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## SECTION I – LANGUAGE FEATURES

Instructions: Mark the best alternative for each blank in the sentences below.

1. A: “\_\_\_\_\_ do you usually have for lunch?”  
B: “I usually have a sandwich.”  
a) What                      b) When                      c) Where                      d) Which
2. John loves \_\_\_\_\_ his favourite comedy series on TV.  
a) watches                      b) watching                      c) is watching                      d) watch
3. Jane is now at university and she \_\_\_\_\_ regularly.  
a) study                      b) studying                      c) studies                      d) to study
4. A: “Where are \_\_\_\_\_ keys?”  
B: “They’re on the desk.”  
a) yours                      b) my                      c) hers                      d) she
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ very fast when the police stopped us. They gave us an expensive fine.  
a) drive                      b) are driving                      c) driving                      d) were driving
6. I must buy \_\_\_\_\_ for my friend’s birthday, but I don’t have much money.  
a) something                      b) anything                      c) no one                      d) everyone
7. Mark and Jane were \_\_\_\_\_ dancers in the competition, so they lost.  
a) worse                      b) the worst                      c) worse than                      d) worst
8. If you \_\_\_\_\_ other countries, you discover different cultures.  
a) were visiting                      b) visited                      c) will visit                      d) visit
9. I bought a new car this year. It \_\_\_\_\_ in China, so I didn’t pay a lot of money.  
a) made                      b) is making                      c) was made                      d) makes
10. My grandmother hasn’t been to her village \_\_\_\_\_ she was a child. She doesn’t know how it looks nowadays.  
a) for                      b) since                      c) before                      d) while
11. This homework is very difficult. If my parents \_\_\_\_\_ here, they would help me.  
a) had been                      b) were                      c) have been                      d) are

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12. Doctors recommend that children \_\_\_\_\_ eat too much sugar. It's not healthy.  
a) shouldn't      b) can't      c) may not      d) don't have to
13. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ at your mother. It was very disrespectful!  
a) haven't shouted      b) weren't shouting      c) aren't shouting      d) hadn't shouted
14. A: "My house is very dirty and I don't have time to clean it."  
B: "Why don't you call a cleaning service and \_\_\_\_\_?"  
a) have it cleaned      b) cleaning it      c) had it cleaned      d) cleaned it
15. You wouldn't have been fired if you \_\_\_\_\_ done your job properly.  
a) have      b) had      c) were      d) could
16. Nobody is answering the phone at her house. She \_\_\_\_\_ out.  
a) can go      b) must have gone  
c) could go      d) should have gone

## SECTION II – VOCABULARY

**Instructions: Mark the best alternative for each blank in the sentences below.**

17. All my answers were \_\_\_\_\_. I got 100% on the test.  
a) young      b) cheap      c) famous      d) correct
18. I don't know how to send an email. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ it to me?  
a) guess      b) explain      c) join      d) arrive
19. The room is very dark. Please open the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) curtain      b) capital      c) clue      d) city
20. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ your name. What is it?  
a) choose      b) describe      c) remember      d) instruct
21. Smoking is a very \_\_\_\_\_ health problem in the world.  
a) adventurous      b) serious      c) nervous      d) jealous
22. My father has a low \_\_\_\_\_ so we don't have enough money to go on holiday.  
a) trust      b) advice      c) target      d) income

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23. There was a large \_\_\_\_\_ outside the stadium before the game started.  
 a) context                      b) comfort                      c) crowd                      d) cost
24. To have a long life, you should \_\_\_\_\_ using drugs and alcohol.  
 a) alter                      b) avoid                      c) assist                      d) achieve
25. In my country, there aren't enough job \_\_\_\_\_, so I am planning to move abroad.  
 a) opportunities                      b) shapes                      c) influences                      d) purposes
26. He is very \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't know anything about politics, history or art.  
 a) obvious                      b) eager                      c) ignorant                      d) generous
27. After their evaluation, the committee \_\_\_\_\_ that the new program was a success.  
 a) challenged                      b) complained                      c) consumed                      d) concluded
28. The government wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the education system in the country by raising teaching standards.  
 a) imitate                      b) improve                      c) insist                      d) immigrate
29. Teachers shouldn't express \_\_\_\_\_ toward students. They should treat all students equally.  
 a) harm                      b) bias                      c) courage                      d) provision
30. The school decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a new attendance policy to decrease absenteeism.  
 a) implement                      b) perceive                      c) incline                      d) presume
31. Preferences \_\_\_\_\_ from person to person. Two people often do not like the same thing.  
 a) gain                      b) diminish                      c) vary                      d) elect
32. Some people believe war is \_\_\_\_\_, but others believe war doesn't have to happen.  
 a) ambiguous                      b) inefficient                      c) apparent                      d) inevitable

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### SECTION III – CLOZE

Instructions: Mark the best alternative for each blank in texts 1, 2, 3, and 4 below.

