

English

Begin Here:

1. To excel in school, a pupil _____ diligently and does his or her homework regularly.
A. study C. was studying
B. studies D. have studied
2. Bea studies _____ so that she will not cram during tests.
A. regularly C. less regularly
B. regular D. more regularly
3. Most pupils, however, do not take time to study _____ notes.
A. them C. there
B. their D. the
4. Myra _____ the dance exercise in school everyday.
A. led C. leads
B. lead D. leading
5. Lance attends _____ to the needs of his mother who is a cancer patient.
A. faithful C. faithfulness
B. faith D. faithfully
6. He does all the work by _____.
A. herself C. itself
B. himself D. themselves
7. Which of the following is a compound sentence?
A. The school is preparing for possible onset of H1N1 virus.
B. Pupils are encouraged to wash their hands regulary.
C. The school provides washing areas and it ensures that there is enough water supply.
D. Parents support the program by donating liquid soap and basins.

Read the following selections and answer the questions that follow.

A. Items 8 to 11

For centuries, people have believed that the position of the stars and planets has an influence in human life. The study of this influence is known as astrology. It began 4,000 years ago in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) and eventually spread throughout the ancient world. In most cultures, astrology was regarded as science, and many rulers even used astrology when making important decisions. Today, although there is no scientific proof for its accuracy, many people still believe in astrology.

8. What is the main idea of the paragraph?
A. stars and planets
B. astrology
C. astronomy
D. science
9. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
A. Many people still believe in astrology.
B. Astrology is the study of the influence of stars and planets in human life.
C. Astrology may be used in making important decisions.
D. Our future and destiny are based on astrology.
10. When and where did astrology begin?
A. 3,000 years ago in Iraq
B. 4,000 years ago in Iran
C. 3,000 years ago in Mesopotamia
D. 4,000 years ago in Mesopotamia
11. What is the main purpose of the author in writing the paragraph?
A. entertain
B. disagree
C. persuade
D. explain

B. Items 12 to 15

An old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and a four-year old grandson. Everytime they ate dinner, the grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating rather difficult. When he grasped the glass often water spilled on the tablecloth.

The old man's son became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled water and food on the floor." So he set a table in the corner where grandfather could eat and gave him a wooden bowl since he had broken a dish or two. Sometimes when the family glanced in grandfather's direction, he had a tear in his eye as he ate alone. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked, "What are you making?" The boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and mama to eat your food from when I grow up."

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

12. Why is the son irritated with his ailing father?
 - A. The old man always complains during dinner.
 - B. The old man always spills water because of his shaky hands.
 - C. The old man always asks money from his son.
 - D. The old man always gets sick and is always brought to the hospital.
13. Why is the boy playing with a wooden bowl?
 - A. He likes wooden blocks and other toys made of wood.
 - B. He makes use of the scraps of wood from their bakyard.
 - C. He is trying to imitate what his father is doing with his grandfather.
 - D. He wants his father to join him in playing wooden bowls.
14. What is the general mood of the story?
 - A. glad
 - B. inspiring
 - C. playful
 - D. worried
15. Identify the correct sequence of events based on the story.
 1. The grown up son's child makes a wooden bowl and says that this is for his parents when they grow old.
 2. He always creates mess at the dinner table.
 3. Because of this, his grown up son becomes irritated and commands him to eat in another table.
 4. The grown up man realizes his folly and invites his ailing father back to their dinner table.
 5. An ailing old man joins his grown up son and his family.
 - A. 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5
 - B. 2 – 1 – 4 – 5 – 3
 - C. 4 – 5 – 3 – 2 – 1
 - D. 5 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 4

