

**I Grammar and Vocabulary**

**Find the right answer**

- 1- I ..... your letter last week and was pleased to hear about the good news  
A- received      B- receiving      C- have received      D- have been receiving
- 2- I ..... apply for the position of junior engineer in your company  
A- would like to      B- want      C- would want to      D- would like
- 3- ..... this computer cost?  
A- How many does      B- How much does      C- How      D- What
- 4- I am particularly ..... this job which perfectly matches my qualifications  
A- interesting in      B- interesting      C- interested in      D- interested in
- 5- ..... Edinburgh and Glasgow are located in Scotland  
A- The two      B- Two      C- Both      D- The both
- 6- I love living in the country because ..... a lot of birds  
A- there are      B- there have      C- it is      D- they are
- 7- This is a lovely photograph and we can see Mount Blanc ..... the background  
A- in      B- at      C- into      D- on
- 8- French food is famous all over the world because of ..... quality and many dishes  
A- its      B- their      C- his      D- her
- 9- To win this race you must cross the field as ..... possible  
A- faster as      B- fast as      C- fast than      D- fastest than
- 10- Beijing is one of the ..... in the East  
A- Chinese most known city      B- most famous Chinese cities  
C- Chinese cities most famous      D- Chinese city most famous
- 11- French people ....., their holidays in France  
A- likes to spend      B- likes spending      C- like to spend      D- like spending
- 12- I got a watch for Christmas ..... other things  
A- between      B- among      C- for      D- under
- 13- ..... is most difficult in orienteering is to run and look for your way at the same time  
A- That      B- All that      C- What      D- All what
- 14 Nobody .....the source of the Ganges yet  
A- finds      B- has founded      C- found      D- has found

- 15- ..... enjoy living in the country  
 A- Nature lovers      B- Natural lovers      C- Nature's lovers      D- Naturals lovers
- 16- In each class there are about twenty five students .....  
 A-in average      B- on average      C- in means      D- on means
- 17- Do you like the ..... of the Beatles?  
 A- sings      B- singing      C- songs      D- sing
- 18- People ..... at home until their deaths  
 A- want staying      B- want to stay      C- wants to stay      D- wants staying
- 19- The accent of the people in this area .....of the Scottish accent  
 A- reminds me      B- remembers me      C- remains me      D- makes me remember
- 20- Tomorrow the weather will be cloudy ..... the morning  
 A- in      B- at      C- 0      D- of
- 21- On Youtube you can watch videos ..... all over the world  
 A- from      B- of      C- out of      D- at
- 22- Do you think that Apple computers are superior ..... Pcs ?  
 A- from      B- than      C- to      D- of
- 23- You need ..... stamina to run a full marathon  
 A- lots      B- a lot of      C- of      D- of a lot
- 24- Contrary ..... the English, the French don't have cheese rolling races  
 A- to      B- of      C- at      D- 0
- 25- I don't want to compete ..... this race as I haven't trained for three weeks  
 A- in      B- for      C- at      D- 0
- 26- Last week I ..... a wild fox, it was the first time in years  
 A- have seen      B- had seen      C- saw      D- will see
- 27- Do you believe ..... ghosts?  
 A- in      B- of      C- at      D- about
- 28- To make a chocolate cake, you ..... eggs, flour, milk and of course chocolate  
 A- need      B- have need      C- has need      D- needs
- 29- Be careful! Tonight ..... fog and ice on roads  
 A- there are      B- there will be      C- they will be      D- they are
- 30- ..... made me sick was the water I drank from the tap  
 A- What      B- That      C- Which      D- Who

## II Reading comprehension

### a) Fill in the blank with the right word

#### Old plastic bottles can be used to improve paving and prevent flooding Dec 6th 2010

Sometimes a common solution can be .....31..... for two apparently unrelated problems. That may be true of ....32.... paths and other surfaces, and disposing of old plastic bottles. Naji Khoury and his colleagues at [Temple University in Philadelphia](#) have come ...33... with a way of ....34... plastic waste into a cement-like substance that has advantages ....35..... conventional paving materials.

The plastic they are using is [polyethylene terephthalate](#) (PET), which is commonly found in soft-drinks bottles and some other forms of .....36..... More than 15m tonnes of the ...37... were produced in 2009. Products made with PET usually contain only that ...38.....type of plastic, .....39..... makes them easy to recycle. The plastic is.....40..... into different colours, cleaned and broken into flakes.....41..... for this material (for making things like fabric and carpets) does not, however, exceed supply, so many bottles and containers still end up being dumped.

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| 31- A- found     | B- founded   | C- find     | D- to find |
| 32- A- repairing | B- repair    | C- repaired | D- repairs |
| 33- A- out       | B- in        | C- up       | D- over    |
| 34- A- turn out  | B- turned    | C- turn     | D- turning |
| 35- A- over      | B- on        | C- above    | D- under   |
| 36- A- package   | B- packaging | C- packing  | D-packs    |
| 37- A- stuffs    | B- stuff     | C- stiff    | D- stiffs  |
| 38 A- ones       | B- some      | C- one      | D- this    |
| 39- A- who       | B- which     | C- when     | D- where   |
| 40- A- tried     | B-divided    | C- sorted.  | D-shared   |
| 41- A- Request   | B- Desire    | C- Wishes   | D- Demand  |

### b) Read the following texts and answer questions about them:

1/ Once seen as the last resort for a bunch of lonely geeks, online-dating services have gradually shed much of the stigma formerly associated with them. Although they are still popular with tech types they now attract millions of people from many walks of life

The rise of these and other dating sites has been driven by several trends in society. One of these is that people now move around more often for work, distancing themselves from friends and family members who could play matchmakers. Another is that they are living longer, and hence more likely to look for new love later in life. The spread of fast broadband connectivity in many countries has also encouraged people to dabble in online dating

Digital-dating services in particular are gradually changing society's conception of relationships and marriage for the worse by encouraging people to view partners as commodities that can simply be traded in for better versions at the click of a computer mouse.

