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SAMPLE PROFICIENCY IV

EACH QUESTION IS 1 (one) POINT.

Choose the correct alternative.

1. I don't think it will be possible for me _____ the report before _____ the office tonight.
a) finishing / to leave b) finishing / leave c) to finish / leaving d) finish / leaving
2. Although the crime scene _____ thoroughly, nothing meaningful _____.
a) is searching / will be found c) will search / found
b) has been searched / has found d) was searched / was found
3. I _____ him whether he wanted to come on Saturday and he _____ he'd phone me and let me know.
a) told / wanted to know c) wondered / asked
b) asked / said d) said / wondered
4. If we _____ a hotel room in advance, we _____ in that awful guest house last summer.
a) had reserved / wouldn't have stayed
b) will reserve / might not stayed
c) reserve / wouldn't stay
d) reserved / didn't stay
5. In the story, a man _____ brother had disappeared in France in 1944 received a letter from someone _____ claimed to be Graham, his brother.
a) whose / who b) that / whom
c) which / whose d) who / that
6. Norman's niece in _____ Canada is _____ pianist, but she can play _____ guitar very well, too.
a) - / - / the b) the / - / a c) - / a / the d) the / - / a
7. Going abroad _____ be more difficult in the past, but now there are travel agencies that make it easier for people to travel.
a) use to b) was used to c) is used to d) used to
8. Two trains collided with _____ a loud crash _____ it woke everyone in the Station Hotel.
a) so / that b) such / that c) both / and d) not only/ but also
9. I'd like to ask you _____ questions. I need _____ more information.
a) a few / a little c) a little / much
b) more / a few d) much / many
10. When the hurricane _____ the coast of Texas sometime tomorrow afternoon, it _____ its great destructive force.
a) will reach / is bringing
b) is reaching / would bring
c) is going to reach / brings
d) reaches / will bring



Choose the best alternative to fill in the blanks.

Disappearing Resources

Earth is the only place - as far as we know - that humans can live on in the universe. At the moment, a quarter of the world's people (11) _____ consuming two-thirds of the world's resources, and half of the people are destroying the only resources (12) _____ we all have. Fertile soil is (13) _____ built on or washed into the sea. Renewable resources are used so (14) _____ that they will never be the same again. We release pollutants into the atmosphere and don't think about its consequences. As a result, the planet's ability to support life (15) _____ by people who are getting larger in number and consuming more and more. The earth's natural resources are there for us to use. We need food, water, air, energy, medicines, warmth, shelter and minerals to (16) _____ us fed, comfortable, healthy and active. If we become (17) _____ enough and use the resources carefully, they will stand forever. But if we use them wastefully and excessively, they will soon (18) _____ and everyone will suffer.

11. a) go on b) give up c) look up d) get into
12. a) who b) where c) whose d) Ø
13. a) both b) either c) neither d) all
14. a) bad b) worse c) as bad as d) badly
15. a) is reducing b) is being reduced c) are being reduced d) are reducing
16. a) get b) have c) stay d) keep
17. a) sensitive b) sensible c) sensitively d) sensibly
18. a) give up b) look after c) run out d) get rid off

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

19. The scientist examined the fossils closely to determine their age.
a) processed b) cleaned c) compared d) inspected
20. One symptom of the disease is a high fever.
a) symbol b) sign c) result d) pain

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

21. I can't believe that you keep on making the same mistake over and over again.
a) return b) continue c) stop d) store
22. The candidate's victory at the presidential election was overwhelming.
a) defeat b) success c) revenge d) challenge

Choose the best alternative to complete the sentences.

23. If you go on _____ when I speak, I will never be able to finish what I have to say.
a) interrupting b) accepting c) destroying d) competing
24. He deliberately leaves the lights on when he goes out at night so that thieves won't _____ his house.
a) look up b) break down c) look out d) break into
25. Technology isn't always _____ to humans. It may also harm their health and destroy the nature.
a) irresponsible b) sufficient c) attractive d) beneficial



