



**A) Choose the one underlined part of the sentence that is incorrect. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.**

1. In the morning, I much prefer toast that is plane over toast that is soaked in butter.  
A B C
2. Though she wasn't sure of the meaning, Jessica refussed to look up the word.  
A B C
3. Writing is a difficult art form; only the finest authors will ever get published.  
A B C
4. If only we had landed on the moon and stayed there, the life would be much better.  
A B C
5. Coughing, Ms. Jones believed was the root of all disease on Earth.  
A B C
6. I don't know why you think there's enough animals in this zoo. It's too small.  
A B C
7. Either this city or the people living there is going to disappear eventually.  
A B C
8. As humans are imflexible beings, it is virtually impossible to remain impartial during a trial.  
A B C
9. My mother is a dentist. She causes me to brush my teeth three times every day.  
A B C
10. Rebecca was upset after hearing her teacher had quit. She could not bare the thought.  
A B C
11. Our newest president, who's mother speaks three languages, only speaks English.  
A B C
12. It is imperative that Max and Jessica arrives on time; we cannot miss the show.  
A B C
13. All of the girls accept Rachel were excluded from going to detention.  
A B C
14. "In no way am I under the allusion that this magician is real!" stated my mother frankly.  
A B C
15. The research, though full of mistakes that we couldn't see, were received on time.  
A B C
16. It was hard for me to say goodbye, but my two brother-in-laws had little trouble.  
A B C
17. My mother took multiple photos of the herdes of elephants she saw while in Africa.  
A B C
18. Dinosaurs and birds, although distant relatives, share many common aspects.  
A B C
19. There seemed to be less nuts in the jar; however, only a few were ever there.  
A B C
20. Jane could hardly hold back how incredibly her idol was. She seriously loves him.  
A B C
21. Alison decided to return to her hometown because she felt nostalgia of her childhood.  
A B C

22. I have finished my essay. There are some idea that still need to be researched, though.  
A B C
23. Rebecca enjoys to learn all about chemistry. She has a real reaction to experiments.  
A B C

**B) Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.**

24. I stopped swimming in the ocean for good \_\_\_\_\_ I saw a shark off shore once.  
A. before C. after  
B. when
25. It is simply required that Jack and George \_\_\_\_\_ on time to the party.  
A. is C. be  
B. comes
26. Taking time off can have a major \_\_\_\_\_ on your mood and attitude toward work.  
A. effect C. affection  
B. affect
27. Did you know that Jessica cheated off of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Jane, Becky, and I? C. Jane, Becky, and me?  
B. myself, Jane, and Becky?
28. I took no umbrella \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that it was raining cats and dogs.  
A. to spite C. in spite  
B. despite
29. Jenny has been playing the flute \_\_\_\_\_ twelve years old.  
A. since she is C. sense she was  
B. since she was
30. Wow, that is a \_\_\_\_\_ leather bag you have. Where did you get it?  
A. fabulous, tiny, square C. fabulous, square, tiny  
B. tiny, square, fabulous
31. Charles has at least five years of experience \_\_\_\_\_ he needs for this job.  
A. than C. more than  
B. more than
32. Harry is certain that it is \_\_\_\_\_ importance to read everything carefully.  
A. of the more C. of the utter  
B. of the utmost
33. During the golf tournament yesterday, Gerry \_\_\_\_\_ the ball right into the hole.  
A. puts C. putts  
B. putted
34. Given her project, Angela consulted \_\_\_\_\_ every day.  
A. *The New York Times* C. *the New York Times*  
B. "The New York Times"
35. Yesterday, I wished my teacher \_\_\_\_\_ me how to do the problem differently.  
A. would have shown C. would had showed  
B. have shown

36. We must be certain to carry \_\_\_\_\_ the captain's plans exactly as he said.  
 A. on  
 B. back  
 C. out
37. Using her red decoder pen, Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to the puzzle.  
 A. figured out  
 B. figured off  
 C. figuring out
38. Jared would have taken more time to answer if the test \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. has been easiest  
 B. had been easier  
 C. had been east
39. The teacher was dumbfounded by the results of \_\_\_\_\_ project.  
 A. mine and Jack's  
 B. Jack and my's  
 C. Jack's and my
40. \_\_\_\_\_ of his poor Russian, Damian read the original *War and Peace*.  
 A. Despite  
 B. In spite  
 C. In spite
41. It matters \_\_\_\_\_ how you get to the destination. It is the journey that counts.  
 A. a few  
 B. little  
 C. small
42. Larry tried with all her might \_\_\_\_\_ she failed to reach her goal.  
 A. ; nevertheless,  
 B. ; never the less,  
 C. ; nevertheless