To make matters worse, unscrupulous site operators sometimes stuff their databases with fake profiles maintained either by their own staff or by people they have paid. These "ghosts", in the industry's jargon, are used to draw in new punters and to help keep existing ones hooked

Even genuine profiles can be misleading: OkTrends, a blog run by OkCupid, reported last year that

users routinely fib about things such as their height and wealth in order to boost their chances of being contacted.

42- According to this text, dating services are becoming.....

- A- cheaper                      B- more expensive    C- richer                      D- more acceptable

43- Which of these reasons accounting for the rise of dating sites is NOT mentioned in the text?

- A- people live longer  
B- people work far away from their homes  
C- people access the Internet more and more easily  
D- people don't have to pay for dating sites

44- What does living longer entail?

- A- people travel more    B- people can find new partners at work  
C- people spend more time at work                              D- people have more time to find new partners

45- What's the consequence of finding a job away from one's relatives and friends?

- A- people can find new partners at work  
B- people can no longer rely on relatives and friends to find new partners  
C- people use the Internet more often  
D- people work longer hours and have little time to go to bars, clubs etc

46- What sort of people used Internet dating in the past?

- A- young people              B- computer addicts    C- people on business trips    D-single people

47- What has online dating changed in people's minds?

- A- they prefer going on the net rather than in clubs, bars etc  
B- they consider that their partners can be managed like objects  
C- they prefer living alone  
D- they don't mind working far away from their homes

48- Why do online dating operators set up fake profiles?

- A- to attract new customers  
B- to improve the quality of their services  
C- to allow more communication between customers  
D- to keep their staff busy

49- Why do some customers lie about their physical appearance?

- A- because they don't have video cameras  
B- because they don't want to dress up when they surf the net  
C- to show they are rich  
D- to get more contacts

2/ No aeroplanes fell out of the sky and no one died. But in late 2009 engineers noticed that satellite-positioning receivers for a new navigation aid at Newark airport in New Jersey were suffering brief daily breaks in reception. Something was interfering with the signals from orbiting global positioning system (GPS) satellites. It took two months for investigators from the Federal

Aviation Authority to track down the problem: a driver who passed by on the nearby New Jersey Turnpike each day had a cheap GPS jammer in his truck.

Such devices are illegal to sell or use, but they have become popular with commercial drivers who object to their employers tracking their every move. A jammer prevents a tracking device in the vehicle from determining (and then reporting) its location and speed—but it also disrupts GPS signals for others nearby.

Because global positioning systems rely on signals from satellites transmitting from an altitude of around 20,000 kilometres (12,400 miles), the signals are very weak, making them vulnerable to accidental or deliberate interference. This can take the form of natural interference, as a result of solar activity, for example; accidental man-made interference due to signal reflection or faulty transmitter equipment; and deliberate jamming of the satellite signal by transmitters that drown it out by broadcasting their own signal on the same frequency.

50-What made engineers at Newark airport realize that something was wrong with their GPS system?

- A- a plane crashed
- B- a pilot died
- C- there were reception gaps
- D- a lorry drove near the airport

51- Why did the lorry driver have a GPS jammer on board?

- A- he wanted to disrupt planes
- B- he wanted to find his way
- C- he did not want his boss to know where he was
- D- he did not want to tell the police where he was

52- How many weeks did it take to catch him?

- A- 2
- B- 4
- C- 6
- D- 8

53- Why did the lorry driver commit an offence?

- A- he drove too fast
- B- he drove near the airport
- C- he had a GPS jammer on board
- D- he used his GPS

54- Why are GPS systems easily disrupted?

- A- their signals are not very strong
- B- their technology is too old
- C- their technology is too recent
- D- they are cheap

55- How do GPS jammers operate?

- A- they hide GPS signals
- B- they send their own signals on the same wavelength as GPS signals
- C- they emit a strong magnetic field
- D- they switch off the GPS signal

56- How far away from the earth are GPS satellites?

- A- twelve thousand four hundred miles
- B- twenty four thousand miles
- C- twenty four hundred miles
- D- twenty thousand four hundred miles

57- What cause is not mentioned as a possible way of jamming GPS signals?

- A- sun beams
- B- signal reflection
- C- jammers
- D- bad weather conditions

**c) Error recognition**

**Find the error**

58- I had rather spend the entire summer at home than visit Japan

- A
- B-
- C-
- D

59- The three countries have been quarreling between themselves for many years

- A
- B
- C
- D

60-My uncle lay down after lunch complaining that something he had eaten must have disagreed

- A-
- B-
- C

from him

D-

61- She did not say she will come tomorrow or the day after , did she?

- A
- B
- C
- D

62 – I studied Russian during ten years, however I have forgotten most of it

- A
- B
- C
- D

63- Brian yesterday saw the girl he had dated five years ago, when he was a student

- A
- B
- C
- D

64- When I was younger, my grandmother always gave presents to my sister and myself

- A
- B
- C
- D

65- The secretary speaks always English to her boss while she is in the office

- A
- B
- C
- D

66- The part of the trip that interested them most were the two companies they visited

- A
- B
- C
- D

67- This car is to expensive for me, I really cannot afford it

- A
- B
- C
- D

68- They too want there names on the programs which will be handed out to visitors

- A
- B
- C
- D

69- My car is not the same that yours, its engine is much more powerful

- A
- B
- C
- D

70- As far as I am concerned, Paris is the more beautiful city in the world

- A
- B
- C
- D