

1. [0,9 ball] Fill in the gaps with correct answer.

Hardly ____ the film begun when the lights ____.

- A) has/ gone off
- B) had/went off
- C) had been / was going off
- D) did / went off

2. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct answer.

A new vaccine ____ by researchers long before it ____ available to the public.

- A) was developed/made
- B) is developed/will be made
- C) had been developed/was made
- D) has been developed/made

3. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct answer.

The new policy was widely criticized, ____ it aimed to mitigate pollution in the city.

- A) because B) although C) unless D) owing to

4. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct answer.

It was not until 2015 ____ the company started using renewable energy.

- A) which B) when C) as D) that

5. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct answer.

If the film ____ earlier, more people ____ to watch it.

- A) is released / will come
- B) had been released / would have come
- C) was released / will be come
- D) has released / came

6. [0,9 ball] Which option means the absence of immediate obligation to complete the task?

- A) You had better finish the work right away.
- B) You mustn't complete the work at once.
- C) You need to complete the work today.
- D) You don't have to complete the work straight away.

7. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct answer.

It's essential that students ____ the instructions carefully.

- A) to read B) read C) are reading D) have read

8. [0,9 ball] Choose the word that fits best.

This task turned out to be ____ more demanding than I had expected.

- A) slightly B) absolutely C) entirely D) totally

9. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct sentence.

- A) The actors' performance impressed the critics
- B) The singers voice was stronger than before.

C) The audiences's reaction was louder than expected.

D) My brother-in-laws' friend is a famous guitarist.

10. [0,9 ball] Choose the correct indirect question.

- A) Can you explain where is located the train station?
- B) Have you heard when does the meeting start?
- C) Can you explain why people block each other online?
- D) Do you know what did the actor refused to do?

11. [1,5 ball] Choose the word that fits best.

He applied for the job, but they decided to ____ his application.

- A) get over B) turn down C) cut off D) carry out

12. [1,5 ball] Which option shows the best correct collocation match?

- A) strong rain B) heavy criticism
- C) big attention D) delicate scream

13. [1,5 ball] Which word is opposite in meaning to the underlined word?

Research evidence in this area is scarce.

- A) abundant B) erratic
- C) insufficient D) confined

14. [1,5 ball] Which word does NOT describe a building?

- A) spectacular B) traditional
- C) imposing D) delectable

15. [1,5 ball] Which word is closest in meaning to the underlined word?

She conducted a meticulous investigation.

- A) thorough B) brief
- C) vague D) ambiguous

16. [1,5 ball] Choose the correct answer.

She felt deep ____ when she heard the sad news.

- A) sympathetic B) symbol
- C) simplify D) sympathy

17. [1,5 ball] Choose the correct answer.

The workers were strongly ____ about the risks of the new project.

- A) avoided B) prevented C) warned D) banned

18. [1,5 ball] Find the definition of the underlined word.

She is admired for being modest despite her great success.

- A) not talking much about your achievements

- B) always feeling jealous of other people
- C) being very confident and proud of yourself
- D) being careless about important things

19. [1,5 ball] Choose the correct answer.

A refugee is:

- A) someone who works in another country for money
- B) someone who travels for pleasure and sightseeing
- C) someone who studies in a foreign country
- D) someone who has left their country because of danger

20. [1,5 ball] Which word has a negative meaning?

- A) stingy
- B) prudent
- C) economical
- D) considerate

Read the text and answer questions 21-22.

The school media association is preparing to launch a new Instagram account next week. The platform will feature student artwork, school announcements, and photographic records of major events. Posts will be published three times per week, and students are invited to forward their work to the club's official email address. The most outstanding contributions will be selected and uploaded together with the student's name. Teachers remind everyone to use only constructive and respectful comments.

21. [2,6 ball] What is the purpose of this notice?

- A) To explain why students should delete their old accounts
- B) To warn students not to use social media at school
- C) To invite teachers to join the school's art competition
- D) To give instructions about the school's new Instagram page

22. [2,6 ball] How can students get their work published on the page?

- A) Through submission to the club's official email
- B) By posting it on their personal social media accounts
- C) By giving email copies directly on paper to the principal
- D) By asking teachers to upload it through their email address

23. [2,6 ball] You hear a guide say: "This building is due to be restored next year." What does it mean?