**C) Choose the best response for each question or statement. On your answer sheet, write the letter of the answer you have chosen.**

43. Do you think Jake will be upset if I borrow his computer for a few hours?  
 A. Not at all! Computers are intelligent.  
 B. Yes, of course. Computers are private.  
 C. No, he shares his desk all the time.
44. Was that you I saw at the bakery yesterday, Christy?  
 A. Yes, I work out often.  
 B. Yes, I work in the back.  
 C. No, I am working after school.
45. I forgot to do my homework. Can I use yours to fill in my answers?  
 A. Sure. I like sharing housework.  
 B. Why didn't you do it yourself?  
 C. No, I don't like homework.
46. I don't know why that server was so rude to me. I merely asked for salt.  
 A. She is clever and kind.  
 B. I put salt on all of my food.  
 C. He must be having a bad day.
47. Did you hear that King Marco is coming to our school? How amazing!  
 A. I never listen in class.  
 B. Our school has no king.  
 C. We have a king?
48. Why did you stop eating meat, Cheryl?  
 A. I think vegetables are disgusting.  
 B. It's fun to meet people.  
 C. I became a vegetarian.

49. I am going to run for president. I think I will make a good politician.  
A. You don't even vote. C There is no precedent for that.  
B. I don't like the president.
50. What happens if the bell rings before we finish the experiment?  
A. Nothing. Bells sound beautiful. C Nothing. Just keep working.  
B. We have to finish the bells first.
51. I brought my cat to the airport with me, but they then searched everything I brought!  
A. Did you bring the cat yourself? C. Cats are hard to control.  
B. Did you have the right paperwork?
52. I forgot my gym shoes! Now I can't play in the basketball game.  
A. Your feet are too big for my shoes.  
B. You should buy new shoes, Jim.  
C. You'll have to sit this one out.
53. Math is confusing to me. I can never calculate the answer correctly.  
A. Calculators are too expensive. C. I'd ask your teacher for help.  
B. Math is an important subject.
54. Where do you want to go on vacation this Golden Week?  
A. What? It's golden? C. Somewhere warm.  
B. Holidays are for warmth.
55. Which is better, studying abroad for a year or staying to focus on my math grades?  
A. You should go to school. C. A broad? Isn't that a woman?  
B. Do whichever you think is best.
56. If I were you, I would leave everything and move to the forest so I could be alone.  
A. I love everything. C. That would be scary.  
B. Trees have many leaves.

**D) Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). On your answer sheet, write the letter of the word you have chosen.**

57. The reason he goes to Bali is to get pampered by the staff day and night.  
A. indulged B. abused C. dressed
58. I did not think that walking through a humid forest would dehydrate my dog so much.  
A. drench B. parch C. saturate
59. I signed an oath under penalty of perjury. I must follow the rules stated therein.  
A. honesty B. lying C. frankness
60. Alice and I got into a fight over who could eat the last cookie.  
A. brawl B. accord C. community
61. This stodgy idea that men are better than women needs to be dispelled.  
A. progressive B. new C. stuffy

62. I fear my dog, despite having several puppies, lacks caring instincts.  
A. irresponsible      B. maternal      C. apathetic

63. Jessica was afraid that her sister's ailment could not be cured.  
A. health      B. malady      C. leisure

**E) Choose the phrase that best replaces the underlined word or phrase.**

64. Janista realized that she needed to decide to stay or to move on with her life.  
A. was at a fork in the road in      C. was at a crossroads in  
B. was between a frog and a pig in

65. I don't know why she hates me. It's not like I ignored her or anything.  
A. gave her the cold water      C. gave her the cold shoulder  
B. gave her the elbow

66. Thanks for giving me these shells but they really are quite common.  
A. a penny a pocket      C. a pound a pence  
B. a dime a dozen

67. Barry was a real mess at work yesterday. He needs to work better or leave.  
A. get his act on      C. get his act together  
B. take action

