

PART A. Choose the correct option.

Are mobile phones the new cigarettes?

It has been suggested that cellular phones will be the tobacco of the 21st century. It appears that their use is almost as addictive as cigarettes. Psychologists' reports claim that users (1a) _____ withdrawal symptoms if they (1b) _____ away from their mobile phones for more than 24 hours. There is certainly (2) _____ doubt that mobile phone use in public is just as annoying as smoking. (3) _____ up mobile-free zones in cinemas and restaurants is becoming more common day by day. Besides, it is thought that in ten years' time, trains (4) _____ two options to their customers: 'mobile' and 'non-mobile' carriages available on all the commuter services to London. On a more serious note, it is now widely believed that excessive mobile phone use may cause cancer. Also, it has been proposed that all mobile phones should carry a government health warning similar to the ones (5) _____ are displayed on cigarette packets.

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| 1. a. show / stay | b. would have shown / had stayed | | |
| c. would show / stayed | d. show / will stay | | |
| 2. a. any | b. enough | c. many | d. no |
| 3. a. To be set | b. Setting | c. To setting | d. Set |
| 4. a. will be presented | b. won't be presented | | |
| c. will be presenting | d. won't present | | |
| 5. a. who | b. that | c. whose | d. where |

Mr. Evans's Problem

Since MP Paul Evans announced that he would stand as a candidate in elections for the Mayor of London, people seem to be talking about only one thing – his weight! He joined a press conference yesterday wearing his (6) _____ suit, which made him look fatter. In the conference, Mr. Evans announced that he (7) _____ surgery to help him lose weight before the election next spring. If the surgery is successful, he (8) _____ a total of about 45 kg by this time next year. The MP said that he was not having the weight loss surgery to help his public image, but because he wanted (9) _____ his health for the physical demands of a political campaign and of being Mayor. He said he would have the surgery in London at the end of this month, and that he would return to work after a few weeks. If the MP's weight loss effort becomes successful, perhaps both the media and (10) _____ will stop talking about his weight and start talking about his policies!

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| 6. a. striped, expensive, silk | b. silk, expensive, striped | | |
| c. expensive, silk, striped | d. expensive, striped, silk | | |
| 7. a. was going to have | b. had | c. had had | d. has had |
| 8. a. loses | b. is losing | c. will have lost | d. will be losing |
| 9. a. improving | b. to improve | c. improve | d. to improving |
| 10. a. the British person | b. the British | c. British | d. a British person |

PART B. Choose the correct option to complete the given sentences.

11. If I had explained the situation better, _____.

- a. the rate of unemployment could be lower
- b. you would realize it was my fault
- c. you wouldn't have got so angry
- d. Sally will be able to join the meeting

12. The Paris Opera Ballet, _____, is the world's oldest ballet company.

- a. which was founded in 1669
- b. that we visited last year
- c. who aims to dance better
- d. where my cousin lives

13. "Did you lock the door before leaving the house?" Nancy asked her daughter.

Nancy wondered _____ the door.

- a. if did her daughter lock
- b. when her daughter locked
- c. whether her daughter had locked
- d. her daughter locked

14. Do not use this machine _____.

- a. if you know how to use it
- b. unless you have written permission
- c. after you get a special training
- d. in case it will stop working

15. A: _____ a headache best?

B: I always take a paracetamol and it works.

- a. Which painkiller did stop
- b. What is stopping
- c. What will it stop
- d. Which painkiller stops

PART C. Choose the correct option.

16. A: None of the workers in my department are experienced in performance management.

B: _____.

- a. So am I
- b. So are they
- c. Neither am I
- d. Neither are they

17. You never drink coffee after 5 pm, _____?

- a. don't you
- b. will you
- c. are you
- d. do you

18. I need _____ sugar. I can't drink my tea without sugar.

- a. any
- b. no
- c. a few
- d. a little

19. When I first met him, he was a great tennis player because he _____ tennis for the last fifteen years.

- a. played
- b. had been playing
- c. was playing
- d. has been playing

20. My husband _____ the ironing for two hours, but he _____ just half of the clothes so far.

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| a. has been doing / has ironed | b. is doing / has ironed |
| c. has done / has been ironing | d. does / is ironing |

PART D. Choose the correct option.

