

Advanced English Writing #11

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Paragraph 1:

The death penalty, or capital punishment, is a controversial issue in many nations. Some countries, _____ Canada, have already abolished capital punishment as a legal form of penalty for any criminal, _____ some countries like the United States still use capital punishment. There are also countries debating _____ to keep it or not.

Many believe that the death penalty is a cruel and unusual punishment and should not be allowed. Those opposed to the punishment hold that, _____ the punishment provides revenge for the victim and his/her family, “killing back” the criminal does not solve the root of the problem, and the criminal does not always know _____ was wrong with his/her behavior. The government should try to correct the criminals’ behavior instead of simply killing them. There is also always the chance _____ the accused is innocent, and once executed, the mistake cannot be corrected.

Paragraph 2:

Halloween is a special holiday celebrated in the Western world. It is celebrated _____ October 31st. On that day, little children would dress up as monsters at night time and go door to door asking for candy and sweets while saying, “Trick or treat!” _____, Halloween isn’t just for children; many adults also enjoy decorating their houses as scary as they can to scare and awe the little kids. Even _____ Halloween isn’t a national holiday and students still have to go to school, many of them and their teachers bring their favorite costumes to school to show off, and sometimes the school also holds special costume contests just for the occasion! College and high school students _____ like to dress up as monsters and party together. So no _____ what age, everyone can have fun at Halloween.

Paragraph 3:

Americans consume about 67 billion eggs annually. Eating eggs sunny-side-up

is commonly seen at the breakfast table, _____ this eating habit may be harmful to health, and even cause death. _____ health hazard is _____ to the fact that, when eggs are being formed inside of the hen, they may be infected with *Salmonella*, which can cause food poisoning. _____, other food-borne diseases are usually caused by fecal material or dust contamination. *Enterobacterias* account _____ nausea, fever, and diarrhea in an estimated 310,000 Americans. Moreover, some 100 deaths a year are linked to *Salmonella*. People are urged to cook eggs thoroughly to avoid food poisoning.

Paragraph 4:

Many people are familiar with stories _____ as Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood, and Cinderella. _____ stories were originally written in 1812 by the Grimm brothers; _____, the famous film company, Disney, reproduced these stories as animations for children. Notwithstanding our notion of them to the _____, the original stories by the Grimm brothers rarely had happy endings. _____, the stories were dark and violent and weren't suitable for young readers. Their tales were revised several times in the last two hundred years and slowly transformed into the children's fairy tales that we know today.

Paragraph 5:

Employees in different fields and in different job positions feel differently about their work. Some may feel unfairly treated by their companies because they work hard _____ are not rewarded accordingly. _____, there are still those who feel that receive _____ they deserve. It would be extremely difficult and unfair to give all employees equal pay. Employees should _____ be sure to perform _____ duties well before bargaining for additional pay. To any business person, only a job well done should be awarded.



Section One

Listening Comprehension

Part I: Picture Questions

Audio/MP3 Track 18

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 19

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 20

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. What is the woman's decision?

- (A) She won't go to the show.
- (B) She misses the show a lot.
- (C) She'll go there with Tom.
- (D) She'll go on another day.

12. What else could be at the show?

- (A) Refrigerators
- (B) Cars
- (C) Computers
- (D) Ovens

13. What is true about Tom?

- (A) He likes technology.
- (B) The woman doesn't like him.
- (C) He will be working at the show.
- (D) He's into a lot of stuff.

14. How would you describe the two people's feelings about the restaurant?

- (A) Negative
- (B) Positive
- (C) Negligent
- (D) Indifferent

15. How did the man find out about the restaurant?

- (A) From a Web site
- (B) In a newspaper
- (C) On the radio
- (D) Recommendation from friends

16. What does the woman says she will do?

- (A) Meet some buddies.
- (B) Order the same thing next time.
- (C) Copy her friends.
- (D) Tell her friends about the restaurant.

17. Who is Jessica?

- (A) A CEO
- (B) A secretary
- (C) A maintenance worker
- (D) A manager

18. What happens at 10 a.m.?

- (A) There is a phone call.
- (B) It was the original suggestion for the meeting.
- (C) The CEO will call.
- (D) Jessica will be playing golf.

19. What time is best for the meeting?

- (A) 10 a.m.
- (B) 11 a.m.
- (C) Noon
- (D) 3 p.m.

Part IV: Short Talks

Audio/MP3 Track 21

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. Who is most likely talking here?

- (A) A lawyer
- (B) A doctor
- (C) A chef
- (D) A teacher

21. Which of these is a choice of soup?

- (A) Chicken
- (B) Corn
- (C) Tomato
- (D) Mushroom

22. Which dish is the dessert?

- (A) Pigeon
- (B) Tiramisu
- (C) Vegetables
- (D) Bread

23. Who would be listening to this statement?

- (A) The HR department
- (B) Bob
- (C) The speaker's wife
- (D) The sales team

24. How long has Bob worked there?

- (A) 12 years
- (B) 20 years
- (C) 15 years
- (D) 2 months

25. What job may he get now?

- (A) Supervisor
- (B) General Manager
- (C) Service engineer
- (D) He will lose his job.

