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SAMPLE PROFICIENCY II

EACH QUESTION IS 1 (one) POINT.

Choose the correct alternative.

1. While I was planning all my journey, I realized that I needed \_\_\_\_\_ some more money with me before \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) take / leaving                      b) to take / leaving                      c) taking / to leave                      d) taking / leaving
2. James \_\_\_\_\_ as an estate agent for several years before he \_\_\_\_\_ to quit and travel around the world.  
a) had worked / decided                      c) is working / will have decided  
b) has worked / decides                      d) was working / had decided
3. 'What do you think of the new art gallery?' Tom asked.  
a) Tom said to Sally what did she think of the new art gallery.  
b) Tom asked Sally what does she think of the new art gallery.  
c) Tom told Sally that what she thinks of the new art gallery.  
d) Tom asked Sally what she thought of the new art gallery.
4. If the firefighters \_\_\_\_\_ the necessary precautions yesterday, the fire \_\_\_\_\_ more destructive.  
a) didn't take / would have been                      c) hadn't taken / would have been  
b) didn't take / will be                      d) don't take / would be
5. American dramatist Neil Simon is best known for *The Odd Couple*, \_\_\_\_\_ is a play about two divorced men \_\_\_\_\_ share an apartment in New York City.  
a) which / Ø                      b) which / who                      c) that / whose                      d) that / that
6. \_\_\_\_\_ group of climbers who were from \_\_\_\_\_ Canada died before they reached the peak of \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Everest.  
a) -- / -- / the                      b) The / -- / a                      c) A / -- / --                      d) a / the / a
7. Mr. Brown's plane \_\_\_\_\_ some problems with the engine as they \_\_\_\_\_ over Boston last Tuesday. Fortunately, they \_\_\_\_\_ safely at a small airport.  
a) had / were flying / landed                      c) was having / flew / land  
b) would have / were flying/landed                      d) had / flew / landed
8. It was \_\_\_\_\_ cold \_\_\_\_\_ we stopped playing in the garden and went back home.  
a) as / as                      b) such / that                      c) so / that                      d) as / that
9. Research has shown that \_\_\_\_\_ pace of life \_\_\_\_\_ stress-related diseases are strongly connected to each other.  
a) both / and                      b) either / or                      c) neither / nor                      d) hardly / when
10. **A:** Are you coming to my birthday party tomorrow?  
**B:** I wish I \_\_\_\_\_. But I \_\_\_\_\_ attend a meeting. Otherwise, my boss would kill me.  
a) would / may                      b) can / must                      c) could / have to                      d) will / have to



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Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks.

Although doctors have been warning people about the dangers of smoking (11) \_\_\_\_\_ over fifty years, the number of people who has this addiction is still very high. These people are not worried (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their health though they know the risks they are taking with their lives. They also realize how much money they are (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on cigarettes, yet they still find it almost impossible to (14) \_\_\_\_\_. Smoking is also much more socially unacceptable now. A lot of people are against smokers (15) \_\_\_\_\_ smoke in public places –they even (16) \_\_\_\_\_ sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant (17) \_\_\_\_\_ they know the hazards. On the other hand, there may be some people who really want to stop smoking. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ criticizing them, perhaps we should give them a hand.

11. a) from                      b) for                      c) since                      d) during  
12. a) about                      b) over                      c) with                      d) around  
13. a) earning                      b) making                      c) wasting                      d) saving  
14. a) give up                      b) take up                      c) leave out                      d) work for  
15. a) which                      b) whose                      c) where                      d) who  
16. a) don't mind                      b) can't stand                      c) don't allow                      d) can't help  
17. a) until                      b) as soon as                      c) since                      d) however  
18. a) Instead of                      b) However                      c) Moreover                      d) Such as

Choose the word which has the SAME meaning as the word underlined.

19. The little child who was drowning in the deep lake kept on shouting for help desperately.  
a) dramatically                      b) cheerfully                      c) peacefully                      d) hopelessly  
20. This is such a wonderful book and I strongly advise you to read it.  
a) provide                      b) warn                      c) recommend                      d) blame

Choose the word which has the OPPOSITE meaning to the word underlined.

21. Talking on the mobile in an airplane is strictly banned because of safety reasons.  
a) allowed                      b) prohibited                      c) awarded                      d) rejected  
22. We were talking about trivial things when you entered the room, so don't worry about the part you missed.  
a) boring                      b) important                      c) shocking                      d) ideal

Choose the best alternative to complete the sentences.

