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SECTION ONE: READING COMPREHENSION (1-10)

DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage carefully and choose the best alternative to answer questions 1-10 according to the information therein.

PASSAGE

1. Did you know that some people don't do their reading assignments? It's shocking, but it's true. Some students don't even read short texts that they are assigned in class. There are many reasons for **this**. They may be distracted or bored. They may be unwilling to focus. They may be unconfident readers. Whatever the reason, it has to stop today. Here's why?

2. Reading stimulates your mind. It is like a workout for your brain. When people get old, their muscles begin to deteriorate. They get weaker and their strength leaves them. Exercise can prevent this loss. The same thing happens to people's brains when they get older. Brain power and speed decline with age. Reading strengthens your brain and prevents these declines.

3. You can benefit from reading in the near-term too. Reading provides knowledge. Knowledge is power. Therefore, reading can make you a powerful person. You can learn to do new things by reading. Do you want to play video games? Do you want to design clothing? Reading can teach you all this and more. But you have to get good at reading, and the only way to get good at something is to practice.

4. Read everything that you can at school, regardless of whether you find it interesting. Reading expands your vocabulary. Even a "boring" text can teach you new words. Having a larger vocabulary will help you better express yourself. You will be able to speak, write, and think more intelligently. What's boring about that?

5. Do not just discount a text because it is unfamiliar to you. Each time you read, you are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading can change the way that you understand the world. It can give you a broader perspective on things. It can make you worldlier. You can learn how people live in faraway places. You can learn about cultures different from your own.

6. Reading is good for your state of mind. It has a calming effect. It can lower your stress levels and help you relax. You can escape from your troubles for a moment when you read, it's a positive escape. The benefits of reading far outweigh those of acting like a doofus. So do yourself a favor: the next time you get a reading assignment, take as much as you can from it. Squeeze it for every drop of knowledge that it contains. Then move onto the next one.

Source: *Anonymous*

1. Which one of the following best expresses the main idea of the ***second*** paragraph?

A. Reading is exciting.
B. Reading strengthens your mind.
C. Age affects the body in many ways.
D. Working out keeps your body in shape.

2. Why does the author think that you should read books that are boring?

A. You will eventually grow to love them if you read them enough.
B. You will get better grades in reading class.
C. You will make your teacher very happy.
D. You will learn new words.

3. Which one of the following best expresses the main idea of the ***third*** paragraph?

A. Reading can benefit you.
B. You can learn to program video games or design clothing by reading.
C. You can learn amazing things and become a better person by reading.
D. Knowledge is power.

4. Which one is not mentioned as a reason for students' failure to complete reading assignments?
A. Students may be bored.
B. Students may be distracted.
C. Students may be unwilling to focus.
D. Students may be tired.

5. Which of the following best expresses the author's main purpose in writing this text?
A. He is trying to persuade students to do their reading work.
B. He is teaching people how to become better readers.
C. He is explaining why people don't do their reading work.
D. He is entertaining readers with facts about the mind and body.

6. Which one of the following best describes the author's tone in the first three paragraphs?
A. surprised C. informative
B. sarcastic D. irate

7. Which one of the following is not the author's argument in the ***fifth*** paragraph?
A. Reading gives you a broader perspective on the world.
B. Reading changes the way that you understand the world.
C. Reading helps you prepare for your job in the real world.
D. Reading teaches you about distant lands and cultures.

8. Why does the author believe that reading is good for your mind state? Because it _____
A. has a distressing effect.
B. can strengthen your stress levels.
C. can help you relax.
D. has no help at all.

9. The appropriate title for the passage is: _____
A. Reading Assignments
B. Reading Benefits
C. Reading for Mind
D. Reading and Knowledge

10. "There are many reasons for **this**," (para.1, line 2) the word this refers to _____.
A. reasons
B. some students
C. students' failure to read
D. Reading

SECTION TWO: VOCABULARY (11-20)
A. COMPLETION (11-15)
DIRECTIONS: Questions 11-15 are incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words/phrases A-D, given below each question. Choose the one that best completes the dashes in each sentence.

11. After the operation, the doctor announced that the patient was in a _____ condition.
A. critics B. critical C. critically D. criticize

12. The fire was not accidental. It was started by a _____ act.
A. deliberate B. deliberately C. deliberative D. deliberation

13. Please, don't do that again. You are _____ her by asking about her private life.
A. embarrass B. embarrassed C. embarrassment D. embarrassing

14. I _____ visit ancient buildings and statutes than read articles about them.
A. prefer B. would rather C. would prefer D. like

15. Service providers must show _____ when they deal with aggressive people.
A. tolerate B. tolerated C. tolerance D. tolerating

B. SUBSTITUTION (16-20)
DIRECTIONS: Questions (16-20) each has an underlined word or phrase. There are four alternatives, A-D given after each sentence. Choose one word or phrase that best keeps the meaning of the given sentence if substituted for the underlined word or phrase.

