

- 1) Although he told the truth, his story was _____.
a) unsuccessful b) unpleasant c) unbelievable d) unavailable
- 2) The army has never allowed soldiers _____ public statements.
a) making b) to make c) make d) made
- 3) I can't have the parcel _____ until next week.
a) deliver b) delivering c) delivered d) delivery
- 4) I would like you _____.
a) to understand b) understand c) understanding d) will understand
- 5) If I _____ the promotion I would have told you.
a) will receive b) had received c) receiving d) would receive
- 6) If I _____ you I would tell him.
a) was b) will be c) would be d) were
- 7) Please call me when John _____.
a) arrive b) arrives c) arrived d) will arrive
- 8) Mary _____ her first job thirty years ago.
a) accepted b) has accepted c) had accepted d) has been accepting
- 9) My parents knew I _____ it next year.
a) will do b) did c) have done d) would do
- 10) John, _____ sister won the race, is my friend.
a) who b) whose c) which d) who's
- 11) I appreciate _____ the possibility to speak.
a) have b) to have c) having d) will have
- 12) The _____ document was sent with the email.
a) enclosed b) joined c) attached d) attaching
- 13) I approve _____ your decision.
a) of b) of c) to d) from
- 14) He is not punctual, he never arrives _____ time for his class.
a) at b) on c) from d) in
- 15) _____ it's far, I'll go.
a) Whereas b) Despite c) Whatever d) Although
- 16) Neither breakfast _____ dinner is included.
a) and b) not c) or d) nor
- 17) Did John _____ the book from the library ?
a) lend b) borrow c) lent d) sold
- 18) _____ I was not familiar with the building she showed me around.
a) As b) Like c) Although d) However

- 19) Have you _____ been to London ?
 a) ever b) never c) always d) still
- 20) You should check your emails _____.
 a) rarely b) as soon as c) seldom d) twice a day
- 21) The _____ rate changes daily.
 a) money b) exchange c) change d) changing
- 22) Never _____ this before !
 a) I saw b) I have seen c) have I seen d) I see
- 23) It's the first time _____ this.
 a) I see b) have I seen c) I will see d) I have seen
- 24) I take very _____ time to cook a steak.
 a) few b) some c) much d) little
- 25) I was held _____ in traffic last night.
 a) on b) to c) up d) off
- 26) The accident _____ yesterday.
 a) took place b) happens c) happened d) takes place
- 27) I must think _____ a solution before tonight.
 a) to b) at c) around d) of
- 28) Why not _____ him ?
 a) asking b) to ask c) asked d) ask
- 29) I wish I _____ !
 a) know b) will know c) knew d) would know
- 30) The victim had injuries on _____ legs.
 a) each b) both c) either d) the two
- 31) It _____ five years since I went to America.
 a) was b) is c) were d) have been
- 32) You will be admitted if you are _____.
 a) enough intelligent b) sufficient intelligent
 c) intelligent enough d) more intelligent
- 33) I have never heard _____ stupid story !
 a) a such b) so c) such d) such a
- 34) _____ the rain I went out.
 a) Despite b) Instead of c) Although d) Whereas
- 35) He offered me _____ cup of tea.
 a) one another b) one other c) another d) other
- 36) I've been to London quite _____ times.
 a) few b) a few c) lots of d) many

- 37) Nice to see you again! I haven't seen you for quite _____ time !
 a) a little b) much c) a lot d) some
- 38) I don't understand _____ made him do it.
 a) which b) what c) how d) that
- 39) You will _____ the traffic if you leave early.
 a) hit b) avoid c) evict d) miss
- 40) She promised me she _____ next week.
 a) will come b) comes c) came d) would come
- 41) He lived in the U.K. _____ 5 years.
 a) since b) for c) in d) during
- 42) The line is busy. Please _____.
 a) hang on b) hold up c) hold on d) keep on
- 43) Someone who writes with his left hand is :
 a) a leftist b) left hand c) left over d) left-handed
- 44) The pilot asked the passengers to _____ their seat belts before take off.
 a) attach b) loosen c) fasten d) tighten
- 45) The _____ will take place at Ascot on Friday.
 a) racehorse b) horses race c) horserace d) horses' race
- 46) _____ people know this.
 a) Every b) Most c) Each d) A lot
- 47) He told the truth _____ they believed him.
 a) but b) yet c) and d) still
- 48) I suppose you want to become _____ engineer.
 a) an b) a c) 0 d) the

Error Recognition

- 49) The dollar has never been as higher as it is now.
 A B C D
- 50) The government expects prices to decrease during the winter and increasing again in Spring.
 A B C D
- 51) Until it stops raining I don't see why we wouldn't be able to play.
 A B C D
- 52) I don't see no reason why he shouldn't come to our party.
 A B C D
- 53) Students are required often to learn 2 foreign languages during their studies.
 A B C D
- 54) It is much more economic to travel by train than by car on long distances.
 A B C D

FLOATING ON AIR

"It sounds ___55___ science fiction: a virtually ___56___ magic wall that can resist flame-throwers, repel water and muffle sound. But "aerogel" actually exists, and it is ___57___ finding its way into our homes. Invented ___58___ in the 1930s, but refined more recently by Nasa, aerogel is a hazy blue sponge-like substance that is 99.8% air. It's made from the same material as glass, ___59___ is a thousand times ___60___ dense. In fact, it's listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's ___61___ solid.

