

Advanced English Writing #10

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I. Writing: 原因連接詞/原因介係詞 (刪除其中一劃線處)

1. As a result of poor maintenance of cars, locomotives and electrical systems, so TRA trains usually cannot operate normally.
2. Because the home stadium of the New Orleans Hornets was damaged by Katrina, and the NBA team was thus forced to play in stadiums in other cities.
3. Wal Mart has therefore grown to become one of the largest wholesales in the United States because of its successful marketing strategies.
4. Because the economy has grown rapidly in some developing countries, and accordingly suicide rates in these countries have declined to a large extent.
5. Due to the growing numbers of the unemployed and credit card slaves, as a consequence, our society has suffered from high crime rates and social chaos.
6. As the unemployed and credit card slaves have increased; consequently, we are paying dearly for this economic and financial disorder.
7. So teenagers are more likely to drop out of school, thus causing lots of social problems such as drug abuse, for they spend large amounts of time surfing the Internet.



Section One

Listening Comprehension

Part I: Picture Questions

Audio/MP3 Track 20

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 21

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 22

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 is this conversation most likely taking place?

- (A) Schoolyard
- (B) Office
- (C) Supermarket
- (D) Post Office

12. Who will the woman send the money to?

- (A) To her sister in Ireland
- (B) To her mother
- (C) To her child
- (D) To her brother in Ireland

13. What does the man suggest?

- (A) Get to the bank early.
- (B) Transfer money over the Internet.
- (C) Use the Internet to save money.
- (D) Use the telephone.

14. What has happened?

- (A) The man was robbed.
- (B) The man was late.
- (C) The man's car was broken into.
- (D) The man has a new bike.

15. How many times has this happened?

- (A) It has happened more than once.
- (B) It has never happened.
- (C) It happens every day.
- (D) It happens only in summer.

16. What advice does the second man give?

- (A) Park up in a well-lit area.
- (B) Be more aware.
- (C) Ask for help.
- (D) Buy a new car.

17. Where is this conversation taking place?

- (A) At home
- (B) In the workplace
- (C) In a hospital
- (D) In church

18. What is the occasion?

- (A) Thanksgiving
- (B) Martin's birthday
- (C) Wedding
- (D) Christmas

19. What will the woman be doing?

- (A) Cleaning
- (B) Decorating the tree
- (C) Wrapping gifts
- (D) Cooking

20. What is the event?

- (A) A graduation
- (B) A presentation
- (C) A consultation
- (D) A dedication

21. How old can we assume Gretchen is?

- (A) Eight years old
- (B) A teenager
- (C) Middle-aged
- (D) Elderly

22. What is HoneyBeez?

- (A) A kindergarten
- (B) A food company
- (C) A ceremony
- (D) A retirement home

23. Where, most likely, does Janice work?

- (A) A hotel
- (B) A bank
- (C) A museum
- (D) A train station

24. Which of these is mentioned by the speaker?

- (A) Bad manners
- (B) Time-wasting
- (C) Lateness
- (D) Punctuality

25. What could happen next?

- (A) Janice may lose her job.
- (B) Janice may get a promotion.
- (C) Janice may give the speaker a new job.
- (D) Janice will quit.

Part IV: Short Talks

Audio/MP3 Track 23

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.

Section Two Reading

Part V: Incomplete Sentences

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

26. Many experts _____ worried that there are not enough children being born.
(A) can
(B) is
(C) are
(D) were
27. We have _____ to terminate your contract with immediate effect.
(A) decided
(B) choose
(C) required
(D) go
28. Thanks _____ the Internet, many people can now work from home.
(A) for
(B) in
(C) on
(D) to
29. Peter was happy to discover that on the new model the camera had been _____.
(A) upturned
(B) upended
(C) upshot
(D) upgraded
30. Though we've _____ for many years that Pluto was another planet, scientists now claim it is a moon.
(A) assigned
(B) assumed
(C) adhered
(D) altered
31. The concept of face, is _____ very difficult for foreign visitors to Asia to understand.
(A) definite
(B) absolute
(C) often
(D) too
32. Working in a new _____ has a lot of challenges.
(A) places
(B) environmental
(C) environment
(D) desks
33. One of the _____ initiatives in recent years was the government's decision to spend a great deal of money on cycle paths.
(A) well
(B) greater
(C) most great
(D) greatest
34. Francis _____ she knew all about the company before the interview as she did not want to seem unprepared.
(A) made sure
(B) make do
(C) makes
(D) made on
35. Catherine worked hard during her school vacation _____ pay her fees.
(A) in between
(B) in order that
(C) in order to
(D) because of

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:

People have been making music with 36 they could find for thousands of years. Due, perhaps, in part to the government cutbacks of recent years, the do-it-yourself ethic for making your own 37 is making a comeback. Enthusiasts like Ken Tucker have championed the use of old cigar boxes and making them into guitars. He says that although the sound isn't 38 as good as a professional guitar, the feeling of having made your instrument yourself is great.

