

Choose the correct answer

- 1) I inquired _____ the price of the book was.
A) what B) how C) how much D) which
- 2) Repeat _____ I have just told you.
A) that B) which C) what D)
- 3) Please take _____ one you want.
A) whatever B) which C) whichever D) what
- 4) They treated us _____ icecreams.
A) with B) to C) of D) about
- 5) We have _____ been there.
A) also B) too C) either D) neither
- 6) He is mad _____ golf.
A) with B) in C) on D) about
- 7) I might just _____ come later.
A) as well B) also C) too D) now
- 8) I hope this test will be _____ easy.
A) rather B) surely C) scarcely D) fairly
- 9) I am afraid it will be _____ difficult.
A) enough B) seldom C) rather D) fairly
- 10) I object to _____ me about it.
A) your telling B) you telling C) you tell D) your saying
- 11) I can't tell you the reason _____ I did it.
A) for which B) for what C) why D) because
- 12) It's _____ good idea!
A) such a B) such C) what D) what a
- 13) She kept _____.
A) on to talk B) to talk C) talking D) talk
- 14) Remember _____ the letter.
A) to post B) posting C) post D) to posting
- 15) I remember _____ you before.
A) to see B) see C) seeing D) to seeing
- 16) It's no use _____ him, he doesn't know.
A) to ask B) asking C) to asking D) ask
- 17) If I _____ you, I _____ it.
A) was/would do B) am/will do C) were/would do D) was/would have done
- 18) I _____ my book when you come.
A) would finish B) will have finished C) finished D) finish

- 19) He is the madman who _____ five people.
 A) killed B) would kill C) kills D) will kill
- 20) I _____ to New York since we _____ the States last year.
 A) haven't been/have visited B) was/visited
 C) haven't been/visited D) have been/didn't visit
- 21) It is a long time since I _____ you.
 A) haven't seen B) didn't see C) saw D) have seen
- 22) I _____ a bath when the telephone _____.
 A) was having/was ringing B) had/rang
 C) had/was ringing D) was having/rang
- 23) He _____ a lot of efforts to please her.
 A) accomplished B) made C) did D) realised
- 24) Am I right _____ you will come ?
 A) in supposing B) to suppose C) on supposing D) supposing
- 25) Tell him _____ the tickets.
 A) not to forget B) to not forget C) don't forget D) to forget
- 26) He is looking at _____ in the mirror.
 A) his B) another C) each other D) himself
- 27) Do you know the answer _____ any chance ?
 A) by B) in C) on D) at
- 28) I can't account _____ his attitude.
 A) by B) for C) on D) at
- 29) Why are you _____ such a hurry. I can't keep _____ you.
 A) in/with B) on/up with C) in/up with D) in/on
- 30) I wanted to go _____ Mary wanted to stay.
 A) although B) however C) unlike D) whereas

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Choose the best answer

- 31) "Don't tell me it's not true" means :
 A) you don't want her to tell you the truth
 B) you want her to tell you the truth
 C) it can't possibly be true
 D) you don't believe it's not true
- 32) "Out of sight out of mind" means :
 A) never mind if he/she's blind
 B) I don't mind seeing him
 C) he/she is no longer present and is forgotten
 D) he/she is absent-minded
- 33) "Over and over again" means :
 A) it's finished
 B) it's new

- C) on many occasions
- D) above everything

- 34) He did it "on the spur of the moment" means :
- A) he did it impulsively
 - B) he did it intentionally
 - C) he did it momentarily
 - D) he did it because he was forced
- 35) "Take my tip" means :
- A) take my money
 - B) take my advice
 - C) give me your opinion
 - D) take your time
- 36) "That does it" means :
- A) that's the limit of my patience
 - B) it's over
 - C) I won't do it again
 - D) that's all
- 37) "Mind your own business" means :
- A) you should manage your business on your own
 - B) never mind
 - C) do not interfere with my own affairs
 - D) you are a good business person

