

For questions 1 – 30 choose the correct option for each gap below. Only one answer is correct.

1. Catherine and Abby are sisters. Yesterday, they made their lunchboxes ..... .  
 A) **themselves**                      B) ourselves                      C) herself                      D) yourselves
2. I'm going to ..... my German before we go on holiday.  
 A) take off                      B) **brush up**                      C) brush off                      D) take up
3. It's time we ..... home.  
 A) will go                      B) would go                      C) **went**                      D) had gone
4. .... Sloping Island Group is a group of islands in south-eastern ..... Australia.  
 A) the / the                      B) - / -                      C) - / the                      D) **the / -**
5. He ..... lunch when the colleague ..... .  
 A) finished up / was arriving                      C) was finishing up / was arrived  
 B) prepared / arrived                      D) **was finishing up / arrived**
6. By the time the troops ....., the war will have ended.  
 A) has arrived                      B) arrived                      C) will arrive                      D) **arrive**
7. Charles ..... in Leeds for fifteen years but he ..... in Luton for the last five.  
 A) **worked / has worked**                      C) had worked / works  
 B) worked / had worked                      D) had worked / had worked
8. Guernica..... at that time by Picasso.  
 A) painted                      C) **was being painted**  
 B) was painting                      D) is being painted
9. I am unable to use my smartphone at the moment. It ..... .  
 A) was being repaired                      C) is repaired  
 B) has been repaired                      D) **is being repaired**
10. Next week, the recreation complex ..... for two days.  
 A) was closed                      C) is being closed  
 B) **will be closed**                      D) has been closed
11. I need ..... information about the city.  
 A) many                      B) a                      C) an                      D) **some**
12. There are ..... women politicians in the UK. Many people think there should be more.  
 A) little                      B) **few**                      C) a few                      D) a little
13. The prisoners ..... big holes and fill them up again.  
 A) **are made to dig**                      C) were made dig  
 B) are made digging                      D) made digging
14. If you ..... a cat, the mice ..... immediately.  
 A) had/ will disappear                      C) **had / would disappear**  
 B) had had / will disappear                      D) have / would disappear

15. You ..... me anything. That was kind of you.  
A) needn't buy      **B) needn't have bought**      C) mustn't have bought      D) didn't need to buy
16. I have absolutely no intention ..... resigning.  
**A) of**      B) about      C) in      D) at
17. My neighbour grew this apple in his garden, but unfortunately it tastes .....  
A) unsteady      **B) sour**      C) sourly      D) lovely
18. We usually have the bedrooms ..... every two years.  
A) redecorate      B) redecorating      **C) redecorated**      D) to redecorate
19. Guess who I ..... in town. Our new English teacher, Ms Klimova.  
A) went on      **B) bumped into**      C) picked on      D) took into
20. I was very rude to you and still feel very ..... of myself.  
A) sorry      B) apologetic      **C) ashamed**      D) forgive
21. Next year at this time, I ..... my degree programme.  
A) am completing      **B) will have completed**      C) am going to complete      D) will finish
22. There is no point ..... getting angry about it. It is too late.  
A) with      B) of      C) about      **D) in**
23. .... we had planned everything carefully, a lot of things went wrong.  
A) Despite      B) In spite of      **C) Although**      D) However
24. She ..... on time for the interview if he had left the house at nine.  
**A) would have been**      B) will be      C) would be      D) is
25. I didn't ..... to music when I was a child.  
A) listened      B) used to listen      **C) use to listen**      D) used to listening
26. You won't go to the party and ..... Lucy.  
A) either will      **B) neither will**      C) so will      D) so won't
27. Please stop ..... and try ..... her as soon as possible.  
A) **crying, to forget**      B) crying, forgetting      C) to cry, to forget      D) to cry, getting
28. I wrote to the friend ..... you met last week.  
A) which      **B) -**      C) whose      D) those
29. Susie is so late! She ..... the train.  
A) can't have missed      **B) must have missed**      C) may miss      D) might miss
30. Why don't you take ..... yoga?  
A) out      B) in      C) down      **D) up**

For questions 31 – 50 read the texts below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.

### SHOPPING – PAST AND PRESENT

Shopping is an important part of today's ...(31)... society. Shoppers are important for a country's economy because they consume many of the goods that industries produce.

However, in early civilizations, people ...(32)... the goods that they produced. Centuries ago, the introduction of bank notes and coins made it possible to earn money and buy other goods. The first shops sold food and home-made goods. In the Middle Ages, traditional ...(33)... emerged in small towns. Bakers, butchers, goldsmiths and others produced goods in their own workshops, which were often close to the ...(34)... place.