68. Thank you for your amazing idea, but unfortunately it is too late!  
A. you missed the goat      C. you missed the plane  
B. you missed the boat

69. Keaton's story, full of detail and imagery, was extremely funny.  
A. a tearjerker      C. a knee slapper  
B. a table turner

70. Hannah was so tired after swimming that she decided to go to sleep.  
A. get sacked      C. hit the hay  
B. hit the nail

**F) Read the following passages and choose the best answer for each of the questions. On your answer sheet, clearly print the letter of the answer you have chosen.**

I. **“New” Water?**

5 One of the most precious resources, water, should never be taken for granted. It is not only a major reason that there is life on Earth, but it is essential to our very survival. As the world becomes more and more industrialized, the amount of water used each day increases exponentially. As such, many countries have been forced to think of creative ways to guarantee that they will have enough water for all of their needs.

10 One such place is a small island country in South-East Asia. Known the world over as the “Lion City,” Singapore has been a pioneer in the creation of water sources that are both sustainable and completely renewable. Given that Singapore is a city-state with few natural resources, it has been dependent upon its neighbors for water. However, this supply is insufficient and a cause of tension between Singapore and its major supplier, the peninsula of Malaysia. Thus, the courageous city-state set out to become water independent, relying on what it calls the “Four National Taps.” These taps, which are imported water, water catchment, desalination, and NEWater, make up the whole of Singapore’s water resources.

15 Three of the four taps are easily understood—treating sea water is an example—but what is NEWater? As the name suggests, NEWater is exactly that, a new source for water that is completely contained within the city of Singapore itself. What makes this particular source interesting is the fact that the water comes from an unexpected place, mainly, treated sewage. Though this may sound unthinkable, the process of creating NEWater actually purifies the water more than that coming from natural sources.

20 Water purification for NEWater consists of three steps that create clean, *potable* water. The first step requires using a filtration system that removes impurities such as bacteria, viruses, or other harmful particles. Next, the water is placed through a process called reverse osmosis. To explain that simply, the water is forced to pass through a special membrane that blocks harmful particles. Finally, NEWater is treated with UltraViolet light to kill any particles or bacteria that may still remain in the water. In the end, extremely pure, safe water is reclaimed.

25 Thanks to the invention of NEWater, Singapore is well on the way to complete water independence. Currently, NEWater provides about 40% of all water used in Singapore, with a pending increase over the next few years.

30 Creative ideas such as NEWater will continue to be necessary, especially in those areas that are heavily developed and populated. The next time you have the chance, think about where your water comes from. Perhaps NEWater is the future for all people on this planet!

71. In paragraph 2, the passage refers to the “Four National Taps.” What is the meaning of tap?
- A. a sound made by hitting a hard surface with your hand
  - B. a valve that when opened releases water
  - C. a device used to extract water from plants
72. The term “NEWater” is an example of which literary device?
- A. personification
  - B. metaphor
  - C. portmanteau
73. The word *potable* at the start of the fourth paragraph most likely means...
- A. safe to recycle.
  - B. safe to drink.
  - C. unsafe to use.
74. The author’s reference to Singapore as the “Lion City” is...
- A. to show how famous Singapore is.
  - B. to establish the history of Singapore.
  - C. irrelevant information.
75. What is *desalination* and why does Singapore do this?
- A. Singapore removes salt from the surrounding seawater to create drinking water.
  - B. As an island nation, Singapore is surrounded by water.
  - C. Singapore removes salt from seawater because it is an independent country.
76. From which area does the Lion City receive the majority of its water?
- A. Island Malaysia
  - B. Peninsular Malaysia
  - C. It does not receive water.
77. Why must countries like Singapore develop creative ways to supply water?
- A. Because they have few natural resources of their own.
  - B. Because island nations are surrounded by water.
  - C. Because cities need vast amounts of sewage.

## II.

...My sister had an intense way of cutting our bread-and-butter for us, that never varied. First, with her left hand she jammed the loaf hard and fast against her bib—where it sometimes got a pin into it, and sometimes a needle, which we afterwards got into our mouths. Then she took some butter (not too much) on a knife and spread it on the loaf, in  
5 an *apothecary* kind of way, as if she were making a cast—using both sides of the knife, trimming the butter off round the crust. Then, she gave the knife a final smart wipe on the edge and then sawed a very thick round off the loaf which she finally, before separating from the loaf, cut into two halves, of which Joe got one, and I the other.