Fill in the gaps with the suitable word :

"Brittany Coast Threatened by Oil Spill"

38 crews were last night struggling to prevent all 24,000 tonnes of oil 39 from a tanker that has 40 in two 41 the west coast of France. French maritime officials 42 an emergency anti-pollution plan as a giant oil slick oozed from the 590ft tanker ERIKA. Officials said that 43 8,000 tonnes of its cargo of fuel oil had already 44. Two Royal Navy helicopters helped in the 45 operation to 46 up 26 47 members in gale force 48 as the tanker broke up in mountainous seas. Tugs are 49 to tow the ruptured tanker further out to sea, 50 of damage to Brittany's coastline. "It has broken in two, so we're going to try to 51 the two pieces 52 are still on the surface as 53 as possible from the coast," Captain Jean Luc Thelaud of the Brest coastguard service said. The wind was 54 the spill away from the coast, but there were 55 that it 56 be carried back by currents and a wind-change towards Brittany.

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| 38) A) relief | B) sail | C) oil | D) salvage |
| 39) A) spreading | B) spread | C) spilling | D) spill |
| 40) A) exploded | B) spilt | C) split | D) slit |
| 41) A) away | B) off | C) outside | D) far away |
| 42) A) planned | B) thought | C) implemented | D) decided |
| 43) A) until | B) up to | C) as much | D) as many |

- 44) A) escaped B) left C) parted D) departed
- 45) A) relief B) rescue C) aid D) help
- 46) A) relieve B) drop C) take D) pick
- 47) A) sail B) flight C) crew D) team
- 48) A) gale B) breezes C) winds D) mist
- 49) A) sailing B) trying C) stopping D) lifting
- 50) A) hopeful B) harmful C) fearful D) full
- 51) A) push B) make C) tug D) put
- 52) A) which B) what C) than D)
- 53) A) near B) close to C) far away D) further
- 54) A) singing B) blowing C) whispering D) yelling
- 55) A) prayers B) ideas C) hopes D) fears
- 56) A) could B) will C) must D) had to

"Our Friend The Sun"

"It is tempting to think that the policy wonks, civil servants, ministers and corporate chiefs who determine our power supplies will this morning, weather permitting, stare into the sky, see a great light and glimpse that the future is big, bright and yellow. Thanks to technological advances in photo-voltaics, the potential for solar energy to generate electricity even in cloud-covered islands is almost unlimited and no longer depends on bright sunshine. But while the US, Germany, Japan and others are well on the way to converting more than five million homes and premises into non-polluting mini-power stations in the next 10 years, we have committed ourselves to just 100 houses and a few schools.

For this full eclipse of the imagination, we must thank the department of trade and industry and the treasury, arguably the two most powerful but most regressive departments. The former has long been blinded by oil and nuclear power, the latter by immediate cost concerns. Together, they have ensured that there will be no advantage for renewables in the proposed energy tax, that little public money goes to solar, and that people wanting to generate their own power are heavily penalised. Despite the government's foresight energy panel identifying photo-voltaics as a 21st century UK money-spinner, solar must pay its way in a rigged market where polluting power industries are subsidised to the tune of several billion pounds a year. This is wrong. We are being left out of a rapidly growing global solar market expected to be worth £11bn a year in a decade. The race is on to develop socially and environmentally acceptable power for the next century. The oil majors have correctly begun to invest in photo-voltaics and are gearing up for production. How much longer must we wait before a technology-obsessed government accepts that solar power is cool and popular, and that Mr. Blair could one day conceivably crown himself Sun King of Europe?"