Last week, there was a bank robbery in Los Angeles. The robbers broke into the bank in broad daylight. They had their surgical masks on and (21) _____ guns.

At the time of the robbery, the bank was very busy. The thieves displayed weapons and used force. The criminals stole all the cash from the bank and even took property like cell phones and jewelry from their (22) _____. They escaped before the police arrived.

Two detectives with the LA Sheriff's office who (23) _____ robberies in Los Angeles say it was the second robbery at the bank in six months.

The police have now detained four suspects from the description of the two (24) _____, but their statement isn't enough to bring the criminals to justice. They will need more (25) _____ to prove the men were the actual robbers.

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| 21. a. wore | b. solved | c. carried | d. discovered |
| 22. a. witnesses | b. victims | c. detectives | d. suspects |
| 23. a. commit | b. examine | c. murder | d. investigate |
| 24. a. inhabitants | b. witnesses | c. murderers | d. suspects |
| 25. a. evidence | b. identity | c. mystery | d. murder |

PART E. Choose the correct form of the word.

When we hire people for our company, we choose the (26) _____ who have a lot of experience in Startups. It does not mean they should be very (27) _____ entrepreneurs. On the contrary, we are interested in the candidates who have had several (28) _____. If they have lost all their money that they invested in their Startup, and if they have tried to set up a new business after that, it means they know how to handle difficult situations. That's the experience we look for in our candidates. They become very (29) _____ employees. (30) _____, we have been very lucky so far.

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| 26. a. applications | b. apply | c. applicants |
| 27. a. success | b. succeed | c. successful |
| 28. a. failures | b. fail | c. failed |
| 29. a. value | b. valuable | c. valuably |
| 30. a. Fortunately | b. Fortunate | c. Misfortune |

PART F. Choose the correct preposition.

31. I got a part-time job _____ my third year at university when I came to realize that working wouldn't affect my studies.

- a. on b. at c. in

32. Matt and I have a lot _____ common: we are keen on computer games and love sci-fi movies.

- a. on b. at c. in

33. I looked forward _____ the end of the week to go hiking in the mountains.

- a. for b. to c. by

34. Admitting a mistake and apologizing _____ those we have hurt is a strength, not a weakness.

- a. to b. with c. for

35. I used to be in charge _____ a big team. It was difficult at times but very rewarding, too.

- a. for b. of c. at

PART G. Choose the correct option.

36. We are taking all the necessary steps to _____ unemployment.

- a. require b. maintain c. attempt d. reduce

37. They say that a country's future _____ depends on the quality of the education of its people.

- a. prosperity b. exception c. dedication d. motion

38. The _____ will open about an hour before the scheduled departure time.

- a. aisle b. row c. gate d. customs

39. He is a / an _____ man. I've never seen him wear anything neat and tidy.

- a. dizzy b. unconscious c. scruffy d. laid off

40. I don't like trousers with patterns. They can come in different colors but should be _____.

- a. hooded b. spotted c. striped d. plain

PART H: Read the texts below and answer the following questions.

TEXT I

Each year, thousands of college graduates begin the search for employment. They spend hours altering their résumés and filling out online job applications. Eventually, they might get a call from a company asking them to come in for an interview, and many aren't sure what to do next. Here are a few key tips to help make any interview a success.

The first thing a candidate should do is research the company that requested the interview. Many applicants have done this prior to beginning the application process. If not, they should visit the company's website and search for other information online. Prospective employees should also ask friends if they know anyone who works at the company and can give them an idea of the workplace atmosphere.

To prepare for an interview, it is advisable to practice aloud. Look up some common interview questions and brainstorm answers. Then practice in front of a mirror or with a friend. People who practice are more relaxed and confident.

On the day of the interview, it is important to dress in a way that makes a great first impression. Both men and women should wear conservative clothing. Candidates should avoid wearing flashy jewellery, strong cologne, or bright clothes.

