

Advanced English Writing #12

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I. Writing: 反義連接詞/ 讓步連接詞

Example:

- (1) Modern transport systems, such as cars, trains, and airplanes, have greatly improved our lives.
- (2) These vehicles produce all kinds of pollution, which have proved to be seriously harmful to the surroundings in which we live (yet).

Sol:

Modern transport systems, such as cars, trains, and airplanes, have greatly improved our lives, yet these vehicles produce all kinds of pollution, which have proved to be seriously harmful to the surroundings in which we live in.

1. (1) Stevie Wonder was blind from birth.
(2) He was good at performing on the piano as well as other instruments in his adolescence and later developed his skills to become a soul-music singer and songwriter. (although)

Sol:

2. (1) Humans utilize all kinds of methods in trying to wipe out cockroaches.
(2) They grow at a remarkably quick rate and are successful at surviving. (even though)

Sol:

3. (1) The temperature was below -5 degrees and everywhere outside was frozen last weekend.
(2) My roommate invited me to have a BBQ near Big Bear Lake. (although)

Sol:

4. (1) They continued with their conversation.
(2) The situation outside was chaotic. (even though)

Sol:

5. (1) Some companies require their new employees to take and pass at least one language proficiency test.
(2) Others do not have such a requirement at all. (while)

Sol:



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.

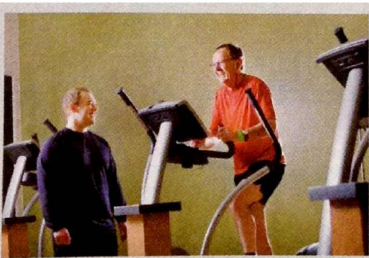
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Part II: Question and Response

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 the conversation most likely to take place?

- (A) In a living room
- (B) On a street
- (C) In a hotel
- (D) In a doctor's surgery

12. Who is Maureen?

- (A) The man
- (B) Jenna's sister
- (C) A person they both know
- (D) The man's wife

13. What can we guess about Jenna?

- (A) She might be forgetful.
- (B) She is very pretty.
- (C) She knows the man.
- (D) She goes to very few parties.

14. What happened last night?

- (A) Some news about a baseball team
- (B) A scary event
- (C) A great new TV show
- (D) An unusual phenomenon

15. Who can we assume James is?

- (A) The woman's husband
- (B) The man's son
- (C) The woman's boss
- (D) A stranger

16. What is the woman's opinion of what happened last night?

- (A) It was amazing.
- (B) It was unimportant.
- (C) It was worrying.
- (D) It was boring.

17. What is going to happen?

- (A) There will be a wedding.
- (B) The first woman will have a baby.
- (C) The second woman will go on holiday.
- (D) Roger is coming home.

18. What is the tone of the conversation?

- (A) Excited
- (B) Satisfied
- (C) Tiring
- (D) Sad

19. What is the likely relationship between the two speakers?

- (A) They are coworkers.
- (B) They are best friends.
- (C) They are siblings.
- (D) They are mother and daughter.

20. What is Francis Butcher most famous for?

- (A) Entertainment
- (B) Charity
- (C) Exercise
- (D) Reading

21. Where is this speech likely to take place?

- (A) A hospital
- (B) A school
- (C) A park
- (D) A theater

22. What does the speaker think is hard?

- (A) Getting children to listen
- (B) Getting children to exercise
- (C) Getting children to write
- (D) Getting children to eat vegetables

23. Where would we hear this report?

- (A) On the radio
- (B) In class
- (C) At the movies
- (D) In the winter

24. What time is it likely to be?

- (A) 3 p.m.
- (B) 4 p.m.
- (C) 6 p.m.
- (D) 11 a.m.

25. What is another problem?

- (A) Too many people watching the event from cars
- (B) Too many people trying to help
- (C) Not enough police
- (D) A road accident

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. Ted Baker was recently _____ manager at the Crumpsall branch of Goontech.
- (A) appointment
 - (B) given
 - (C) appointed
 - (D) approval
27. When I was in _____ school, I would ride my bicycle everyday.
- (A) elementary
 - (B) element
 - (C) juniors
 - (D) highest
28. Our fax machine _____ of paper yesterday, so we were unable to receive your order.
- (A) run
 - (B) runs out
 - (C) ran in
 - (D) ran out
29. The company _____ that they were spending too much money on snacks, so they requested that staff start to pay for their own.
- (A) replied
 - (B) relays
 - (C) realized
 - (D) revolted
30. It _____ claimed in Korea that leaving electric fans on at night can kill you.
- (A) said
 - (B) will
 - (C) has been
 - (D) thoughtful
31. There are many ways _____ you can hurt yourself in the kitchen, one being scalding yourself with a kettle.
- (A) in which
 - (B) in that
 - (C) to
 - (D) in
32. Actors are _____ about calling Shakespeare's play "Macbeth" by its name as it is supposedly unlucky; so they call it "The Scottish Play."
- (A) supercilious
 - (B) superintendent
 - (C) superstitious
 - (D) superseded
33. You are _____ not to move a person who has had a serious accident, as it could make any injuries worse.
- (A) emergency
 - (B) advertised
 - (C) advised
 - (D) exulted
34. Social _____ is taking control of too many people's lives, according to experts.
- (A) interaction
 - (B) media
 - (C) exclusion
 - (D) science
35. Edwin Marshall holds _____ world records, including one for singing underwater.
- (A) much
 - (B) couple
 - (C) a lot
 - (D) several

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:

After being homeless for around three years on the 36 of Paris, Jacques LeBeouf was at his lowest ebb. He had lost his job on a farm in the South of France and had come to Paris 37 for work, as many young people do. He was walking down a street when, quite by chance, he was spotted by a model agency who thought he had an interesting look. 38 some misgivings at first, Jacques was convinced by the agency director that this was a real job, and he has never looked back.