#### Text 1

Ozan is 23 years old. He lives in Famagusta, North Cyprus. He lives with his friends Zeki and Tayfun. They \_\_33\_\_ students at Eastern Mediterranean University. Ozan gets up at seven o'clock every morning and has a big breakfast. He \_\_34\_\_ tea, toast, eggs, and orange juice. Ozan has a girlfriend. Her name is Leyla. Leyla is 21 years old and she works in a shop. She likes her work because she enjoys \_\_35\_\_ new people. She usually has lunch at a restaurant \_\_36\_\_ to her work.

- |     |             |              |                |            |
|-----|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 33. | a) have     | b) is        | c) are         | d) has     |
| 34. | a) eating   | b) eats      | c) is eating   | d) eat     |
| 35. | a) learning | b) resulting | c) translating | d) meeting |
| 36. | a) after    | b) near      | c) before      | d) next    |

#### Text 2

a pelican



A pelican is a water bird. You can find pelicans in almost all parts of the world. Some kinds are sea birds but others travel \_\_37\_\_ salt and fresh water. The pelican is \_\_38\_\_ because it weighs at least 10 kilograms. Most pelicans swim in the water \_\_39\_\_ for food. People often watch these birds while they are walking in nature. The most interesting type of pelican is the brown pelican. Beginning in the 1950's, \_\_40\_\_ of them died because of chemicals.

- |     |           |               |          |            |
|-----|-----------|---------------|----------|------------|
| 37. | a) from   | b) of         | c) at    | d) between |
| 38. | a) sudden | b) direct     | c) heavy | d) rich    |
| 39. | a) looked | b) to looking | c) look  | d) to look |
| 40. | a) little | b) much       | c) any   | d) many    |

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### Text 3

Most people don't think about how to choose a doctor until there is an emergency. When a person is injured or becomes ill, they try \_\_41\_\_ a good doctor in a hurry. If a person does not have a family doctor, this often means a visit to the emergency room \_\_42\_\_ staff doctors don't know about the patient's personal medical history. This usually is not a good way to \_\_43\_\_ a lasting doctor-patient relationship. The best time to choose a doctor is when you don't need one. \_\_44\_\_ you should never wait until you have no choice about the doctor you see.

41. a) to have found      b) to find      c) find      d) to finding  
42. a) when      b) who      c) which      d) where  
43. a) obey      b) distort      c) establish      d) belong  
44. a) Therefore,      b) Whereas      c) Moreover,      d) Unlike

### Text 4

a voodoo doll →



Voodoo is practiced in both Africa and the United States, but Africans \_\_45\_\_ it long before slaves brought it to the United States. Voodoo is a powerful magical practice that can bring astonishing rewards to anyone who is willing to trust spirits. The Voodoo doll is used to \_\_46\_\_ the spirit of a specific person. You can address the doll as if you are talking to that person. \_\_47\_\_, you can use the doll to influence the person to act in accordance with your wishes and desires. After you have a genuine Voodoo doll, you can perform a simple but effective ceremony to satisfy a specific dream. This gives you the opportunity to \_\_48\_\_ the spirits to use their influence in this world.

45. a) will practice      b) have practiced      c) were practiced      d) had practiced  
46. a) represent      b) consent      c) exceed      d) publish  
47. a) Due to      b) Such as      c) Furthermore      d) Despite  
48. a) allocate      b) persuade      c) refine      d) evolve

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SECTION IV – ERROR RECOGNITION

Instructions: In each item below, there is **one** mistake (grammar, vocabulary, word order, punctuation, or spelling). Mark the alternative with the mistake.

49. Every year, she goes to England with her parents. She visits many places their.  
A B C D
50. In Mondays I wake up early but I can sleep late at the weekend.  
A B C D
51. My sister and I has got the same bag, but in different colours. Mine is black.  
A B C D
52. I enjoyed the match yesterday. It was very excited so we had a lot of fun.  
A B C D
53. Finally, I can buy a new car because my salary increesed this year.  
A B C D
54. My brother is very polite. He never says 'please' or 'thank you.'  
A B C D
55. You aren't allowed go to your department until you pass the test, so you must study.  
A B C D E
56. Alice is extremely interested in languages. She speaks English French fluently.  
A B C D E
57. A lot of people in the world suffer for not having enough food or clean water.  
A B C D E
58. My kids have watching too much TV. As a result, their reading skills haven't developed.  
A B C D E
59. People may shout at the computer when they are displeased, but how would they feel if it yelled back.  
A B C D E
60. I use to have my hair done once a week but since I lost my job I have to do it myself.  
A B C D E

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## SECTION V – READING

Instructions: Read Text 1 and do the tasks on the next page.

