

I. Grammar & Vocabulary

- 1) I haven't seen you for quite _____ time.
a) long b) a long c) such d) such a
- 2) I've never met _____ friendly people.
a) so b) many c) such d) such a
- 3) Have you heard the _____ news?
a) last b) later c) latter d) latest
- 4) The _____ hit sector is the oil industry.
a) hardest b) harder c) most hardly d) most
- 5) Which of these two cars is _____ one?
a) the fastest b) the faster c) faster d) fastest
- 6) There were _____ people than we thought.
a) less b) least c) few d) fewer
- 7) Only _____ people know his secret.
a) a few b) few c) many d) so many
- 8) The _____ questions are easy.
a) two first b) both c) first two d) either
- 9) _____ of us had any luck.
a) Some b) Any c) No one d) None
- 10) I don't like Mary : _____ I see her _____.
a) the less/the better b) the least/the best
c) less/better d) least/best
- 11) _____ he wants, is his money back.
a) That b) Which c) Whatever d) What
- 12) "All _____ glitters is not gold".
a) what b) which c) 0 d) that
- 13) I'll do _____ you say.
a) whatever b) whenever c) however d) whoever

- You are a bit of _____ .
 a) clown b) a clown c) the clown d) clowns
- 15) He doesn't have _____ of humor.
 a) sense b) the sense c) some sense d) a sense
- 16) It is _____ difficult question that I can't answer it.
 a) a such b) such a c) too d) some
- 17) Everybody will take off _____ shoes.
 a) them b) the c) their d) theirs
- 18) Have you heard _____ news?
 a) today's b) the today's c) today d) the today
- 19) Here _____ the 8 o' clock news.
 a) are b) will be c) is d) were
- 20) I am looking forward _____ meeting you.
 a) for b) 0 c) at d) to
- 21) Would you mind _____ the door for me, please?
 a) to open b) opening c) open d) to opening
- 22) Do you know how _____ the fuse?
 a) to replace b) replace c) replacing d) is replaced
- 23) You aren't _____ to smoke here.
 a) enabled b) allowed c) permit d) involved
- 24) How long ago _____ her?
 a) did you see b) have you seen c) will you see d) you saw
- 25) It's the first time I _____ this, it's incredible!
 a) see b) saw c) have seen d) did see
- 26) Remind me _____ him next week.
 a) calling b) call c) of calling d) to call
- 27) I don't remember _____ this before.
 a) reading b) to read c) of reading d) read
- 28) I wish you _____ me ... it's too late now!
 a) had told b) would tell c) told d) tell
- 29) This song reminds me _____ the holidays.
 a) 0 b) of c) about d) from
- 30) Remember _____ your camera for the wedding!
 a) bringing b) you bring c) of bringing d) to bring

- 46) I didn't do it _____.
 a) himself b) myself c) on its own d) only
- 47) Leave me _____ !
 a) alone b) lonely c) only d) myself
- 48) They met _____ in Paris.
 a) themselves b) on their own c) by themselves d) each other
- 49) I can't find my glasses, I _____ them at the hotel.
 a) must leave b) must have left c) could leave d) may leave
- 50) He drives very _____ .
 a) speedy b) speed c) fast d) quick

II. Error recognition

Choose the 'error' in each sentence (only one).

- 51) In order to rent a car, one must present a driving license as well as your credit
 A B C D
 card.
- 52) Not one in 100 patients exposed to radiation are likely to fall ill.
 A B C D
- 53) Please send me informations regarding rates, conditions and availability during
 A B C D
 the summer seasons.
- 54) When she was a little girl, my mother would often play the piano, watch the boats
 A B
sail by and swimming in the sea.
 C D
- 55) The rest of the students will receive his transcripts by mail together with a
 A B C D
 translated version.
- 56) If you will buy two books at the regular price you will get a third one for free.
 A B C D
- 57) This chair has the same design but it is different shaped from that sofa.
 A B C D
- 58) Despite of the new ban on smoking in bars and restaurants a few people have
 A B C
 tried to break the law.
 D

However airfares have increased by 10%, people still prefer to travel by plane.

A

B

C

D

- 60) It is told that biotech foods are much safer than conventional foods
A B C D

III: Reading comprehension

Read the text carefully and fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word(s).

Why wood stoves can be carbon-neutral – for some of us

When we __61__ wood, we merely __62__ back into the atmosphere carbon that was taken up by the __63__ tree. If each tree that is felled and burnt is __64__ with a new tree (and this is admittedly a big __65__), then this process contributes no net increase to atmospheric __66__ levels when averaged over decades.

For similar reasons, breathing is not regarded as contributing to our carbon footprint- even though six billion humans breathe out enormous __67__ of carbon dioxide because that carbon has its __68__ in the plants we eat, which are re-grown __69__ a year.

__70__ when we burn fossil fuels, we release back into the atmosphere carbon that was taken out over hundreds of millions of years. There is no __71__ mechanism for this __72__ on the timescales of human interest.

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Sir: Burning wood releases back the atmosphere CO₂ that was __73__ from it only __74__. Therefore it is theoretically possible to have a carbon-neutral situation if for every log burned another is grown somewhere in the __75__ though preferably as near to the stove as possible. __76__ it has recently been shown that in the case of biofuel grown as a replacement for petrol, there is not sufficient suitable land in the world for __77__ production of enough biofuels to service vehicles and other usage at its __78__ level. This leaves no land for further cultivation of wood – and I suspect that there would still not be enough land to __79__ wood so that most of us could use it, even if it were not in competition for space with other __80__.

Therefore wood-burning in developed countries must remain a useful but minority option.

Letters to the Editor (ref. The Guardian, 29th Dec.2007)

61) a) cut

b) light

c) burn

d) chop

- 62) a) release b) let c) drop d) exhaust
- 63) a) falling b) growing c) burning d) climbing
- 64) a) sold b) burnt c) replaced d) exhausted
- 65) a) no b) even c) surprise d) if
- 66) a) oxygen b) carbon dioxide c) hydrogen d) air
- 67) a) cubic metres b) quantity c) litres d) volumes
- 68) a) beginning b) end c) start d) origins
- 69) a) within b) between c) beyond d) during
- 70) a) In contrast b) Although c) Whereas d) Contrary
- 71) a) replaced b) replacement c) total d) modern
- 72) a) proceeding b) mechanism c) device d) process
- 73) a) replaced b) removed c) let d) dropped
- 74) a) during decades b) for decades c) for years d) decades ago
- 75) a) planet b) earth c) world d) soil
- 76) a) Whereas b) Despite c) In spite of d) However
- 77) a) sustainable b) eternal c) dependable d) reliable
- 78) a) past b) future c) current d) today's
- 79) a) burn b) produce c) manufacture d) product
- 80) a) biofuels b) trees c) goods d) oil