On that day, though I was hungry, I dared not eat my slice. I felt that I must have  
10 something in reserve for my dreadful acquaintance, and his ally the still more dreadful young man. I knew Mrs. Joe's housekeeping to be of the strictest kind, and that I might find nothing available in the safe to take. Therefore, I resolved to put my hunk of bread-and-butter down the leg of my trousers.

The effort it took for me to think of this solution was great. It was as if I had to make  
15 up my mind to leap from the top of a high house, or plunge into a great depth of water. And it was made the more difficult by the unconscious Joe. It was our evening habit to compare the way we bit through our slices, by silently holding them up to each other's admiration now and then. Tonight, Joe invited me several times, by the display of his fast-diminishing slice, to enter our usual friendly competition; but he found me, each time, with my yellow  
20 mug of tea on one knee, and my untouched bread-and-butter on the other. At last, I realized that I must quickly decide how to make my bread disappear. So, I took advantage of a moment when Joe had just looked at me, and got my bread-and-butter down my leg.

Joe was evidently made uncomfortable by what he supposed to be my loss of  
appetite, and took a thoughtful bite out of his slice, which he didn't seem to enjoy. He  
25 turned it about in his mouth much longer than usual, pondering over it a good deal, and after all gulped it down like a pill. He was about to take another bite, when he saw that my bread-and-butter was gone.

The wonder with which Joe stopped on the threshold of his bite and stared at me, was too evident to escape my sister's observation.

30 "What's the matter now?" said she, smartly, as she put down her cup.

"I say, you know!" muttered Joe, shaking his head at me in a very serious remonstrance. "Pip, old chap! You'll do yourself a mischief. It'll stick somewhere. You can't have chawed it, Pip."

"What's the matter now?" repeated my sister, more sharply than before.

35 "If you can cough any trifle on it up, Pip, I'd recommend you to do it," said Joe, all aghast. "Manners is manners, but still your 'elth's your 'elth."

By this time, my sister was quite desperate, so she pounced on Joe, and, taking him by the two whiskers, knocked his head for a little while against the wall behind him: while I sat in the corner, looking guiltily on.

40 "Now, perhaps you'll mention what's the matter," said my sister, out of breath, "you staring great stuck pig."

Joe looked at her in a helpless way; then took a helpless bite, and looked at me again.

45 “You know, Pip,” said Joe, solemnly, with his last bite in his cheek, and speaking in a confidential voice, as if we two were quite alone, “you and me is always friends, and I’d be the last to tell upon you, any time. But such a —” he moved his chair, and looked about the floor between us, and then again at me — “such a most uncommon bolt as that!”

78. Given the description in paragraph one, the sister is best described as...
- A. warm and friendly.
  - B. cold and firm.
  - C. gentle but firm.
79. Why does Pip need “something in reserve” for his “dreadful acquaintance”?
- A. Pip must give his acquaintance payment.
  - B. Pip likes to keep things in his pants.
  - C. Pip saves money for retirement.
80. In paragraph one, the word *apothecary* is most similar in meaning to...
- A. magical
  - B. manufactured
  - C. pharmaceutical
81. The third paragraph describes a typical routine. Why is the routine different this time?
- A. Pip is watching Joe closely to make sure Joe eats the bread.
  - B. Pip is watching closely to see if Joe gets more butter than him.
  - C. Pip is watching for a moment when Joe is not paying attention.
82. What is the purpose of the apostrophe in the word “ ‘elth” in line 36?
- A. It shows that Joe does not know how to spell.
  - B. It establishes that Joe uses a non-standard dialect.
  - C. It serves no purpose in the passage.
83. What is a “bolt” as mentioned at the end of the passage?
- A. a petty theft
  - B. a small screw
  - C. a fast way to run
84. The underlined phrase “turned it about in his mouth” is an example of...
- A. simile.
  - B. imagery.
  - C. hyperbole.
85. What can be said about Pip based on the information provided in the passage?
- A. He is a well-behaved young man.
  - B. Pip does not know the difference between right and wrong.
  - C. He is aware that what he is doing is not acceptable to his family.