### Text 1

#### Famous Models

- I. Gloria Sunday, Angela Davidson, and Nicole Schultz are three famous models. These women got training at different universities, but some were more **scholarly** than others. For example, Gloria did not pass her classes but Angela and Nicole both got high marks. Now, **they** all work for the best designers because they are all very beautiful.
- II. Gloria Sunday is 1.80 m tall, has a very thin face, thick lips, and long black hair. She is American but she lives in a big flat in Paris because **it** is the centre of fashion. Her flat is very big and it costs a lot of money. It has seven rooms – three bedrooms, a dining room, a living room, a big bathroom, and a big room for her clothes. She loves going shopping for new clothes with her best friend Sandy. They often go shopping in famous capitals of the world like London and Rome.
- III. Angela Davidson is American and she is twenty-nine years old. She is 1.75 m tall, and she has beautiful green eyes and brown hair. She is very thin because she loves doing sports. Her favourite sport is aerobics. She is married and she lives with her family in a big house with a big garden. In her house there's a living room, two bathrooms, three bedrooms, a dining room, a kitchen, and a big gym. Every day, she gets up early and does aerobics for two hours. Then her children wake up and they have breakfast together.
- IV. Nicole Schulz is German. She is twenty-five years old. Nicole is 1.90 m tall. She has long blonde hair, blue eyes, and a small nose. She is married to a businessman. His name is Richard Gerhard. They don't have a daughter but they have a son. His name is David and he is 4 years old. They live in a nice house in Berlin. Their house is not big. It is an old house with a beautiful garden. It has two bedrooms, two small bathrooms, a living room, a dining room, and a kitchen. She loves books so there are bookshelves full of them in their living room.

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Instructions: Choose the best alternative according to the information in Text 1.  
Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

61. Angela has \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.  
a) brown                      b) green                      c) blue                      d) grey
62. Nicole's hobby is \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) shopping                      b) aerobics                      c) reading                      d) travelling
63. There are only seven rooms in \_\_\_\_\_'s house/s.  
a) Gloria and Nicole                      b) Angela and Nicole  
c) Angela and Gloria                      d) only Gloria
64. Angela has \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) blonde hair                      b) four bedrooms                      c) a dog                      d) a big garden
65. Nicole has a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) big nose                      b) son                      c) new house                      d) daughter
66. Which of the following is **false** according to **paragraph II**?  
a) Gloria's apartment is very expensive.                      b) Gloria doesn't like shopping.  
c) Gloria is from the United States.                      d) Gloria does not have brown hair.
67. Which of the following is **true** according to **paragraph III**?  
a) Angela eats breakfast before her children.  
b) Angela has got a small house.  
c) Angela has got a husband.  
d) Angela goes to a gym outside her house.
68. '**they**' in **paragraph I** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) three models                      b) classes                      c) high marks                      d) universities
69. '**it**' in **paragraph II** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) the flat                      b) the centre                      c) fashion                      d) Paris
70. '**scholarly**' in **paragraph I** means being a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) teacher                      b) model                      c) student                      d) designer

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Instructions: Read Text 2 and do the tasks on the next page.

Text 2

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- I. Alcatraz was a prison in the middle of San Francisco Bay. 'Alcatraz' is the Spanish word for 'pelican', a kind of bird that lives on the island. It is a small island located several kilometers from the mainland. The guards believed that it was impossible to escape from the prison. However, people **proved** that it was possible to escape.
- II. Alcatraz was a prison from 1934 to 1963. The aim of the prison was to keep 336 prisoners but on average there were only 260-275 prisoners and 75 men working at the prison. Usually, prisoners only stayed for five years. The prison closed in 1963. From 1969 to 1971 Native Americans took over the island to protest plans of the US government. **They** believed that these plans did not recognize their civil rights. After that, in 1973, the prison became a National Park. Over one million visitors go to Alcatraz every year. You can visit Alcatraz today and see the prisoners' rooms and many other things.
- III. When Alcatraz was a prison, the prisoners there only had a few rights. They were food, clothing, housing, and medical care. Prisoners earned, or lost, extra rights according to their actions. Some of the extra rights were working, painting, visits from their family, listening to music, and visits to the prison library. If they weren't good, they would lose their extra rights.
- IV. The prisoners' rooms had one bed, a sink, and a toilet. Each prisoner had his own room. Two prisoners did not live in one room because the guards believed they would plan to escape. The rooms were on floors from A to D. Guards **determined** where a prisoner lived. A was the top floor for the best prisoners. The most unpleasant prisoners were in D.