Section Two Reading

Part V: Incomplete Sentences

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

26. Many people are _____ the new transportation network for its ease of use.
(A) acting
(B) praising
(C) highlighting
(D) wanting
27. Customers _____ upset when they realized the special offers had run out a day earlier.
(A) are
(B) bequest
(C) before
(D) became
28. Some _____ lizards have the ability to grow back lost limbs.
(A) types
(B) many
(C) kinds of
(D) of
29. _____ June, I have been working in a new office; the people are so much nicer!
(A) Since
(B) Because
(C) After
(D) Lately
30. Our boss's _____ to Munich was a great success. He came back with some new clients.
(A) meeting
(B) available
(C) trip
(D) conference
31. Health _____ on cigarette boxes are designed to shock people.
(A) desires
(B) warnings
(C) ideas
(D) debates
32. Getting _____ by scooter is a common way to travel in many parts of Asia.
(A) affront
(B) between
(C) around
(D) arrive
33. When a volcano _____ in 2011, many flights were canceled for a few weeks.
(A) eruption
(B) erupts
(C) erupted
(D) erupting
34. Illness _____ that Jake Hornby was unable to take part in this year's marathon.
(A) meant
(B) happens
(C) meaning
(D) start
35. _____ to magazines are falling year on year because of the vast amount of information available on the Internet.
(A) Subscriptions
(B) Substitutions
(C) Buying
(D) Bought

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:

Once a small town famous for its mining 36, Shrimpton has changed beyond all recognition in the last 30 years after throngs of tourists started to flock there for the annual music festival. The brainchild of Susan Arr, the festival started 37 the town hall realized there was nothing to bring in much needed revenue. The 38 has certainly paid off for Susan. She was made Mayor of Shrimpton last March.

36. (A) town
(B) fortunate
(C) industry
(D) climate
37. (A) around
(B) before
(C) until
(D) after
38. (A) hard work
(B) down time
(C) experienced
(D) dedicated

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.

To: etanner@corrie.net
From: enquires@emmadale.com
Subject: Your enquiry re: Litter

Dear Ms. Tanner,

Thank you very much for your enquiry regarding the litter problem on the boulevard. We here at Emmadale have taken your suggestions into consideration and can proudly say that we accept your idea to have on the spot fines given to people who litter needlessly.

We respect people such as you who give some much needed civic pride to the area.

Best Regards,

A. Tatlock

39. What is the meaning of "re:"?

- (A) Related
(B) Retired
(C) Regarding
(D) Response

40. What can we assume has happened?

- (A) Ms. Tanner wrote a letter.
(B) Ms. Tanner dropped some litter.
(C) A. Tatlock will get a fine.
(D) Ms. Tanner has no pride in her town.

41. What is A. Tatlock's feeling about Ms. Tanner?

- (A) Fear
(B) Respect
(C) Desire
(D) Hate

Questions 42-45 refer to the following announcement:



Come Visit Newark's Greatest Water Park

Opening Day: May 15

My name is Bob Cryer, and I welcome you to join us at Waterama! We have built the world's biggest wave pool, the fastest water slide in North America, and a sensational rubber ring ride, as well as other attractions. For those of you who don't like the razzmatazz of our rides, why not just kick back and relax on our sun beds?

On opening night, we have a special concert with the popular teenage group Family Matters who will definitely get hearts racing.

Hope to see you there!

Bob Cryer
CEO



42. What is the name of the attraction?

- (A) Newark
- (B) Waterama
- (C) Bob Cryer
- (D) Razzmatazz

43. Which of these is NOT an attraction at the water park?

- (A) A very big wave pool
- (B) Rubber rings
- (C) A very fast slide
- (D) A tanning salon

44. What kind of group are Family Matters likely to be?

- (A) Boy band
- (B) Rock group
- (C) Jazz band
- (D) Orchestra

45. When is the concert most likely to start?

- (A) 3 p.m.
- (B) 10 a.m.
- (C) 7:30 p.m.
- (D) Midday

Questions 91-95 refer to the following e-mails:

To: lbattersbee@majestikhoteles.com
From: elainewasps@functionality.com
Subject: Terrible service

Dear Mr. Battersbee,

I was given your e-mail address so that I could complain about the service I was given in your Dubai hotel recently. We recently took advantage of your wedding package which included the ceremony, all the planning details and accommodation for our 20 family members. Initially, we thought that the price was very steep, but as it was a once-in-a-lifetime event, we thought that the outlay was worth it.

We now, however, feel very cheated. The rooms were unclean, the staff were unprofessional, and the catering staff didn't take into consideration some of our party's special dietary needs after having it explained to them many times.

If I pay a premium, I expect to get an excellent service. In all, I feel very let down and have to say our special day was ruined.

I await your reply and hope you can do something to help compensate for such a disaster.

Yours,
Elaine Wasps

From: lbattersbee@majestikhoteles.com
To: elainewasps@functionality.com
Subject: Reply about terrible service

Dear Mrs. Wasps,

Firstly, thank you for bringing this issue to my attention. If there had been a breakdown in communication with our staff then that would definitely be something that needed to be rectified. However, after some investigation, it has come to my attention that your party were less than ideal guests.

I have heard that many other guests complained about the rowdy nature of a gathering you had in the hotel bar one night. Also, there were many broken fixtures in the bedrooms. While I cannot condone some of the things you complain about in your e-mail, there are some serious issues relating to your behavior. Based on other customers' complaints, I do not feel I can offer any compensation.

Thank you for your time,
Leslie Battersbee

46. What was the occasion?

- (A) Wedding
- (B) Birthday
- (C) Honeymoon
- (D) Funeral

47. What is the main problem that Elaine has?

- (A) The hotel was too loud.
- (B) The hotel was too expensive.
- (C) The staff were unprofessional.
- (D) The event was not exciting.

48. What is meant by "special dietary needs"?

- (A) They were trying to lose weight.
- (B) They cannot eat certain foods.
- (C) They can eat anything.
- (D) They are not allowed to eat meat.

49. How does the manager seem to feel?

- (A) He feels that Elaine has a right to complain.
- (B) He feels that they didn't spend enough money.
- (C) He feels that they were good customers.
- (D) He feels that they didn't behave well.

50. What could we guess is a broken fixture?

- (A) Television
- (B) Carpet
- (C) Wall lights
- (D) Sheets