Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best completes each of the following exchanges.

**Question 1:** Two students are talking about the school curriculum.
- Ted: "Swimming should be made part of the school curriculum."
- Kate: "______. It is an essential life skill."
  A. Oh, that's a problem  
  B. I can't agree with you more  
  C. You can make it  
  D. Not at all

**Question 2:** Jane is talking to Mike, who has just helped her with her luggage.
- Jane: "______"
- Mike: "It's my pleasure."
  A. Thanks a lot, indeed.  
  B. It's too heavy.  
  C. It's not my duty.  
  D. Welcome back

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

**Question 3:** The football final has been postponed until next Sunday due to the heavy snowstorm.
  A. delayed  
  B. changed  
  C. cancelled  
  D. continued

**Question 4:** The chairman's thought-provoking question ignited a lively debate among the participants in the workshop.
  A. triggered  
  B. defined  
  C. hosted  
  D. arose

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

**Question 5:** Judy has just won a full scholarship to one of the most prestigious universities in the country; she must be on cloud nine now.
  A. incredibly optimistic  
  B. obviously delighted  
  C. extremely panicked  
  D. desperately sad

**Question 6:** People nationwide have acted without hesitation to provide aids for the victims in the disaster-stricken areas.
  A. willingness  
  B. reluctance  
  C. uncertainty  
  D. awareness

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

**Question 7:** The ______ prices of property in big cities may deter people on low incomes from owning a house there.
  A. inflatatable  
  B. forbidding  
  C. competitive  
  D. prohibitive

**Question 8:** After a momentary ______ of concentration, Simon managed to regain his focus and completed the test.
  A. failure  
  B. lapse  
  C. error  
  D. fault

**Question 9:** He promised ______ his daughter a new bicycle as a birthday present.
  A. to buying  
  B. buy  
  C. to buy  
  D. buying

**Question 10:** The operation of the newly constructed plants is likely to lead to ______ environmental consequences.
  A. far-off  
  B. far-gone  
  C. far-reaching  
  D. far-flung

**Question 11:** Susan has achieved great ______ in her career thanks to her hard work.
  A. success  
  B. succeed  
  C. successful  
  D. successfully

**Question 12:** Only after he ______ the job as a computer programmer did he realise how much he loved it.
  A. would leave  
  B. had left  
  C. was leaving  
  D. has left
**Question 13:** Drastic measures should be taken to tackle the problems ______ child abuse.
A. involving  B. to involve  C. involved  D. are involving

**Question 14:** Michael rarely returns to his hometown, ____?
A. hasn't he  B. has he  C. does he  D. doesn't he

**Question 15:** Many parents tend to make their children study hard in the belief that good education will enable them to ______ in the future.
A. turn up  B. get out  C. get on  D. turn away

**Question 16:** If you didn't have to leave today, I ______ you around the city.
A. would show  B. have shown  C. showed  D. will show

**Question 17:** You must not ______ any step in the process; otherwise, you would not be able to cook the dish properly.
A. hide  B. skip  C. quit  D. leave

**Question 18:** I've been waiting for hours. You ______ to tell me you would come late.
A. oughtn't to have phoned  B. should have phoned  C. needn't have phoned  D. must have phoned

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

**Question 19:**
A. enter  B. allow  C. behave  D. relax

**Question 20:**
A. disaster  B. origin  C. agency  D. charity

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

**Question 21:**
A. concern  B. medal  C. finger  D. attack

**Question 22:**
A. mean  B. wear  C. dream  D. treat

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 23 to 27.

When hosting an Olympic Games, a country has to take account of several considerations, among which the financial one is by far the most important. The costs of hosting the Olympics can (23)______ tens of billions of dollars, and it is commonplace for budgets to double or even triple. In addition to the direct costs of hosting the Games (the opening and closing ceremonies, athletes' village, security, etc.), cities often must build expensive new venues (24)______ lesser-known sports. Once constructed, sports venues often incur additional maintenance costs long after the Games have ended.

While costs are the (25)______ concern for a host city, there are other factors to consider. For one, an Olympic host city may receive substantial revenue from ticket sales, tourist spending, corporate sponsorship, and television rights. Cities such as Los Angeles (1984) and Seoul (1988) actually made a large profit from the Games they hosted. (26)______, hosting the Olympic Games confers prestige on a host city and country, which can lead to increased trade and tourism. The Olympics are also an opportunity to invest in projects (27)______ improve the city's quality of life, such as new transportation systems.

