

Part One: Reading Comprehension

Direction: Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions which follow it.

One of the unfortunate features of the human condition is that the natural exploratory behavior of human infants has to be curtailed, especially in conditions of civilization, where the hazards of traffic, electricity, gas, stairs and many other complex dangers have been added to those which are found in primitive, rural circumstances. We are forced to overprotect our children psychologically, because we live in an artificial environment; and, because small children are ill-equipped to look after themselves when surrounded by the dangerous trappings of civilization; we tend to guard them too carefully in situations where this is not necessary.

In recent experience, Eleanor Gibson constructed a 'visual cliff', that is, a floor which appears to end in a sheer drop, but which is actually safe since the floor continues as a sheet of tough glass. Babies crawl to the apparent edge but will not venture on to the glass even if encouraged to do so, since they are already aware of the danger of the drop. This is not to say that it is safe to leave a baby on the edge of a real cliff, since the child may turn round and fall off backwards.

The pioneer doctors who started the Pacham Health Centre discovered that quite tiny children could be safely left in the sloping shallow end of a swimming bath. Provided no adult interfered with them, they would teach themselves to swim, exploring the water gradually and never venturing beyond the point at which they began to feel unsafe. Similarly, children would teach themselves to ride bicycles and use gymnasium equipment and did so more confidently and quickly than if adults tried either to urge them on or warn them to be careful. The American analyst Clara Thomson writes:

"Aggression is not necessarily destructive at all. It springs from an innate tendency to grow and master life which seems to be characteristic of all living matter. Only when this life force is obstructed in its development do ingredients of anger, rage or hate become connected with it."

It is a pity that our culture makes such obstruction inevitable; and one reason why aggressiveness is a problem to modern man is that the natural exploratory urge to grasp and master the environment inevitably has to be limited in a way which

is bound to cause frustration. There are far too many things which children must not do or must not touch; so that within all of us who have been brought up in western civilization, especially in urban civilization, there must be reserves of repressed, and therefore, dangerous, aggression which originates from the restrictions of early childhood.

1. Which one of the following people proved that it is possible to let children explore their environment and learn some skills without putting themselves in danger?
A) Eleanor Gibson
B) The writer of the passage
C) Clara Thomson
D) The doctor at Pacham
2. According to the doctors of Pacham Health Centre, the best adults could do to enable their children learn such activities as swimming and bicycle learning is:
A) not to interfering.
B) to be indifferent to the children.
C) to encourage them to be aggressive.
D) to warn them of obvious dangers.
3. Which of the following statements is true?
A) in cities it is necessary to overprotect children.
B) in rural communities life is free from hazards.
C) civilization brings new hazards that put children in danger.
D) in rural surroundings it is not necessary to protect children.
4. Mr. Eleanor Gibson's experiment indicates that:
A) children are born free and fearless, but adults tend to dampen their spirits.
B) children without being taught are conscious of common dangers.
C) parental overprotection leads to frustration and excessive aggression in children.
D) it may not be wise to leave a baby on the edge of a real cliff.
5. Which of the following, if true, would seriously undermine the validity of Mr. Gibson's findings?
A) Babies are not aggressive by nature.
B) All the babies refused to go near the glass even with parental encouragement.
C) Some babies crawled beyond the edge of the cliff and onto the glass surface.
D) Some babies did not venture to climb even up to the edge of the cliff.
6. According to the passage, dangerous aggression is the result of:
A) repression and frustration
B) rage and anger
C) hate and disbelief
D) parental abandonment
7. One sentence among the following is correct. Which one?
A) Overprotected children grow to become confident adults.
B) Capable and confident adults are results of their parents careful and meticulous follow up.
C) Ignoring children could lead them to become self-sufficient and creative.