23. Many people have the \_\_\_\_\_ or desire to become rich or famous, so they work hard to achieve this goal.  
a) worry                      b) development                      c) guilt                      d) ambition  
24. I do not know the scheduled time of \_\_\_\_\_, but I do know that the plane to Istanbul has already left.  
a) celebration                      b) invitation                      c) departure                      d) meeting  
25. They \_\_\_\_\_ that their team is better than the others, and they are sure they will be the champion again this year.  
a) supply                      b) claim                      c) prefer                      d) include  
26. Several of my friends will enter the \_\_\_\_\_ next week, but none of them expects to win.  
a) lecture                      b) application                      c) competition                      d) concert



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27. The students still haven't come to a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ about which play they are going to put on the stage next term.

- a) arrival                      b) sense                      c) occasion                      d) agreement

28. When she learned that her son had failed his driving test again, she felt \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) disappointed                      b) cheerful                      c) courageous                      d) excited

29. Although it was too difficult for her to lose 15 kilos, she \_\_\_\_\_ trying hard.

- a) put on                      b) kept on                      c) took up                      d) turned off

30. Which of the following is an example of a **crime**?

- a) working abroad                      b) refusing an invitation                      c) killing somebody                      d) banning smoking

31. The scientists ***are determined to find the cure for ALS***. The scientists \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) will definitely find the cure for ALS                      c) may never find the cure for ALS  
b) are not likely to be successful in finding the cure                      d) will probably stop searching for the cure

**Choose the sentence which completes the paragraph best.**

32. Nowadays it is understood that a diet which contains nothing harmful may yet result in a serious disease if certain important elements are missing. \_\_\_\_\_. Quite a number of such substances are identified as A, B, C, D and so on.

Different diseases are associated with a lack of particular vitamins.

- a) Vegetables are necessary for a healthy body                      c) These elements are called "vitamins"  
b) A very strict diet causes some problems                      d) Vitamins can cause different diseases

33. People visit Cappadocia for several reasons. Mainly, they come for the exotic scenery and the archaeological interest. \_\_\_\_\_. Moreover, in the neighborhood, there are many places of remarkable beauty and historical significance.

- a) Unfortunately, it hasn't been sufficiently advertised  
b) The rock monasteries, in particular, attract large crowds  
c) It is only recently that the number of tourists to Cappadocia has declined  
d) The majority of tourists coming to Turkey prefer sea-side resorts

**Choose the IRRELEVANT sentence in the paragraphs given.**

34. (I) Psychologists disagree about the methods used in child care. (II) Fears of one kind or another are almost universal in early childhood. (III) Experimental studies have shown that the highest fears are at around three years of age.

(IV) Fear is, of course, a normal response to real danger. (V) However, action should be taken if the fear is at an extreme level that is when it turns into a phobia.

- a) I                      b) II                      c) III                      d) V

35. (I) The neuromuscular disorder known as ALS strikes 5.000 Americans each year. (II) The disease involves the progressive death of motor neurons. (III) Some families are even more worried about other diseases. (IV) As the condition advances, sufferers lose the ability to speak, to swallow and finally to breath. (V) Few of them survive more than five years.

- a) I                      b) II                      c) III                      d) IV



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**Choose the alternative which completes the sentence best.**

36. We thought we ought to go early\_\_\_\_\_.

- a) so that we could all get good seats
- b) so we were still earlier than many others
- c) however there may be a big crowd
- d) since we have left in plenty of time

37. I still haven't had a chance to thank the nurse \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) until the child was well enough to go home
- b) why she visited us every day for a week
- c) who looked after my mother so well in hospital
- d) whose carelessness made me suffer for a while

**Choose the alternative which has the same meaning as the sentence given.**

38. **Most of the people who were injured in the crash recovered quickly.**

- a) Most of the people hurt in the crash but weren't able to get medical care.
- b) Most of the people were injured and some died in the crash.
- c) It took a long time for the injured people to recover.
- d) Most of the people hurt in the crash and got well after a short time.

39. **The children are not allowed to play in the garden on rainy days.**

- a) Children can't play in the garden on rainy days.
- b) On rainy days, it is not a good idea to play in the garden.
- c) Children can't play in the garden whenever they wish.
- d) Children are never allowed to play in the garden.

**Read the paragraph and answer the questions (40-42) below.**

World population is increasing at an alarming rate despite birth control and family planning. It is estimated that by the year 2060, the Earth will have had 10 billion people. Governments, and particularly governments of developing countries, will face major **challenges** while dealing with growing populations. The first and the most obvious problem will be provide an adequate food supply. Next will be providing enough housing. Severe unemployment will also be a problem if new jobs are not created in accordance with the increasing population. The last, and possibly the most important challenge will be providing education for everyone.

