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1. This session is 90 minutes long.
2. This booklet consists of 60 multiple-choice questions for Cloze Test, Closest Meaning, Reading, and Paragraph Completion sections.
3. Each question is 1 point.

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For questions 1 – 20, choose the BEST option to fill in the blanks.

1. There _____ serious cases in China in November 2019 before the Covid-19 virus _____ to the whole world.
 - a) were/spread
 - b) were /was spread
 - c) are/ is spreading
 - d) are/spread
 - e) have been/spread

2. Mr. Richards was looking forward to _____ the leading role in the next musical but the director made him _____ the supporting role.
 - a) get/play
 - b) getting/play
 - c) to get/to play
 - d) having got/playing
 - e) to be getting/playing

3. During the famous Chicago fire of 1871, most _____ of the city _____ and the government _____ the great part of the city later.
 - a) destroyed/ was rebuilt
 - b) was destroyed/was rebuilt
 - c) destroyed/ rebuilt
 - d) was destroyed/rebuilt
 - e) had been destroyed/ was rebuilt

4. A: _____ I hand in my assignment today? B: No, you _____. You have a lot of time until next Thursday.
 - a) Can/mustn't
 - b) Should/shouldn't
 - c) Should/ don't have to
 - d) Must/mustn't
 - e) Could/ can't

5. Charles Dickens, who had a _____ life, is one of _____ authors of British Literature.
 - a) hard/the most popular
 - b) harder/more popular
 - c) hardest/the most popular
 - d) hardly/more popular
 - e) hard/ popular

6. If Mrs. Wilson _____ in Tokyo, she _____ part in this conference with a great pleasure. However, she was in New York.
 - a) had been/ would have taken
 - b) is/can take
 - c) was/would have taken
 - d) were/would take
 - e) is/could take



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7. The primary goal of the administration is to create a sense of equality _____ its members based _____ respect and empathy.
- a) between/in
 - b) for/over
 - c) from /within
 - d) with /up
 - e) among /on
8. We will have to find alternative sources of energy within the next hundred years _____ the present energy sources will not last forever.
- a) unless
 - b) while
 - c) so that
 - d) although
 - e) since
9. The plane _____ by the time Johnsons _____ to the airport.
- a) took off/ get
 - b) was taken off / got
 - c) would take off/ have got
 - d) had already taken off / got
 - e) had taken off/get
10. What is the reason of that noise? Is somebody shouting _____?
- a) personally
 - b) deliberately
 - c) reasonably
 - d) individually
 - e) possibly
11. In order to travel to EU countries without a problem, you shouldn't _____ without a visa.
- a) set off
 - b) take off
 - c) get off
 - d) put off
 - e) call off
12. Mr. Raymond says that the new director is a(n) _____ person. You can get on well with him.
- a) easy-going
 - b) selfish
 - c) arrogant
 - d) absent-minded
 - e) attractive
13. When the student was caught while cheating, s/he was unable to give a(n) _____ explanation.
- a) additional
 - b) understanding
 - c) interesting
 - d) pleased
 - e) acceptable



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14. In order to _____ such an expensive project, there is a need for regular income, as there can be expenses which we cannot foresee to continue.
- a) obtain
 - b) pertain
 - c) sustain
 - d) claim
 - e) remain
15. People who go on a diet to lose weight feel a strong desire towards the banned food which shouldn't be consumed instead of _____ foods.
- a) canned
 - b) junk
 - c) processed
 - d) snack
 - e) prescribed
16. The authorities had better take necessary _____ as the Covid-19 pandemic is likely to be severe.
- a) precautions
 - b) attempts
 - c) missions
 - d) trials
 - e) occasions
17. Getting different working conditions for the same job is not _____ while one is working for long hours and the other is taking days off.
- a) even
 - b) various
 - c) kindly
 - d) fair
 - e) similar
18. American film producer Harvey Weinstein was found guilty for sexual assault and _____ to 30 years of imprisonment.
- a) suggested
 - b) fined
 - c) sued
 - d) sentenced
 - e) found
19. True love _____ the couples to trust and be loyal to each other.
- a) infers
 - b) refers
 - c) requires
 - d) desires
 - e) refuses



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20. Although the young man tried to _____ his innocence to the jury at the court, he was found guilty.

- a) deny
- b) improve
- c) convince
- d) prove
- e) admit

Read the text and answer the questions 21 – 25 by choosing the best option to fill in the blanks.