16. Eden is the most **versatile** person: she paints, sings, does gymnastics, and solves tricky math problems.
A. multitalented B. multilingual C. out of control D. supportive

17. Helen gave up smoking while she was pregnant, but she **reverted** to a pack a day after she gave birth.
A. referred B. introduced C. returned D. unaccustomed

18. Geremew found the assignment very **tedious;** the questions were dull and repetitive.
A. easy B. boring C. difficult D. unnecessary

19. If you work hard in your business, you can reach and even **surpass** many of your highest goals.
A. avoid B. pass by C. go beyond D. look down on

20. The time was running us and the meeting was **adjourned** until further official notice.
A. continued B. postponed C. started D. concluded

SECTION THREE: GRAMMAR (21-43)
DIRECTIONS: Questions 21-43are incomplete sentences. There are four alternative words/phrases, A-D given below each question. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

21. The manager told that Lucy _____ obey the rules of the company if she wants to stay with us.
A) would B) could C) is to be D) should

22. You _____ stay up late tonight or you won't be able to get up early for work.
A) should not B) had better not C) need not D) ought not to

23. "I could not believe my eyes. He finished the whole cake himself." "But he _____ hungry. He had eaten a great meal before he left!"
A) may not have been B) should not have been C) could not have been D) might have been

24. Kareem _____ be a successful salesperson. The profit of the company has increased dramatically after his employment.
A) may B) could C) can D) must

25. Ali is in his room and reading his English book. He will take an important exam this afternoon. He _____ at the moment.
A. can be studying B. must be studying C. will be studying D. can be studying

26. Students _____ wear uniforms at the weekends.
A. must not B. don't have C. don't have to D. shouldn't

27. We all stayed indoors for several weeks _____ we could avoid the risk of being caught by the flu.
A. so that B. in order to C. so as to D. to

28. Which one of the following sentences has the correct order of adjectives?
A. We took a ride on a blue, old, Chinese bus.
B. We took a ride on a Chinese, old, blue bus.
C. We took a ride on an old, blue, Chinese bus.
D. We took a ride on a blue Chinese, old bus.

29. With the late 19th century an era has begun that is much _____ its predecessors.
A. as different as B. more differently than C. more different than D. different

30. The new produced electric pencil sharpener could consume an entire pencil in _____ a second.
A. more than B. less than C. further that D. so much as

31. It seems that this year's winter is_____ warmer than last year's.
A. rather B. more C. such D. so

32. His attitude towards the verdict was _____ everyone supposed he was guilty.
A. so much B. as C. such that D. like

33. Although no two language courses are organized in _____ the same way, nearly all of them use the same type of system, materials and curriculum.
A. especially B. roughly C. approximately D. exactly

34. The back wheel of a bicycle bears _____ weight _____ the front wheel.
A. as / as B. such / that C. more / than D. same / like

35. The writer accomplished so much _____his ability to inhabit the souls of his characters and bring them to life on the big screen.
A. because of B. despite C. in case of D. instead of

36. Sam and Rose are fighting all the time _____they're brother and sister.
A. otherwise B. in spite of C. despite D. although

37. On the job application, I was asked to list my level of education, _____ any relevant training I had undergone.
A. moreover B. as C. as well as D. except for

38. High heat causes rapid loss of water _____ sweating.
A. in spite of B. due to C. until D. since

39. We don't have to go shopping, _____ do we have to dine at home.
A. nor B. or else C. yet D. so

40. Astronomers suggest that there are two separate universes, one made out of matter, our own, and _____made out of antimatter.
A. others B. another C. other D. the other

41. Under torture a person will say_____ his captors want to hear.
A. something B. whichever C. anything D. nothing

42. The construction of the new stadium is suspended. The president hasn't decided what to do _____.
A. still B. yet C. already D. for

43. Sarah doesn't consume '*injera*' very often. She _____ uses bread as a common meal.
A. frequently B. seldom C. rarely D. successfully

SECTION FOUR: COMMUNICATIVE ACTIVITIES (44-50)
DIRECTIONS: Questions 44-50 are presented in the form of dialogue. The part said by one part of the speaker is given, and a blank space is left for the other. For each of the blank spaces, choose the one that is most appropriate to complete the dialogue.

44. Jill: Where is Jim?
Sophie: He _____ at home now. I phoned him just a minute ago and he was in.
A. ought to be B. can be C. must be D. could be

45. Hawi: How often do you visit your uncle?
Munit: _____
A. I was always with him.
B. Once a month.
C. I greeted him when I was free.
D. He works in a big restaurant.

46. You: I've been reading since 8 o'clock.
Your friend: _____
A. You are very tired.
B. You are not reading very much.
C. You weren't very busy.
D. You must be very tired.

47. Blen: When do you drink coffee?
Lemma: _____
A. I like coffee.
B. Only after lunch.
C. At least two cups a day.
D. I like strong coffee.

48. Son: _____
Father: I'm afraid I need it badly.
A. Could you please buy me a new dictionary?
B. Could you lend me your dictionary?
C. Would you borrow my dictionary, please?
D. How about giving you back your dictionary?

49. Mr. X: _____
Mr. Y: Let's take a bus. It's impossible to get a taxi during rush hour.
A. Which one is costly? A taxi or a bus?
B. Is a taxi more comfortable than a bus for shopping?
C. Should you take a taxi or a bus to the shopping?
D. Should we take a taxi or a bus to the shopping?

50. Hddis: _____

Maru: Quite often, about twice a month.

A. How long do you go for swimming?
B. How far do you go for swimming?
C. How often do you go for swimming?
D. Have you ever gone go for swimming?

Grade 12 English Answer sheet

Name _____Grade and Section _____

1.	**11.**	**21.**	**31.**	**41.**
2.	**12.**	**22.**	**32.**	**42.**
3.	**13.**	**23.**	**33.**	**43.**
4.	**14.**	**24.**	**34.**	**44.**
5.	**15.**	**25.**	**35.**	**45.**
6.	**16.**	**26.**	**36.**	**46.**
7.	**17.**	**27.**	**37.**	**47.**
8.	**18.**	**28.**	**38.**	**48.**
9.	**19.**	**29.**	**39.**	**49.**
10.	**20.**	**30.**	**40.**	**50.**