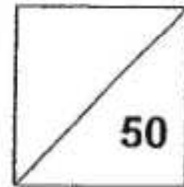


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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Mei Mei was knocked down by a lorry _____ she was not seriously injured.

- (1) if
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) and

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2. Every month, Jenny and Gopal _____ the orphanages in China. They have been to five orphanages so far.

- (1) visit
- (2) visits
- (3) visited
- (4) visiting

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3. It has not been raining _____ yesterday.

- (1) after
- (2) since
- (3) when
- (4) before

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4. A pride of peacocks _____ showing off their lovely feathers now.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) wore

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5. Every cent _____, so we should spend our money wisely.

- (1) count
- (2) counts
- (3) counted
- (4) counting

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6. We are always reminded to visit the dentist twice a year, so I visit my dentist _____

- (1) weekly
- (2) monthly
- (3) annually
- (4) biannually

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7. The news that you heard _____ broadcast on television last night.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were ()

8. Rita was sleeping _____ I arrived at her apartment.

- (1) as
- (2) when
- (3) while
- (4) since ()

9. "There is a knock on the door. Who can be calling _____ us at this late hour?" Mother wondered.

- (1) to
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) upon ()

10. My parents _____ going on a one-week cruise to Thailand.

- (1) is
- (2) am
- (3) are
- (4) was ()

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

11. Hasnah was _____ as she had not eaten for a few days.

- (1) jaded
- (2) satiated
- (3) famished
- (4) invigorated

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12. Mrs Chen pushed the trolley along the _____ in the supermarket.

- (1) aisle
- (2) alley
- (3) route
- (4) corridor

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13. Harry's uncle is a famous local artist. You may want to visit his _____ to look at some of his masterpieces.

- (1) patio
- (2) library
- (3) gallery
- (4) archive

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14. Mr Gopal saw a boy struggling _____ in the water and jumped to rescue him.

- (1) hastily
- (2) brutally
- (3) frantically
- (4) recklessly

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15. Adrian Pang is hosting the popular game show, 'Deal or No Deal', live from the broadcasting _____.

- (1) hall
- (2) theatre
- (3) studio
- (4) auditorium

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16. Isaac Newton was the scientist who _____ the law of gravity.

- (1) invented
- (2) developed
- (3) discovered
- (4) established

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17. "What conclusions did you _____ at the end of the experiment?" Mrs Tan asked.

- (1) plan
- (2) form
- (3) draw
- (4) create

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18. When the police received the news that a crime had been committed, the detectives were assigned to _____ the case.

- (1) explore
- (2) examine
- (3) inspect
- (4) investigate

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19. Sheema, who hates creepy crawlies, _____ when a lizard landed on her shoulder.

- (1) groaned
- (2) smirked
- (3) shrieked
- (4) guffawed

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20. Father called for the _____ to fix the burst water pipe in the kitchen.

- (1) welder
- (2) plumber
- (3) mechanic
- (4) technician

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dandelions are lovely yellow flowers that bloom in early spring. Their petals are wide open on a sunny day and they close on a cloudy or rainy day since there is no light. Dandelion means 'a lion's tooth' because it has jagged leaves which look like lions' teeth.

Some people eat the young leaves in a salad or in a soup. After rinsing them, they usually put the cleaned leaves in boiling water to take away the bitter taste. The brilliant colour of the dandelion attracts many bees and butterflies which visit the flower for the nectar. These insects carry pollen from one flower to another which helps the seeds of the dandelion to grow.

Once a dandelion has received pollen from a bee or a butterfly, it will close its petal and hang its head. The flower starts to die while the seeds begin to grow. When the seeds are ripe, the flower head, which has been drooping, now turns upright again. When the flower head opens, the seeds will be carried away by wind, aided by their fluffy parachutes.

Some of the seeds may fall on the roadside, in the gardens and even along railway tracks. These hardy seeds usually survive wherever they have fallen. In the same season the following year, many more dandelions will appear.

21. The petals of a dandelion will _____ at night.

- (1) die
- (2) open
- (3) close
- (4) wither

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22. The leaves of the dandelions are rinsed before cooking so that they _____.

- (1) are clean
- (2) are softer
- (3) smell better
- (4) are less bitter

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23. The seeds will not grow in a dandelion if _____.

- (1) the flower dies
- (2) the petals of the flower start to fall
- (3) there is no pollen from another flower
- (4) the nectar of the flower is taken away by bees

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24. Which of the following sentences is correct?

- (1) The dandelion seeds are carried away by the insects.
- (2) Boiling the dandelion leaves gets rid of the bitter taste.
- (3) Bees and butterflies visit the dandelion for their pollen.
- (4) The dandelions seeds are ripe when the flower head droops.