(Adapted from “Skillful Reading & Writing 4” by Mike Boyle and Lindsay Warwick)

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 28 to 34.

Body language is a vital form of communication. In fact, it is believed that the various forms of body language contribute about 70 percent to our comprehension. It is important to note, however, that body language varies in different cultures. Take for example, eye movement. In the USA a child is expected to look directly at a parent or teacher who is scolding him/her. In other cultures the opposite is true. Looking directly at a teacher or parent in such a situation is considered a sign of disrespect.
Another form of body language that is used differently, depending on the culture, is distance. In North America people don't generally stand as close to each other as in South America. Two North Americans who don't know each other well will keep a distance of four feet between them, whereas South Americans in the same situation will stand two to three feet apart. North Americans will stand closer than two feet apart only if they are having a confidential conversation or if there is intimacy between them.

Gestures are often used to communicate. We point a finger, raise an eyebrow, wave an arm – or move any other part of the body – to show what we want to say. However, this does not mean that people all over the world use the same gestures to express the same meanings. Very often we find that the same gestures can communicate different meanings, depending on the country. An example of a gesture that could be misinterpreted is sticking out the tongue. In many cultures it is a sign of making a mistake, but in some places it communicates ridicule.

The dangers of misunderstanding one another are great. Obviously, it is not enough to learn the language of another culture. You must also learn its non-verbal signals if you want to communicate successfully.

(Adapted from "Reading Academic English" by Judy Rapoport, Ronit Broder and Sarah Feingold)

Question 28: What is the passage mainly about?
A. The significance of non-verbal signals in America
B. Non-verbal communication across cultures
C. Interpretations of gestures in different cultures
D. Misunderstandings in communication

Question 29: According to paragraph 1, when scolded by his/her parent or teacher, an American child is expected to ______.
A. look directly at the person
B. raise his/her eyebrows
C. point a finger at the person
D. stand close to the person

Question 30: The word "intimacy" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to ______.
A. strength
B. agreement
C. closeness
D. enjoyment

Question 31: The word "misinterpreted" in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to ______.
A. mispronounced
B. misspelled
C. misbehaved
D. misunderstood

Question 32: The word "it" in paragraph 3 refers to ______.
A. making a mistake
B. sticking out the tongue
C. the country
D. an example

Question 33: As stated in the passage, in order to communicate successfully with people from another culture, it is advisable for a person ______.
A. to learn only non-verbal signals of that culture
B. to travel to as many countries as possible
C. to use the body language of the people from that culture
D. to learn both the language and non-verbal signals of that culture

Question 34: Which form of body language is NOT mentioned in the passage?
A. eye movement
B. posture
C. gesture
D. distance

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 35 to 42.

The green building movement, started in the 1970s as a way to reduce environmental destruction, is changing the way buildings are constructed. In the early years, green builders were a small minority, and their goals of reducing the environmental impact of buildings were considered unrealistic. Now, however, the movement is growing, as builders have been able to take advantage of new technology.

Another solution is to reduce the amount of energy required in a building. It is possible to cut electricity use noticeably by improving natural lighting and installing low-energy light bulbs. To reduce the amount of fuel needed for heating or cooling, builders also add insulation to the walls so that the building stays warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

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One example of this advanced design is the Genzyme Center of Cambridge, the most environmentally responsible office building in America. Every aspect of the design and building had to consider two things: the need for a safe and pleasant workplace for employees and the need to lessen the negative environmental impact. 75 percent of the building materials were recycled materials, and the energy use has been reduced by 43 percent and water use by 32 percent, compared with other buildings of the same size.

In other parts of the world, several large-scale projects have recently been developed according to green building principles. One of these is in Vauban, Germany, in an area that was once the site of army housing. The site has been completely rebuilt with houses requiring 30 percent less energy than conventional ones. These houses, heated by special non-polluting systems, are also equipped with solar panels.

A larger project is under way in China. The first phase of this project will include houses for 400 families built with solar power, non-polluting bricks, and recycled wall insulation. In a second phase, entire neighborhoods in six cities will be built. If all goes well, the Chinese government plans to copy these ideas in new neighborhoods across China.