16. Everybody _____ to have a good life by having a stable job.
 - A. wants
 - B. want
 - C. wanted
 - D. wanting
17. Pupils in the primary level performed _____ than the pupils in the intermediate level in the division achievement tests.
 - A. good
 - B. best
 - C. better
 - D. well
18. Shaina got the _____ score in Science among all the grade six pupils.
 - A. high
 - B. higher
 - C. highest
 - D. highly
19. Shiela's friends gave her _____, _____, _____ cakes as her birthday present.
 - A. three, red, heart-shaped
 - B. red, heart-shaped, three
 - C. three, heartshaped, red
 - D. red, three, heart-shaped
20. We have lived _____ Cebu City for four years.
 - A. at
 - B. on
 - C. in
 - D. over
21. Everyone _____ a friend to lean on through good times and bad.
 - A. need
 - B. needs
 - C. needed
 - D. needing
22. Life is _____ when one is surrounded with loyal and trustworthy friends.
 - A. sweet
 - B. sweetly
 - C. sweetest
 - D. sweeter
23. My bag is real heavy because it contains _____, _____, _____ books.
 - A. hard-bound, three, thick
 - B. three, thick, hard-bound
 - C. thick, three, hard-bound
 - D. thick, hard-bound, three
24. It is said that prevention is _____ than cure.
 - A. good
 - B. well
 - C. better
 - D. best
25. Our family always goes to our grandparents' place on vacation period because their house is located _____ the sea.
 - A. on
 - B. by
 - C. in
 - D. at

C. Items 26 to 30

Conservation means wise use of resources. It recognizes that to use natural resources is perfectly acceptable, as long as they are not exploited beyond their capacity for renewal. Conservation is concerned with the survival of life in all its forms, and with maintaining organic life at the optimum rate of productivity.

There are many methods of conservation. The establishment of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries is a very effective method of conserving natural areas and their wildlife. Other methods include education, breeding programmes, using renewable energy such as solar, wind, and wave power, and legislation. Some developing countries have agreed to safeguard areas of natural habitat in return for a reduction of their foreign debt.

26. What is the writer's tone and mood towards the topic?

- A. formal
- B. informal
- C. sarcastic
- D. mocking

27. What conservation method is effective in preserving natural areas and their wildlife?

- A. education
- B. breeding programmes
- C. natural parks and wildlife
- D. legislation

28. Which of the following is an opinion?

- A. Conservation is the wise use of natural resources.
- B. Conservation concerns the survival of life in all its forms.
- C. Conservation must be implemented in all nations across the world.
- D. Conservation can be done in many ways.

29. What basic message does the article convey?

- A. We must conserve our natural resources.
- B. There are different methods of conservation.
- C. Legislation is one method of conservation.
- D. Wildlife and national parks are effective.

30. Which of the following statements proves that conservation is important?

- A. Some developing countries agree to safeguard areas of natural habitat.
- B. Conservation concerns the maintenance of organic life at the optimum rate of productivity.
- C. Using renewable energy like solar, wind and wave power is a form of conservation.
- D. The use of natural resources is perfectly acceptable.

D. Items 31 to 35

The hare was once boasting of his speed before the other animals. "I have never yet been beaten," said he, "when I put forth my full speed. I challenge any one here to race with me."

The tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the hare; "I could dance round you all the way."

"Keep your boasting till you've won," answered the tortoise. "Shall we race?"

So a course was fixed and a start was made. The hare darted almost out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, to show his contempt for the tortoise, lay down to have a nap. The tortoise plodded on and plodded on, and when the hare awoke from his nap, he saw the tortoise just near the winning-post and could not run up in time to save the race.

31. What does the hare boast about itself?

- A. The hare has great speed and no animal has beaten it yet.
- B. It is wise and wins every competition it joins.
- C. It does not budge from anybody in any challenge.
- D. It always wins because of its extra ordinary strength.

32. Why did the hare lose the race?

- A. The hare gave the tortoise a chance to win.
- B. The tortoise magically increased its speed and beat the hare.
- C. The hare was too confident it would win and took a nap.
- D. The tortoise tricked the hare to sleeping.

33. What values did the tortoise show in the story?

- A. hardwork
- B. determination
- C. patience
- D. faith

34. What lesson can you learn from the story?

- A. Slow but steady progress wins the race.
- B. Too much confidence doesn't do good to one's performance.
- C. Humility is the key towards progression.
- D. Honesty is still the best policy.