- D) A little unguided exploration can help children become confident and independent.
8. The passage is most likely an excerpt from:
- A) a self-help book for mothers on how to raise children
 - B) a guidebook for architects in sensible urban planning
 - C) a study of child behavior published for psychologists
 - D) a passage in an English test to evaluate reading skills
9. The author is clearly against adults;
- A) overprotecting their children and restricting their actions.
 - B) not encouraging their children to be brave and daring.
 - C) Letting their children explore things on their own.
 - D) guarding their children carefully.
10. From the general idea of the passage we can understand that:
- A) teaching children at school is not good.
 - B) leaving children to face problems makes them learn better.
 - C) it is necessary to watch a child's every move to ensure his safety.
 - D) our world is no longer a good place to raise children.
11. It can be inferred from the passage that;
- A) Modern humans are less aggressive because of their experience in city life.
 - B) Children growing up in rural areas have less chance for exploration.
 - C) Urban children tend to be less confident because they grow up being overprotected.
 - D) Children a century ago were probably more aggressive because they were overprotected.
12. Based on the comments mentioned in the passage, what can be said about the writer?
- A) The writer is a layman who does not have an expert level of understanding on the topic.
 - B) As evidenced in the writer's use of others' opinions, he/she doesn't have an original idea.
 - C) The writer urges the reader to protect their children from the hazards of city life.
 - D) The writer believes that children should be given a little room for exploration.
13. What does the discovery of the doctors at the Pacham Health Center about children and the pool show us?
- A) That children fear the deeper parts of the pool
 - B) That it is safe to allow children to learn swimming on their own
 - C) That adult interference can bring more harm than good in child development
 - D) Some skills are better learned through adult supervision
14. What purpose does the quotation (in parag.4) serve in the passage?
- A) To show that children should be given a little more freedom
 - B) To prove that destructive aggression comes from overprotection

- C) To argue that anger, rage and hate are natural emotions
 D) To show what American scientists feel about the topic
- 15....the natural exploratory behavior of human infants has to be **curtailed**... (parag.1)
 'curtailed' as used in the context of the passage means;
 A) encouraged C) improved
 B) **restricted** D) disliked
- 16.... small children are **ill-equipped** to look after themselves... (parag,1) 'ill-equipped'
 as used in the context of the passage means closest to;
 A) sickened C) unqualified
 B) **unprepared** D) not matured
- 17.It springs from an **innate** tendency to grow and master life... (parag.4) means;
 A) **instinctive** C) risky
 B) fearful D) unwanted
- 18....our culture makes such **obstruction** inevitable... (parag.5) as used in the passage
 means;
 A) attention C) **restriction**
 B) fault D) encouragement
- 19.'**which**' (parag.2) refers to;
 A) the sheer drop C) the safety of the floor
 B) the floor D) **the visual cliff**
- 20.term '**visual cliff**' in the passage (Parag. 2) is used to refer to;
 A) the idea that shows children by nature are aware of certain dangerous
 B) the conclusion that it is not necessary to be overprotective around children
 C) the theory that cliffs are dangerous to a child approaching it unsupervised
 D) **the setting used in a study to see if children can identify dangers on their own**

Part Two: Grammar and Usage

Directions: The following questions contain incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words or phrases, A-D, given below each question. Choose the word that best completes the sentences.

- 21.Ato Girma said yesterday that he _____
 A) **would bring the money today.**
 B) will bring the money the following day.
 C) would have brought the money the following day.
 D) will have brought the money today.
- 22.No one knows where the Malaysian plane is, but some suspect _____
 A) it was crashed in the Indian Ocean.
 B) someone crashed in the Indian Ocean.
 C) **it crashed in the Indian Ocean.**
 D) it was crashed in the Indian Ocean by someone.

23. Families of the missing passengers, however, said that they would not give up hope

A) if they hadn't seen the evidence.

B) unless they saw the evidence.

C) if they do not see the evidence.

D) unless they had seen the evidence.

24. We must pack more water if we are going to stay in the desert for that long. We won't survive with _____ water.

A) such a little

B) such a small

C) so small a

D) so little

25. He managed to keep his job not because he stood up to his boss, but _____.

A) against it

B) despite it

C) in spite of it

D) it though

26. Sara, please make sure Elsa eats something. She's _____ eaten the whole day.

A) hardly

B) never

C) almost

D) only just

27. Aster has already _____ four children, and guess what - she has another on in the oven right now.

A) born

B) bore

C) beared

D) borne

28. Hey Lydia, let's go to the mall, _____? It's been ages since we went shopping together.

A) shall we

B) would we

C) didn't

D) won't we

29. Dave is probably the most selfish man I know. Our boss wanted to send either him or me on a paid business trip, and Dave dumped all his work on me to show that he's free and _____ choice for the job.