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- 57) The author is :
 A) British B) American C) Australian D) Japanese
- 58) The author of this passage is :

- A) critical B) unbiased C) fearful D) hopeful

59) The author is alluding to a recent event :

- A) an earthquake B) an oil spill C) a storm D) the eclipse

60) According to the text, as far as the development of solar energy is concerned :

- A) the UK is ahead of the rest of the world
B) the UK is lagging behind developed countries
C) the UK is doing everything possible to develop solar energy
D) the UK has a lot of power

61) When the author says "we must thank the department of trade and industry and the treasury", he is :

- A) satirical B) ironical C) serious D) ignorant

62) "The former" refers to :

- A) the most regressive departments
B) the most powerful departments
C) the department of trade and industry
D) the treasury

63) "Several billion pounds a year" represent :

- A) subsidies to polluting industries
B) subsidies to solar energy industry
C) subsidies to people who want to generate their own electricity
D) private money

64) "11bn a year represents :

- A) the money the government will spend on solar energy in ten years
B) the money the government will spend within ten years
C) the value of the solar energy market throughout the world now
D) how much money will be spent to develop solar energy in ten years

65) The oil majors are :

- A) oil companies
B) oil producing countries
C) oil dependent countries
D) developed countries

"Should Children Play with Monsters ?"

"If you go by word origins, monster must demonstrate a moral, a lesson, a value. What values do the Pocket Monsters demonstrate? "Pokémon appeals to children's desire for mastery," says Stephanie Pratola, a child psychologist. "That begins to develop at age six or seven. There are so many things to master - the games, knowing all the rules for the cards, what makes a good trade". It's a world of expertise in which kids can revel, free from parents who don't understand the rules. Pratola says the marketers have taken huge advantage of this developmental niche among children, but she spreads the blame around. "You have to look at it in the context of our culture. We are all obsessed with acquiring things, and we can't expect our children to rise above our culture." She adds, "Children will always grab onto fads, but parents are helping to feed this artificial economy". Parents often feel the only thing they can do is buy what their children crave. Says Pratola : "I remind them there are kids who don't have any Pokémon and are just fine."

Most psychologists see Pokémon as relatively harmless but warn of a need to be wary. A child who spends too much time on video games may not disengage from a simulated world and thus may be

confused in the real one. And while card trading teaches social skills, it may also lead to obsessive behavior. "You don't know whether there's a valuable card in a pack when you buy it," says Maressa Hecht Orzack ; founder of the Computer Addiction Service at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass. Children under eight aren't able to grasp this fact cognitively, which then leads to disappointment and an increased desire to buy more packs. Children overly anxious to please their peers are also at greater risk for addictive behavior. "Also make sure that your children are not being bullies while playing the card game," says Pratola. "Ask children about the trades they have made, and use this to teach them what it means to be fair and how to be a nice person."

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- 66) Pokémon comes from :
A) Japanese B) French C) English D) an acronym
- 67) Pokémon is popular because :
A) children can play at age six or seven
B) it demonstrates a moral, a lesson and a value
C) children feel they can dominate the world around them
D) the rules of the game are easy
- 68) The blame for the fad also lies with the parents :
A) they have an obsession for buying things
B) they can't refuse anything to their children
C) they expect their children to rise above their culture
D) children will always be ready to follow a new fad
- 69) Pokémon.....
A) is totally harmless
B) is fairly harmful
C) is wary
D) presents some dangers
- 70) Children who play video games.....
A) lose touch with reality
B) are stimulated
C) are socially skilled
D) are anxious
- 71) "They are at greater risk for addictive behavior" means :
A) they are well-behaved
B) they may become addicted
C) their lives are at risk
D) we don't know what dangers lie ahead
- 72) "They aren't able to grasp this fact" means :
A) they can't understand
B) they can understand
C) it is not real for them
D) it is an actual fact
- 73) "They are overly anxious to please" means :
A) they are open
B) they are eager
C) they are pleased
D) they are full of anxiety
- 74) "Their peers" are :

- A) their parents
- B) themselves
- C) other children
- D) other adults

- 75) On the whole, would you say that.....
- A) the author answers the question
 - B) the author takes sides
 - C) the author helps the reader to think about the problem
 - D) the author is disappointed