35. Identify the correct sequence of sentences based on the story.

- 1. The race began and the hare was so fast it decided to take a nap.
 - 2. It challenged all the animals in a race.
 - 3. A hare boasted of its speed to other animals.
 - 4. A tortoise accepted the challenge but the hare laughed at it.
 - 5. The tortoise diligently plodded till it won the race.
- A. 5 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 3
 - B. 3 – 2 – 5 – 4 – 1
 - C. 3 – 2 – 4 – 1 – 5
 - D. 4 – 5 – 2 – 1 – 3

In a field one summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to its heart's content. An ant passed by, bearing along with great toil an ear of corn he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the grasshopper, "instead of toiling and moiling in that way?"

"I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the ant, "and recommend you to do the same."

"Why bother about winter?" said the grasshopper; "We have got plenty of food at present." But the ant went on its way and continued its toil.

When winter came the grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger – while it saw the ants distributing every day corn and grain from the stores they had collected in the summer.

36. Why did the ant refuse to join the grasshopper in playing during summer?
 - A. The ant preferred to prepare for difficult times during winter.
 - B. The ant did not want to associate with the grasshopper.
 - C. The ant wanted to take advantage of the abundant food during summer.
 - D. The ant was through playing when the grasshopper arrived.

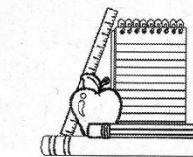
37. Which of the following statements presents an opinion?
 - A. The grasshopper enjoys summer days as much as it can.
 - B. The ant stores food and prepares for winter.
 - C. The ant is far wiser than the foolish grasshopper.
 - D. The grasshopper learns its lesson the hard way.

38. What conclusion can be formed based on the last paragraph?
 - A. True friends help in times of need.
 - B. It's best to prepare for days of need.
 - C. It is difficult to help someone who isn't willing to help himself.
 - D. Help is always available in difficult times.

39. What value did the ant show in the story?

A. self-reliance	C. courtesy
B. honesty	D. humility

40. Which of the following statements proves that the ant is wise?
 - A. The ant distributes corn and grain everyday during winter.
 - B. Instead of having a good time during summer, the ant helps lay food for winter.
 - C. The ant has food while the grasshopper finds itself dying of hunger.
 - D. The ant recommends the grasshopper to store food for winter.



English

Begin Here:

1. Many civic organizations _____ clean, peaceful and honest election in the country's first automated elections.

A. promotes	C. is promoting
B. promote	D. has promoted

2. The integrity of our manual elections has been _____ tainted since there are so many cases of election fraud.

A. bad	C. better
B. badly	D. goodly

3. Many losing candidates cannot accept _____ defeat and file election protests.

A. them	C. their
B. they	D. there

4. A concert pianist _____ for about four to six hours everyday to master her piano pieces.

A. practices	C. practicing
B. practice	D. practiced

5. My father takes his medicines _____ to prevent from having heart attack.

A. religiously	C. hardly
B. religion	D. religiousness

6. Mary and Jonathan _____ are doing the research in expanding their business.

A. itself	C. themselves
B. ourselves	D. himself

7. Which of the following is a complex sentence?
 - A. Cynthia and Mely planned to visit a museum in Makati.
 - B. They were on their way when it rained hard.
 - C. They were stuck in traffic for more than three hours.
 - D. They went home disappointed but they decided to give it a try next time.

Read the following selections and answer the questions that follow.

A. Items 8 to 11

One of the most popular types of holiday, camping offers people the chance to enjoy the great outdoors at close quarters. For many people, their first experience of camping is as children, setting up a tent in their own back yard. But it is also a popular activity with adults, who enjoy getting away from cities to explore the countryside, and perhaps even learning survival skills in the wild. Camping offers the freedom to choose to stay at one campsite through a holiday, or to set up camp at a different site each night. Whatever the type of holiday, it is important to take the appropriate clothing, food and equipment.