A) the best

B) the better

C) a better

D) the best of

30. Dad took me _____ around town so we can talk about his new job in Gondar.

A) to drive

B) and was driving

C) driving

D) for driving

31. Benjamin _____ the food here at first, but he _____ it now.

A) had problems with | is accustomed with

B) wasn't getting used to | is use to

C) didn't get accustomed with | is used to

D) couldn't get accustomed to | is getting used to

32. I already have plenty of help here. You _____ come. We've got things under control.

A) mustn't

B) shouldn't

C) oughtn't to

D) needn't

33. The policemen asked us when we _____ to Zelalem last. Apparently, he's missing, and they're looking for him.
 A) **had talked** C) have talked
 B) talked D) will be talking
34. We were talking with Chane about the charity event we're hosting next Sunday, and he offered to help. He said, 'I _____ do what I can.'
 A) is going to C) **will do**
 B) was going to D) would
35. It's the man's dishonesty _____ has angered his employees. I don't think they can tolerate him anymore.
 A) who B) **that** C) - D) Which
36. The mother was very _____ her son's behavior. I don't think this was the first time he acted this way.
 A) angry with C) **angry at**
 B) angry by D) angry in
37. He is such an excellent athlete that he _____ any race anytime.
 A) needs to win C) ought to win
 B) should have won D) **could win**
38. He is _____ the man for the job. There wasn't a shred of doubt in anyone's mind that he's going to do a great job with the responsibilities he was given.
 A) questionably C) **absolutely**
 B) arguably D) hardly
39. A _____ piece of jewelry was stolen last night from a store here in the city. The necklace with its rare diamond was estimated to be worth well over \$2.5 million.
 A) expensive B) **priceless** C) wealthy D) budget
40. No city in Ethiopia is even remotely _____ Addis Ababa. Addis is said to be home for millions of city dwellers - at least two times the amount of the next big city.
 A) **as heavily populated as** C) more than heavily populated
 B) the most heavily populated D) more populated heavily than
41. They have been enemies since college; _____ tries to damage the reputation of the other _____ chance he gets.
 A) both of them | every C) **each one | every**
 B) everyone | each D) one | each
42. The victims of the robbery gave their statements to the police. They described a man _____, they said, threatened to shoot them if they didn't cooperate.
 A) which B) **who** C) whom D) whose
43. Leonardo Da Vinci was among other things a famous inventor and artist. However, most people recognize him for the _____. Not many people have even heard of the things he has invented.
 A) later B) former C) **latter** D) earlier

44. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam _____ controversies in the region. As the result of its construction, there are now some tensions between Ethiopia and Egypt.
 A) will raise **B) has raised** C) has risen D) rose
45. The cost for the installation of power and telephone lines in my neighborhood _____ by the residents.
A) was paid C) were paid
 B) have been paid D) had been paid
46. Power outages in the city are _____ diesel generator prices have skyrocketed.
 A) too common to C) such common that
B) so common that D) too common that
47. If you had that much money, you _____ it all on trifles.
 A) will waste C) will have wasted
 B) would waste **D) would have wasted**
48. The show is almost sold out. There are _____ seats left. We should head over there before they completely run out.
 A) some B) little **C) few** D) a few
49. The news was a bad shock to Kedija, but I hope she will get _____ it very soon.
 A) off **B) over** C) to D) on
50. He wishes he _____ a lot of money; he thinks that would make his life more interesting.
A) had C) will have
 B) has had D) had had
51. _____ it was a ten birr note, he mistakenly _____ the shopkeeper a hundred birr note.
 A) Having thought | gave C) Having been thought | gave
B) Thinking | gave D) Being thinking | gave
52. Teacher: How many students are absent today?
 Student: _____. Everyone is here.
 A) All **B) None** C) Nothing D) Non
53. The only reason why I use an old cellphone is because I can't afford _____ these new smart phones.
A) to buy C) buying
 B) for buying D) to buying
54. The cat hasn't been fed yet; _____.
A) neither has the dog C) the dog has neither
 B) and the dog too D) so hasn't the do

