

For questions 1 – 16 read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.

- 1) We ..... to go ahead with the event despite the concerns.  
A) considered                      B) thought                      **C) decided**                      D) insisted
- 2) The pack ..... posters and leaflets for the environmental campaign.  
**A) contains**                      B) combines                      C) composes                      D) consists
- 3) Food prices have ..... up a lot recently.  
A) changed                      B) got                      C) taken                      **D) gone**
- 4) It was really exciting to finally meet her in ..... .  
A) end                      B) life                      **C) person**                      D) face
- 5) The product was a success ..... its problems.  
A) except                      **B) in spite of**                      C) however                      D) although
- 6) It was getting late now and I was starting to wish that we ..... caught an earlier train.  
A) would                      B) have                      **C) had**                      D) could
- 7) I wasn't keen to go to the festival as it was such a long way away. ...., I couldn't really afford it.  
A) But                      **B) Besides**                      C) Too                      D) Despite
- 8) The team all wanted hot tea, so I made ..... .  
A) it them                      B) some them                      **C) them some**                      D) it some
- 9) The director ..... to us that there had been financial problems earlier in the year.  
A) concluded                      B) offered                      **C) revealed**                      D) told
- 10) I think Mr Wilson ..... in this school since 2005 or maybe earlier.  
A) teaches                      **B) has taught**                      C) is teaching                      D) taught
- 11) According to the memo, we're ..... the meeting at noon tomorrow.  
**A) having**                      B) have                      C) going have                      D) will have
- 12) You're 18! You're ..... to be able to look after yourself by now.  
A) have                      B) ought                      C) should                      **D) supposed**
- 13) They explained that she couldn't take the course, .....?  
A) could she                      B) couldn't she                      C) did she                      **D) didn't they**

- 14) Good morning, gentlemen. .... of you is first in line?  
 A) **Which**                      B) Whose                      C) Who                      D) Whom
- 15) The police have a new ..... in their search for the bank robbers.  
 A) assistance                      **B) clue**                      C) progress                      D) information
- 16) The new job provided money for expensive toys, but not very ..... time to play with them.  
 A) little                      B) few                      **C) much**                      D) plenty of

**For questions 17 – 25 read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.**

**Preparing for the worst**

We all depend on supermarkets for food and we 17) ..... it for granted that the shelves will always be full. But some people believe it's best to be prepared 18) ..... there's an emergency and normal life is disrupted for a while. They say there is a risk from extreme weather or an outbreak of flu, 19) ..... more serious natural disasters. People who prepare in this way are informally 20) ..... as "preppers", and more and more people are now listening to their 21) ..... . Alison Jones from Cambridge, UK, is a typical example. She keeps a month's 22) ..... of food in a cupboard, along with bottled water and medicines that her family needs. She is aware that some people would 23) ..... her to be slightly odd, but she says that for her it makes perfect 24) ..... to be prepared. "We keep just enough to see us through a few weeks, so we can then 25) ..... our normal lives. Why would anyone not do that?"

- 17)    A) get                      B) have                      C) make                      **D) take**
- 18)    A) even if                      **B) in case**                      C) provided that                      D) whereas
- 19)    A) although                      **B) as well as**                      C) in spite of                      D) in contrast
- 20)    **A) known**                      B) called                      C) named                      D) entitled
- 21)    **A) views**                      B) wishes                      C) requests                      D) decisions
- 22)    A) donation                      B) number                      **C) supply**                      D) delivery
- 23)    A) decide                      B) accept                      C) realise                      **D) consider**
- 24)    **A) sense**                      B) reason                      C) idea                      D) judgement
- 25)    A) go through with                      B) put up with                      **C) get on with**                      D) get away with

**For questions 26 – 41 read the sentences below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.**

- 26) He came with his parents and two friends of .....  
 A) them                      B) their                      **C) theirs**                      D) themselves
- 27) I'm ..... a swimmer as my sister.  
 A) better                      B) good as                      **C) not as good**                      D) so good
- 28) I know, I don't look like everyone else, but I don't like it when people stare ..... me.

- A) **at**                      B) on                      C) to                      D) –
- 29) You know they don't allow ..... in here.  
A) you eat and drink    **B) eating and drinking**    C) to eat and drink    D) eat and drink
- 30) Her father mentioned that Ellen ..... to Prague before.  
**A) had been**              B) was                      C) were                      D) has been
- 31) Players may not leave the area without permission while the game .....  
A) has been played    **B) is being played**    C) was played              D) plays
- 32) ..... they had been waiting in line all night, I was sure they'd get the tickets.  
A) As though              B) Because of              **C) Since**                      D) Until
- 33) Amelia said it was ..... lovely weather they all went swimming.  
A) as                      **B) such**                      C) such a                      D) so
- 34) Everyone says I ..... after my father because we look alike and both love jazz.  
A) look                      B) go                      C) do                      **D) take**
- 35) Some friends ..... me to apply to a TV baking show.  
A) suggested              B) proposed              C) said                      **D) encouraged**
- 36) I won't call you ..... there's a problem.  
**A) unless**                      B) provided that              C) except                      D) owing to
- 37) ..... travelling by bus to Greece is sometimes slow, it can also be an interesting experience.  
A) **Although**              B) When                      C) But                      D) However
- 37) I arrived at home and my sister wasn't there. "She ..... shopping," I thought.  
A) should have gone    **B) must have gone**    C) must be gone              D) ought to have gone
- 39) Ask him how much .....  
A) did it cost              B) it did cost              **C) it cost**                      D) it costed
- 40) I pulled the handle ..... I could.  
**A) as hard as**              B) so hard as              C) as hardly as              D) so hardly as
- 41) Tim will never finish that job by tomorrow unless he ..... some help.  
A) will get                      B) would get                      **C) gets**                      D) won't get

**For questions 42 – 50 read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. Only one answer is correct.**

## Brain vs GPS

If you ever take a black cab through the City of London, sit back and 42) ..... the fact that your driver knows exactly where to go and how to get there. That's because black cab drivers take an incredibly challenging test called The Knowledge. While other taxi drivers 43) ..... on satnav to help them get from A to B, London taxi drivers are 44) ..... for having it all in their heads. The 45) ..... of becoming a black cab driver isn't easy. First, you have to memorize routes to any one of 20,000 landmarks along 25,000 streets, a very 46) ..... achievement which takes two or four years. Then you take the test itself. This 47) ..... sitting a written test and attending three oral tests which become 48) ..... difficult each time. One current debate is whether satnav will make The Knowledge obsolete. The answer is probably not. When 49) ..... with roadworks or traffic jams, black cab drivers can often 50) ..... an alternative route better than a device can.

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| 42) | <b>A) appreciate</b>   | B) praise            | C) regard       | D) care            |
| 43) | A) live                | B) trust             | <b>C) rely</b>  | D) build           |
| 44) | A) prized              | B) honoured          | C) approved     | <b>D) admired</b>  |
| 45) | A) technique           | <b>B) process</b>    | C) action       | D) procedure       |
| 46) | A) excited             | <b>B) impressive</b> | C) dramatic     | D) massive         |
| 47) | A) requires            | B) ranges            | C) contains     | <b>D) involves</b> |
| 48) | <b>A) increasingly</b> | B) approximately     | C) mainly       | D) regularly       |
| 49) | A) met                 | B) dealt             | <b>C) faced</b> | D) opposed         |
| 50) | <b>A) figure out</b>   | B) work at           | C) pay off      | D) stand out       |