1. John has been living in London for almost twenty years, so we take it for _____ that he speaks very good English. (A) true  (B) granted  (C) sure  (D) permitted
2. I agree with you. Peter is _____ too young to handle such a heavy mission. (A) very  (B) so (C) much  (D) such
3. _____ had we got into the building when it began to rain cats and dogs. (A) No sooner  (B) Hardly  (C) No faster  (D) Scarcely
4. All companies welcome ______ employees because they do their jobs well without wasting time or energy. (A) reluctant  (B) sufficient  (C) greedy  (D) efficient
5. Bear in mind that a man's dignity _____ on what he has but on what he is. (A) is not depended  (B) not depends  (C) does not depend  (D) is depended not
6. To annoy me, my little brother _____ turned up the radio while I was studying. (A) deliberately  (B) considerately  (C) precisely  (D) thankfully
7. It is reported that many people in that area have died from drinking _____ water. (A) contaminated  (B) numerous  (C) visible  (D) recognized
8. The first national park of the United States, _____, was Yellowstone in the State of Wyoming. (A) founding in 1872  (B) finding in 1872  (C) founded in 1872  (D) found
9. Much to our surprise, Sonia married _____ after she graduated from college. (A) fast  (B) shortly  (C) early  (D) quickly
10. It is essential that everyone _____ a mask lest people should contract SARS. (A) wear  (B) wears  (C) must wear  (D) is wearing
11. I have been living alone in Taipei for a long time, but I _____ back to my hometown in Tainan every week to see my parents. (A) am going  (B) have gone  (C) will have gone  (D) go
12. Tommy is a bit spoiled, _____ is often the case with an only child. (A) it  (B) that  (C) this (D) as
13. Intelligence does not _____ mean success. You need diligence as well.  (A) necessarily  (B) formally  (C) similarly  (D) originally
14. The brave soldiers will not surrender to the enemy. They _____ die than live in disgrace. (A) might as well  (B) may well  (C) would rather  (D) will sooner
15. Father makes _____ to go hiking every morning, which is why he is in good shape even though he's almost 80. (A) a rule  (B) it a rule  (C) it is a rule  (D) it be a rule
16. Environmentalists _____ to the construction of another nuclear power plant in Taiwan. (A) object  (B) abuse  (C) subject  (D) offend
17. Thank you very much, David. But _____ your timely help, I couldn't have achieved the mission. (A) with (B) by  (C) for  (D) about
18. I felt like _____ when I smelt that rotten egg in the bowl. (A) to throw up  (B) throwing up  (C) to throw out  (D) throwing out
19. How can we measure what a student has accomplished if we can't teach him everything he's _____ to learn?  (A) supposed  (B) considered  (C) thought  (D) deemed
20. Only when a child is about six years old _____ the initial stages of language development. (A) he begins  (B) that he'll begin  (C) does he begin  (D) he'll begin
There are over 500 species of carnivorous plants that inhabit the earth. But the Venus flytrap is probably the most well-known. The Venus flytrap resides only in a small area in the United States, (21) the climate is warm and wet. The “trap” on the plant is actually two leaves that have small spikes that look like teeth. Inside the trap (22) a sweet liquid and (23) hairs. When an insect touches at least two hairs within 20 seconds, the trap will close. Depending on the insect's size, it may (24) several hours to weeks to digest the creature. There are very few Venus flytraps left in the wild; (25), they are protected by the government. Today, the best place to see one is a flower shop.

21. (A) how (B) where (C) when (D) which
22. (A) have (B) has (C) are (D) is
23. (A) plump (B) swift (C) robust (D) tiny
24. (A) take (B) cost (C) spend (D) get
25. (A) specifically (B) additionally (C) consequently (D) generally

People have always been obsessed with their appearance. But with the (26) of plastic surgery, we are now able to change almost any part of our bodies. However, this has (27) a need for perfection. Over the past 20 years, many women (28) breast implants. After a few years, some of the implants leaked, leading to numerous health problems. Furthermore, countless lawsuits have been filed around the world (29) doctors who have made mistakes during operations. (30) matters worse, a new television program in the US, called "Ultimate Makeover," is giving real people free plastic surgery. The results are incredible. But, while only a dozen people get a new look, the rest of the world is only wishing they, too, could be more beautiful.

26. (A) automation (B) introduction (C) reservation (D) seduction
27. (A) coincided with (B) gotten rid of (C) backed up (D) resulted in
28. (A) have received (B) had received (C) were received (D) receiving
29. (A) for (B) against (C) with (D) to
30. (A) Making (B) Make (C) To make (D) In making

Airplanes, heights and spiders are things that many people fear. However, if the thought of speaking in public makes you ill, then you are not (31). Surveys show that public speaking is the number one fear for most people. However, there are (32) things you can do to reduce your anxieties.

First, be well prepared and know your subject, making sure you're familiar with the topic you're going to talk about. Next, practice beforehand. Saying something out loud will help you remember what you have to say. Lastly, you can (33) a course in public speaking. Toastmasters is an international group which helps people (34) their fear of speaking in public. If all else fails, remember the (35) advice. Imagine that everyone in the audience is naked. This way, you will feel less embarrassed.