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26. Research results _____ that the students can be more successful if they know how to learn better.
- a) blamed b) depended c) showed d) allowed
27. After ten hours of questioning, Robert _____ stealing all the money from the safe.
- a) reminded b) confused c) admitted d) insisted
28. During the sales Sheila got a twenty percent _____ when she bought her vacuum cleaner.
- a) tax b) bill c) fine d) discount
29. Walt Disney's imagination and _____ resulted in the production of some wonderful animated films.
- a) similarity b) creativity c) position d) revolution
30. Which of the following can be a result of a **determination**?
- a) making an invention c) failing a course
b) being fired from a job d) having a discussion
31. The young politician **faced strong opposition to his plan.**
The young politician _____.
- a) will definitely find supporters of his plan c) was opposed by so many people about his plan
b) is likely to practise his plan d) will probably stop looking for another plan

Choose the sentence which completes the paragraph best.

32. The term Emotional Intelligence (EQ) has become very popular over the past ten years. _____. It has been subject of several books, including a best seller, and of seminars for schools and organizations.
- a) It's also possible that people might have a social intelligence
b) There are many different kinds of intelligence tests
c) Popular and scientific definitions of emotional intelligence show great difference
d) Since this is a new concept, it has attracted much attention
33. Since universities were founded, there have been arguments about what books should be taught to students. _____. Others have argued that such a practice does not help students to distinguish between the good and the bad. Instead, they have suggested that students should be provided with a wider range of writing
- a) Some have claimed that students should be introduced to the 'great' books of the world
b) In fact, university authorities have always concerned themselves with this problem
c) This is not to say that all students should read the same books
d) We shouldn't limit ourselves to the world classics



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

34. (I) Scientists can predict that the results of global warming will be hazardous. (II) The ice will melt at the North and South Poles. (III) If this happens, ocean levels will rise and flood the cities like New York and Amsterdam on the coasts of the continents. (IV) On the other hand, in the Midwest of the United States or Asia, for example, as it gets hotter and drier, and there will be deadly droughts. (V) The earthquakes will be destructive there.

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

35. (I) A clever cartoonist may cause laughter because he often uses humor in his drawings. (II) If he is sketching a famous person, he takes a prominent feature and exaggerates it. (III) Cartoonists, in general, like to lengthen an already long nose and to widen an already broad grin. (IV) As a result, a person may look trustful. (V) This exaggeration of a person's characteristics is called caricature, and it often makes us laugh.

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

Choose the alternative which completes the sentence best.

36. There are over one million words in English language today. However, _____.

- a) English is the language that has the largest vocabulary in the world
b) the average educated speaker knows only about 10,000 words
c) few of the words in Shakespeare's Works were of foreign origin
d) the English vocabulary is much larger than the vocabulary of Italian

37. Although young people know many new mechanized farming methods, they _____.

- a) try to make farming popular
b) try to find jobs in big farms
c) prefer to stay in their villages
d) prefer to use old methods of farming

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

38. It's seven years since I last received a letter from John.

- a) I haven't received a letter from John for seven years.
b) I have been getting letters from John for seven years.
c) John didn't send me even a letter seven years ago.
d) No one has ever received a letter from John for seven years.

39. I wouldn't have recovered fully if my relatives had not supported me.

- a) I recovered fully although I received no support from my relatives.
b) Without my relatives' support, my recovery would have been impossible.
c) Despite my full recovery, my relatives offered strong support.
d) Although I received strong support from my relatives, I couldn't recover fully.



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

Communicating – or getting our message across - is the concern of us all in our daily lives in whatever language we use. Learning to be better communicators is important to all of us in both our private and public lives. Better communication means better understanding of ourselves and others; less isolation from those around us and more productive, happy lives. Most of our communication strategies develop unconsciously through imitation of others we all admire and would like to be admired to some extent.

40. In every language, the aim of communication is _____.

- a) chatting b) to be understood c) to be happy d) learning

41. The people who are **good** at communicating _____.

- a) usually admire the experiences of other people
b) are always separated from the people around them
c) understand themselves better than the others
d) produce more as they have happy lives

42. _____ the strategies used in their communications

- a) We don't usually imitate
b) Most of the time we don't care about
c) People are mostly unaware of
d) Imitations mainly result from

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

Italy enjoyed a highly developed and specialized civilization from about 264 B.C. until the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D. Important contributions were made in art, science, education, religion, and architecture. Remains of Roman Empire can still be seen in various parts of Africa and Europe today. Probably the most lasting of the Roman heritage to the world can be found in laws based on Roman legal principles as found in England, Latin America, and the United States, as well as the Roman alphabet which forms the basis of many languages among which are English, Spanish, and German.

