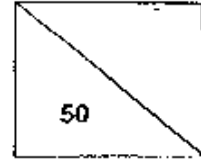


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**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ porridge left in the pot.  
(1) few  
(2) many  
(3) much  
(4) some ( )
  
2. We chose not to \_\_\_\_\_ the party as we had a meeting that evening.  
(1) attend  
(2) attends  
(3) attending  
(4) attended ( )
  
3. Since it is raining so heavily, we won't be able to go for the picnic,  
\_\_\_\_\_ we?  
(1) will  
(2) won't  
(3) would  
(4) wouldn't ( )

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4. Despite the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the pupils to lower the noise level, some of them continued to talk loudly.

- (1) remind
- (2) reminds
- (3) reminded
- (4) reminding

( )

5. Your watch has the same design as \_\_\_\_\_, except that it is of a different colour.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

( )

6. The lady standing on the red carpet is \_\_\_\_\_ actress who had won the Oscar award yesterday.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) the
- (4) any

( )

7. Your exams have already started this week. \_\_\_\_\_ you be reading comics or revising your work?

- (1) Must
- (2) Could
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

( )

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8. Tim is a very quiet boy. He \_\_\_\_\_ talks to his classmates.

- (1) hardly
- (2) usually
- (3) regularly
- (4) occasionally

( )

9. Debbie and I \_\_\_\_\_ wondering what to have for lunch when Jenny suggested that we could try the food at the new Korean restaurant down the street.

- (1) am
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

( )

10. They decided among \_\_\_\_\_ the role each of them would play in the upcoming musical.

- (1) himself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

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## SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

11. To solve the crime, the police have sent out a/an \_\_\_\_\_ for eye-witnesses.

- (1) appeal
- (2) request
- (3) demand
- (4) announcement ( )

12. The bank robber and his \_\_\_\_\_ could not escape the ambush by the police.

- (1) peer
- (2) supporter
- (3) colleague
- (4) accomplice ( )

13. I was convinced to watch the film, after reading the \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspaper yesterday.

- (1) news
- (2) report
- (3) review
- (4) editorial ( )

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14. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ writer having had more than a hundred books published.

- (1) prolific
- (2) bountiful
- (3) abundant
- (4) flourishing ( )

15. The commuters shouted \_\_\_\_\_ for help when they were trapped in the burning bus.

- (1) excitedly
- (2) frantically
- (3) vigorously
- (4) effortlessly ( )

16. Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_ his fruit shop because he could not cope with the increase in the rent.

- (1) put down
- (2) burnt down
- (3) closed down
- (4) turned down ( )

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17. Alice and Susan have \_\_\_\_\_ with each other over a minor issue.  
They don't talk to each other anymore.

- (1) fallen in
- (2) fallen out
- (3) fallen over
- (4) fallen upon ( )

18. Kelly stomped out of her room \_\_\_\_\_ to herself about the chores  
she had to do.

- (1) muttering
- (2) stuttering
- (3) whispering
- (4) stammering ( )

19. The golfer who continued his game despite being warned not to play in  
the rain was \_\_\_\_\_ dead by lightning.

- (1) hit
- (2) struck
- (3) cracked
- (4) whipped ( )

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20. You can view his \_\_\_\_\_ of rare seashells at the exhibition.

- (1) collection
- (2) selection
- (3) compilation
- (4) combination

( )

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**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 MARKS)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

