My advice would be for you to pay all your debts
- D)** I'm rather doubtful about the future of your payments, but if I were you, I'd pay for them.
- E)** The fact that you've been so negligent in this matter makes me angry.



19. 19. One of your friends has been chosen as a candidate for the coming elections. If he's chosen, he'll be the new representative of your city. You find his possibility to be elected representative rather weak. You want to declare your opinion without hurting him. So you say:

A) To be honest, I have to say I'm very pessimistic about the elections
B) I'm really very sorry but in my opinion it's impossible that you'll be elected representative.
C) Don't give it up please; you have still chance to be chosen
D) I anticipate success on behalf of you in this particular enterprise for the coming elections.
E) I regret to say you this because you're quite a qualified person for this post but the likelihood of your being elected representative seems rather remote to me

20. 20. You've been invited to a party given by the history club of your school. In fact you're very pleased to be invited by them since you're not a member of the club. But on the same day you're going to celebrate your brother's graduation from the university with your family. You want to refuse the invitation kindly. You say:

A) Much to my regret, I will be unable to attend your party since I'll be out of town for business
B) Owing to a prior plan, I'm afraid I won't be able to attend your party. But thank you very much all the same.
C) I can't tell how sorry I am. Please forgive me.
D) You have my whole-hearted support; however, I have to reject your offer.
E) I want to come to your party but I'm not still certain about whether I can come or not.

21. 21. In an exam at school, the student sitting next to you is copying your answers. You're rather angry for this behaviour but also don't want to hurt your friend. You say politely:

A) I can tell you, what you want.
B) You're such an idiot. Stop that!
C) If you really need it, go on copying.
D) You're so foolish to understand me.
E) Could you please stop looking at my papers and get involved in your own exam?

22. 22. You're at home and accidentally broke your mother's favourite vase. You feel guilty. You want to be honest and confess it to your mother. In an apologetic manner, you say:

A) I regret to tell you that I've broken your vase, mummy.
B) Mum, somebody has broken the vase, but I promise I'll find who he is.
C) I can repair your vase, mother.
D) Okay, I broke it, it was already too old and out of fashion
E) I can buy you a new vase if you like it so much

23. 23. You are with your friend in a shop. Suddenly, you see him taking a CD and putting it in his pocket. You hate such spoiled behaviours. You want to warn your friend. Determinedly, you say:

A) Why don't you leave it and take the other one?
B) Why did you take that CD? You don't have a CD recorder.
C) My advice to you would be to earn your own money.
D) If you do that again, I'll never forgive you.
E) I'm really apprehensive about you.

24. 24. You've been given two invitations for a concert that isn't open to general public. The singer is very famous and as one of your friends is a fan of him, you decide to ask her to join you; you call her and say:

A) The concert we're going to is sure to be very crowded, so let's be there early.
B) I've got two tickets for Tarkan concert. I thought you'd be interested. Can you use these tickets?
C) There is a private Sezen Aksu concert coming up. I have two invitations for it and thought you might like to come along with me.
D) I'm sure you would have enjoyed the concert. It's a pity you couldn't attend.
E) Would a concert be of any interest to you? If so, I can send you an invitation.



25. 25. You see some foreigners in the street. You think they are tourists. They're carefully studying on a map and really look confused. You know your city very well and want to be of some assistance. You go near them and say:

- A) Do you like our country?
- B) Can we practise some English?
- C) Isn't reading that map difficult for you?
- D) I suppose the museum you're looking for is on Çankırı street
- E) If you tell me where you want to go, I can give you directions.



Situational Expression Advanced Level Test - Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers)

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Answer Key:

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| 4: E | 17: E |
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Situational Expression Advanced Level Test - Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers)

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This third situational expression test contains 25 multiple choice questions on the topic of **situational expression** of English language. Both English learners and ESL teachers can use this online exercise as a revision to check the knowledge of situational expression.