31. (A) lonely (B) lone (C) alone (D) lonesome
32. (A) a few (B) few (C) a little (D) little
33. (A) run (B) do (C) make (D) take
34. (A) entertain (B) overcome (C) encourage (D) disappear
35. (A) age-old (B) old-age (C) aged-old (D) old-aged

Comic book characters are the latest stars to hit the big screen. Comic books have been popular since the 1930's. But today, people are losing interest in the magazines. Characters such as Superman have been in print for over 70 years and there aren't many stories left to tell. But there is still money to be made in movies.
Since the 1950s, television programs and movies have been based on Superman, Batman, and others. Lately, we have seen a wave of these films and it is paying off. Spider-Man the Movie earned over US$150 million in just its first week of release. But why the new interest by movie companies?

First there is already an existing fan base. Since comics have been around for so long, fans are both young and old. Second, these films are always action movies with lots of fighting, explosions and special effects. Action films often do well at the theater. Third, the marketing afterwards brings in huge returns. Dolls, costumes and video games create a huge income. Marvel, one of the biggest comic book companies, created over 4,700 comic characters. So movie makers won't be running out of ideas for a while.

36. According to this passage, why are comic books losing popularity?
   (A) People are watching movies instead.  (B) Comic book writers can't think of any new stories. (C) Kids are playing video games.  (D) Action movies are very popular.

37. The words "big screen" in line 1 is closest in meaning to
   (A) the movie theater.  (B) the TV screen.  (C) lots of monitors.  (D) large comic books.

38. When something you do is paying off, it is (A) costly  (B) wasting money  C) successful.  (D) interesting

39. Why are movies based on comic book characters so popular?  (A) People can buy dolls.  (B) Superman is too old.  (C) People aren't reading comic books.  (D) Many people enjoy action movies.

40. The author thinks movie companies are making these movies (A) to make money.  (B) to increase interest in comic books.  (C) to attract attention.  (D) because they are easy to make.

Shirin Ebadi, an Iranian lawyer, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2003. Prior to winning the prize, Ebadi worked as a judge. However, she was forced to step down after the Islamic revolution in 1979. Since then, Ebadi has worked as a lawyer and has been imprisoned many times by Iranian officials for working on controversial cases. Besides being a lawyer, Ebadi also teaches at the University of Tehran. The Nobel Committee chose Ebadi for her activism in the areas of human rights and democracy. She is also dedicated to helping children and promoting women in politics in Iran.

41. According to the passage, why did Shirin Ebadi win the Nobel Peace Prize?  (A) She is a human rights activist and works for democracy.  (B) Ebadi won the award for being a good judge.  (C) She was the first Iranian female lawyer.  (D) She was involved in controversial cases.

42. Why did Shirin Ebadi have to stop working as a judge?  (A) She quit being a judge because she wanted to raise a family.  (B) The town in which she lived no longer needed a judge.  (C) There were not enough court cases for her to keep working.  (D) She was forced to stop working by the new Islamic government.

43. According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?  (A) Shirin Ebadi is an activist from Iran.  (B) The Nobel Committee did not award prizes in 2003.  (C) The Islamic revolution in Iran happened in 1979.  (D) Shirin Ebadi also works as a teacher at a university.

44. Which of the following would make a suitable title for this passage?  (A) How to Be a Lawyer in Iran  (B) The History of the Islamic Revolution  (C) A Guide to This Year's Nobel Prize Winners  (D) Iranian Activist Wins Nobel Peace Prize

It is often said that humans are one of the few animals that can misunderstand each other. One of the reasons for this is differences in the meaning of body language. Such differences include simple gestures like pointing and nodding. An American points to his head when he thinks someone is clever. However, in Europe, this means he or she is stupid. Sometimes using the wrong gesture may get us into trouble. In our culture, nodding our heads up and down means “yes” and shaking our heads from side to side means “no.” However, in parts of India, Greece and Turkey, the opposite is true. The meaning of gestures can also change over time. In the 1960s, the “V” sign
meant “peace.” However, during World War II in England, it meant “victory.” Obviously, body language can be very confusing when people from different cultures, or even different generations.

45. Human beings are different from animals in that ______. (A) human beings don’t use body language (B) human body language is culture specific (C) human beings use body language more often than animals (D) human body language is universal.

46. If you accept your Greek friend’s invitation, you should your ____ head. (A) point at (B) nod (C) pat (D) shake

Today, people call English "the international language. "In fact, it has always been an international language. English has always borrowed from other languages. It is full of words from around the world, from France to China. English comes from Anglo-Saxon, or Old English. However, as many as half the words in the average English dictionary come from other languages. Most of these words are from French, Latin and Greek, but others come from many different languages.

47. How many words in the average English dictionary come from other languages? (A) All the words (B) None (C) Half the words. (D) One thousand words

48. What does the story say about English? (A) People all over the world speak it. (B) People speak it in China. (C) It is made up of many foreign words. (D) All English words are from foreign countries

49. What is a "dictionary?" (A) A foreign language. (B) An Anglo-Saxon /Old English word. (C) A book full of pictures only and no words. (D) A book full of words and what they mean.

50. Which language is the story mainly talking about? (A) English. (B) French. (C) Latin. (D) Greek.
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