

Advanced English Writing #7

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I. Writing: 平行結構

1. Experiencing failures, solving problems and then _____ (enjoy) the fruits of success is just the way of life.
2. Jazz, which combines elements of Ragtime, marching band music, _____ (連接詞) Blues, originated around 1895 in New Orleans.
3. To pay their tuition, the number of college students who _____ (work) during the day and attend class in the evening is growing.
4. George Washington, founder of the United States, became the first president of the United States in 1789, after the Constitution was ratified. Before entering politics, he was a surveyor, planter _____ soldier. (連接詞)
5. In the learning process of children, they experience errors, _____ (confusing), and failures more often than success.
6. The social-psychological system in Taiwan favors professional jobs. There jobs include being a lawyer, an accountant, or a physician. (use “such as” to combine)
Sol:
The social-psychological system in Taiwan favors professional jobs

7. In Taiwan, children are encouraged, or even compelled, to go to competitive universities. They are also encouraged, or even compelled, to pursue graduate degrees. (use “不定詞片語” to combine)
Sol:

8. The goal of this project is to design an effective and appropriate way for

Taiwanese students to improve their listening skills using learning strategies, and for teachers to _____ (reconsider, reconsidering, reconsidered) the current pedagogy for listening comprehension under the educational system in Taiwan.

9. Otters eat, sleep, mate, and even give birth at sea. These marine animals can remain underwater for up to 5 minutes. (use “動詞平行” to combine)
10. Before the advent of the Internet, the telephone was an important tool for people to contact family and friends living far away. It offered efficient communication in the business world. (use “動詞平行” to combine)
- Before the advent of the Internet, the telephone was an important tool for people to contact family and friends living far away, or _____
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Section One

Listening Comprehension

Part I: Picture Questions

Audio/MP3 Track 22

For each picture, you will hear four short statements. Choose the statement that best describes what you see in the picture.

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Part II: Question and Response

Audio/MP3 Track 23

You will hear a question followed by three responses. They will not be printed in your test book. You are to choose the best response to each question or statement.

4-10. Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

Part III: Short Conversations

Audio/MP3 Track 24

You will hear some conversations between two people. The conversations will not be printed in your test book. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speakers say in each conversation. You are to choose the best answer to each question.

11. Where did this conversation take place?

- (A) In an office
- (B) In a home
- (C) In a restaurant
- (D) In a hospital

12. Why did the woman take off her watch?

- (A) She thought it was broken.
- (B) She thought it might get broken later.
- (C) She was cleaning.
- (D) She was doing the dishes.

13. Where can we infer she found the watch?

- (A) On a table
- (B) In the kitchen
- (C) The man found it
- (D) Next to the dishes

14. Who is the woman in this conversation?

- (A) Customer
- (B) Chef
- (C) Server
- (D) Cleaner

15. What does the customer want to eat?

- (A) Seafood
- (B) Bass
- (C) Balsamic vinegar
- (D) Chicken

16. What is "house red"?

- (A) Chicken
- (B) The name of the restaurant
- (C) Wine
- (D) The man's recommendation

17. Where is this conversation taking place?

- (A) In a classroom
- (B) In a bathroom
- (C) In a sports center
- (D) In an office

18. Where does Jack most likely work?

- (A) IT
- (B) Reception
- (C) Maintenance
- (D) Finance

19. Where does Emily work?

- (A) On the third floor
- (B) On the first floor
- (C) On the same floor as the man and woman
- (D) With Jack

Part IV: Short Talks

Audio/MP3 Track 25

You will hear several short talks. They will not be printed in your test book. You will be asked to answer three questions about what the speaker says in each short talk. You are to choose the best answer to each question.

20. Where are we likely to hear this talk?

- (A) At a university
- (B) In a sports hall
- (C) In a sales meeting
- (D) At a dinner party

21. Which of the following groups is most likely to make "world music"?

- (A) Rock stars
- (B) Rap singers
- (C) Aborigines
- (D) American Jazz musicians

22. Why has downloading been a good thing?

- (A) The singers have become richer.
- (B) They are now heard by more people.
- (C) They now have computers.
- (D) More people get their music for free.