40. What's the main idea of the paragraph?

- a) The estimated population of the world in 2060 is not something to worry about.
- b) Governments will have to face serious issues when dealing with the problem of over population.
- c) If more people are unemployed, it will be the most severe problem to consider.
- d) When everyone is educated, we can solve the problem of overpopulation.



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41. According to the passage \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) unemployment is more important than a lack of housing
- b) there will be few developing countries by the year 2060
- c) growing populations will cause worse problems in developing countries
- d) everyone has a right to have free education in developing countries

42. In line 3 “*challenges*” means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) concerns
- b) battles
- c) countries
- d) difficulties

**Read the paragraph and answer the questions (43-45) below.**

There is something about our body that we all would like to change because we feel that our bodies are not good enough; like our height, weight, or eye color. We want to change some parts of us because of the pressure that advertisements places on us to be one of the beautiful people. They make us feel worthless because we do not look like a super model. If the advertisers and the media stopped focusing so much attention on physical beauty and perfection, but rather focused a little more on inner beauty and strengths, then maybe when we looked in the mirror, we would be able to see the person we really are.

43. Advertisements influence us so much that \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) we feel disappointed when we look into the mirror
- b) people will want to please others
- c) everybody benefits from them
- d) there is something we like about our body

44. According to the author, we want to change our appearance \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) due to the fact that advertisements are very beneficial
- b) since advertisements have bad effects on us
- c) although all women love themselves
- d) because of a viewpoint of a social, cultural, historical and political context

45. The author claims that we would be able to see our own character when we looked into the mirror \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) and this puts a pressure on women to have the perfect body
- b) but we do not look like a super model anyhow
- c) if the advertisers stopped focusing so much attention on physical beauty
- d) and we are to say that we should become a top model



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Read the paragraph and answer the questions (49-55) below.

**Thomas Edison**

1 Thomas Alva Edison lit up the world with his invention of the light bulb. Without him, the world might still be a dark place. However, the light bulb was not his only invention. He also invented the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and over 1,200 other things. About every two weeks he created something new.

2 Thomas A. Edison was born in Milan, Ohio, on February 11, 1847. His family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, when he was seven years old. Surprisingly, he attended school for only two months. His mother, a former teacher, taught him a few things, but Thomas was mostly self-educated. His natural curiosity led him to start experimenting at a young age with electrical and mechanical things at home.

3 When he was 12 years old, he got his first job. He became a newsboy on a train that ran between Port Huron and Detroit. He set up a laboratory in a baggage care of the train so that he could continue his experiments in his spare time. Unfortunately, his first work experience did not end well. Thomas was fired when he accidentally set fire to the floor of the baggage car.

4 Thomas then worked for five years as a telegraph operator, but he continued to spend much of his time on the job conducting experiments. He got his first patent in 1868 for a vote recorder run by electricity. However, the vote recorder was not a success. In 1870, he sold another invention, a stock-ticker, for \$40,000. A stock-ticker is a machine that automatically prints stock prices on a tape. He was then able to build his first shop in Newark, New Jersey.

5 Thomas Edison was totally deaf in one ear and hard of hearing in the other, but thought of his deafness as a blessing in many ways. **It** made him keep conversations short, so that he could have more time for work. He called himself a "two-shift man" because he worked 16 out of every 24 hours. Sometimes he worked so **intensely** that his wife had to remind him to sleep and eat.

6 Thomas Edison died at the age of 84 on October 18, 1931, at his estate in West Orange, New Jersey. He left numerous inventions that improved the quality of life all over the world.

46. What is the main idea of this passage?

- a) Despite all the challenges he faced, Edison made significant inventions.
- b) Edison worked nearly all day long without having a break.
- c) Deaf people are usually good inventors.
- d) Edison had many failures during his experiments.

47. According to the text, of all the inventions, \_\_\_\_\_ was probably the most important for civilization.

- a) the vote recorder
- b) the stock ticker
- c) the light bulb
- d) the motion picture camera

48. In paragraph 5 "Edison thought of his **deafness** as a blessing in many ways" means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) He felt that his deafness prevented him from motivating his experiments
- b) He considered his deafness as a chance
- c) He believed that his deafness was a punishment
- d) His deafness was the cause of all his failures



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49. Which statement about Edison is **NOT TRUE**?

- a) His natural curiosity made him experiment with electrical and mechanical things at home.
- b) Although he didn't attend a regular school, he was self-educated.
- c) He spent most of his time experimenting even he had lots of failure.
- d) All of his experiments ended with great success.

