

Advanced English Writing #8

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Example:

- (1) Geophysics involves the concepts and methods of various other sciences.
- (2) Geophysics is broad in scope, and it is difficult to define its boundaries.

Sol:

Because Geophysics involves the concepts and methods of various other sciences, it is broad in scope, and it is difficult to define its boundaries.

1. (1) The numbers of births in some Asian countries have sharply become smaller.
(2) It is expected that many teachers will retire sooner than they have planned.

Sol:

2. (1) The American Civil War, also called the War Between the States, broke out in 1861.
(2) Many social and economic conflicts led to the outbreak of the war. (降為介系詞片語)

Sol:

3. (1) New studies show that eating an organic diet could be beneficial for children.
(2) An increasing number of parents are beginning to adjust their children's eating habits.

Sol:

4. (1) Using cell phones while driving is not allowed in many countries.
(2) This behavior may endanger not only the driver but also the passengers and other drivers.

Sol:

5. (1) Nearly 70% of the land is covered with forest.
(2) Timber logging and processing has become the small town's major industry.

Sol:



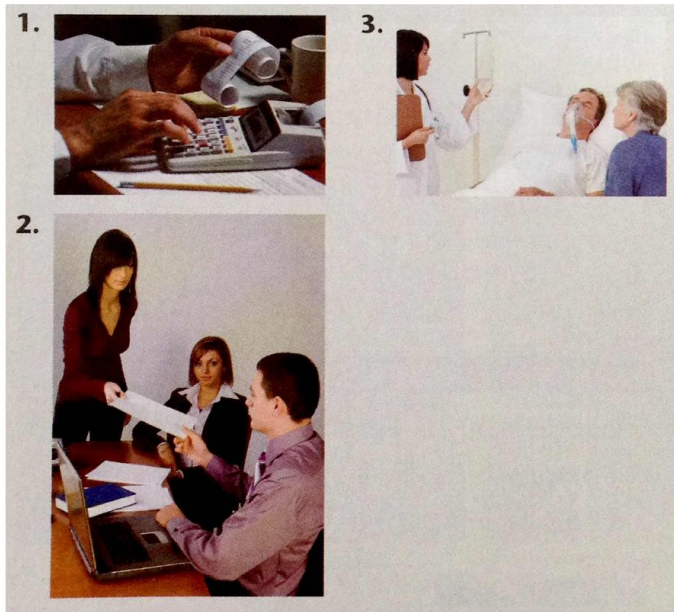
Section One

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.



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. Why is the woman unsure about going out?

- (A) She is in a bad mood.
- (B) She is busy.
- (C) She doesn't really feel like it.
- (D) She wants to go out at the end of the week.

12. Who is Christina?

- (A) The man's friend
- (B) The woman's close friend
- (C) The man's colleague
- (D) The woman's boss

13. What does the man think?

- (A) They should stay home.
- (B) They should go now.
- (C) They should come home.
- (D) They should probably go for a short time.

14. What was the first man doing last night?

- (A) He was playing cards.
- (B) He was watching a sports game.
- (C) He watched the news.
- (D) He was at work.

15. Who might Brad Kenny be?

- (A) A sportsman
- (B) One of the men in the conversation
- (C) Someone on the news
- (D) A businessman

16. How does the second man feel?

- (A) Excited
- (B) Surprised
- (C) Relieved
- (D) Disappointed

17. What are they discussing?

- (A) Movies
- (B) Age groups
- (C) Books
- (D) Colleagues

18. What are the second woman's thoughts on the first recommendation?

- (A) She likes the idea.
- (B) She is very enthusiastic.
- (C) She is not so keen.
- (D) She thinks it is terrible.

19. What is true about the second recommendation?

- (A) It has been successful.
- (B) Nobody has read it.
- (C) It has lost lots of money.
- (D) It is a science fiction novel.

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. What is the speaker's profession?

- (A) Teacher
- (B) Gardener
- (C) Entertainer
- (D) We don't know.

21. What has most likely happened?

- (A) Grant was riding his bicycle.
- (B) Grant was eating his dinner.
- (C) Grant fell off his ladder.
- (D) Grant was cutting the grass.

22. What does the speaker say at the end?

- (A) Tell me if you know someone who can help.
- (B) Let me know if Grant will get better.
- (C) I have lots of ears.
- (D) It is time for the show.

23. Who is the item for?

- (A) The speaker's friend
- (B) The speaker's aunt
- (C) The speaker
- (D) The person being spoken to