36. (A) streets
(B) houses
(C) schools
(D) roads
37. (A) seeking
(B) attracting
(C) application
(D) looking
38. (A) Because
(B) Since
(C) Despite
(D) Throughout

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: dtooting@shellcorp.com

To: agnes@frootie.com

Subject: Housewarming party

Hi Amy,

I know it has been a long time since we last spoke, so I thought I'd drop you a line to tell you that I've moved closer to the city, and thought you might like to catch up at our housewarming party next weekend.

I've invited a lot of the girls from college and a few like Diana Francis, Judy Madeley and Shakira Ahmed have said they are coming. You remember them, don't you? Barry has invited a lot of his work colleagues as he doesn't know anybody in this state, so I hope you can extend this invitation to any men you know. It will be good for him to meet some guys from outside the office.

Hope you're keeping well and that you can make it to the party.

Darlene

39. What is the reason for the party?

- (A) Darlene just got a new job.
(B) Darlene has recently moved house.
(C) Darlene is celebrating her birthday.
(D) Darlene is celebrating her anniversary.

40. Who, most likely, is Barry?

- (A) Darlene's father
(B) Darlene's partner
(C) Darlene's son
(D) Darlene's boss

41. How, most likely, do Amy and Darlene know each other?

- (A) From university
(B) From work
(C) From junior high school
(D) From the same sports club

Questions 42-45 refer to the following advertisement:

You've tried the rest, now try the best!

Samson's is a new men's barbershop, offering a complete selection of male haircuts and hair products, including traditional and more up-to-date styles.

Come and see our extensive product lines. We have gels, mousses and waxes, brushes, razors and so on. If it is related to hair, we have it.

We also offer gentleman's shaves (just like in the old days). Let us show you how you have been doing it wrong all these years, and sit back while you have an hour-long shave by one of our well-trained staff.

We can cut your hair in less than 10 minutes too, if that is your fancy.

Call us on 1-800-SAMSONCUT or visit us at samsonhair.net to find your local salon!

All salons open 9 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week.



42. Who will use this service?

- (A) Women
- (B) Grandfathers
- (C) Children
- (D) Adult men

43. What does the ad assume?

- (A) Customers cannot cut hair.
- (B) Customers have been shaving in the incorrect way.
- (C) Everyone wants their hair to be cut quickly.
- (D) Everyone wants a traditional cut.

44. How long will a shave take?

- (A) 60 minutes
- (B) Half an hour
- (C) 10 minutes
- (D) 9 a.m.

45. Which word would describe the amount of products they have?

- (A) Tiny
- (B) Vast
- (C) Obese
- (D) High

Questions 46-50 refer to the following two e-mails:

To: nedblyton@council.org
From: bpotter@homestead.net
Subject: Road Works and Closures

Dear Ned,

I am writing to you to complain in the strongest possible terms about the road maintenance issues we have been having here in the southern part of the city. We hear reports that the replacement of the road will be finished this week, then it is next week, and on and on. This has gone on for seven months now. The diversions we have to take down Market Street mean we have to make a large circle which brings us close to downtown and thus adds 30 minutes to our journey.

On top of this, my neighbors have heard from some of the contractors that School Road is about to be closed due to replacement of gas lines. Again, this will severely affect our journeys to work and school.

Could you please inform me of how things currently stand? We are tired of the misinformation which has been spread around in recent months.

Best regards,

Bea Potter

46. Where is Market Street according to the first e-mail?

- (A) Downtown
- (B) In the south of the city
- (C) Opposite School Road
- (D) In the north of the city

47. What is frustrating Ms. Potter?

- (A) Traffic delays
- (B) Bad information
- (C) Gas problems
- (D) Housing

48. What does she ask Ned for?

- (A) The official explanation
- (B) The latest gossip
- (C) The next press release
- (D) The end of the closures

49. What was the cause of one of the delays?

- (A) An explosion
- (B) The discovery of old ruins
- (C) The discovery of some animals
- (D) Deaths of some workers

50. When will School Road be closed?

- (A) Next Thursday
- (B) Tomorrow
- (C) This Tuesday
- (D) A Tuesday next month

To: bpotter@homestead.net
From: nedblyton@council.org
Subject: RE: Road Works and Closures

Dear Bea,

Thank you for your e-mail. We welcome all kinds of feedback, good or bad, and I want to thank you for bringing this to my attention.

I must say that, while I agree with you, that this latest round of maintenance is very inconvenient (I also reside in the southern part of the city), I have been assured that work is proceeding as quickly as possible. You may remember that one of the problems was that work was delayed due to the discovery of a colony of rare bats in the sewer system. The law states that in such cases, the animal's habitat must be saved, so a compromise had to be reached.

With regard to the closure of School Road, your neighbors are partly correct. There will indeed be a closure, but for one day only, and we have scheduled that day for a Tuesday next month. Our research shows that Tuesdays are the quietest days on the roads in that area, and we want to minimize any further disruption.

Thank you for your time.

Ned Blyton