8. Camping offers people _____.

- A. a breath of fresh air
- B. the chance to enjoy the great outdoors
- C. the opportunity to worship God
- D. a time to relax and play

9. Adults enjoy camping too because they have a chance to _____.

- A. enjoy the countryside and learn survival skills
- B. conserve the earth's natural resources
- C. stay at one campsite or be at different campsites
- D. set up a tent in their own backyard

10. In camping, it is important to _____.

- A. know the temperature of the day and the weather condition
- B. bring the appropriate clothes and beddings
- C. carry enough food to last for the whole duration of camp
- D. take the appropriate clothing, food and equipment

11. What is the author's purpose in writing the selection?

- A. entertain readers
- B. criticize campers
- C. promote camping
- D. invite people

B. Items 12 to 15

A fox once saw a crow fly off with a piece of cheese in its beak and settle on a branch of a tree.

"That's for me, as I am a fox," said the fox, and he walked up to the foot of the tree.

"Good day, Mistress Crow," he cried. "How well you are looking today: how glossy your feathers; how bright your eyes. I feel sure your voice must surpass that of other birds, just as your figure does; let me hear but one song from you that I may greet you as the Queen of Birds."

The crow lifted up her head and began to caw her best, but the moment she opened her mouth the piece of cheese fell to the ground, only to be snapped up by the fox.

"That will do," said he. "That was all I wanted. In exchange for your cheese I will give you a piece of advice for the future: "Do not trust flatterers."

12. A fox once saw a _____.

- A. crow with a cheese in its beak
- B. crow singing so sweetly
- C. crow perched in a tree
- D. crow settled in a tree house

13. After the incident, the crow may _____.

- A. never talk to a fox at anytime in the future
- B. be wary of flatterers like the fox
- C. continue to feel like the queen of birds
- D. practice singing till it has developed its sweet voice

14. After tricking the crow, the fox shows that it _____.

- A. cares about other animal's feelings
- B. does anything to get what it wants
- C. can deceive others
- D. is better than all the other animals

15. Which detail below proves that the fox tricked the crow?

- A. A crow is perched on a tree with a cheese in its beak.
- B. A fox saw the crow and eyed for the cheese.
- C. The fox persuaded the crow to sing so the cheese might fall from its beak.
- D. The crow thought the fox was sincere with its praises.

16. Nobody _____ an upside-down cake better than my mother.
- A. bake
 - B. bakes
 - C. baking
 - D. have baked
17. Casey works _____ than her sister that's why she progresses faster than her.
- A. diligent
 - B. diligently
 - C. most diligently
 - D. more diligently
18. This year is the _____ for us because we have achieved the Hall of Fame Award.
- A. best
 - B. better
 - C. good
 - D. well
19. My sister received _____, _____, _____ roses from her persistent suitor.
- A. long-stemmed, red, three
 - B. three, red, long-stemmed
 - C. red, three, long-stemmed
 - D. three, long-stemmed, red
20. My brother and his family have lived _____ Canada for ten years.
- A. at
 - B. in
 - C. to
 - D. on
21. Something _____ to be done to resolve the conflict between the two tribes.
- A. has
 - B. have
 - C. having
 - D. here
22. Fabby sings _____ than the other contestants.
- A. sweetly
 - B. sweet
 - C. most sweetly
 - D. more sweetly
23. I prefer to eat yogurt than chocolate because the former is _____ than the latter.
- A. healthy
 - B. healthier
 - C. health
 - D. healthiest
24. My aunt who just came from the province gave me _____, _____, _____ mangoes.
- A. yellow, a dozen, ripe
 - B. a dozen, ripe, yellow
 - C. yellow, ripe, a dozen
 - D. a dozen, yellow, ripe
25. Many people _____ the room are waiting for their turn to be called.
- A. on
 - B. at
 - C. in
 - D. of

2. Items 26 to 30

A man punished his three-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper.

Money was tight and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." The man was embarrassed by his earlier over reaction, but his anger flared again when he found out the box was empty. He yelled at her, stating, "Don't you know, when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and cried, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, Daddy." The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness.

Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child. It was also told that her father kept that gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

26. A man was upset because _____.

- A. his daughter lost his gold wrappings
- B. his daughter wasted a roll of gold wrappings
- C. his daughter bought a very expensive gift
- D. his daughter gave him a beautiful gift

27. The father got angry the second time for the reason that _____.

- A. the gift his daughter gave him was empty
- B. the gift he received was lost
- C. the gift given him was something stolen
- D. the gift he accepted was very expensive

28. What had changed the father's attitude towards his daughter and her gift?
- A. His daughter cried and said that the contents would be given later.
 - B. His daughter explained that he opened the wrong box.
 - C. He was amazed at the creativity of his daughter.
 - D. He was touched that his daughter's gift were kisses blown in the box.

29. What was the general mood of the selection?

- A. critical
- B. gloomy
- C. lighthearted
- D. inspiring

Arrange the following events as they happened in the story.

- I. The father was crushed with the child's thoughtfulness and he apologized to his daughter.
- II. When the gift was given to the father, he again got angry when he saw that the gift was empty.
- III. Shortly after that, the child passed away, and everytime the father missed his child, he would open the gift and take an imaginary kiss out.
- IV. A father got mad because he saw his child waste a roll of gold wrapping on a gift.
- V. The child explained that the gift was full of blown kisses.

30. Which of the following is the correct order of events?

- A. II – III – I – V – IV
- B. V – II – III – I - IV
- C. V – IV – I – II – III
- D. IV – II – V – I – III

D. Items 31 to 35

Thomas Edison's laboratory was destroyed by fire in 1914. Much of his life's work went up in spectacular flames. At the height of the fire, Edison's 24-year-old son, Charles, frantically searched for his father among the smoke and debris. He finally found him calmly watching the scene, his face glowing in reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind.

"My heartached for him," said Charles. "He was 67 – no longer a young man – and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, "Charles, where's your mother? Find her and bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives."

The next morning Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start a new."

Three weeks after the fire, Edison managed to deliver his first phonograph.

31. What did Charles, Thomas Edison's son, feel for his father when he saw the flames devour his laboratory?

- A. He was very upset and desperate that the fire destroyed their house.
- B. His heart ached for his father who's old and all his works were destroyed by the fire.
- C. He was sad that his parents' properties were devastated.
- D. He felt gloomy and miserable that they couldn't retrieve not even one object from the fire.

32. What was the general mood of the selection?

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| A. serious | C. inspiring |
| B. humorous | D. gloomy |

33. What detail tells us that Thomas Edison was not devastated by the fire?

- A. Thomas Edison's face was glowing with reflection.
- B. He asked his son to find his mother to witness the fire.
- C. He said that there was great value in disaster.
- D. He was calmly watching the scene of fire.

34. Which detail proves that something good came out of the fire?

- A. Thomas Edison thanked the Lord for the new start after the fire.
- B. He delivered his first phonograph three weeks after the fire.
- C. He said all their mistakes were burned up.
- D. He wanted his wife to see how the fire destroyed everything.

35. What can one conclude from the selection?

- A. Thomas Edison was happy when all his works were burned.
- B. Thomas Edison turned something good out of a disaster.
- C. Thomas Edison did not despair despite of the disaster.
- D. Thomas Edison thrived in failures.

E. Items 36 to 40

Two men were traveling together, when a bear suddenly met them on their path.

One of them climbed up quickly into a tree and hid in the branches. The other, feeling that he would be attacked, fell flat on the ground.

The bear came up and felt him with his snout, and smelt him all over. He held his breath, and pretended to be dead.

The bear soon left him, for it is said bears will not touch a dead body.

When the bear was quite gone, the other traveler came down out of the tree. With a clever grin, he inquired of his friend, "Just what was it that the bear whispered in your ear?"

His companion replied, "He gave me this advice: Never travel with a friend who deserts you at the approach of danger."

36. Why did the bear leave the man on the ground?

- A. The bear thought the man to be dead.
- B. The bear did not notice the man.
- C. The bear saw an animal pass by and followed after it.
- D. The bear heard the other man from the tree.

37. What lesson can one get from the story?

- A. One should never leave his or her friend specially in times of need.
- B. The sincerity of friends may be tested in times of difficulties.
- C. One should run for his/her life in times of danger.
- D. Wild bears are not as harmful as they seem to be.

