

Advanced English Writing #13

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I. Writing: 讓步片語/ 副詞

1. The bus finally arrived at its destination on time _____ a traffic accident on the way which delayed it.
2. _____ the opposition from her family, the actress married the director.
3. _____ his strong election campaign, the candidate didn't get enough votes to win a legislatural seat.
4. _____ the record-high winning season, the Utah Jazz were eliminated in the first round of post-season competition.
5. _____ the fact that they are not a legitimate couple, they have five children.
6. _____ his innocent words, he is still a cheater.
7. Ernest Hemingway is a famous American author who published lots of well-known novels, most notably – *The Old Man and The Sea*. He was also awarded the Nobel Prize in literature in 1954. _____ his widely recognized talent for literature, he seemed to have lived an unhappy life. It is commonly believed that he committed suicide in the kitchen in 1961.
8. Computers have brought students lots of benefits and changed the way they learn; _____, increasing numbers of students addict themselves to the Internet, letting computers overwhelm their lives.
9. Coffee may cause a few minor symptoms such as heart burn and stomachache. _____, for people who love coffee, it is good news that a cup of coffee could help them keep alert and even enhance their learning abilities.

10. There are a few benefits for a movie theater to be built near or in a community. _____, with the advantages it brings, disadvantages follow.



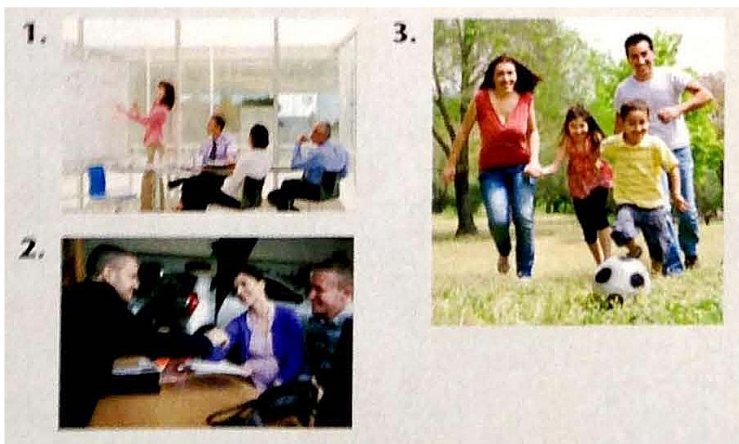
Section One

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. What is the relationship between the two people in the conversation?

- (A) Coworkers
- (B) Teacher and student
- (C) Husband and wife
- (D) Doctor and patient

12. Who is Sean most likely to be?

- (A) The woman's grandfather
- (B) The man and woman's son
- (C) The man in the conversation
- (D) The woman's older brother

13. When will the man wash the car?

- (A) Immediately
- (B) In the late afternoon
- (C) Tomorrow morning
- (D) Right after lunch

14. Who has seen the "Twilight" film?

- (A) Both of the women
- (B) Neither of the women
- (C) Only the first woman
- (D) Only the second woman

15. What was the second woman's opinion of the film?

- (A) She didn't enjoy it.
- (B) She thought it was average.
- (C) She thought it was great.
- (D) She wanted to know why she went.

16. Why did the second woman have coffee?

- (A) She needed to kill some time.
- (B) She always has coffee at the movie theater.
- (C) It was free if you went to see the movie.
- (D) She had it when she was shopping for windows earlier.

17. Where is the conversation taking place?

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

18. What is the woman doing?

- (A) She is writing a letter.
- (B) She is calling the man.
- (C) She is writing a report.
- (D) She is looking for a report.

19. When did the man want the report?

- (A) Last week
- (B) This morning
- (C) Later today
- (D) Yesterday

20. What is the speech about?

- (A) A review of a play
- (B) A review of a movie
- (C) An interview with some actors
- (D) An interview with a writer

21. Which aspect of the show was worst?

- (A) Script
- (B) Performers
- (C) Stage
- (D) Props

22. Which word best describes the speaker's opinion about what he saw?

- (A) It was awesome.
- (B) It was terrible.
- (C) It was scary.
- (D) It was free.

23. Who is the woman most likely talking to?

- (A) Her lawyer
- (B) Her children
- (C) A policeman
- (D) Her doctor

24. What does the woman say about sleeping?

- (A) She gets lots of sleep.
- (B) She feels very sleepy now.
- (C) She cannot sleep well.
- (D) She went to bed very late.

25. What symptom did the woman NOT have?

- (A) Sore throat
- (B) Fever
- (C) Headache
- (D) Rash

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. When Alan first _____, he thought he had come to live in a terrible place.
- (A) attained
 - (B) achieved
 - (C) arrived
 - (D) approved
27. _____ the chagrin of his father, Peter decided to become a vet rather than a lawyer.
- (A) Because
 - (B) Much to
 - (C) For
 - (D) In conclusion
28. One _____ of the job Amy didn't like was the fact she had to write a weekly report every Friday.
- (A) respect
 - (B) reason
 - (C) thing
 - (D) aspect
29. The department store is _____ 30 percent off ladies shoes for today only.
- (A) offer
 - (B) offering
 - (C) give
 - (D) given
30. The weather these days is very _____.
- (A) unpredictable
 - (B) understanding
 - (C) understatement
 - (D) unpracticed
31. Many people around the world are _____ that news channels start to focus on happier stories.
- (A) hoping
 - (B) worried
 - (C) wish
 - (D) wanted
32. Americans are _____ on the subject of gun ownership.
- (A) happy
 - (B) divided
 - (C) talkative
 - (D) bravado
33. One of the oldest ways to _____ food is to treat it with salt.
- (A) preserve
 - (B) conserve
 - (C) observe
 - (D) reserve
34. Abraham Lincoln is the only American president _____ a patent.
- (A) to keep
 - (B) to show
 - (C) to own
 - (D) to hold
35. It took Esther a long time to get used to her _____ as CEO.
- (A) roll
 - (B) role
 - (C) positions
 - (D) place

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:

Having been residents at Fopston Zoo for 36 16 years, Zan Zan and Doo Doo, the two pandas given by China, have finally had a baby! For children, the panda 37 is usually the first stop they make when they visit the zoo, and it has been one of the most popular attractions since it was built in the early 1990s. With the arrival of the 38, Fopston's owners are hoping that it will bring even more visitors. Congratulations, Zan Zan and Doo Doo!