Today, goods are mass-produced in factories, then sold to wholesalers, who then sell them either directly to consumers or to retailers. These ...(35)... from small one-man stores to large chain stores or supermarkets.

In large cities department stores offer everything from household articles to special food. Each floor has a section, where you can buy a wide range of ...(36)... articles. In the last decades big shopping malls have been built on the outskirts of cities. They are popular destinations that have turned into huge entertainment centres with all kinds of opportunities to spend your free time. On the other side, ...(37)... stores in city centres are losing more and more customers because they are hard to reach and there is little parking ...(38)... .

In the last decade, shopping on the Internet has increased ...(39)... . Online stores have ...(40)... mail-order catalogues for people who do not want to get into their car and drive to the nearest shopping mall. In addition, the goods are delivered to your doorstep, and you pay via credit card.

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| 31. | <b>A) consumer</b>    | B) economic        | C) producer         | D) buyer           |
| 32. | A) switched           | B) substituted     | <b>C) exchanged</b> | D) replaced        |
| 33. | <b>A) trades</b>      | B) exchanges       | C) jobs             | D) products        |
| 34. | A) fair               | B) central         | <b>C) market</b>    | D) town            |
| 35. | A) span               | B) choose          | C) run              | <b>D) range</b>    |
| 36. | A) linked             | <b>B) related</b>  | C) allied           | D) connected       |
| 37. | <b>A) traditional</b> | B) usual           | C) common           | D) out-of-date     |
| 38. | A) ground             | B) gap             | <b>C) space</b>     | D) place           |
| 39. | A) suddenly           | <b>B) steadily</b> | C) securely         | D) closely         |
| 40. | A) switched           | B) swapped         | C) restored         | <b>D) replaced</b> |

For questions 41 – 50 read the texts below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.

### TOP CITIES – WHERE LIVING IS WORTHWHILE

Have you ever walked around a city and thought, "*This is paradise*"? Or maybe, "*This is the ugliest, most polluted, most dangerous, and most frightening place I have ever seen*"?

Most of us have. And that's why most of us like to know about a place before we go there. One thing we can do is read a good ...(41)... book. Another is to look at a new ...(42)... conducted by William Mercer, one of the world's largest human resources consultancies.

Mercer decided to ...(43)... some of the world's great cities. They produced their results by giving ...(44)... for various criteria. These included the political, economic and social environment, healthcare, educational provision, recreation and transport infrastructure.

So, which are the best cities to live in, and which should we avoid? In ...(45)... first place were Vancouver, Berne, Vienna, and Zurich, while Sydney, Geneva, Auckland, and Copenhagen came in second. Swiss cities ...(46)... three of the top ten places, making it the single most successful country of all those surveyed.

New York was used as the ...(47)... city with a score of 100, which put it in 50th place. Overall, US cities suffered because of high crime rates. The highest-ranked US city was Honolulu, with 104 points.

For Londoners, the news was not too bad. London was ...(48)... ahead of New York, with 101.5 points. The report named London's good international relations as a positive point. Its poorest scores – six out of ten – were ...(49)... for its climate and traffic. At the bottom of the list was Brazzaville, Congo, where there has been a civil war for many years.

Ken Livingstone, mayor of London, said last night it was unfair to compare large international cities with small cities since the smaller ones were far easier to run. "You have to look at cities with a population of more than five million people," he said. "On that ...(50)... we're much better than Tokyo or New York."

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| 41. | A) trip         | <b>B) guide</b>   | C) geography       | D) escort          |
| 42. | A) research     | B) inspection     | <b>C) survey</b>   | D) poll            |
| 43. | <b>A) judge</b> | B) proclaim       | C) rule            | D) decide          |
| 44. | A) places       | B) signs          | C) spots           | <b>D) marks</b>    |
| 45. | A) together     | <b>B) joint</b>   | C) united          | D) dual            |
| 46. | A) absorbed     | B) controlled     | C) vacated         | <b>D) occupied</b> |
| 47. | A) normal       | <b>B) base</b>    | C) regular         | D) first           |
| 48. | A) faintly      | B) almost         | <b>C) slightly</b> | D) weakly          |
| 49. | A) prized       | <b>B) awarded</b> | C) honoured        | D) granted         |
| 50. | A) source       | B) centre         | <b>C) basis</b>    | D) root            |