38. After what happened, the two men may _____.

- A. become closer than before
- B. go their separate ways
- C. never go to the woods anymore
- D. be more careful than ever when going to the forest

39. Which of the following statements expresses fantasy?

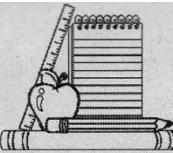
- A. Two men were walking in the woods.
- B. One man climbed the tree nearby.
- C. The other fell to the ground and acted as if he were dead.
- D. The bear whispered to the man on the ground and gave him advice.

Arrange the following events as they happened in the story.

- I. The man on the ground told the man that the bear gave him its advice.
- II. One man quickly climbed a tree nearby, while the other was left on the ground.
- III. The man pretended to be dead until the bear walked away.
- IV. Two men were walking when they met a bear on their path.
- V. The bear stopped at the man on the ground and smelled him with its snout.

40. Which of the following is the correct order of events?

- A. V – I – III – IV – II
- B. V – IV – I – II – III
- C. IV – II – V – III – I
- D. I – V – IV – II – I



English

1. Elena is a member of the Glee club. She _____ her schoolmates to join the club and discover their talents.
A. encourages C. encouraging
B. encourage D. have encouraged
2. She _____ invites her classmates and friends to audition.
A. laughingly C. hesitantly
B. reluctantly D. enthusiastically
3. She _____ posts announcements and gives away pamphlets about the club.
A. himself C. themselves
B. herself D. itself
4. She _____ everyday to prepare for their musical presentation.
A. practice C. practicing
B. practiced D. practices
5. She and other club members _____ showcase their talents in all their presentations.
A. shyly C. hardly
B. proudly D. quickly
6. They _____ create the concept of their musical presentations.
A. itself C. themselves
B. herself D. himself
7. Which sentence shows a simple sentence?
A. The group is practicing when the principal arrived.
B. Some are singing while the others are dancing.
C. The show will be spectacular.
D. They practice overtime because time is running out.

Read the following selections and answer the questions that follow.

A. Items 8 to 11

The principal aim of conservation is to ensure the survival of life in all its forms and variety, and to make certain that natural resources are not used beyond their capacity for renewal, but continue for the benefit of future generations. Conservation requires an understanding of ecology – the interrelationships of the different plants and animals (including our own species) with each other, and with their environment.

Ever increasing human populations lead to an increase in the demand for natural resources. This has many effects including deforestation, habitat loss, pollution of air and water, and extermination of species. Pouching of animals for meat, fur, and the medicine trade also reduces animal numbers. Conservation is an active means of slowing down or reversing these trends, in an attempt to safeguard the environment and all living things within it.

8. _____ is the study of the interrelationships of the different plants and animals with each other and with their environment.
A. conservation C. deforestation
B. ecology D. pouching
9. The following are the aims of conservation, except for one. Identify this statement.
A. Reduce the number of animals and other natural resources.
B. Ensure the survival of life in all its forms
C. Make sure that natural resources are not used beyond their capacity for renewal.
D. Ensure that natural resources continue to benefit the future generations.
10. Which of the following statements shows that the implementation of conservation is urgently needed?
A. Natural resources continue to benefit human kind.
B. Ever increasing population leads to habitat loss, deforestation and pollution.
C. Conservation slows down the reduction of animal numbers.
D. Conservation requires an understanding of ecology.
11. What is the purpose of the author in writing the selection?
A. inform C. criticize
B. entertain D. persuade

B. Items 12 to 15

A shepherd-boy, who watched a flock of sheep near a village, brought out the villagers three or four times by crying out, "Wolf! Wolf!" and when his neighbors came to help him, laughed at them for their pains.

The wolf, however, did truly come at last. The shepherd-boy, now really alarmed, shouted in an agony of terror: "Pray, do come and help me; the wolf is killing the sheep"; but no one paid any heed to his cries, nor rendered any assistance. The wolf, having no cause of fear, at his leisure lacerated or destroyed the whole flock.

There is no believing a liar, even when he speaks the truth.