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### TASK A

Instructions: Match each paragraph (I-IV) with the correct heading (a-f). One is an example (e.g., III - e). There are two extra headings. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

71. Paragraph I \_\_\_\_\_ a) Where prisoners lived in Alcatraz, and why  
72. Paragraph II \_\_\_\_\_ b) Reasons prisoners were sent to Alcatraz  
e.g. Paragraph III e c) The changing functions of Alcatraz  
73. Paragraph IV \_\_\_\_\_ d) Explanations for closing Alcatraz  
e) Effects of prisoners' behaviour  
f) What and where is 'Alcatraz'?

### TASK B

Instructions: Choose the best alternative according to the information in Text 2. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

74. The word 'Alcatraz' came from \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) guards working at the prison b) a Native American story  
c) an important historical event d) an animal on the island
75. In Alcatraz, prisoners could \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) play sports games b) talk on the phone  
c) watch television d) read books
76. Prisoners had private rooms in Alcatraz \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) because the prison was very large b) so they wouldn't run away together  
c) if they had very good actions d) so they wouldn't get into fights
77. Which of the following is the **best title** for the text?  
a) Life at Alcatraz: Yesterday and Today b) The Prison Industry in America  
c) Special Places in America d) Alcatraz: Past, Present, and Future
78. 'proved' in paragraph I means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) switched b) squeezed c) showed d) searched
79. 'determined' in paragraph IV means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) developed b) destroyed c) delivered d) decided
80. 'They' in paragraph II refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) prisoners b) Native Americans c) US government d) visitors

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Instructions: Read Text 3 and do the tasks on the next page.

Text 3

A Brief History of the Yo-Yo



a yo-yo

- I. Yo-yos have been popular toys for over 2,000 years. The toy had different names, such as bandalores or Jou-Jous. The first recorded account of the word yo-yo is from an 1860 Filipino dictionary. Yo-yos can be found everywhere but they originally came from the Philippines.
- II. In 1923, Pedro Flores, a Filipino man, began making yo-yos in America. Young Americans loved them. In 1928, he built the first yo-yo factory in California. He began to hold competitions to promote the toy. This started the first round of yo-yo mania in the United States.
- III. In 1930, Donald F. Duncan saw the yo-yo's popularity and bought Flores' business. After this, he formed 'The Duncan Company.' For the next 25 years, all Duncan's yo-yos were made of wood. In 1955, Duncan worked with a company called Flambeau to produce plastic yo-yos. Two years later, Duncan retired and gave his company to his sons.
- IV. Donald Duncan saw the potential of yo-yo and turned it into a business. Because of this, National Yo-Yo Day was later established on his birthday. Of course, the story of the yo-yo and The Duncan Company doesn't end here.
- V. The company continued to promote yo-yos by advertising on television. The interest generated from advertising was both a **boon** and a problem for the company. The factory couldn't make enough yo-yos to complete customer orders, so the Duncan Company borrowed money to produce more yo-yos. Sadly, **it** borrowed more than it could pay back. Also, the yo-yo became less popular, so profits dropped dramatically.
- VI. In 1968, Flambeau bought the Duncan Company name and continued to produce plastic yo-yos. In 1985, the Duncan Company began to advertise on cable television, reaching more people. Five years later, an exhibition showing Duncan yo-yos and world champion yo-yo performers helped to make the yo-yo a favorite toy among young Americans again. In 1996, the yo-yo became a fashionable toy not only in the US, but also across the world. This new trend was supported by exciting advertisements, partnerships between the Duncan Company and school science programs, and childhood memories as the Duncan Company brought back the 1955 wooden yo-yo model.