1. 1. When you are in a hurry, preparing to leave for work, a nice university student knocks at your door and asks you to participate in his social research for his graduation thesis. You check the time and notice that you are about to miss the train to be at work on time. You don't want to offend him but reject his request by saying:

A) Oh, please come in. I am always glad to be a part of such studies
B) I can answer your questions if it's only a few minutes
C) Oh, I've already missed the train anyway. How can I help you?
D) Can't you see I'm in a hurry? I don't want to be late for work. Piss off!
E) I'm afraid. I cannot help you. I'm late for work. Come some other time

2. 2. Your son has just moved to a new school which he must attend to at least for a semestre and on the first day of the school he telephoned you to say that he is very lonely since he hasn't got any friends. You're trying to comfort him and you say:

A) I can't bear your nonsense complaints anymore.
B) Boys don't cry, my courageous son. Be strong and stay still.
C) Have you tried talking to anyone yet?
D) The first days are all the same. Don't worry; you will make friends as time passes. I trust you.
E) If you didn't like that school, we could change it immediately, my dear?

3. 3. You have a student who is in her last year of high school education. This year she's going to graduate and she wanted some help from you regarding her future job choice. She likes to work on her own and she's interested in ideas. She likes to be free and also she's fond of reading. While leading her you say:

A) If I were you I would be a model. You're beautiful enough
B) I see you want to be the centre of attention.
C) In my opinion, a stage job-like being a film star-would suit best to you.
D) Why do you ask such superficial questions and waste my time?
E) I think you have the capacity to be a prominent writer one day.

4. 4. Your friend has some problems with her boy friend. She consistently complains that her boyfriend always brings his best friend with him and so they can never go out on their own. And she feels sad about this. You want to assist her and you say:

A) How jealous you are! Why do you make him so sad?
B) Give him up and find another boyfriend!
C) Take revenge from him by taking your own friends on dates
D) Is his best friend a girl or a boy?
E) In my opinion, you must talk to him and explain that you want to be alone with him

5. 5. Your cousin thinks he's got a terrible problem. He's got some spots on his face and because of this, he doesn't want to go out. You want to tell him that it's a minor problem and he shouldn't care about that much. You say:

A) If I were you, I would kill myself!
B) Everyone laughs at you when you go to school.
C) It's just acne and it's normal, so try to be calm.
D) I've got spots, too and I just ignore them.
E) I had better see a doctor at once. Most probably you have a contagious disease.

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6. 6. Your nephew has been seeing a girl for a long time. But your aunt doesn't like her and thus she doesn't approve this relationship. Now, your nephew and his girlfriend meet each other in secret. Your nephew wants some useful advice from you concerning their situation. You want to show him the right way and you say:

A) Meeting in secret will only make the problem worse, so go and ask your mum why she doesn't like your girlfriend.

B) Go on like this former and I appreciate your success in keeping your love as a secret.

C) She's too young to flirt with you.

D) You care too much. Try to relax and rest for a few days.

E) Why don't you go for a holiday to have some peace?

7. 7. One of your friends wants you to give him a suggestion about where to go for his summer holiday. You spent your last summer enjoying yourself in Alanya. So you said to him:

A) Would you like to go somewhere crowded or peaceful?

B) I think you are going to have a marvellous time in Alanya

C) I'm not a kind of person that can give you good suggestion about this because the only place I have seen except my hometown is Ankara

D) Go to the airport and board the first plane you can find

E) Why don't you join me in my trip including Antalya, especially Alanya?

8. 8. Your brother has been listening to music loudly in his room for at least three hours. You can't bear the noise anymore and you are worried about the possible bad reactions of the neighbours. So you come in his room and say to him in an ironic way:

A) Our music taste is totally different from each other, isn't it?

B) If you go on listening like that our neighbours will be thankful to us for this free disco party.

C) I can't really understand the way you are having fun on your own listening to this terrible music.

D) Volume the music down or our mother will come and shout at you in a minute.

E) Keep listening to music loudly when you get in a bad mood. It helps you relax.

9. 9. You are a teacher of English and you have observed that one of your students has fallen asleep in your lessons lately. You know that he is a hardworking and attentive student. You don't know what has been going wrong about him but you have an idea that there can be a problem about his sleep at nights. You want to be sure before doing something and ask him in the break time:

A) If you continue sleeping in your s lessons on not studying enough. I'm sure that you will fail most of your lessons. Do you agree with me?

B) Let's go to the cafeteria and talk to each other a little bit, shall we?

C) I'm very annoyed about your non stop sleeps while I am teaching in the classroom what is the problem?

D) Don't you know that you can be punished if one of teachers has noticed that you are sleeping in the class?

