

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

- Question 17: - John: "How lovely your pets are!" - Peter: "_____."
A. I love them, too B. Thank you, it's nice of you to say so
C. Can you say that again D. Really? They are
- Question 18: David: "Thanks for your help, Mary". Mary: "_____."
A. With all my heart B. It's my pleasure C. Never remind me D. Wish you

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- Question 19: The lost hikers stay alive by eating wild berries and drinking spring water.
A. revived B. survived C. surprised D. lively
- Question 20: I am sorry I cannot go out with you now. I have to stay at home and take care of my younger brother.
A. care on B. see off C. look after D. bear out

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

- Question 21: She had a cozy little apartment in Boston.
A. uncomfortable B. warm C. lazy D. dirty
- Question 22: We managed to get to school in time despite the heavy rain.
A. earlier than a particular moment B. later than expected
C. early enough to do something D. as long as expected

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Maria Sklodowska was born in Warsaw, Poland, on 7th November, 1867. Her childhood was not (23) _____ happy one. Her older sister died when she was nine and her mother passed away when she was eleven. Four years after the death of her mother, she left school. That was a difficult time, too. She couldn't go to university (24) _____ universities in Poland were not open to women, so she taught herself.

In 1891 Maria went to Paris to study physics. She studied very well and got her degree in 1893. A year after she got a degree in physics, she got a degree in maths, too. This was only a (25) _____ weeks before she met a clever young man called Pierre Curie. They got married in 1895 and Maria became Marie Curie. The Curies had two daughters: Irene, born in 1897, and Eve, born in 1904. Before the (26) _____ of Irene, Marie started working with Pierre and together they discovered radium in 1898.

In 1903, Marie and Pierre (27) _____ the Nobel Prize for physics and they became very famous. Then, three years later, Pierre died and Marie's world changed forever.

- Question 23: A. a B. the C. an D. ø
- Question 24: A. although B. because C. like D. despite
- Question 25: A. few B. a few C. little D. some
- Question 26: A. birth B. born C. birthday D. bear
- Question 27: A. gave B. took C. won D. made

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

New York is called "the Big Apple". Maybe it is not exactly like an apple, it's certainly very big. There are too many people, that's the problem. The streets are always full of cars and trucks; you can never find a place to park.

Travelling around is never easy in the city. If you have enough money, you can take a taxi. New York cabs are yellow. They look all the same. But the drivers are very different. Some were born and raised in New York, but many are newcomers to the United States.

A few drive slowly, but most go very very fast. Cab driving is a difficult job. It can be dangerous, too. Thieves often try to steal the drivers' money. Drivers sometimes get hurt.

If you don't want to take a taxi, you can go by bus or you can take the subway. The subway is quick and it's cheap, but parts of it are old and dirty. Lights don't always work and there are often fires on the track. On some **subway** lines, there are new, clean, silver trains. But you can't see the color of the old trains easily. There is too much dirt and too much graffiti, inside and outside.

Question 28: What is the problem in New York?

- A. It has too many apples. B. It is too big. C. It looked like an apple. D. It is too crowded.

Question 29: What does "a cab" mean?

- A. a truck B. a bus C. a taxi D. a plane

Question 30: Cab drivers in New York _____.

- A. can be dangerous B. look the same
C. can be attacked by thieves D. were all born in New York

Question 31: The word "**subway**" can best be replaced by _____.

- A. underground B. station C. light bulb D. platform

Question 32: Subways in New York _____.

- A. have no lights B. are clothes C. are quick but dirty D. often cause fires

II. WRITING: (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

Question 33: I last met him 3 years ago.

=> I haven't _____

Question 34: I don't have money and I can't buy that shirt.

=> If I _____

Question 35: Nobody has invited her to the party.

=> She _____

Question 36: "If I were you, I wouldn't buy this coat," she said.

=> She advised _____

Combine two sentences into a new one using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any ways.

Question 37: The Smiths were given rooms in the hotel. Their house had been destroyed in the explosion. (**whose**)

=> _____

Question 38: The sun shone very brightly. Maria had to put on her sunglasses. (**so**)

=> _____

Question 39: I do more exercises. I can remember more new words. (**The**)

=> _____

Question 40: I regret now. I didn't invite her to my birthday party last week. (**wish**)

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