12. What did the shepherd boy do to the villagers a number of times before?
 - A. The shepherd boy called for help even though there was no wolf.
 - B. The shepherd boy laughed at the villagers a number of times.
 - C. The shepherd boy commanded the villagers several times.
 - D. The shepherd boy shouted at the villagers for some time.
13. Why did the villagers refuse to help the shepherd boy when a real wolf came?
 - A. The villagers were tired from their hard labor.
 - B. The villagers no longer believed him because he deceived them several times.
 - C. The villagers were not around when the shepherd boy cried for help.
 - D. The villagers had other more important things to do.
14. What lesson can you get from the story?
 - A. Faith and hard work are important in achieving success.
 - B. Patience is a virtue that gives strength to one's character.
 - C. Value people's trust in you and never deceive nor lie to them.
 - D. Self-confidence is vital in making accomplishments.
15. Identify the correct sequence of sentences based on the story.
 - I. When the villagers came, he laughed at them and said that it was just a joke.
 - II. A shepherd boy cried for help from his neighbors in the village.
 - III. His neighbors no longer believed him so the wolf devoured his flock.
 - IV. The shepherd boy did this a few times more so his neighbors no longer believed him.
 - V. Then a real wolf came so the shepherd boy once more called for help.
 - A. I – III – IV – II – V
 - B. II – I – IV – V – III
 - C. IV – V – I – II – III
 - D. III – I – II – IV – V

16. Gerald is good both in painting and sketching. These skills _____ benefited him and his family especially everytime he wins in competitions.
 - A. has
 - B. have
 - C. is
 - D. are
17. He can paint people and landscapes. In fact in one of the contests he joined, he garnered the _____ score among all the contestants and won first place.
 - A. higher
 - B. high
 - C. highly
 - D. highest
18. He believes, however, that honing his talent is _____ than just winning in competitions.
 - A. important
 - B. more than important
 - C. more important
 - D. most important
19. He painted _____, _____, _____ art works for his mother.
 - A. two, colorful, lovely
 - B. colorful, lovely, two
 - C. lovely, two, colorful
 - D. two, lovely, colorful
20. He makes use of his talent to bless other people's lives and make them happy _____ glorifying himself.
 - A. instead of
 - B. since
 - C. aside from
 - D. however
21. Our acoustic band is very popular. In fact, everybody in school _____ us.
 - A. knows
 - B. knowing
 - C. know
 - D. knew
22. Our band is the _____ among all other bands in this part of the city.
 - A. famous
 - B. more famous
 - C. famously
 - D. most famous
23. During school programs, our band performs the _____ number of presentations.
 - A. more
 - B. most
 - C. less
 - D. least
24. Our band prefers to play songs and music that appeal to the _____, _____ people.
 - A. young, energetic, modern
 - B. energetic, young, modern
 - C. modern, young, energetic
 - D. modern, energetic, young
25. Each member _____ our band is truly talented and special.
 - A. of
 - B. in
 - C. on
 - D. for

C. Items 26 to 30

The 3M Company encourages creativity from its employees, allowing its researchers to spend 15% of their time on any project that sparks their interest. This attitude has brought benefits to the employees and to the company as a whole. Many times, a spark of idea turned into successful product, and tremendously boosted the company's profits.

One of the company's scientists, Art Fry, took advantage of this time for creative thinking. He sang in his church choir. After marking the appropriate pages in the hymnal by inserting small bits of paper, the small pieces would fall out on the floor, losing his place.

One day, an inspiration came to Fry. He remembered an adhesive developed by Spencer Silver, a 3M colleague, that everyone considered a failure because it did not stick very well. Fry recalls, "I coated the adhesive on a paper sample and discovered that it was not only a good bookmark, but it was also good for writing notes on it." He continued, "It will stay in place as long as you want, and you can take it off without sticking to or damaging the page. Then, it can be re-stuck to another page, over and over again."

Fry hit the jackpot. The resulting product was called Post It Notes, and had become one of 3M's most successful products. What was once considered a failure by many became a success because one person's creative thinking recognized a new opportunity.