E) I think you are having difficulty sleeping at nights. I saw you sleep in my lessons. Why don't you let me know what is going wrong about you?



10. 10. Mary was rather sad for a long time because of her physical appearance. She had always eaten much more than anybody at her age. Last year she decided to lose weight, and she started to visit a dietician. After a few weeks, she stopped eating so much. And you saw her at a party last week. She'd got rather thinner and fitter in appearance. You want to compliment on her:

- A)** Can I have, your doctor's telephone number?
- B)** Do I look as thin as you?
- C)** How did you dare such a thing?
- D)** God! How silly you look today!
- E)** How nice to see you so happy today and you also look perfect in shape.

11. 11. You've just arrived at the hotel where you'll spend your whole vacation. As soon as you enter the reception, you see that everything is in dirt and dust. And nobody helps you carry the luggage. You get angry and say to the receptionist.

- A)** I'm really overjoyed to see the surrounding such neat and tidy.
- B)** I'm very set on staying in this hotel.
- C)** I'm apprehensive about your hotel's future so is there anything I can do for you?
- D)** I fear that I've created a bad impression by arriving late.
- E)** I'm afraid I have a complaint to make about your hotel.

12. 12. On your way to London you have had flat tire. This is the first time you have faced such a problem, and you don't know what to do. You stop a car and say:

- A)** As I see, you look very tired
- B)** I think my car has an engine problem. Can you check it?
- C)** I can repair it, but you should wait for a while.
- D)** I was wondering if you could give me a hand.
- E)** How about stopping and checking your car out?

13. 13. Since your friend hasn't had a good score on Math's exam, it is improbable for him to graduate from the university at the end of this semester. That matter of affairs bothers him so much that he is about to decide to postpone his graduation to the next year. You think that it isn't too late and say encouragingly:

- A)** No matter how much you study, you will fail over again.
- B)** If it had been for my help, you would have succeeded it
- C)** Don't worry! I'll help you explain this bad luck to your family.
- D)** Be sure that it is still in your hand to get the required mark.
- E)** Never mind! Such things always happen in life.

14. 14. Your teacher has shouted insults at you without any reason in front of your classmates. You hate being insulted in public. What is worse is that this is not the first time he has done such an unexcusable thing. After the lesson you ask him to have a private word and warn him but not in an intimidating way:

- A)** If you do that again, I am afraid something will likely get worse
- B)** Why don't you call my parents and tell them all I did.
- C)** I suppose I don't deserve to be treated like that.
- D)** Your teaching style bothers me, and this is the only problem for me
- E)** I know some inspectors well working in the ministry of enlightenment



15. 15. Your friend needs to borrow an amount of money from someone. He comes to you and explains the situation. Actually this is not the first time he has broken his promise. At first you doubt whether to give him one more chance or not, but later you think that it would be wise not to lend any and tell him decisively:

A) A man who doesn't keep his word doesn't deserve to be lend any thing.

B) I have lent money to many people, but you are the only one to return oh time.

C) Should you not return on the exact date, the amount you owe will double.

D) You usually break your promises, and that is why nobody trusts you but me.

E) Keep your head with you, and don't ask anybody to lend such a great amount of money.

16. 16. You are shopping with your wife in a department store. One of the shop assistants is following you wherever you move, therefore you can't comment on prices to your wife comfortably. To show your displeasure you say ironically:

A) Following customers step by step is making them buy more, isn't it?

B) Is it possible to find every kind of goods here?

C) Have you just started working in here?

D) We have been looking for a pair of shoes.

E) We come here all the time, So will you make a reduction for us?

17. 17. You are working in a big firm due to economic recession. Your firm is said to go into bankruptcy. The staff manager calls you and Says that they will not dismiss you having considered your past great performonces. Having heard perfect news, you express your gratitudes and say:

A) Thanks to you for increasing our salaries.

B) Isn't there anyone else in this firm to be made redundant?

C) I am so sad to hear all these about such a huge company

D) I appreciate your concern, and be sure that I will not let you down.

E) The firm's success is attributed by all of us to your outstanding managing.

18. 18. Bill really has made a big mistake this time. He has forgotten to turn in his research paper. He can't have done it because he had to spend most of his time on the funeral of an old friend of his. At first he tried to explain his excuse, but later on it hasn't been found reasonable. Bill doesn't give up and says but this time quite convincingly:

A) Well it isn't impossible for me to make you believe me.