23. Who is giving this advice?

- (A) A teacher
- (B) A doctor
- (C) A minister
- (D) A boss

24. What is the person doing right?

- (A) Lots of sport
- (B) Eating enough fruit
- (C) Drinking water
- (D) Sleeping enough

25. How much fruit should the person be eating?

- (A) Every day
- (B) Exactly four servings
- (C) Over five servings
- (D) Roughly four or five servings

Section Two Reading

Part V: Incomplete Sentences

You are to choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

26. The restaurant will be closed on Saturday and will _____ business again on Wednesday.
- (A) open
 - (B) open up
 - (C) open for
 - (D) opening
27. Negotiations were _____ crisis point when the Japanese businessmen walked out in disgust.
- (A) at
 - (B) to
 - (C) with
 - (D) be
28. After 2008, many companies had to _____ a lot of workers because of the credit crunch.
- (A) laid off
 - (B) lay off
 - (C) sacked
 - (D) give
29. The vice president just ordered me _____ take some annual leave.
- (A) out
 - (B) in
 - (C) of
 - (D) to
30. Do you think we could _____ this house with our salary?
- (A) spend
 - (B) deal
 - (C) afford
 - (D) agree
31. I was very _____ by Amy's performance on stage last night. She stole the show!
- (A) aware
 - (B) impressed
 - (C) disappointed
 - (D) close
32. The man over there, _____ is wearing a red hat, sold us our car last year.
- (A) which
 - (B) who
 - (C) can
 - (D) whose
33. Deciduous trees are _____ from evergreens because they shed their leaves in fall.
- (A) the same
 - (B) between
 - (C) like
 - (D) different
34. I have all my clothes _____ because my body size and proportions are different to most other people.
- (A) remade
 - (B) tailor
 - (C) tailor-made
 - (D) re-tailor
35. My boss has asked me to play a round of golf with him. It's been _____ since I practiced my golf swing!
- (A) month
 - (B) a long time
 - (C) while
 - (D) a week ago

Part VI: Fill in the Blanks

Read the following text. A word or phrase is missing in some of the sentences. You are to choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Questions 36-38 refer to the following extract from an article:

The ink-jet printer will soon be 36 as a very old piece of technology now that laser printers are becoming cheaper. For many people (but not many offices), a laser printer used to be too 37 and many would take 38 documents to work on a USB drive or to a print shop to get a higher print quality than they could at home.

36. (A) revolved
(B) reduced
(C) regarded
(D) repealed
37. (A) expense
(B) cheapest
(C) cheap
(D) expensive
38. (A) that
(B) there
(C) this
(D) their

Part VII: Reading Comprehension

You are to choose the one best answer to each question. Answer all questions following each reading selection on the basis of what is stated or implied in that section.

Questions 39-41 refer to the following e-mail:

From: TCooper@Showbiz.net
To: HJaaques@Carreeon.com
Subject: Ideas for Greg's retirement party

Dear Hattie,

As you know, our old friend from Luxten Bus Company, Greg Varnee, is up for retirement at the end of May. It's so hard to believe he has been there that long! A few of his coworkers and I have been trying to come up with some suitable ideas to give him an evening that he will remember, and I was hoping I could run a couple past you to see if you had any suggestions.

First, we want to have a cake made in the shape of a bus, just to remind Greg of what he will be missing. I'm sure he would understand the sentiment.

I'm also hoping we can find some of the other people who used to work there, but moved to other companies. Hopefully, some of those will have old photos we can use in a PowerPoint presentation.

So Hattie, Do you have any other ideas? We still have a few months to think of something, so we don't have a tight deadline.

Thanks,

Thomas Cooper

39. Who is Greg?

- (A) Hattie's coworker
- (B) Hattie's old friend
- (C) Hattie's boss
- (D) Hattie's driver

40. What will happen in May?

- (A) Greg will get a new job.
- (B) Hattie will visit Greg.
- (C) Thomas will go to a party.
- (D) Greg will retire.