In the past, people had heroes, but now many people claim that there are no heroes. These heroes were the most (21) _____ figures in the public consciousness - people who had achieved great things, people who had done great deeds. The myth of the hero, (22) _____, could not survive when public life came to be dominated by the mass media. The mass media killed off the heroes and (23) _____ them with celebrities. The mass media is not only responsible (24) _____ the death of the hero. A democratic culture also undermines the idea that no one (25) _____ to be worshipped and there is a revulsion at the idea of bending the knee and kissing the hand of another individual.

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| 21. a) ordinary | b) prominent | c) accustomed | d) ridiculous | e) typical |
| 22. a) though | b) such as | c) whereas | d) moreover | e) unlike |
| 23. a) requested | b) respected | c) recycled | d) retired | e) |
| replaced | | | | |
| 24. a) in | b) with | c) for | d) of | e) from |
| 25. a) defines | b) describes | c) denies | d) deserves | e) destroys |

Read the text and answer the questions 26 – 30 by choosing the best option to fill in the blanks.

A business will go through the stages of a business lifecycle similar (26) _____ a tree's lifecycle. The (27) _____ stage is the beginning of the business lifecycle. This is (28) _____ your brilliant idea is just a thought and will require a round of testing in its initial stage. While testing your business idea, you may (29) _____ research regarding the industry, gather feedback from your friends, family, colleagues, or other industry specialists. This is when you are determining whether the business idea that you have had is worth (30) _____ and if so, it will be the beginning of your new business.

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| 26. a) to | b) for | c) of | d) from | e) off |
| 27. a) maturity | b) birth | c) development | d) expansion | e) growth |
| 28. a) since | b) unless | c) when | d) during | e) for |
| 29. a) take | b) survey | c) study | d) conduct | e) make |
| 30. a) to pursue | b) pursue | c) pursued | d) pursues | e) |
| pursuing | | | | |

For questions 31– 35, choose the option that is closest in meaning to the given one.

31. Aside from the market trends, designers should also take ergonomics into account.

- a) Ergonomics is an inseparable part of the design process.
- b) Designers had better pay attention to ergonomic issues as well as market trends.
- c) It is the job of designers to take market trends into account while designing new objects.
- d) Market trends are the main determiners in the design industry.
- e) Ergonomics is the key thing designers should always keep in mind.



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32. Despite the horrific impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy and daily life of citizens, solidarity is spreading across communities in all states.

- a) Since the coronavirus hits the economies hard, global citizens are struggling hard to survive in all states.
- b) Although economies and everyday lives are hugely affected by the coronavirus pandemic, states are demonstrating global solidarity.
- c) Despite the severely affected economies, some citizens continue to display support and solidarity among their small communities.
- d) No matter how hard the global economy is hit by the coronavirus, solidarity is the key to survival.
- e) Although coronavirus is spreading rapidly and hitting economies hugely, in some countries people show signs of ignorance instead of solidarity.

33. Unlike in a traditional classroom setup, online learning allows you to study wherever and whenever you want.

- a) Online learning allows you to take as many courses as possible at the comfort of your home.
- b) Taking courses online gives you the option to study in a setting that is most convenient for you.
- c) Online education enables the learner to study without the location and time limitations of a conventional classroom setting.
- d) You can go online whenever and wherever thanks to the latest developments in technology.
- e) Unfortunately, traditional classroom learning is losing its effectiveness compared to online education.

34. The more people travel, meet, and talk to new individuals, the more peace we will have.

- a) Travelling increases the chance of knowing and meeting new people, which then contributes to personal development.
- b) As people travel more, they get the opportunity to get away from their stressful lives.
- c) The aim of travelling and tourism is to help governments establish peace to attract more tourists.
- d) Travelling gives you more inner peace because meeting new people helps you discover your real potential.
- e) As the number of people travelling and connecting with new cultures increases, the world becomes a more peaceful place.

35. If laws did not exist, nothing would be under any form of control.

- a) Without laws, there would be chaos.
- b) Laws did not exist in the past, so everything was out of control.
- c) Everything could be uncontrollable despite the laws.
- d) If everything is to be controlled, there must be certain rules.
- e) Laws were the only means to control everything.

For questions 36 – 41, choose the option that BEST completes the sentence given in bold.