<p>Bees flitting from one flower to another is a familiar sight in a field of brightly-coloured flowers. There are about twenty thousand different species of bees and they are found almost everywhere, except in Antarctica. There are two general groups of bees: social bees which live together in colonies, and solitary bees, so named because of the way they live.</p>	5
<p>Bees gather nectar and pollen for food. The honey we like to eat comes from this nectar. Bees also produce beeswax, which is used to make cosmetics and candles. Bees are important to plants as they pollinate flowers by spreading pollen from one flower to another. The abdomen of the bee has two very important features: one is a special sac for carrying the nectar it collects and the other is the sting, a weapon of defence.</p>	10
<p>There are three different kinds of bees in a colony: the queen, the drones and the worker bees. The queen bee lays all the eggs in the colony while the drones fertilise them. The worker bees are all female but they do not lay eggs. Instead, they are responsible for providing food as well as looking after the safety and the maintenance of the colony. Interestingly, the life span of a worker bee depends very much on the season. In autumn and winter, where there is little work to do, a worker bee may live for several months. However, in summer, it lives for only five to six weeks.</p>	15 20
<p>When a bee returns from a food hunt, it tells the other bees about the food source by performing a kind of dance. If the food is near the hive, the bee will do a circular dance. If it is not, the bee will dance in a figure-of-eight pattern, to describe the distance of the food in relation to the position of the sun. Bees also communicate by using body secretions.</p>	25
<p>The bees which attend to the queen bee, regularly take a substance from her body and share it with the rest of the bees in the colony. If the queen is missing, the other bees will notice her absence within a few hours. They will try to locate her and, if their efforts prove futile, they will immediately replace her with a new queen bee.</p>	30

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21. The abdomen of the drone stores \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) eggs
- 2) pollen
- 3) nectar
- 4) beeswax ( )

22. Bees are useful to plants because they \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) gather nectar
- 2) produce honey
- 3) pollinate flowers
- 4) produce beeswax ( )

23. The lifespan of a worker bee depends on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) the extent of their hunt
- 2) amount of work they do
- 3) temperature of the colony
- 4) lifespan of the queen bee ( )

24. Bees dance in a figure-of-eight pattern when the location of the food is \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) near a field
- 2) near a colony
- 3) related to the position of the sun
- 4) related to the position of the moon ( )

25. If the queen bee is missing, the other bees in the hive will immediately \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) try to find her
- 2) leave the colony
- 3) locate her within a few hours
- 4) replace her with a new queen bee ( )

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> a	<del>(B)</del> for	<del>(C)</del> to	<del>(D)</del> up
<del>(E)</del> over	<del>(F)</del> of	<del>(G)</del> after	<del>(H)</del> down

It was a fine Saturday morning. Hamid and his sister decided to go to the bank to deposit their monthly savings. When they reached the bank, they noticed that there was a long queue (26) \_\_\_\_\_ people waiting to be served. All the bank tellers were busy.

(27) \_\_\_\_\_ joining the queue, Hamid and his sister discussed what they should do during the rest of the school holidays. As they were talking, they heard a faint cry (28) \_\_\_\_\_ help. Turning around, they saw an old woman behind them collapsing (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the floor.

"Help! Help!" shouted Hamid as he knelt (30) \_\_\_\_\_ beside the old woman. "This lady has fainted. Quick, call for an ambulance!" he said. Hamid's sister stood behind him dumbfounded.

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <del>A</del> ) run      | <del>B</del> ) ran     | <del>C</del> ) has been running |
| <del>D</del> ) will run | <del>E</del> ) has run | <del>F</del> ) was running      |

Mr Tan is a long-distance runner who has participated in many marathons. He is going to (31) \_\_\_\_\_ in a marathon tomorrow. He (32) \_\_\_\_\_ in nine marathons so far.

Despite his knee injury, he (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in the last marathon and won a consolation trophy. He is not the only one who is taking part in the race tomorrow, my brother and I (34) \_\_\_\_\_ with him as well.

He (35) \_\_\_\_\_ for the past one month to prepare for his big day tomorrow. He is confident that he will win.

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**SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 MARKS)**

**Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).**

36. Raveen likes to play soccer. His brother likes to play soccer too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Alice wants to watch a movie. She must complete her homework first.

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a correct word.

There are many species of birds which are on the endangered species list. One such species of birds is the Penguin and they are in great danger of becoming (38) \_\_\_\_\_.