55. _____ helps us to maintain a healthy and long life.
 A) Exercises C) To exercise
 B) Exercise D) Exercising
56. If don't make a stand for the environment now, by the time we are willing to do it, it _____.
 A) will destroy C) will have been destroyed
 B) will be destroying D) will have been destroying
57. You can't enter the school premises without an ID. You _____ always present your ID to the guards at the gate.
 A) should B) ought to C) may D) must
58. 'Gravity' has been by far _____ movie that came out this year. I just loved it.
 A) best C) the best
 B) the better D) better of
59. The suspect told the police that _____.
 A) she doesn't know where the money is.
 B) I don't know where the money is.
 C) she doesn't know where is the money.
 D) 'I don't know where is the money?'
60. The rain has been very late this year, _____ the farmers had to struggle to get enough out of their fields to get by.
 A) therefore C) otherwise
 B) so D) lest
61. She's lived here _____ childhood.
 A) for B) since C) until D) till
62. I have never eaten frogs _____ want to.
 A) Nor I do ever C) Nor I ever do
 B) I ever do nor D) Nor do I ever
63. The school compound is _____ to hold more number of students.
 A) big enough C) too big
 B) too much big D) enough big
64. I didn't see you friend; if I did, I _____ you.
 A) would tell C) will tell
 B) would have told D) can tell
65. I am planning to visit _____ museum I read about in _____ magazine I borrowed from _____ friend of mine.
 A) the | the | the C) a | a | the
 B) a | a | a D) the | a | a

Part Three: Communication Questions

For the following questions, choose the best answer to complete the given sets of dialogues and write the letter of your choice on the separate answer sheet.

66. Hailu: What do you think you'll be when you're thirty?

Binyam: _____

- A) I'm being a doctor.
- B) I'll be a doctor.
- C) I'm going to be a doctor.
- D) I'll have been a doctor.

67. Suraphel: Maru, this is my good friend Tariku. Tariku, Maru.

Tariku: How do you do?

Maru: _____

- A) How do you do?
- B) Fine; and you?
- C) Thanks. You too.
- D) Nice to meet you.

68. Hirut: There are three sweaters here. _____

A friend: The light blue one.

- A) Which one did you want?
- B) How do I know which is yours?
- C) Shall I bring all of them?
- D) Why can't you sort your clothes? They're everywhere.

69. Tourist: _____

Guide: I'd suggest the National Museum at Amist Kilo.

- A) What are the best tourist attractions in this city?
- B) What do you think I should do today?
- C) Any idea what I should see first in the city?
- D) Where do you think I should stay while I'm in the city?

70. Tourist 1: That's amazing, wasn't it? I'd no idea this country had so much history.

Tourist 2: _____. I was caught completely off-guard.

- A) So did I
- B) I hadn't either
- C) Neither did I
- D) Nor had I

71. Hana: I didn't mean to hurt your feelings. Do you think you can forgive me?

Saron: _____. It's water under a bridge.

- A) I don't think so
- B) Don't worry about it
- C) What you said was hurtful
- D) You're welcome

72. Tamirat: Maybe Henok's not in. He would've answered the door by now if he was.

Temesgen: _____. It's not like we left things on friendly terms the last time we spoke to him.

- A) Yes, maybe you're right.
- B) Absolutely. That must be it.
- C) Or maybe he's just ignoring us.
- D) You're wrong. He must be inside.

73. Hawi: Hey Merry, do you want sugar or cream in your coffee?
 Meron: _____ please. I don't like anything masking the taste of my coffee.
 A) Either C) Neither
 B) Both D) Nor
74. Friends: Come on, Hiruy: it's okay. Let's just leave through the backdoor. No one will know.
 Hiruy: _____. I don't want my parents mad at me when they see I'm not here.
 A) That's a great idea C) I don't know
 B) Don't worry about it D) Sure. Absolutely
75. Stranger: Could I trouble you for a moment? I was wondering if you could help me move those boxes.
 You: They're awfully heavy. _____
 A) No. Can't you see I'm busy?
 B) Sorry, but how's that my problem?
 C) Really? I don't even know you.
 D) I'm afraid I have a bad back. Sorry I couldn't help.

Part Four: Vocabulary

Direction: Choose the alternative that contains the closest meaning or definition to the underlined word in the given statement.