36. Bathtubs are getting increasingly common in modern Japanese homes; _____.

- a) but in cities, there are still many small and old apartments that do not have one
- b) because a regular bathhouse will have tap water heated in a boiler
- c) since family members bathe one by one in order of seniority
- d) while some homes transfer the hot bath water to a clothes-washing machine
- e) as long as there is enough clean water in the houses



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37. The police arrested three youngsters _____.
- a) which include greed, anger, jealousy, revenge, or pride
 - b) where the rate of crime is relatively high compared with the last decade
 - c) when education is believed to reduce crime amongst criminals
 - d) who had committed several criminal offences in the past days
 - e) that had lots of policemen in the area of the crime
38. Knowing your destination will keep you travelling on the right road _____.
- a) however you are happy with your life
 - b) wherever you wanted to be in life
 - c) even when you get off the track
 - d) as if you have no abilities to use
 - e) in case you keep exercising everyday
39. Although global warming may bring some localized benefits, _____.
- a) extremely high air temperatures decrease deaths from cardiovascular and respiratory diseases
 - b) factory farming also requires large amounts of energy in order to function
 - c) some other areas actually get cooler in the short term
 - d) the overall health effects of a changing climate are likely to be overwhelmingly negative
 - e) some countries still continue to depend on agriculture
40. If all the insects disappeared from the Earth, _____.
- a) beneficial insect species defend your garden from pests
 - b) climate change poses a threat to the world's sandy beaches
 - c) all life on Earth would end within fifty years
 - d) there were many more beneficial insect species than harmful ones
 - e) there are still many insects who are in danger of extinction
41. Since food and beverages are not allowed, _____.
- a) you mustn't bring them to the class
 - b) you don't have to eat or drink in the class
 - c) you need not have them with you in the class
 - d) you don't need to enter the classroom with them
 - e) you can get in the class with your coffee

For questions 42 – 46, find the irrelevant sentence in the paragraph.

42. **I.** America is a diverse country built through many decades of hard work by generations of immigrants. **II.** America truly is a melting pot; a metaphor for a society where many different types of people blend together as one. **III.** It is virtually impossible to emigrate to the US legally today although it is a dream for the ones who have great expectations. **IV.** Inter-marriages have helped persons of differing cultural backgrounds mix which makes it easier for them to navigate both the culture of their own race as well as the mainstream majority culture. **V.** The United States has steadily evolved to define Americans by their shared values, not by their superficial appearance.
- a) I b) II c) III d) IV e) V



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43. I. Media images have long played a role in the development of eating disorders. **II.** Decreasing weight of fashion models and Miss America contestants in the 1950s and 1990s contributed to a discrepancy between the ideal female weight and the size and proportions of the average American woman at the time. **III.** During these decades, both the beauty and diet industries flooded the media with glorified thinness ideals. **IV.** It made many women feel a sense of dissatisfaction with their bodies. **V.** There are many online pages, groups, and hashtags that promote disordered eating.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV e) V

44. I. Insomnia may be a symptom of underlying sleep disorders. **II.** Most people understand the alerting power of caffeine and use it in the morning to help them start the day and feel productive. **III.** For example, restless legs syndrome can lead to insomnia. **IV.** Patients with restless legs syndrome typically experience worse symptoms in the later part of the day, during periods of inactivity, which means that falling asleep and staying asleep can be difficult. **V.** An estimated 10 percent of the population has restless legs syndrome.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV e) V

45. I. Sylvia Plath (1932-1963) is a poet whose troubled life and powerful work remain source of controversy. **II.** Plath suffered from bouts of severe depression throughout her life, her first serious breakdown occurring in 1953. **III.** After the birth of their son in 1962, her marriage became increasingly fraught with Plath's mental instability and her husband's infidelity both likely contributing factors. **IV.** Throughout history, female poets have used their voices to be catalysts for social and political change. **V.** Despite an extraordinary burst of creativity in the autumn of 1962, America's legendary female poet became increasingly isolated and depressed.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV e) V

46. I. Many of the symbols in our dreams are universal, or at least culture-wide, symbols. **II.** Storytelling is a fundamental part of human culture. **III.** Through myths and legends, we pass on our visions, values, feelings, and memories in a way that is enjoyable and entertaining. **IV.** They also help us to communicate to others what we have learned from those events or encounters. **V.** There is no better way to understand a culture deeply than to know and appreciate its mythos, its stories, and its dreams.

- a) I b) II c) III d) IV e) V

For questions 47 – 51, choose the most appropriate option to complete the paragraph.