- A) The building will be destroyed and removed next year.
- B) The building is expected to be repaired next year.
- C) The building is too modern to need any repairs next year.
- D) The building has already been restored last year.

24. [2,6 ball] You see this notice in a train leaflet:

"All tickets must be rendered for inspection upon official request."

What is the main message?

- A) Passengers must keep their tickets with them until the train ride has completely ended.
- B) Passengers must always purchase their tickets only from official railway offices.
- C) Passengers should show and return tickets after the journey.
- D) Passengers must be ready to show tickets if staff ask.

Read the text and answer questions 25-27.

Noise-cancelling headphones have become increasingly prevalent over the last decade. In 2023, global sales exceeded 330 million units, with young people and office employees representing the primary demographic groups. These devices are designed to block outside sounds, such as traffic, engines, or noisy offices, by generating "anti-noise" frequencies. For many people, this helps them concentrate better and reduces stress. However, some audiologists are now raising concerns. Research indicates that habitual users may develop an excessive reliance on this technology. If you wear noise-cancelling headphones all the time, your brain does not practice listening in natural environments. One experiment in London found that participants who used headphones daily for over 4 hours had 15% slower reaction times when crossing busy streets compared to those who rarely used them. Another worry is volume. Because the outside world becomes so quiet, many users turn music up higher than recommended. The World Health Organization (WHO) warns that listening above 85 decibels for long periods can cause hearing damage. Experts suggest moderation. Noise-cancelling headphones are safe and useful when traveling or working, but people should also

spend time listening naturally, training their ears to focus without constant technology support.

25. [2,6 ball] Why are noise-cancelling headphones so widely used today?

- A) They were designed by doctors mainly to help patients.
- B) They cost less money than standard headphones in shops.
- C) They reduce loud distractions and help people focus.
- D) They can completely replace music players in daily life.

26. [2,6 ball] What can we infer about using headphones for many hours daily?

- A) It entirely safeguards hearing from every possible form of impairment.
- B) It consistently makes individuals perceive sounds faster in busy street traffic.
- C) It might affect natural hearing and lower reaction speed.
- D) It blocks every form of noise that occurs in urban environments.

27. [2,6 ball] What advice do experts usually give about safe headphone use?

- A) Wear them all day long so that the brain can always rest.
- B) Put them on at particular intervals but also train hearing in open environments.
- C) Avoid them on journeys because planes are often too noisy.
- D) Replace them annually since this prevents subsequent auditory damage.

Read the text and answer questions 28-30.

Hospitals are frequently hectic and high-pressure environments, yet in recent years the UK's National Health Service (NHS) has started developing "recovery gardens" to support both staff and patients. These purposefully designed outdoor areas aim to mitigate stress, encourage healing, and cultivate a sense of calm. Research in environmental psychology shows that spending just 20 minutes in a natural setting can lower cortisol levels and reduce blood pressure by up to 30%. By 2024, more than 100 NHS sites had built or planned such gardens. Typical features include flower beds, shaded seating areas, vegetable patches, and small fountains. At Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, patients

recovering from surgery take part in light gardening activities, which studies suggest can shorten recovery time by two to three days compared with those who remain indoors. The benefits also extend to staff. A 2023 survey found that seven out of ten NHS workers reported feeling calmer after spending breaks in outdoor spaces. For doctors and nurses working 12-hour shifts, the chance to step into a quiet garden provides essential relief from pressure. These gardens also support biodiversity, attracting birds, butterflies, and bees. In the long term, the NHS hopes to make recovery gardens a common feature in hospitals nationwide.

28. [2,6 ball] Why are recovery gardens being introduced in NHS hospitals?

- A) They are mainly designed to decorate hospital entrances with plants.
- B) They replace open-air treatment with medical wards for patients.
- C) They give restful places that ease pressure and help patients heal.
- D) They reduce the number of staff needed to work in hospital clinics.

29. [2,6 ball] Why are recovery gardens especially important for NHS staff?

- A) They give employees more money for every hour spent outside.
- B) They guarantee that doctors and nurses finish their work earlier.
- C) They provide short rests during tiring and extended work hours.
- D) They allow staff to avoid busy hospital corridors during work.

30. [2,6 ball] What is another long-term benefit of creating recovery gardens?

- A) They protect natural habitats by welcoming various species.
- B) They remove the need for hospitals to use expensive medicines.
- C) They stop patients from needing any further medical treatment.
- D) They replace the function of laboratories in large hospitals.