43. It is stated that Italy enjoyed an advanced civilization _____.

- a) until 264 B.C. when it was the leading power in Europe.
b) when the Roman alphabet became the basis for many languages
c) until the Roman Empire lost its power
d) as part of Africa and Europe

44. It can be understood that the contributions of Italy _____.

- a) can be seen today not only in Europe but in Africa as well
b) did not cover science and education as it was seen in in religion
c) to the languages of various countries are restricted today
d) were provided through amphitheatres in various countries



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45. The author maintains the idea that Roman alphabet _____.
a) is commonly used in England, Latin America and the USA
b) has a great influence on many languages such as English, Spanish, and German
c) is the most lasting of the Roman heritage to the world the period between
d) get its roots from the period between about 264 B.C. and 476 A.D.

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

In genetics laboratories, the use of lasers, chemicals, and poisonous substances can be hazardous. Specially trained staff or experts should be in control at the places where such materials and devices are used, and must be fully responsible for the necessary safety precautions. Poisonous chemicals in such laboratories they must always be kept locked in a cupboard. In addition, a responsible person should be in charge of the key and give it only to authorized people.

46. Laboratories can't be dangerous when _____.
a) experts keep lasers, chemicals and poisonous substances in cupboards
b) poisons are not kept in cupboards by authorized people
c) the necessary safety precautions may not be taken
d) they are used for the genetics researches
47. The concept of "safety precautions" includes _____.
a) keeping poisons all around the laboratory
b) having specially trained people for certain tasks
c) using poisonous chemicals on animals
d) controlling laboratories at night
48. It can be inferred that _____.
a) as well as an expert, a responsible person should be in charge of the key
b) genetics lab is always visited by specially trained people
c) handling of lasers and poisonous substances are not risky at all
d) poisons should not be available to unauthorized people



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

Alfred Nobel – A Man of Contrasts

Alfred Nobel, the great Swedish inventor and industrialist, was a man of many contrasts. He was the son of a bankrupt, but became a millionaire, he was a scientist with a love of literature, and an industrialist who tried to be an idealist. He became rich, but lived a simple life. And although he was cheerful in public, he was often sad in private. He was a lover of mankind, but he never had a wife or family to love him. He loved his native land, but he died alone on a foreign land. He invented a new explosive, dynamite to improve the peacetime industries of mining and road building, but he found out it was used to be as a weapon of war to kill and injure his fellow men. During his useful life he often felt he was useless: ‘Alfred Nobel’, he once wrote of himself, ‘I wish I was left to die by a kind doctor as soon as, with a cry, I was born’. He was world famous for his work, but he was never personally well-known for throughout his life. ‘I do not believe’, he once said, ‘that I have deserved any fame and I have no taste for it.’ Since his death, however, his name has brought fame and glory to others. According to his famous will he left all his money to provide prizes for outstanding work in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology, Medicine, Literature and Peace. And so, the man who felt he should have died at birth is still remembered and respected long after his death.

49. From the descriptions in the passage, we **CANNOT** conclude that Alfred Nobel _____.

- a) led a peaceful and luxurious life
b) never felt happy in his life
c) believed that his life wasn't worth living
d) had a life full of contractions

50. Since Alfred Nobel's death, _____.

- a) there haven't been successful inventions on his field
b) work for world peace has been decreased
c) his inventions in different fields have been awarded with several prizes
d) the people who do the best work in certain fields have been honored through his will

51. Alfred Nobel considered himself useless _____.

- a) because of the use of his invention, dynamite in wars
b) because he couldn't help his father to overcome bankruptcy
c) although he did many good things throughout his life
d) as he had never become famous in the fields in which he was interested

52. Alfred Nobel left money for _____.

- a) the bankrupts
b) new inventions
c) the memory of himself
d) remarkable works

53. In the article, the author _____.

- a) gives examples of contrasts in Alfred Nobel's life
b) criticizes Alfred Nobel for his inventions
c) suggests that we should remember him all the time
d) discourages scientists to make some inventions



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54. In the paragraph, “**outstanding**” means _____.