36. (A) nearby
(B) nearly
(C) never
(D) neat
37. (A) enclosure
(B) zoo
(C) carriage
(D) shop
38. (A) pandas
(B) newborns
(C) people
(D) tourists

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 article:

Barnton may be a small island — you can drive around the whole place in one day — but its importance to modern day tourism is huge, and rightly so. Ask seasoned travelers what Barnton means to them, and they'll probably talk about bathing in blue seas, exotic local cuisine, wonderful folk dances and smiling locals. But this only tells half the story.

Len Goddard, a British ex-pat came to the island in search of inspiration for his artwork. He found it in the colors of the trees and the warm climate and could now never go back to his country.

"Why would I swap all this, for a small two-bedroom flat in the middle of the rat race?" he says as we look out of his terrace onto an olive grove and a view of the sea.

Looking at it that way, we have to agree!

39. In which section a newspaper might one find this article?
- (A) Business
(B) Travel
(C) Science
(D) Obituaries
40. Which of the following is NOT something you would associate with Barnton?
- (A) Exotic people
(B) Interesting food
(C) Wonderful dance traditions
(D) Excellent seas
41. What can we assume Len's job is?
- (A) Sculptor
(B) Writer
(C) Rat catcher
(D) Farmer

Questions 42-45 refer to the following meeting minutes:

Meeting minutes

Town Hall

Those in attendance:

Colonel Henry Waff, Councilor Cliff Bass, Norma Weiss, Gladys Ong, and Jamal Iqbal

Subject: Plans for New Children's Fun Center

- 9 a.m. Meeting called to order and those present sign register.
- 9:15 a.m. Cliff Bass outlines rough draft of proposals for the Newbridge site, which Norma Weiss claims to be too ambitious.
- 9:20 a.m. Cliff agrees that the inclusion of a swimming pool may be costly, but Jamal points out that this could have benefits for the fitness levels of local people of all ages. All agree.
- 9:30 a.m. Henry Waff agrees that in order to be cost effective, it should be inclusive of all and not just focus on children. He says he would prefer it to be a community center which also offered night time classes.
- 9:45 a.m. Cliff agrees to amend proposals and create another plan for the next meeting which is due to be held on January 5th.
- 9:50 a.m. Meeting ends with all present at the meeting reaching a consensus.

42. What can we assume Newbridge is?

- (A) The area where a new attraction will be built
- (B) The name of the Town hall
- (C) The name of a child
- (D) An institute

43. Who makes no comments during the meeting?

- (A) Cliff Bass
- (B) Henry Waff
- (C) Jamal Iqbal
- (D) Gladys Ong

44. How long was the meeting?

- (A) One hour
- (B) 30 minutes
- (C) 50 minutes
- (D) Nearly two hours

45. What will happen at the next meeting?

- (A) There will be a new plan.
- (B) The center will move to a new location.
- (C) The original plan will be discussed more.
- (D) The meeting will be held in a community center.

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

University of Charhill Open Days
Next one scheduled for January 29th

All our open days are packed full of the resources you will need to help you with your future learning decisions. At one of our open days, you can expect to hear information about:

- Studying at university: You will get to observe the facilities and meet the staff and chat about their interests as well as yours.
- Course information: You'll have the chance to learn more about subjects you are interested in.
- Entry requirements: Get advice from our admissions department about entry requirements and find out how to apply.
- Student finance: Find out about tuition fees, scholarships and student loans.
- Accommodation: Chat to students who are already living in our dorms, and take a tour to see where you might live. For those of you who don't want to stay on campus, you can hear about other student-friendly areas.

Please apply now!

To: info@charhilluni.edu.net

From: csymon@frostnet.com

Subject: Open Day

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am very interested in attending your open day on January 29th, but I wonder if it would be possible to get some information regarding a problem I have.

I am registered as being disabled and use a wheelchair. As far as I know, most universities have provisions for people like me these days, but I just want to be sure before I commit myself. I also want to see if this is true for the accommodation provided. I would prefer to live as close as possible (so my parents' place is out), but if I have to, I will rent privately.

Thank you for your help!

Carley Symon

46. Where would you find the first piece of information?

- (A) Specialist magazine
- (B) Further education Web site
- (C) Sports section of a newspaper
- (D) High school leaflet

47. Which of the following will you NOT find out about on the open day?

- (A) Student funding
- (B) Places to live
- (C) How long your course is
- (D) Tutors' interests

48. Which of the following is closest in meaning to "on campus"?

- (A) On site
- (B) Nearby
- (C) At home
- (D) Easy to commute

49. What can we assume about Carley's disability?

- (A) She is blind.
- (B) She cannot walk.
- (C) She is deaf.
- (D) She has learning difficulties.

50. Where is Carley likely to want to live?

- (A) In a dorm
- (B) With her parents
- (C) In an apartment with friends
- (D) In a penthouse