In the interview, etiquette is very important. Be on time. Remember, this is the employer's first chance to find out whether you will take schedules seriously as an employee. Politeness and body language are also important. Interviewers are looking for employees who are kind and, in Western cultures, make eye contact. Enthusiasm and a positive attitude are crucial in creating a good impression. You also need to be prepared to ask a few questions. The interviewer wants to know that candidates are interested in the position.

Finally, follow up with an email thanking the interviewer for the opportunity. This will let him or her know how pleased you were to be chosen for an interview. The key to interview success lies in being prepared, professional, and polite. Keeping these points in mind will help land you the job you want.

41. The text is mainly about _____.

- a. how to have a successful interview
- b. what questions to ask during an interview
- c. how to fill out an online job application
- d. what to wear to a job interview

42. According to the text, just after being scheduled for an interview, a person should _____.

- a. visit the company website
- b. wear conservative clothing
- c. fill out an online application
- d. make a good first impression

43. According to the text, candidates should ask questions so that _____.

- a. they can make eye contact
- b. they seem kind and talkative
- c. they appear relaxed
- d. employers know they are interested in the job

44. We understand from the text that you will get the job if you _____.

- a. brainstorm answers to hard questions
- b. avoid flashy jewellery
- c. are on time for an interview
- d. are prepared, professional, and polite

45. The word “prospective” means _____.

- a. certain
- b. possible
- c. legal
- d. final

TEXT II

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the study of how to create machines that imitate human thought. John McCarthy came up with the term in 1955. He believed that AI would combine science and engineering to create intelligent machines that were self-aware. Since AI began, scientists have spent over sixty years trying to create a computer that can think like a human. They have had little success.

The true test of whether a computer can think like a human will be when it interacts with people and the people can't tell that the machine isn't human. Computers are great at handling a lot of data and at making daily life easier for humans. However, as scientists have found, the ability to deal with data is not the same thing as human intelligence. Making choices without having all of the information about a situation is something humans excel at. Machines, though, cannot do it. A computer's logic is useless in situations that require awareness. The machines and programs scientists have created can interact with humans, but they cannot work on their own in situations they were not programmed for.

A major problem for AI researchers is that there is no complete theory they can all agree on. Scientists are looking into what intelligence is and how people learn. They believe that AI can only be fully achieved once they understand how thinking works. To do this, they must study how humans see the world as well as natural ways of talking. Psychology and linguistics are more important to AI studies than early researchers thought. The inclusion of more experts in the process means there are more people who might disagree on how best to move forward with AI.

AI researchers have looked at how the mind works and at self-awareness, but they have not been able to define what exactly being human is. Scientists must learn how humans think and understand. Then they will be able to create a machine that can do the same.

46. The text is mainly about _____.

- a. humans that are self-aware
- b. major problems in computer science
- c. the definition of being human
- d. the study of artificial intelligence

47. According to the text, a computer's logic is useless _____.

- a. in situations that they are not ready for

- b. when making life easier for humans
- c. in situations where it has all of the information
- d. when handling a lot of data

48. We understand from the text that _____.

- a. all of the experts involved agree on how to move forward with AI
- b. scientists spent a few years trying to create a computer thinking like a human
- c. scientists do not know much about how humans can learn to move forward with AI
- d. computers cannot handle situations like a human

49. The word “interact” means _____.

- a. transmit
- b. provide
- c. communicate
- d. relate

50. “they” refers to _____.

- a. scientific situations
- b. humans and computers
- c. researchers and experts
- d. machines and programs

ANSWER KEY

PART A. 1. a 2. d 3. b 4. c 5. b 6. d 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. b

PART B. 11. c 12. a 13. c 14. b 15. d

PART C. 16. c 17. d 18. d 19. b 20. a

PART D. 21. c 22. b 23. d 24. b 25. a

PART E. 26. c 27. c 28. a 29. b 30. a

PART F. 31. c 32. c 33. b 34. a 35. b

PART G. 36. d 37. a 38. c 39. c 40. d

PART F. 41. A 42. A 43. D 44. D 45. B 46. D 47. A 48. D 49. C 50. D