24. How does the speaker describe the item?

- (A) Small
- (B) Quite heavy
- (C) Very large
- (D) Fairly light

25. What day would the speaker prefer the package to arrive?

- (A) Next Friday
- (B) Next Saturday
- (C) Next Wednesday
- (D) Next Sunday

Section Two Reading

Part V: Incomplete Sentences

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

26. The boss has _____ you for a promotion.
(A) recorded
(B) reprimanded
(C) recommended
(D) replied
27. Gary said he _____ a Ferrari last week.
(A) see
(B) went
(C) has
(D) saw
28. _____ being very unhealthy, fast food is not that tasty for many older people.
(A) Apartment
(B) Apart be
(C) Apart from
(D) Apart
29. If you try many times and don't get it right, be sure to check the _____.
(A) instructions
(B) installments
(C) interruption
(D) institutions
30. Many people _____ that London's Great Plague ended because of the Great Fire in 1665.
(A) believing
(B) believes
(C) belief
(D) believe
31. The World Cup _____ every four years but in a different four year cycle to the Olympics.
(A) was hold
(B) is held
(C) was found
(D) can be
32. Chinese New Year is _____ as the most important festival in the lunar calendar.
(A) generally accepted
(B) general important
(C) often said
(D) often acceptance
33. _____ once only found in the Americas, the potato later became very popular in Europe.
(A) However
(B) Because
(C) Although
(D) In addition
34. Roy Garside was asked to purchase two seats by the airline due to his _____ weight.
(A) consideration
(B) considered
(C) conspire
(D) considerable
35. Environmental _____ have been a hot political topic for the last 30 years.
(A) issue
(B) issues
(C) issued
(D) issuing

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 short article:

Legend has it that Smokey Hole 36 Dagenham in the United Kingdom was where a witch resided for 100 years. Her name has been lost to history, but she 37 to lure young children to the caves with promises of cake and cookies and they were never seen again. Today, Smokey Hole is Dagenham's number one tourist 38 and visitors are allowed to go into the depths to see cave paintings from thousands of years ago and some wonderful stalactites.

36. (A) close
(B) between
(C) across
(D) near
37. (A) was said
(B) were asked
(C) has said
(D) had told
38. (A) business
(B) visitor
(C) attraction
(D) fair

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 advertisement:

Get on down to Roomi's Electronic Showroom for our going-out-of-business sale!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

Cameras down 20%, appliances down as much as 40%, Computers down 15%, everything else: No offers refused!

*Sale ends on Saturday October 20

*Doors open: 8:30 a.m.

Expect long queues as this is an event not to be missed.

39. Where might you see this advertisement?
(A) Specialist magazine
(B) Newspaper
(C) Guide book
(D) Business report
40. Which items offer the biggest savings?
(A) Televisions
(B) Computers
(C) Appliances
(D) Cameras
41. What should we expect?
(A) No discount
(B) Doors opening late
(C) Hot weather
(D) Long lines

Questions 42-45 refer to the following letter:

432B, Sugar Mt Rd,
Boston, Ma,
USA, 432365

Dear Editor,

I want to add my voice to the great deal of support you are getting for the news story about the stray dog problem around Boston. I think that the biggest problem here is not the dogs themselves but actually the irresponsible owners who don't look after them correctly or who put them on the street when they become too much of a burden.

What we need is more education for new owners or for children in schools so that they don't develop bad habits. I also think we should extend neutering programs.

Thanks for bringing this story to the public's attention.

Sincerely,

Karl Weathurs

42. What, most likely, was the main point of the original news story?

- (A) The issue of stray animals is important.
- (B) The editor is against stray animals near his home.
- (C) There should be more dogs in Boston.
- (D) There are no strays in Boston.

43. What is a big problem according to Karl?

- (A) Neutering
- (B) Bad owners
- (C) Dirty streets
- (D) School kids

44. What is the meaning of "burden" in the first paragraph?

- (A) Dog
- (B) Overbearing
- (C) Problem
- (D) Release

45. According to Karl what is needed?

- (A) Training
- (B) Public attention
- (C) More news
- (D) Less neutering

Questions 46-50 refer to the following job advertisement and e-mail:

Delaware Homeless Housing Agent

We are hoping to find a new housing specialist helping the long term homeless here in Wilmington. We are a nationally-known organization that specializes in dealing with housing some of the most difficult cases. We need a talented individual who is up to the challenge of delivering great customer service in difficult circumstances.

Your purpose in this role will be to:

- Carry out activities such as lettings, help with arrears, litigation and bankruptcy.
- Deliver excellent customer service for customers and community representatives on an individual basis.
- Work in partnership with other agencies in law enforcement and drug education to help create safer environments in communities.
- Build relationships with local communities.

To succeed here, the ideal applicant will have at least three years as a housing professional and have fluency in Spanish. Experience with charities will be a plus. As you will be traveling a lot, we require that candidates have a clean driver's license and access to their own vehicle.

Dear Sir or Madam,



I am very interested in the position of Homeless Housing Agent that you recently advertised. I believe I am the right person for the job. I have only two years experience in a housing role (I interned in Washington State re-homing ex-military) but over five years dealing with homeless people in a counseling role. As my parents are both from Colombia, my Spanish is also at native level.

I have enclosed a copy of my résumé together with the application form and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Maria Alonzo

46. Where is the job?

- (A) Housing
- (B) Wilmington
- (C) Colombia
- (D) Spanish

47. Which people might need this organization's help most?

- (A) People with alcohol problems
- (B) People with no job
- (C) People who have no home
- (D) People who smoke

48. Which of the following is NOT essential for this job?

- (A) The ability to speak another language
- (B) Your own car
- (C) Experience with charities
- (D) More than two years experience

49. Who did Maria help to re-home?

- (A) Doctors
- (B) Soldiers
- (C) Homeless people
- (D) Animals

50. What can we infer is true of Colombia?

- (A) Maria was born there.
- (B) Maria's parents are there.
- (C) There are a lot of soldiers in Colombia.
- (D) Spanish is spoken there.