41. Which of the following does Thomas suggest?

- (A) Preparing a fun cake
- (B) Using his old photos of Greg
- (C) A speech from Hattie
- (D) A visit to Luxten

Questions 42-45 refer to the following schedule:

Timetable for Bell Town Fair

The annual Bell Town fair will be held from May 5-7. As well as the usual craft stalls and traditional cakes, we have arranged a few unusual activities this year. Some of the activities of previous years, like face painting, will not be held this year due to a lack of interest last year.

Saturday morning: Civil War Reenactment

Place: Drill Field

Synopsis: Volunteers will decide which side they are on: The King's Army or The People's Army. Then, dressed in the clothing of the early 19th Century, we will hold a restaging of the famous Drill Field battle.

Sunday afternoon: Falconry

Place: The Old Belfry

Synopsis: David Macker will be showing youngsters how to control his birds of prey. A full lesson will be provided on how to handle the birds.

Monday Afternoon: Raffle

Place: Clydie Elementary school.

Synopsis: The proceeds from this year's raffle are going to the Cyril Regiss Hospital. Last year's prize was a holiday to Thailand. What will the lucky winner get this time?

Looking forward to a good year,

Carol Bentley

42. Over how many days will the fair be held?

- (A) Two days
- (B) One day
- (C) Four days
- (D) Three days

43. What is the reason there will be no face painting?

- (A) It is not traditional.
- (B) It wasn't popular last year.
- (C) It is an unusual activity.
- (D) They need to make jam.

44. Which year best relates to the clothing worn in the Civil War reenactment?

- (A) 1876
- (B) 1810
- (C) 1929
- (D) 1900

45. Who, most likely, is Carol Bentley?

- (A) The person holding the raffle
- (B) The person with the falcons
- (C) The person who organized the fair
- (D) The person from the hospital

Questions 91-95 refer to the following event announcement and e-mail:

Book Signing in Association with Bradshaw's Books at the NEX Conference Hall

We welcome all book fans and loyal customers to an event of great importance: Ben Grouse will be giving a lecture and signing copies of his latest book "At The End of Nothing." Although still within the science fiction/ fantasy genre, this novel is something of a departure for Grouse, who has decided to broaden his horizons by adding in elements of philosophy. As many of his legions of fans know Grouse was a Ph.D. candidate at Skelton University's Philosophy Department before turning his hand to writing.

Expect long lines, so try to be there as early as possible. Copies of the book will be on sale on the day or you can preorder a copy online at www.bradshawsbooksonline.com. If you have any queries, contact me (Peter Bradshaw) at peter@bradshawsbooksonline.com. Thanks!

To: peter@bradshawsbooksonline.com

From: vbarnby@studyroom.net

Subject: Yesterday's signing

Dear Peter,

I want to thank you for yesterday's book event as I have been a fan of Ben Grouse for many years. This was the first time I got to meet my hero and I found him very personable and willing to chat to his fans for a long time. There are, however, a few issues which I felt spoiled the day somewhat, and I hope you can address these before holding another event like this.

Firstly, there was a problem with security. I heard a young lady upset that her purse had gone missing, but because of the large number of people there, it was hard for her to raise the issue with any security officers. Fortunately, I saw her later and it had been returned.

Secondly, while the atmosphere was generally pleasant, I found that there were some people in the audience who were not in keeping with the spirit of the event. I hope in the future you can in some way vet potential attendees.

Thanks, though, for an otherwise terrific day.

Vera Barnby

46. Where was the event held?

- (A) Bradshaw's Books
- (B) Skelton University
- (C) Philosophy Department
- (D) NEX Conference Hall

47. What is the meaning of "genre"?

- (A) Book
- (B) Type
- (C) Flavor
- (D) Fashion

48. Who do we contact for more information?

- (A) Ben
- (B) Peter
- (C) Vera
- (D) Grouse

49. How did Vera react to the meeting?

- (A) She enjoyed it 100 percent.
- (B) She thought it was boring.
- (C) She hated the day.
- (D) She thought it was great, except for a couple of problems.

50. What can we infer that Vera would like next time?

- (A) Less security
- (B) A more pleasant environment
- (C) Stricter admission guidelines
- (D) Less talking