76. After his unexpected sojourn, he left. I only wish he could have been able to take some time to stay. He didn't even get to see the whole family. He just left abruptly.
 A) unplanned vacation C) short visit
 B) sudden disappearance D) upcoming holiday
77. After ousting the democratically elected president, the military took over the government and declared a state of emergency. No one knows where the president is now.
 A) overthrowing C) abiding
 B) asserting D) killing
78. She began as an officer in the army, and in a short time, ascended through the ranks all the way to general.
 A) worked as C) rose
 B) served with D) wanted to be
79. She asked for my help, and I did everything to help her even though she was very difficult to work with. I didn't realize all of it was pretense. It had all been a huge prank.
 A) problem C) betrayal
 B) trick D) mistake
80. Our trip to the lake side resort had an auspicious start; it a beautiful day and we had an early start, but it all got spoiled when a heavy storm caught us by surprise and sent us running inside.
 A) problematic C) promising
 B) destined D) tricky

81. Our April fool's day prank backfired terribly. Our teachers were really mad at us, and even our sincerest apologies didn't mollify them.
 A) **appease** B) forgive C) upset D) forget
82. Most people think Abel is very apathetic, but he is just a quiet person and doesn't show his feeling to anyone. I wish people could see his warm and caring nature.
 A) angry and cruel C) arrogant and selfish
 B) kind and sensitive D) **indifferent and hard-hearted**
83. The doctor told us not to worry about my brother so much because his injuries were superficial and hardly presented any real threat.
 A) deep B) nasty C) **minor** D) phony
84. As a child, I gave my parents a hard time with my obstinate behavior. No matter what they did, they couldn't get me to anything I didn't want to do.
 A) timid C) obedient
 B) **stubborn** D) arrogant
85. Kidist is probably the most industrious student I have ever encountered. I am very impressed with her tireless effort and her love for work.
 A) modern C) busy
 B) wasteful D) **hard-working**

Part Five: Writing:

Paragraph Coherence

Directions: Below are given a set of sentences that would make up a coherent paragraph if arranged in the correct order. Choose the alternative that indicates the correct order of the given sentences.

86. A. One of the first means long distance electronic communication came in the form of telephones.
 B. Before the invention of electricity, long distance communication was impossible.
 C. But it wasn't after radio waves were discovered that true long distance communication was possible.
 D. But, even after electricity was discovered, it took a while before such communication became a reality.
 E. Now we can send and receive messages millions of kilometers away from the earth.
 A) **B D A C E** B) A B C D E C) A D B C E D) C B A D E
87. A. We will need to commit more effort and resources to such fights if we are to survive.
 B. Highly infectious diseases like AIDS and malaria have long been causes of death to millions of people.
 C. Communicable diseases are a threat to our existence.
 D. And much more recently new ones like SARS and the Bird flu are creeping up on us.
 E. Although we have had some success in controlling the spread of these diseases in the past, things seem to be advancing.
 A) A C B D E B) **C B D E A** C) E D C B A D) D B C A E

- 88.A. The world once believed that true economic development can happen only in free market economies.
 B. As a result, many countries opened up their economies and allowed their private companies to flourish.
 C. However, a few countries like China did the opposite and nationalized their economies.
 D. The success of these countries is now making many reconsider their old beliefs about economic growth.
 E. Despite this success though, there are still those who believe economic success doesn't bring political freedom.
- A) D C B A E
 B) D B A E C
 C) A B C D E
 D) A D C E B
- 89.A. Some say nothing is completely good or completely evil.
 B. I guess what we choose to do with things is what really matters.
 C. They say things should be treated like a sword that cuts both ways.
 D. We can use it to do a lot of good or a lot of harm.
 E. Technology is one such thing.
- A) B D E C A
 B) B A E C D
 C) A C E D B
 D) A D E C B
- 90.A. According to his family, Dickens was a difficult man to understand and let alone to live with.
 B. But my interest in him lies not in the realism of his characters but his life and behavior.
 C. He is known for his fully developed characters that feel like real humans in real life.
 D. This was because around the time he was writing a novel, he would act and behave like one of his characters.
 E. One of my favorite writers, Charles Dickens, was a very interesting personality.
- A) A B C D E
 B) C E B A D
 C) D E C B A
 D) E C B A D