36. (A) whichever
(B) however
(C) whatever
(D) whenever
37. (A) instruments
(B) songs
(C) musicians
(D) home
38. (A) just
(B) rather
(C) around
(D) quite

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: kateh@homely.net
To: admin@trusts.com
Subject: Car Parking

Dear Sir,

I want to complain about an issue which affects me and my family in the community car park. I am upset that as a disabled person, I quite often come home from work to find my specially allocated space has been taken by somebody else. What makes this worse is that often, the person who has taken the space is not actually a resident in our building.

I want to see some action taken against people who do this. After all, why do I pay such hefty fees for the space when I don't get what I paid for? I must insist that security is put in place to make stronger checks on vehicle IDs.

Sincerely,
Kate Holst

39. What is the tone of the e-mail?

- (A) Happy
(B) Sad
(C) Jolly
(D) Annoyed

40. Based on the passage, which of the following might be true of Kate?

- (A) She has pets.
(B) She has a wheelchair.
(C) She is very rich.
(D) She has more than one car.

41. What does she say about the fees?

- (A) She doesn't like them.
(B) They are expensive.
(C) They are cheap.
(D) She wants them to be increased.

Questions 42-45 refer to the following advertisement:

Grand Opening

Jim's Sports Center is opening for business. To celebrate we are offering some great deals!

Yearly membership 20% off for the first week.
Monthly membership 15% off for first week.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that on opening day the local champion runner Roy Gent will be there to give some training tips to all enthusiasts, young and old.

Come and try our indoor, heated Olympic-sized swimming pool. Free for members, non-members \$4.

We have sauna and massage facilities as well as a café and reading area for winding down after working up a sweat.

See you there!



42. What is this advertisement for?

- (A) A new supermarket
- (B) A sports arena
- (C) A new gym
- (D) A night club

43. How long are the membership offers open for?

- (A) One week
- (B) Two weeks
- (C) All year
- (D) 15 weeks

44. Who is Roy Gent?

- (A) The manager
- (B) A soccer player
- (C) A swimmer
- (D) A runner

45. What is NOT true about the pool?

- (A) It is inside.
- (B) It is warm.
- (C) It costs four dollars for everyone.
- (D) It is very big.

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

For Rent

An immaculate Edwardian business center in a contemporary working environment in bustling Trenchton. Surrounded by a vast assortment of magnificent shops, bars, and restaurants to enjoy and explore. The famous Pallister Theater and McClair Gallery are both only five minutes away on foot.

The interior has been renovated to the highest standard, and many of the rooms have kept their original features. All rooms benefit from lots of natural light.

Conveniently located just 10 minutes walk from the train station, with easy access to Marley and Baret.

Call Free on 0800-482-6464

Reference: SOS 57738.

Or e-mail Mike Pheelan: mpheelan@trenchtonproperties.com

To: mpheelan@trenchtonproperties.com

From: kdickson@quickmail.com

Subject: Ref number SOS 57738

Dear Mr Pheelan,

I am e-mailing today to ask about the possibility of viewing the property at that reference number, as it seems to be just what I am looking for. I have a number of enquiries which I will raise with you on the date, but off the top of my head, what is the ballpark figure for a monthly rental? I'm also interested in what other companies would be operating from the same building.

Hopefully we can do something on or before the 27th of this month.

Regards,

Kerry Dickson

46. What is the advertisement for?

- (A) A home
- (B) A restaurant
- (C) A workshop
- (D) An office

47. How far away is the theater?

- (A) 10 minutes from the train station
- (B) A five-minute walk
- (C) 15 minutes
- (D) Next to the gallery

48. What is NOT mentioned about the rooms?

- (A) Excellent renovation
- (B) Air conditioned
- (C) Edwardian features
- (D) Very bright

49. What can we assume about Marley and Baret?

- (A) They are restaurants.
- (B) They are neighboring towns.
- (C) They are shopping areas.
- (D) They are movie theaters.

50. What is a "ballpark figure"?

- (A) A baseball player
- (B) The exact amount
- (C) An approximate number
- (D) A low estimate