50. In paragraph 6, **numerous** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) limited
- b) countless
- c) none
- d) modern

51. In paragraph 5 "he worked so **intensely**" means that he worked \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) so passionately with great focus
- b) carelessly and with many distractions
- c) with a lot of questions in mind
- d) gradually for a better future

52. In paragraph 5, "it" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) hearing
- b) deafness
- c) conversation
- d) time

Read the paragraph and answer the questions (46-48) below.

Halloween is one of the most famous holidays in the US, and it is on October 31. People carve pumpkins, make funny faces on them, and put a candle inside. These are called "Jack-O-Lanterns." On October 31, children wear a special costume such as a witch, ghost, or clown. They go to many houses and knock on the door saying, "Trick or Treat!" It means that if people don't give them a treat, they will play some kind of trick on the household. So, people usually give candy to them.

53. It **CANNOT** be inferred that during Halloween, \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) stores can sell many costumes, pumpkins and candles
- b) a kid with a witch or a ghost costume may come to your door
- c) children might receive gifts from their neighbors
- d) children don't usually eat much candy

54. Which is **NOT** true about a Jack-O-Lantern?

- a) It is made from a pumpkin.
- b) It has a comic face.
- c) You fill it with candies for children.
- d) You should light a candle inside it.

55. Halloween is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) at the end of October
- b) by only children
- c) in the UK as well
- d) in every season



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Choose the best alternative to complete the following dialogues.

56. **Jake** : Did you like the movie you saw last night?

**Sylvia** : I can't say it was the best I've ever seen.

**Jake** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Sylvia** : Certainly not. Do not waste your time!

- a) Did you go alone or with a friend from work?
- b) Didn't you read the reviews before you went to see it?
- c) You wouldn't recommend to watch it, would you?
- d) What do you mean by saying it depends?

57. **Mary** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Susan** : Why do you think so?

**Mary** : Whenever we meet, she pretends not to see me.

**Susan** : I don't think it's because she hasn't got over her anger. She's having a bad time at work nowadays.

- a) It seems that Martha is still angry with me.
- b) I have never seen a smarter woman than Martha.
- c) Martha has finally managed to get over her anger.
- d) Martha will make a good manager, I guess.

58. **Ken** : Do you like your new house?

**Bill** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Ken** : Why, what's wrong with it?

**Bill** : There's nothing to do around, and it's so far from everything.

- a) I can't answer because we haven't been able to move in yet.
- b) It will be great when we finish all the work.
- c) The house is okay, but I don't like the neighborhood.
- d) It is great, I'm planning to invite you one day to see it.

59. **John** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Meghan** : I'm not sure. Why do you think he is?

**John** : He doesn't even say a word unless he is asked a question.

**Meghan** : It's probably because he hasn't got any friends here yet.

- a) Don't you think the new student is a little strange?
- b) Is your father interested in modern education techniques?
- c) The taxi driver doesn't seem to know the city very well.
- d) Is your brother doing better at school this year?



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**60. Jill** : Tom has got very good ideas, but he cannot explain them very well.

**Sam** : \_\_\_\_\_

**Jill** : He takes notes of his creative ideas, and I've read some of them.

**Sam** : I would like to be able to have a look at them.

- a) I know. He would be a great scientist if he were given a good education.
- b) Stop telling me about Tom. Don't you know that I hate him?
- c) I used to have some great ideas too, but no one was interested.
- d) How do you know that he has got very good ideas?

**Choose the best alternative that you would say in the situations below.**

**61. You have just heard that a friend came in first in the 200 m race in quite a big athletics competition. You know he trained really hard, and so you are very pleased for him. You phone to congratulate him and say:**

- a) Well done! You deserved to win and I'm delighted for you!
- b) What lovely news! But I didn't expect you to win.
- c) You did very well. With a bit more effort you could have won!
- d) Were you surprised you won the race?

**62. You have an exam tomorrow, and your brother is listening to pop music on the TV. You wouldn't mind if only it wasn't so loud, but he has got the volume turned up so high that you are going mad. So you say:**

- a) Must you listen to that awful music? It's stopping me from working.
- b) It's just the kind of music I like, but I really mustn't listen now.
- c) I have done enough revision for today. So turn the volume up and let's listen together.
- d) Oh, do turn the volume down! I'm trying to revise for an exam.

**63. You know your mother is busy these days, but you want her to make a chocolate cake for the class picnic at the weekend as your friends asking for one. You say:**

- a) Who is going to make the chocolate cake for the picnic? I will if you like.
- b) You will make a cake for our picnic, won't you? Any sort of cake will do. Even a chocolate cake.
- c) I want to go on the class picnic and take a chocolate cake from the bakery.
- d) Mum, can you find time to make one of your chocolate cakes for our picnic? You know everyone loves them.