47. _____ . Some have initiated projects in which Graffiti artists are invited as part of a competition or festival. In other cities, there are walls that have begun to be used as 'free walls', and can be used by any artist at any time. Some cities have in fact hired artists to create wall paintings, especially for tourists to visit. For example, the world- famous Venice Beach is one of the main tourist attractions in Los Angeles. This definitely makes the Venice Beach art wall one of the most prominent legal graffiti spots in the USA. The aim is that the amount of illegal art will decrease if a legal option is provided and that can also be used to make a profit.

- a) A number of cities all over the world have recognized the potential of graffiti as a form of art
b) People supporting the idea that graffiti is an art discuss the use and abuse of public space
c) Graffiti artists also try to take control of public spaces without the permission of all people
d) Genuine graffiti does not aim at ownership as in the case of gangs, but at sharing a concept
e) When people today talk about graffiti, it is frequently thought of with some negative connotation



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48. Today's professional life is far more different than that of 50 years ago. Therefore, it requires a workforce with different skills. The learners of the 21st century join a workforce that requires them to ask questions, problem-solve and think critically. They are also asked to pursue an investigation and share and apply their findings through high-tech multimedia tools. _____. These non-academic competencies are often labeled as 21st-century skills or global life skills. They may be defined through many lenses, but whatever the lens may be, the discussion centers on the development of personal learning outcomes that provide a foundation for success beyond the academic experience.
- a) In order to develop our education system, the understandings of teaching methodology in the classroom must be altered
 - b) Teachers should pose carefully crafted, open-ended questions that allow learners to deepen their thinking and investigate further
 - c) Many of today's jobs require workers to exhibit a range of functional and critical thinking skills related to information, media and technology
 - d) Students are more engaged in the learning process and graduate better prepared to thrive in today's digitally and globally interconnected world
 - e) Today, we live in a technology and media-driven environment, marked by access to an abundance of information
49. Throughout its history, Istanbul has been the capital of empires with many different nationalities. In the last century, several economic and political developments have resulted in some minorities' migrating, mainly to other countries, or moving to new residential areas in Istanbul. After the foundation of the Turkish Republic and the designation of Ankara as the capital city, the embassies that had been established in Istanbul to serve during the Ottoman period left Istanbul for the new capital. _____. These developments led to an emptying of Istanbul, especially in the regions where minorities lived. Nevertheless, following the migration from the rural areas, the people who came to Istanbul from the villages settled in the residential areas close to the city center.
- a) As the embassies left, many of those associated with them left, too.
 - b) This was why magnificent buildings with historical value were renovated.
 - c) Neighboring cities such as Izmit and Bursa were also affected by the process.
 - d) In contrast, diplomats cannot be arrested or prosecuted for any crime, or civil case.
 - e) The transformation of Istanbul has parallel characteristics with other mega cities.
50. Social media has grown tremendously in the last few years. From 2006 onwards, the growth rate is unexpectedly high. Especially Facebook and Twitter have grown much faster and captured millions of users in just a few years. The way technology is growing, it is obvious that more and more people are going to grasp its benefits. _____.
- a) From progressed nations to under-developed countries, every nation will utilize the power of social media to enhance life
 - b) It is all about the usage and getting things done positively by using the power of social media
 - c) Personal data and privacy can easily be hacked and shared on the Internet
 - d) Social media can easily ruin someone's reputation just by creating a false story and spreading it across the social media
 - e) The excess usage of social media can have more negative impacts on the health



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51. Because there are a lot of cultural differences between Japan and the United States, people can experience culture shock when travelling between the two countries. _____. A good way to prepare for and combat culture shock is to do lots of research prior to travelling. You should learn about the specific places that you will visit when you're travelling, study local customs, and try to physically or emotionally prepare for your new environment as much as possible.

- a) In the U.S, people are often seen eating snacks or small meals while travelling on public transit, during their commute, while shopping, or while they run errands
- b) Culture shock is a feeling of discomfort or disorientation that one experiences when they're in an unfamiliar environment
- c) In the United States, people tend to find satisfaction in their own accomplishments, and people tend to focus on their own aspirations
- d) Japanese people also tend to be more reserved than Americans, and they share less personal or sensitive information, even with close friends
- e) It is well known that many Asian countries utilize bowing instead of shaking hands, but Japanese people bow in more situations than just greetings

Answer the questions from 52-60 according to the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 1

The public typically defines “violent media” as only those television shows, films, and video games that include graphic images of blood, but media violence researchers also include products without such images. Violent media are those that describe or **depict** characters intentionally harming other characters who want to escape from violence. Thus, even children’s video games in which there is no blood frequently include violence. A recent study adds critical evidence on the issue of the potential aggression-rich effects of violent video games. First, *it* confirms that habitually playing violent video games leads to increases in physical aggression some months later in children and adolescents, like those who do not play violent video games. Second, it shows the background reasons by which violent video games can lead to long-term changes in aggressive personality. These findings also contradict another popular alternative hypothesis: gamers who invest in games are more at risk than gamers who use games as a hobby. The results reveal that both the physical and mental health problems linked to games depend on the child’s psychological investments in these games rather than pathological gaming.