Green building ideas, on a small or large scale, are spreading. Individuals, companies, and governments are beginning to see their benefits. Not only are they environmentally friendly, green buildings improve living and working conditions and also save money in the long run.

(Adapted from "Advanced Reading Power" by Beatrice S. Mikulecky and Linda Jeffries)

**Question 35:** Which of the following does the passage mainly discuss?
A. New technologies applied to constructing office buildings
B. Economic benefits of environmentally responsible buildings
C. Successful green building projects all over the world
D. An environmentally friendly approach to constructing buildings

**Question 36:** According to paragraph 1, the environmental goals set by green builders were initially considered unrealistic presumably because ______.
A. the problems of environment destruction were not prevalent at the time
B. there was an abundance of natural materials for the construction of conventional buildings
C. the potential applications of technology to constructing green buildings were not recognised then
D. there was a lack of green builders at the beginning of the 20th century

**Question 37:** The word "they" in paragraph 2 refers to ______.
A. rays of the sun  
B. green builders  
C. solar panels  
D. recycled materials

**Question 38:** The word "insulation" in paragraph 3 mostly means ______.
A. systems that protect buildings from the sun's rays
B. panels that convert solar energy into electricity
C. materials that prevent heat loss and absorption
D. devices that monitor changes in temperature

**Question 39:** What is one common characteristic shared by the Genzyme Center of Cambridge and the project in Vauban, Germany?
A. Both took advantage of new insulation technology, which cuts down on construction costs.
B. Both were built out of entirely recycled materials instead of conventional ones.
C. Both are housing complexes with special, non-polluting heating systems.
D. Both were built based on green building principles, which reduces energy use considerably.

**Question 40:** The phrase "under way" in paragraph 6 mostly means ______.
A. being inspected  
B. being certified  
C. being notified  
D. being launched

**Question 41:** Which of the following is NOT mentioned in paragraph 7 as a merit of green buildings?
A. Being friendly to the environment  
B. Proving more economical eventually  
C. Increasing work productivity  
D. Improving living conditions

**Question 42:** According to the passage, which of the following statements about green buildings is TRUE?
A. They are more economical and produce no pollution.
B. They are environmentally responsible constructions with gardens.
C. They are gaining in popularity in different parts of the world.
D. They have only been built in technologically developed countries.
Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 43: His friends supported and encouraged him. He did really well in the competition.
A. Such were his friends' support and encouragement that he couldn't do really well in the competition.
B. If his friends had given him support and encouragement, he could have done really well in the competition.
C. Had it not been for his friends' support and encouragement, he couldn't have done so well in the competition.
D. No matter how much his friends supported and encouraged him, he couldn't do well in the competition.

Question 44: Joe has finished his first-aid course. He proves extremely helpful as a rescue worker.
A. Without finishing his first-aid course, Joe proves extremely helpful as a rescue worker.
B. However helpful Joe proves as a rescue worker, he hasn't finished his first-aid course.
C. Although Joe proves extremely helpful as a rescue worker, he hasn't finished his first-aid course.
D. Having finished his first-aid course, Joe proves extremely helpful as a rescue worker.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 45: It is the night of 5th November that people in Britain light bonfires and have fireworks as a national tradition.
A
B
C
D

Question 46: Most workers seems to be happy with their new working conditions.
A
B
C
D

Question 47: They have carried out exhausting research into the effects of smartphones on schoolchildren's behaviour and their academic performance.
A
B
C
D

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 48: She wasn't early enough to catch the bus.
A. She didn't arrive late for the bus.
B. She arrived too early for the bus.
C. She was too late to catch the bus.
D. She wasn't late for the bus.

Question 49: "Don't forget to submit your assignments by Thursday," said the teacher to the students.
A. The teacher encouraged the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
B. The teacher allowed the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
C. The teacher reminded the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.
D. The teacher ordered the students to submit their assignments by Thursday.

Question 50: They expect that recent changes will bring about an overall improvement in the quality of the country's education.
A. It is expected that recent changes are caused by an overall improvement in the quality of the country's education.
B. The quality of the country's education is expected to be the consequence of recent changes.
C. It was expected that recent changes would result in an overall improvement in the quality of the country's education.
D. Recent changes are expected to lead to an overall improvement in the quality of the country's education.