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Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

Question 1: Peter and Mary are talking about social networks.

- Peter: "Using social networks may have negative effects on students."

- Mary: "_____. It distracts them from their studies."

A. You're wrong

B. That's quite true

C. I don't quite agree

D. I'm not sure about that

Question 2: David is apologising to his teacher for being late.

- David: "Sorry I'm late! The traffic is so heavy."

- Teacher: "_____. Come in and sit down."

A. Thank you

B. You're so kind

C. Me neither

D. It's alright

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 3: I have tried hard, but it is difficult to find the solution to this maths problem.

A. link

B. answer

C. reply

D. relation

Question 4: Though considered the king sport in many parts of the world, soccer has never really caught on in the United States.

A. been consolidated

B. been active

C. become popular

D. remained silent

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 5: Such terrible acts of child abuse were not ignored thanks to the continuing protests of the online community.

A. witnessed

B. disregarded

C. unsolved

D. noticed

Question 6: Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Nina and her husband are at odds when it comes to child rearing.

A. under pressure

B. in conflict

C. in agreement

D. at liberty

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 7: We all wish to create a friendly and supportive environment _____ to learning.

A. liable

B. accommodating

C. conducive

D. detrimental

Question 8: Nicholas had never chaired a meeting before, but he rose to the _____ yesterday when he presided over a forum.

A. occasion

B. incident

C. difficulty

D. issue

Question 9: This is _____ most interesting book I've ever read.

A. Ø

B. an

C. a

D. the

Question 10: If we are not busy this weekend, we _____ the new fruit farm in the countryside.

A. would have visited

B. would visit

C. visited

D. will visit

Question 11: I think mobile phones are _____ for people of all ages.

A. usefully

B. usage

C. use

D. useful

Question 12: It was so noisy outside that she couldn't concentrate _____ her work.

A. at

B. in

C. on

D. with

Question 13: The students were worried that they wouldn't be able to _____ the deadline for the assignment.

A. answer

B. match

C. beat

D. meet

Question 14: In spite of their disabilities, the children at Spring School manage to _____ an active social life.

- A. lead B. take C. gather D. save

Question 15: She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-seek with her friends.

- A. was playing B. played C. is playing D. had played

Question 16: _____, they get on well with each other.

- A. To quarrel a lot like most siblings at their age B. But most siblings at their age quarrel a lot
C. While most siblings at their age quarrel a lot D. For most siblings to quarrel a lot at their age

Question 17: My sister really enjoys acting as a hobby, but she doesn't want to do it for a(n) _____.

- A. survival B. occupation C. living D. existence

Question 18: I will never forget _____ to the Royal Garden Party, where superb cuisines were served amid luxurious surroundings.

- A. being invited B. to invite C. inviting D. to be invited

Question 19: If _____ with pictures and diagrams, a lesson will be more interesting and comprehensible.

- A. have illustrated B. illustrated C. was illustrated D. illustrating

Question 20: Children are encouraged to read books _____ they are a wonderful source of knowledge.

- A. although B. in spite of C. because of D. because

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

Question 21: A. reduced B. survived C. happened D. bothered

Question 22: A. sound B. doubt C. count D. group

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 23: A. energy B. exercise C. addition D. article

Question 24: A. connect B. travel C. deny D. return

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 25: Her parents didn't attend her graduation ceremony. They regret it now.

- A. If only her parents could attend her graduation ceremony.
B. Her parents wish they had attended her graduation ceremony.
C. Her parents regret having attended her graduation ceremony.
D. If her parents attended her graduation ceremony, they would regret it.

Question 26: The coach changed his tactics in the second half. His football team won the match.

- A. Had it not been for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team wouldn't have won the match.
B. Only if the coach had changed his tactics in the second half could his football team have won the match.
C. But for the coach's change of tactics in the second half, his football team could have won the match.
D. Not until his football team had won the match did the coach change his tactics in the second half.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

Question 27: The villagers are highly appreciable of the volunteers' efforts in reconstructing their

A B C

houses after the devastating storm.

D

Question 28: Household chores should share among members of the family.

A B C D

Question 29: Reading books has been always my hobby since I was very young.