52. According to Paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT TRUE?

- a) Even if the content does not repeatedly involve images of blood, it can be categorized as violent.
- b) It is likely that exposure to violent video games can trigger aggressiveness later in life.
- c) Only people who may develop aggressive personality traits are game addicts.
- d) Public definition of violent media differs from scientists’ definition of the phenomenon.
- e) There is much solid proof confirming the link between gaming and the tendency to act violently.

53. The word “depict” is closest in meaning to _____.

- a) indicate
- b) disguise
- c) conceal
- d) interrupt
- e) afford



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54. What does “it” refer to?

- a) recent study
- b) issue
- c) physical aggression
- d) critical evidence
- e) playing video games

Paragraph 2

Distance education is clearly different from regular education in terms of a student’s or teacher’s physical presence. But what does that mean, exactly? For the most part, it translates into increased freedom for both learners and educators, but it also requires higher degrees of discipline and planning to successfully complete the course of study. The enhanced freedom of remote learning is most clearly seen in the fact that students can choose courses that **fit** their schedules and resources. Teachers can do the same as well. And in the case of digital learning, students can also choose the location and teaching styles that best suit their needs. The flip side of freedom, however, is the discipline required to make the most of the lessons. Students need to self-motivate in order to actually get the work done, especially in systems that don’t require them to be present in some specific time or place. Teachers also need to be better organized with contingencies should their students need additional explanation, again especially if they are not teaching live and able to “read the room.” In certain cases, however, distance learning is not just required, but the best possible option. There are times when the advantages of remote education really have a chance to shine.

55. According to Paragraph 2, which of the following is NOT TRUE?

- a) Distance learning provides absolute freedom not only for teachers, but also for the learners.
- b) Students should be disciplined and well-planned so as to succeed in your studies.
- c) Learners, as well as teachers, have the chance to pick up courses which are relevant to them.
- d) Digital learning enables students to decide on the venue of their teaching experience.
- e) Distance learning differs from conventional education in a few ways.

56. Which of the following CANNOT be inferred from Paragraph 2?

- a) Students might lack self-motivation during distance learning.
- b) Teachers may need to be more careful as they are not in an actual classroom.
- c) Remote education might be the most favorable choice in some cases.
- d) The advantages of distance learning always outweigh the disadvantages.
- e) Students might have the opportunity to choose a suitable teaching style.

57. The word “fit” is closest in meaning to _____.

- a) oppose
- b) suit
- c) shift
- d) concentrate
- e) exercise



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Paragraph 3

Universities which offer the chance of professionalization in specific social and scientific fields are institutions of higher education. Their main objectives are to increase knowledge over a wide field through original thought and research and its extension by the teaching of students. Such societies existed in the ancient world, especially in Greece and India. However, the origin of the university as we know it today lies in medieval Europe, the word “universitas” being a contraction of the Latin term for corporations of teachers and students organized for the promotion of higher learning. The earliest bodies to become recognized under this description were at Bologna and Paris in the first half of the 12th century. Oxford, which is one of the most popular universities in the world, was founded by an early **migration** of scholars from Paris, and Cambridge began with a further migration from Oxford. Other universities sprang up all over Europe from the 14th century onwards.

58. Paragraph 3 is mainly about _____.
- a) comparing and contrasting different types of universities
 - b) the development of universities all over the world
 - c) describing the aims and the early history of universities
 - d) explaining why we need higher education for the youth
 - e) focusing on the obligation for research in universities
59. It can be inferred from Paragraph 3 that _____.
- a) the first university-like societies were founded in Asia and eastern Europe
 - b) an ideal university should provide its students with good job opportunities
 - c) universities make arrangements for the exchange of students and scholars
 - d) universities have always had a tendency to manipulate education and society
 - e) Oxford and Cambridge universities have had a good reputation since old times
60. The word “migration” is closest in meaning to _____.
- a) living
 - b) moving
 - c) waiting
 - d) staying
 - e) residing

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