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25. The ripe seeds will grow into dandelions the following _____.

- (1) winter
- (2) spring
- (3) autumn
- (4) summer

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2½ MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) by	(B) for	(C) from	(D) in
(E) of	(F) on	(G) up	(H) to

Paul was catching grasshoppers when he saw a lizard suddenly dart its sticky tongue to catch a fly. Fascinated, he decided to catch a lizard instead (26) _____ grasshoppers. Paul crouched down on the grass and stretched his hand out slowly. He caught hold of the lizard (27) _____ its tail.

He got up quickly and ran home, anxious (28) _____ show his father his prized catch. When he reached home, he was astonished to see only a tail (29) _____ his hand. Paul's father explained that the lizard has a special way of escaping (30) _____ its enemy. When it is caught by its tail, it simply breaks the tail off and crawls away. A new tail will grow soon after. Paul learned a new and interesting fact about lizards from that experience.

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2½ MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) sew

(B) sews

(C) sewn

(D) sewing

(E) sewed

(F) is sewing

Mdm Krishna is a talented lady. She (31) _____ women's clothing for a living. She is often very busy as she has many clients. Her (32) _____ skills are well-known and many satisfied clients often recommend their friends to her.

Mdm Krishna started sewing as a teenager and she has (33) _____ all kinds of clothes – dresses, blouses, skirts and pants.

Before she started working from home, Mdm Krishna (34) _____ clothes for a department store. She worked at their factory but gave up after some time as the hours were too long.

Now, Mdm Krishna (35) _____ an evening gown for a client who will be getting married soon. Mdm Krishna always ensures that her dresses are well made.

SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 MARKS)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

36. Sarah does not know how to cook. Anna does not know how to cook.

Neither _____ nor _____

37. Some of the pupils failed the Physical Fitness test. They are very upset.

because _____

SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a correct word.

The soil is crawling with earthworms although we cannot see them. This is because earthworms are (38) _____ creatures and a magnifying glass is needed to see them clearly. However, some earthworms can grow up to a few metres long.

Earthworms make tunnels by munching through the soil, swallowing tiny bits of decomposed food (39) _____ vegetables and fruit along the way. As they tunnel in the soil, they secrete slime which contains nitrogen. Plants (40) _____ nitrogen to grow well. Hence, earthworms play an (41) _____ role in the growth of plants and trees.

Earthworms excrete their (42) _____, which are called castings, underground or just outside their tunnels. These droppings are full of goodness as they help to make the soil more (43) _____, allowing new seedlings to grow in the ground.

Most worms do not live past one year for they have to cope with garden forks and other predators. It is a (44) _____ belief that if you cut a worm into two, the two halves will still live and (45) _____ into separate, fully formed worms. However, you could end up having two halves of a dead worm.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Beverly was doing her homework when the phone rang. Her mother answered the call. She heard her mumbling a few words before seeing her mother's face turn pale. After she had put down the phone, she told Beverly, between sobs, that the caller was her father's colleague. There had been an explosion at the factory and her father had been sent to the hospital, covered with blood. Beverly was shocked to hear the terrible news. She and her mother rushed to the hospital.

Throughout the journey, they held each other's hand tightly. When they reached the hospital, they dashed into the Accident and Emergency Department. Beverly's mother hurried to the reception counter with Beverly following close behind.

"Beverly, why are you here?" Beverly turned around when she heard the familiar voice. She saw her father looking at her with a puzzled expression on his face. Beverly was so delighted to see her father that she started jumping up and down. Her mother heard the commotion and when she turned around and saw her husband, she too, was overwhelmed with joy.

She explained to him why they were at the hospital. Her father told them that several people were injured in the explosion. While helping them, his clothes became covered with blood. That was probably why his colleague thought that he was injured. He was waiting for news of the workers who were undergoing surgery when Beverly and her mother arrived at the hospital. Beverly and her mother decided to wait with him.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

46. Who was Beverly's mother talking to on the phone?

47. "Beverly was shocked to hear the terrible news." (line 6) What was the "terrible news"?

48. Which word in the third paragraph has the same meaning as "a noisy scene"?

49. Why did the colleague of Beverly's father think that he was injured?

50. What was Beverly's father doing in the hospital?



ANSWER SHEET

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35)F

36)Neither Sarah nor Anna knows how to cook.

37)Some of the pupils are very upset because they failed the Physical Fitness test.

38)tiny 39)like 40)need 41)important 42)droppings

43)fertile 44)common 45)grow

46)She was talking to her husband's colleague.

47)Beverly's father was sent to the hospital covered in blood as there was an explosion in the factory he was working in.

48)It is "commotion."

49) Beverly's father's clothes were covered in blood.

50) He was waiting for news of the workers who were undergoing surgery.

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