A B C D

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 30: "When did you start practising yoga?" asked Tom.

- A. Tom wanted to know when I was starting to practise yoga.
- B. Tom wanted to know when did I start practising yoga.
- C. Tom wanted to know when I had started practising yoga.
- D. Tom wanted to know when had I started practising yoga.

Question 31: Paul likes reading comic books more than watching cartoons.

- A. Paul likes watching cartoons more than reading comic books.
- B. Paul likes watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- C. Paul doesn't like watching cartoons as much as reading comic books.
- D. Paul doesn't like reading comic books as much as watching cartoons.

Question 32: I thought it was not necessary to book tickets for the film in advance, but I was wrong.

- A. I couldn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- B. I must have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- C. I should have booked tickets for the film in advance.
- D. I needn't have booked tickets for the film in advance.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 33 to 37.

The importance of fairy tales for children

Fairy tales are the stories that adults, especially parents, tell young children. In view of their name, it is surprising that hardly any of them are actually about fairies. (33) _____ most fairy tales have happy endings, the stories usually deal with very (34) _____ situations – children abandoned in the forest, terrifying giants, cruel stepmothers. However, despite being scared when they are told the stories, children will often ask to hear them over and over again.

Many psychologists believe that what fairy tales do, in addition to (35) _____ children's imagination, is to show that there are problems in the world and that they can be overcome. Just like adults, children have fears and worries; theirs are of things such as abandonment, loss, injuries, witches. Fairy tales present real problems in a fantasy form (36) _____ children are able to understand. This, it is claimed, allows them to (37) _____ their fears and to realise, if ever in their unconscious mind, that no matter how difficult the circumstances, there are always ways of coping.

(Adapted from "Richmond Practice Tests for Cambridge English: Advanced")

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| Question 33: | A. Although | B. Despite | C. Because | D. Therefore |
| Question 34: | A. frightening | B. frighteningly | C. frighten | D. fright |
| Question 35: | A. motivating | B. stimulating | C. speculating | D. inciting |
| Question 36: | A. where | B. why | C. that | D. who |
| Question 37: | A. confront | B. alter | C. nurture | D. suffer |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 38 to 42.

Norwich is the capital of East Anglia, an area on the east coast of England which is famous for its natural beauty and impressive architecture. Norwich is a wonderful city to explore and is popular with tourists all year round.

Norwich is not a city of luxurious hotels, but it has a good selection of reasonably priced places to stay in, both in the city centre and further out. The Beeches Hotel, for example, next to the cathedral, has a beautiful Victorian garden. Comfortable accommodation costs £65 for two nights' bed and breakfast per person. Norwich is famous for its magnificent cathedral. The cathedral has a summer programme of music and events which is open to the general public. One event, "Fire from Heaven", is a drama and musical performance with fireworks, a laser light show and a carnival with local people dressed in colourful costumes.

Norwich is also home to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, a world-class collection of international art in a building at the University of East Anglia. This is well worth a visit and there is a lovely canteen with an excellent selection of hot and cold snacks. It also specializes in vegetarian food. In addition, the city has a new professional theatre, the Playhouse, on the River Wensum. The city's

annual international arts festival is from 10 to 20 October.

Finally, if you fancy a complete break from the stresses of everyday life, you could hire a boat and spend a few days **cruising** along the rivers of the famous Norfolk Broads National Park. In our environmentally friendly age, the emphasis has moved towards the quiet enjoyment of nature and wildlife. You can hire a boat, big or small, for an hour or two or even up to a week or two. This makes a perfect day out or holiday for people of all ages.

(Adapted from "Succeed in Cambridge English Preliminary" by Andrew Betsis and Lawrence Mamas)

Question 38: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. Daily Life in Norwich
- B. Holidays in Norwich
- C. A Destination Guide to England
- D. England's Famous Cities

Question 39: The word "**it**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. the Beeches Hotel
- B. the city centre
- C. selection
- D. Norwich

Question 40: According to paragraph 2, which is NOT part of "*Fire from Heaven*"?

- A. A laser light show
- B. A campfire
- C. A carnival
- D. A fireworks display

Question 41: The word "**cruising**" in paragraph 4 mostly means _____.