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**Task A**

**Instructions:** Match each paragraph (I-VI) with the correct heading (a-h). The first one is given as an example (e.g., I - d). There are two extra headings. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

- e.g. Paragraph I  d  a) Different shapes and colors of yo-yos
81. Paragraph II \_\_\_\_\_ b) Initial success
82. Paragraph III \_\_\_\_\_ c) A struggling company
83. Paragraph IV \_\_\_\_\_ **d) The original yo-yo**
84. Paragraph V \_\_\_\_\_ e) Strategies for making the yo-yo popular again
85. Paragraph VI \_\_\_\_\_ f) Honoring an industry leader
- g) How to make a yo-yo
- h) A family matter

**Task B**

**Instructions:** Choose the best alternative according to the information in Text 3. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

86. Which of the following is **true** according to the text?
- a) Yo-yos were invented in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
b) The Duncan Company had several different owners.  
c) Yo-yos were always extremely popular toys.  
d) The Duncan Company was founded in the Philippines.
87. Which of the following is **not mentioned** in the text?
- a) different materials for making yo-yos  
b) when yo-yos were introduced in the US  
c) the source of the word 'yo-yo'  
d) the cost of producing a yo-yo
88. This text was probably taken from \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) an encyclopedia  
b) a novel  
c) a newspaper  
d) a science journal
89. 'boon' in **paragraph V** means \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) critic  
b) benefit  
c) condition  
d) budget
90. 'it' in **paragraph V** refers to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) purchase  
b) factory  
c) company  
d) customer

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Instructions: Read Text 4 and do the tasks on the next page.

Text 4

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- I. Tea is the second-most consumed drink in the world, right after water. There are multiple varieties of tea, including green, black, and herbal. Every culture has its own unique customs involving tea. The Japanese, for instance, hold tea in extremely high regard and developed the Japanese Tea Ceremony as a celebration of the drink. Many Americans drink iced tea. Tea time, or afternoon tea, is an important part of English society, and numerous novels and films have **immortalized** the act as a distinctly British custom.
- II. Although it's largely a social drink, scientists have recognized tea as a medicinal substance for thousands of years. Recent research appears to confirm these claims, suggesting that tea carries several health benefits. Apart from providing you a pleasing sense of calm, drinking tea may also play a part in reducing the risk of cancer or heart disease.
- III. Humans may have consumed tea for thousands of years, but records that make reference to tea are only about 2,000 years old. According to one legend, there was a Chinese emperor, Shen Nung, who ruled China more than 5,000 years ago. During a visit to a distant region of China, he stopped to rest. As his servants prepared water, the wind blew some leaves from a nearby bush into the water, turning it a yellow color. Shen Nung decided to experiment with the water and drank the mixture. As an **inquisitive** scientist, he was very interested in new things. Shen Nung found that the drink made him feel refreshed, and tea was born.
- IV. Recent research findings about the health benefits of tea shouldn't be surprising. The Chinese have praised tea for its medicinal qualities for thousands of years, but Western scientists have only begun to explore what's inside it in the past 10 years. Tea leaves contain a wide variety of substances, including amino acids, carbohydrates, lipids, minerals and vitamins. Two of **them** receiving the most attention in tea, however, are antioxidants and caffeine.
- V. Although evidence is inconclusive, results from several recent studies show that tea consumption can help prevent people from having lung, breast and skin cancers, heart disease, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. Studies in Japan, where green tea is most popular, also pointed out tea as a main source of weight loss.

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### Task A

**Instructions:** Match each paragraph (I-V) with the correct heading (a-g). One is given as an example (e.g., II-c). There are two extra headings. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

91. Paragraph I \_\_\_\_\_ a) Traditional tea-preparation methods  
e.g. Paragraph II c b) The contents of tea  
92. Paragraph III \_\_\_\_\_ c) **Advantages of drinking tea**  
93. Paragraph IV \_\_\_\_\_ d) Where tea is produced and packaged  
94. Paragraph V \_\_\_\_\_ e) Protective properties of tea  
f) Tea-related traditions  
g) An accidental discovery

### Task B

**Instructions:** Choose the best alternative according to the information in Text 4. Mark your answers on the optic answer sheet.

95. Which of the following is **not mentioned** in the text?  
a) how tea traditions have changed over time  
b) feelings associated with drinking tea  
c) how long people have been drinking tea  
d) different kinds of tea
96. Which of the following is **false** according to the text?  
a) Historians don't know exactly where tea came from.  
b) Scientists in the West have started to study tea recently.  
c) Shen Nung purposely combined leaves and water.  
d) Tea is popular across the whole world.
97. Which of the following is the **best title** for the text?  
a) Making Tea More Popular b) Personal Perspectives on Tea  
c) The Importance of Tea in China d) A Story about Tea and its Uses
98. 'immortalized' in **paragraph I** means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) prompted b) characterized c) possessed d) civilised
99. 'inquisitive' in **paragraph III** means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) ashamed b) broad c) curious d) deliberate
100. 'them' in **paragraph IV** refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) substances  
b) tea leaves  
c) medicinal qualities  
d) scientists

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