- a) impressive
b) careful
c) attention
d) ordinary

55. In line 6, “**it**” refers to _____.

- a) weapon
b) mining
c) dynamite
d) road building

Choose the best alternative to complete the following dialogues.

56. **Darron:** Have you put your house up for sale yet?

Adam: Oh, yes. And I’ve had several offers. The estate agent is forcing me to accept the last one.

Darren: _____

Adam: I’ve noticed that. My agent actually wanted me to accept the first offer, and that was really low.

- a) That’s typical. They like to get the sale over as soon as possible.
b) I think you are you going to accept the offer.
c) And why is that? Are they really offering a very good price?
d) It’s not a good idea to buy a house at the moment.

57. **Patient:** Well, Doctor, I’ve been suffering from a soar throat and high fever since yesterday evening.

Doctor: It is probably because of common cold.

Patient: _____

Doctor: I will prescribe some pills and antibiotics for you, but the best thing you should do is to rest in bed.

- a) Is my condition too serious?
b) How often do I need to take these pills?
c) What should I do to overcome it?
d) Do you think I will really need to come back for a check up?

58. **Richard:** Does your sister live in New York?

James: _____

Richard: Where does she live now?

James: In Japan.

- a) I don’t think so, maybe she moved.
b) She used to, but she doesn’t anymore.
c) Yes, she has been living there for ten years.
d) I am not sure, but I know she changed her flat.



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59. **Melanie:** _____

Bob: Yes, she is. In fact, she has to.

Melanie: Why? Is the operation a difficult one?

Bob: Well, that kind of operation can best be performed there.

- a) Does Miss Murphy really need further treatment?
- b) I hear that your patient Miss Murphy is going to Switzerland for the operation.
- c) Your patient has phoned to make another appointment to see you tomorrow.
- d) Has Miss Murphy been your patient for long?

60. **Martin:** This is my cousin, Alan.

Sue: Ah yes, we already know each other actually.

Martin: _____

Sue: Oh, for about six months now.

- a) Really? How did that happen?
- b) I guess you two met at that Christmas party.
- c) Do you? How long have you known each other?
- d) I am sorry to hear that. Why didn't you tell me before?

Choose the best alternative that would be said in the situations below.

61. **An elderly woman gets on a bus, and a young man offers his seat. In a polite way, he says:**

- a) Since you are an old woman you can take my seat.
- b) Would you please give me your seat?
- c) Hey, you! Why don't you take my seat?
- d) Excuse me, ma'am. Here, please take my seat.

62. **You have always wanted to be a published writer, but you have had little hope of being one. However, you have managed to find a publisher who has agreed to publish your book. You are very happy and you say:**

- a) My dream has finally come true.
- b) I wonder what took the publisher so long to decide.
- c) I am not sure whether I should work with this publisher.
- d) Actually, I never wanted to get my book published.

63. **Your colleague keeps smoking although you have repeatedly asked him not to declaring that cigarette smoke really bothers you. You are asking your friend once again, kindly but firmly, not to smoke in the office:**

- a) If you keep smoking in the office, I will have to move out of this office.
- b) I hate to bring this up, but I'd rather you didn't smoke in the office.
- c) You can smoke when I am not in the office.
- d) Are you trying to kill me in the office?



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64. Your friend is steadily gaining weight. You would like to warn him of the health risks involved without worrying him too much. You say:

- a) Go on putting on weight, and you will soon die.
- b) Putting on weight as you do will kill everybody.
- c) You'd better watch your diet to avoid any unpleasant effects.
- d) If I were you, I wouldn't care much about my weight.

65. Your friend needs a good lawyer, and you know that Mr. Tyler is a talented lawyer, and you would like to recommend him to your friend. You say:

- a) Why bother hiring a good lawyer? Any lawyer is just as good as any you can find.
- b) I strongly recommend Mr. Tyler, but he doesn't work every case.
- c) Before seeing a lawyer, you should handle the situation by yourself.
- d) Why don't you hire Mr. Tyler? He is certainly an expert on his work.

LISTENING 1

66-72

LISTENING 2

73-80

WRITING (20 pts.)

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

ANSWER KEY:

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