___62___ this makes it an excellent insulator, and ___63___ ideal for energy-efficient building, in the past it was considered far too ___64___ to waste on such frivolities. Instead, it has been used to absorb comet dust and protect Mars Rovers' batteries from the extreme cold of the Martian night. Now, ___65___, companies are beginning to use aerogel in next-generation glass panes and skylights that promise to ___66___ the way we build."

- 55) a) as b) about c) of d) like
- 56) a) weight b) weightless c) heavy d) heaviness
- 57) a) already b) still c) ever d) one day
- 58) a) ago b) long c) way back d) a long time
- 59) a) and b) but c) or d) as
- 60) a) least b) more c) less d) most
- 61) a) heaviest b) less heavy c) lightest d) brightest
- 62) a) Whereas b) However c) Despite d) While
- 63) a) because b) for c) therefore d) already
- 64) a) expensive b) cheap c) cost d) cheaper
- 65) a) still b) though c) but d) whereas
- 66) a) turn b) see c) show d) transform

SPACE TOURISM GETS A LIFT

One of the main reasons we're not yet holidaying on the moon is the huge price tag. With every shuttle launch costing close to a billion dollars, outer space is likely to remain empty space until someone can find a much cheaper way of getting up there.

One solution that has long fascinated sci-fi fans and scientists alike is the space elevator concept. The idea is simple: lower a very, very, very long cable down to earth from an orbiting platform in space, tie it to something, then haul stuff up, cheaply and frequently, into orbit. The reality is a bit more complicated (thanks to atmospheric atomic oxygen, orbital space debris, international terrorism and other such nuisances), but the concept is slowly creeping up the agenda.

"There are now a lot more people who know what a space elevator is," says Dr. Brad Edwards, one of the key people behind the idea. "There are senior people at Nasa interested in it, and with all the questions from the public my inbox can get crazy at times."

Following the third annual Space Elevator Conference, held this year in June, during which participants discussed everything from how to build one to who would pay for it, the dream of cheap and easy access to space came a little bit closer to reality. Modelled on the recent success of the Ansari X Prize in drawing attention spacewards, Nasa is developing a series of challenges designed to encourage private investment and competition in space. Space elevator technology figures highly on the list, and an even bigger cash prize, to be awarded in the Space Elevator Challenge 2010, is being planned by a private consortium.

"A lot of people find it hard to imagine how the thing works," says Edwards, who recently left the Virginia-based Institute of Scientific Research to pursue space elevator research full-time. "So I think these competitions will be important in helping everyone understand the concept."

Sir Arthur C Clarke, who first popularised the idea in *The Fountains of Paradise*, famously said that the first space elevator would be built 50 years after everyone stopped laughing. That, at least, may not be too far off now.

- 67) The reason why space is not open to tourism yet is !
- a) it's technically too difficult
 - b) it's too dangerous
 - c) it's too expensive
 - d) there's no interest
- 68) A billion dollars represents :
- a) the cost of research
 - b) the cost of a shuttle launch
 - c) the salaries of engineers
 - d) the total cost of the shuttle missions since the beginning
- 69) The space elevator concept is :
- a) fairly new
 - b) an old idea
 - c) a stupid idea
 - d) not feasible
- 70) "The concept is slowly creeping up the agenda", means :
- a) the idea will take a long time to be implemented
 - b) it will be very slow to get to outer space
 - c) little by little the idea of a spacelift is gaining ground
 - d) the concept is not yet on the agenda
- 71) According to the text :
- a) Easy access to space is a dream
 - b) Easy access to space is a reality
 - c) The dream of easy access to space is becoming a reality
 - d) Dreaming of easy access to space is cheap
- 72) Space elevator technology :
- a) is now a priority
 - b) is not yet a priority
 - c) will never be a priority
 - d) will bring a lot of cash
- 73) "It may not be too far off now", means :
- a) space is too far to build an elevator
 - b) the space elevator concept is now off
 - c) people are now looking at the concept seriously
 - d) people will keep laughing for another 50 years.