**64. You are taking some English friends to visit the ancient ruins at Pergamum, which you know they will love. As you know how hot it gets there in the middle of the day and how crowded, you suggest an early start. You say:**

- a) Make sure you wear comfortable shoes because we will walk a lot at Pergamum.
- b) There is no shade in Pergamum, and it gets very hot so make sure you bring sunhats with you.
- c) If we don't set off early in the morning, we won't be able to see all around at Pergamum.
- d) Pergamum is a fascinating place, you'll love it. When we walk around and see everything.



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65. it's your niece's birthday next week and you have been looking around for a present. You have seen a very pretty dress that would suit her, but you wonder if she hopes for a toy. You call her mother for advice and say:

- a) What sort of dress should I get for Mary? A party dress or one for everyday?
- b) I can't decide whether to buy Mary a dress or a toy for her birthday. Which do you think she would prefer?
- c) I really think Mary and I should go together to buy that dress.
- d) I have found a new toy shop. Mary and I can go there on Friday, and she can choose her own present this year.

**LISTENING 1**

Listen to the discussion about studying abroad. Circle the correct answer.

66. Don studies at \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Boston University
- b) Frankfurt University
- c) a university in New York
- d) a university in Munich

67. The director wants Don to talk about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) getting a job
- b) being a friend
- c) his experience in Germany
- d) going to college

68. Don studied in Germany to learn about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) many different countries
- b) the language and culture there
- c) going to an American university
- d) becoming a study abroad director

69. In Germany, Don lived with a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) family
- b) friend
- c) student
- d) teacher

70. In the beginning, Don had problems communicating because \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) he couldn't speak any German
- b) he didn't like the language
- c) people around him spoke English very slowly
- d) people around him didn't speak English that much

71. Don travelled to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the Czech Republic, Belgium and Spain
- b) the Czech Republic, France and Belgium
- c) France, Italy and the Czech Republic
- d) Belgium, France and Italy

72. The students in the discussion are \_\_\_\_\_ when they listen to Don.

- a) angry
- b) bored
- c) excited
- d) nervous

**LISTENING 2**

Listen to a radio show. Circle the correct answer.

73. The radio show is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) how fashion designers work
- b) what to do with old clothing
- c) where famous people go for shopping
- d) how to design your own clothes



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**74.** The radio host suggests some ideas about old clothes. Which is **NOT** one of the ideas?

- a) selling them at garage sales                      c) recycling old clothes  
b) giving them to friends or family members      d) putting them in the trash

**75.** Chrisi A. sells her clothes \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) over the phone                      b) on the Internet                      c) on TV channels                      d) in the mall

**76.** Which is **NOT TRUE** about Chrisi?

- a) With old clothing, she can make something new.  
b) To make new clothes, she uses old ones.  
c) She has her own website.  
d) She loves inorganic materials.

**77.** Which is **NOT** one of the materials that Chrisi likes?

- a) silk                      b) cotton                      c) man-made materials                      d) organic materials

**78.** Chrisi makes clothes out of recycled materials because she wants \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) unusual clothes                      c) people to put their clothes in the trash  
b) to be famous                      d) celebrities to wear her clothes

**79.** Rina (the speaker) \_\_\_\_\_ recycled clothing.

- a) excited about                      b) angry at                      c) afraid of                      d) dissatisfied with

**80.** Recycled clothes are also popular among \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) students                      b) celebrities                      c) radio hosts                      d) speakers

**WRITING (20 pts.)**

**Choose ONE of the topics below and write an opinion essay. (200-250 words)**

- Young people should choose unusual jobs rather than common ones. Do you agree or disagree?
- All men should learn how to do housework when they are boys for several reasons. Do you agree or disagree?
- Music should be an obligatory course for all students at school. Do you agree or disagree?

**ANSWER KEY:**

1. b	11. b	21. a	31. a	41. c	51. a	61. a	70. d	78. a
2. a	12. a	22. b	32. c	42. d	52. b	62. d	71. b	79. a
3. d	13. c	23. d	33. b	43. a	53. d	63. d	72. c	80. b
4. c	14. a	24. c	34. a	44. b	54. c	64. c	73. b	
5. b	15. d	25. b	35. c	45. c	55. a	65. b	74. d	
6. c	16. b	26. c	36. a	46. a	56. c	66. a	75. b	
7. a	17. c	27. d	37. c	47. c	57. a	67. c	76. d	
8. c	18. a	28. a	38. d	48. b	58. c	68. b	77. c	
9. a	19. d	29. b	39. a	49. d	59. a	69. a		
10. c	20. c	30. c	40. b	50. b	60. d			