26. The 3M company allows its researchers to _____.

- A. work and play at the same time to spark creativity
- B. spend 15% of their time to any project that sparks their interest
- C. spend extra time with pay to anything that is in and trendy
- D. work at home and spend time with their family

27. After some time, Art Fry discovered that _____.

- A. the adhesive discovered by his colleague could be very good for Post It Notes
- B. the project of his colleague Spencer Silver was indeed a failure
- C. he needed something to place in his hymnal to mark its pages
- D. he could hit the jackpot if he really wanted to

28. Which of the following sentences expresses an opinion?

- A. Art Fry sings in their church choir.
- B. Spencer Silver has discovered an adhesive that does not stick very well.
- C. Post It Notes come from Spencer Silver's discovery.
- D. Creativity among workers must be enhanced to increase performance.

29. Which of the following statements proves that an employee's creativity can benefit a company?

- A. Post It Notes became one of 3M's most successful products.
- B. An inspiration came to Art Fry while he was joining a church choir.
- C. Spencer Silver discovered an adhesive that did not stick well.
- D. The adhesive could be turned to a good bookmark.

30. What lesson can you learn from the selection?

- A. A spark of idea can turn into a sucessful outcome.
- B. Knowledge and skill go hand in hand in making accomplishments.
- C. A failure can be turned to success through creative thinking.
- D. Self-confidence and determination contribute towards achievements.

D. Items 31 to 35

A man stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be wired to his mother who lived two hundred miles away. As he got out of his car he noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

He asked her what was wrong and she replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars." The man smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose." He bought the little girl her rose and ordered his own mother's flowers.

As they were leaving he offered the girl a ride home. She said, "Yes, please! You can take me to my mother." She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave. The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

31. A man went to a flower shop to _____.

- A. buy flowers for the little girl's mother
- B. order flowers for his wife who's celebrating her birthday
- C. send flowers for his mother who lived two hundred miles away
- D. buy flowers that he would bring to his mother

32. The man on his way to the shop, noticed a young girl sobbing because _____.

- A. her mother has just passed away
- B. she couldn't afford to buy flowers for her mother
- C. she lost the money to buy flowers for her mother
- D. her mother wanted to have flowers but she couldn't give her

33. What value did the little girl in the story show?

- A. faith
- B. trust
- C. love
- D. humility

34. What is the general mood of the selection?

- A. happy
- B. gloomy
- C. inspiring
- D. humorous

35. Identify the correct sequence of sentences based on the story.

- I. The man was moved because of the girl's thoughtfulness and decided to personally give the flowers to his mother instead of just wiring it.
 - II. The girl wanted to buy flowers for her mother but her money was not enough.
 - III. The girl gladly accepted and directed the man to the cemetery where her mother was buried.
 - IV. The man offered to buy flowers for the girl and offered the girl a ride too.
 - V. A man went to a flower shop to order flowers for his mother when he met a girl crying in the corner.
- A. V – II – III – IV – I
 - B. V – II – IV – III – I
 - C. V – I – IV – III – II
 - D. V – II – I – III – IV

E. Items 36 to 40

A delivery man was driving a wagon along a country lane, when the wheels sank down deep into a rut.

The old driver, dazed and confused, stood looking at the wagon. He did nothing but utter loud cries to Hercules to come and help him.

Hercules, it is said, appeared and thus addressed him: "Put your shoulders to the wheels, my man. Try with all your might to move the wagon back onto the road. Never pray to me for help, until you have done your best to help yourself, or depend upon it you will henceforth pray in vain."

36. A delivery man started to utter loud cries because _____.

- A. his wagon was stolen
- B. his wagon was stuck in a rut
- C. his wagon was destroyed in an accident
- D. his wagon was robbed by thieves

37. The man sought help from _____.

- A. God
- B. Allah
- C. Hercules
- D. Venus

38. What conclusion can you get from the last paragraph?

- A. Self-help is the best form of help.
- B. Help is always available as long as you ask for it.
- C. Prayer without action is like faith without work.
- D. Success happens when one has done his best.

39. What value did Hercules want to teach to the old driver?

- A. faith
- B. self-reliance
- C. diligence
- D. hardwork

40. After the incident, the driver may _____.

- A. continue to pray until miracles happen
- B. get offended with what Hercules has said
- C. may turn to others again for help
- D. learn his lesson and start moving his wagon