- A. moving on land
- B. travelling by boat
- C. surfing
- D. swimming

Question 42: According to the passage, where is the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts located?

- A. In a building at the University of East Anglia
- B. In a new professional theatre on the River Wensum
- C. In an international art museum
- D. In the Norfolk Broads National Park

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 43 to 50.

The United Nations recently outlined the extent of the global water crisis, saying that 2.7 billion people would face severe water shortages by 2025 if consumption continues at current rates. Today, an estimated 1.2 billion people drink unclean water, and about 2.5 billion lack proper toilets or waste disposal systems. More than five million people die each year from diseases related to unclean water. Humans are pumping water out of the ground faster than it can be replenished. In this difficult situation, a water conservationist, Neil MacLeod in South Africa, has found innovative ways to improve his local water situation.

Neil MacLeod took over as head of Durban Metro Water Services in 1992. The situation he found was a **catastrophe**. Durban had one million people living in the city and another 1.5 million people who lived in poverty just outside it. The entire city was rife with broken water pipes, leaky toilets, and faulty plumbing whereby 42 percent of the region's water was simply being wasted.

MacLeod's crews began repairing and replacing water pipes. They put water meters on residences, replaced eight-liter toilets with four-liter models, and changed wasteful showers and water taps. To ensure that the poor would receive a basic supply of water, MacLeod installed tanks in homes and apartments to provide 190 liters of water a day free to each household. Water consumption in Durban is now less than **it** was in 1996, even as 800,000 more people have received service. Through sensible water use, Durban's conservation measures paid for themselves within a year. No new reservoirs will be needed in the coming decades, despite the expected addition of about 300,000 inhabitants.

MacLeod has also turned to water recycling. At the water recycling plant, wastewater is turned into clean water in just 12 hours. Most people are unable to **discern** a difference between the usual city drinking water and the treated wastewater, although it is actually intended for industrial purposes.

Some people still hope that new technology, such as the desalination of seawater, will solve the world's water problems. "But the fact is, water conservation is where the big gains are to be made," says Sandra Postel of the Global Water Policy Project. The dedication and resourcefulness of people like Neil MacLeod offer inspiration for implementing timely and lasting solutions to the world's water concerns.

(Adapted from "Reading Explorer 4" by Paul MacIntyre and Nancy Hubley)

Question 43: Which best serves as the title for the passage?

- A. South Africa to Successfully Desalinate Seawater
- B. Tackling Water Problems: A Story from South Africa
- C. The United Nations to Address Local Water Situations
- D. Drinkable Seawater – A Dream Turning Sour?

- Question 44:** According to the passage, how many people have to drink unclean water worldwide?
 A. 2.5 billion B. About 5 million C. 2.7 billion D. Around 1.2 billion
- Question 45:** The word "catastrophe" in paragraph 2 is mostly a situation which is _____.
 A. local B. disastrous C. familiar D. unlikely
- Question 46:** The word "It" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
 A. Durban B. water consumption C. household D. service
- Question 47:** The word "discern" in paragraph 4 could be best replaced by _____.
 A. recognize B. emphasize C. examine D. appreciate
- Question 48:** What is the essence of Neil MacLeod's solutions to the water problems in Durban?
 A. Reliance on foreign aid B. Exploitation of ground water
 C. Conservation of water D. Construction of new reservoirs
- Question 49:** Which of the following is TRUE, according to the passage?
 A. Over forty percent of Durban's water was wasted through faulty plumbing, leaks and bursts.
 B. Money saved from sensible water use helped cover the cost of reservoir construction in Durban.
 C. In Durban, treated wastewater is provided free of charge to meet the residents' daily needs.
 D. Provision of desalinated seawater is the ultimate solution to the world's water problems.
- Question 50:** What can be inferred from the passage?
 A. Each Durban household is not allowed to use more than 190 liters of water per day.
 B. Water shortages are the most severe in areas with substandard toilet facilities.
 C. It used to take about half a day to convert wastewater into drinkable water.
 D. A growth in population normally necessitates a rise in the number of reservoirs.

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