Penguins are greatly loved with their human-like stance and waddling gait. It is rather fascinating that these birds can (39) \_\_\_\_\_ in some of the coldest and most inhospitable places on Earth.

One threatened species of penguins is the Humbolt penguins. This type of penguin is about sixty-nine centimetres (40) \_\_\_\_\_ and lives along the Pacific coastlines of Chile and Peru. The total population of the Humbolt penguin was estimated at twenty thousand in the early 1980s and in the 1900s it was probably (41) \_\_\_\_\_ to around ten thousand individuals.

The main (42) \_\_\_\_\_ for this decrease is human exploitation. The decline of these penguins (43) \_\_\_\_\_ when the intensive activity of guano collectors disturbed and damaged nesting areas. Guano, the excrement of animals such as birds and bats, is much (44) \_\_\_\_\_ after for fertiliser.

In the past too, penguins were heavily (45) \_\_\_\_\_ for their meat, oil and skins. People even collected penguin eggs.

Unless they are protected, penguins might soon disappear from the face of the Earth. Therefore, it is our responsibility to ensure that these birds continue to exist in their natural habitats.

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**SECTION H : COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

When Ben woke, the moon was fully up. A weird, pale light whitened the walls of the cave. But it was not the moonlight that had wakened him. It was the hollow booming of the sea.

He sat up wondering. There was another boom, like a roll of drums. A sharp wind flew into the cave like an icy breath and the flaky ashes of the fire flurried up like snow. It was followed by a new sound, a long, rushing sigh as the first wave trickled into the cave and sank into the sand beneath them. 5

"Wake up!" Ben shouted. Two startled faces, eerie in the moonlight, turned towards him. He leapt up and ran to the mouth of the cave.

What he saw turned his bones to jelly. The wind was high, hurling the sea against the cliff. Ben stepped outside the cave. The wind slammed into his chest like a giant fist and a ridge of yellow foam curled up to meet him. The sea sucked round his knees. For a moment, he thought he would be dragged down but he fought his way back, against the heavy pull of the current and stumbled against Lil just inside the mouth of the cave. 10 15

"What's the matter?" she asked, rubbing her eyes, still only half awake.

Ben did not answer. He dived frantically for the torch, and swung the beam round the cave. It showed him what he should have noticed before: the seaweed, clinging high up on the walls. He stretched up to touch it. It was scabby and dry: the sea only reached here at a very high tide. 20

But this was a high tide....

"We are caught by the tide." His voice squeaked high with alarm.

"What is a tide?" Thomas asked. He was not frightened. He knew nothing about the sea. 25

But there was no time to give him a geography lesson. Ben said quickly, "The sea is coming in. We've got to get out."

"But we can't," Lil wailed from the mouth of the cave. She was wide awake now. "The sea's all round. We'll be drowned."

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Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

46. What <sup>made</sup> woke Ben wake up?

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47. Why did Ben wake the other two children?

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48. What did Ben learn from observing the seaweed on the wall of the cave?

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49. Which phrase in paragraph 4 tells us that Ben was terrified?

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50. Why couldn't the children escape from the cave?

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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  26. F
  27. G
  28. B
  29. C
  30. H
- 31) A
  - 32) E
  - 33) B
  - 34) D
  - 35) C
  - 36) Both Raveen and his brother like to play soccer.
  - 37) Alice wants to watch a movie she must complete her homework first.
  - 38) extinct
  - 39) sharp
  - 40) 100
  - 41) decreased
  - 42) reason
  - 43) began
  - 44) sought
  - 45) turned
  - 46) The hollow booming of the sea made Ben wake up.
  - 47) The high tide was coming into the cave and they had to get out quickly otherwise they would drown.
  - 48) He learnt that when the seaweed cling high up on the walls of the cave, it meant there was a very high tide.
  - 49) The phrase is 'turned his bones to jelly.'
  - 50) The sea was all around them and they would be drowned.