B) I think there is a misunderstanding between us.

C) It was very important than this assigment.

D) Were you in my condition what would you have done?

E) Do you know that I am an absendminded person?

19. 19. Your brother studies English in a course. He has just been given a test. He has had an awful score on it, so he has been feeling very sad since the time he received the results. As an elderly you think that not everything is over and try to relieve him by saying:

A) Don't mind it any more. Many others didn't do well either.

B) Just think about how you could persuade your master to postpone the exam.

C) Why do you have to take such awful marks?

D) That is not the end. You may be given a make-up exam

E) This is not the first time you have made such a miserable score

20. 20. You feel you are being unfairly criticized for negligence and feel you have every right to protest. You say:

A) You've no right to go shouting at people like that, no matter what they've done.

B) Agreed! Perhaps, there is evidence of carelessness? But whose? No one has the right to put the blame on me.

C) If you carry out the instructions meticulously there'll be no problem.

D) Luckily I foresaw the problem - if hadn't, you would all be in danger of losing your jobs.

E) Let's stop accusing each other and get down to putting things right.



21. 21. There has been an unusually heated board-meeting. One of the younger members, quite out-of-character, has really been rather rude to one of the senior members. You feel he ought to apologize though really he isn't to blame. You say:

A) It really was most unfortunate, but I do think it would be best if you tried to smooth out the situation.

B) You are always speaking out of turn like this and you'd better cure the habit.

C) We all know he's an aid fool, but it doesn't pay to tell him so to his face.

D) What he said was quite unforgivable. You did right to say so.

E) The event is hardly likely to improve even if you do apologize to him.

22. 22. Ted is thinking about buying your car. As he is an old friend you want him to have the first option. But he's been hesitating about it for ten- days or more, and you are losing patience as you want to get the transaction finished. You tell him quite openly:

A) You really ought to get a driving license before thinking about buying a car.

B) I'd like you to have the car but my financial position is such that I must let it go to the highest bidder.

C) My car really isn't in very good condition so you'd probably be better to look elsewhere.

D) There are several other people interested in buying my car, so do please make up your mind about it by Thursday at the latest.

E) You can borrow my car for a few days but I have to get it back by the weekend.

23. 23. A friend of yours is under great pressure at work and the strain is showing. You really want to get him to relax for one evening at least. You've fixed an evening out with mutual friends and ask him to join you. You want the invitation to seem casual but be tempting. You say:

A) It's time you widened your circle of friends. You're getting iri â rut.

B) You really ought to meet these people; They are in the same line of business aS yourself

C) How about joining us? It'S all people you know so you can relax and be yourself

D) I don't want to go there by myself; won't you come with me?

E) You're on edge all the time. You must take a break of you'll get sick. You must come

24. 24. In a large department store one of the assistants has really been Very rude to an old lady. True, the old lady was slow to make up her mind about what She wanted and in faGt seemed rather confused altogether, especially about how hiiuch she could afford to pây After she has gone you turn to the assistant and, hoping to change her attitude, Say:

A) Your job is harder than I expected!

B) That wasn't well dorte; Remember, we shall all be bid one day; you too.

C) Old people Should find someone to do their shopping for them.

D) I shall report the whole incident to the manager and it will serve you right If you lose your job.

E) You handled the matter well. These old people try one's patience to the limit.



25. 25. A friend is worried about his son because he's been getting really poor marks at school. Your friend's manner is rather too authoritarian and you think he is being too hard on the boy. Rather tentatively you say:

- A)** What are his friends like? Are they a bad influence on him?
- B)** It's serious. You'll have to make him work harder
- C)** Perhaps you're putting too much pressure on him. He's just at the age that reacts badly to pressure
- D)** Don't change your attitude. He'll give in.
- E)** He must be made to see reason.



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Answer Key:

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| 1: E | 14: C |
| 2: D | 15: A |
| 3: E | 16: A |
| 4: E | 17: D |
| 5: C | 18: C |
| 6: A | 19: D |
| 7: B | 20: B |
| 8: B | 21: A |
| 9: E | 22: D |
| 10: E | 23: C |
| 11: E | 24: B |
| 12: D | 25: C |
| 13: D | |

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