**GRAMMAR**

**A. Choose the best alternative to complete the texts below.**

**I.**

### MY BEST FRIEND

About six years ago I (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to an old friend’s wedding. We (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really good friends at school but I hadn’t seen her (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a few years. So, I was a bit surprised (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I got an invitation. When I realised I knew (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ else at the wedding I thought it was going to be a long day....But then I met Kate. And, well, I guess she is my (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ friend now.

The first thing I noticed about Kate was her shoes. To be honest, it was difficult to miss (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! They were bright red and they were the only thing I (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ see. She was under a table and she (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for her contact lens! (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I was walking by, I said, “Nice shoes!” and I heard her say, “Thanks!” After (11)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out from under the table, she looked at me and we laughed! We had exactly the same dress on! We have very similar taste in clothes in fact. (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of us like dull colours, we both like bright colours. But we (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ completely different. She is tanned and looks Spanish or Italian. I am typically English! We are both in our mid-twenties but my hair is short and blonde and (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is long and dark. I am not very tall but she is taller than most men I know.

Our personalities are very different, too. She is much more confident than I am. Besides, she is quite good (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ communicating with people. But she can be disorganized at times. I can’t remember the number of times we (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the start of a film, play, concert because Kate was late! (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she’s funny, warm and the most considerate and unselfish person I know. She is always ready with a cup of tea and (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good advice when I have a problem. I’ve learned so much from Kate. And I was so lucky to meet her. I’m sure we (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be friends for life. And all of these are because of those lovely red shoes and her great taste in clothes!

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| 1.a) was being invited | b) invited | c) was invited | d) was inviting |
| 2.a) have been | b) had been | c) are | d) were being |
| 3.a) for | b) as | c) since | d) until |
| 4.a) while | b) if | c) for | d) when |
| 5.a) nobody | b) anybody | c) somebody | d) everybody |
| 6.a) better | b) well | c) best  | d) the best |
| 7.a) their | b) them | c) they | d) theirs |
| 8.a) can | b) had to | c) must | d) could |
| 9.a) look | b) looked | c) was looking | d) has been looking |
| 10.a) By the time | b) As | c) Since | d) After |
| 11.a) coming | b) she coming | c) she has come | d) have come |
| 12.a) None | b) Neither | c) All | d) Both |
| 13.a) are looking | b) were looking | c) looked | d) look |
| 14.a) her | b) herself | c) hers | d) she |
| 15.a) at | b) to | c) with | d) in |
| 16.a) missed | b) miss | c) have missed | d) would miss |
| 17.a) Although | b) Despite | c) What’s more | d) However |
| 18.a) a few | b) some | c) much | d) many |
| 19.a) are | b) will | c) would | d) may |

II.

 GREETINGS FROM SCOTLAND

Hi, everyone,

We’ve finally moved! The house is absolutely gorgeous- (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than I remember it. And the cat’s fascinated by the garden – she was born in our old flat and she (2)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ further than the balcony until now! It has been a busy time for us. Before we moved in, we (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, we still have some more work to do. For instance, we need (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen floor tiles . By the end of the month, we will have laid ceramic floor tiles in (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kitchen. We’ll have to do it (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because we’ve run out of money.

Anyway, we’re so thankful for all your cards and presents. I (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all the cards again this morning and they made me (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! (Can anyone tell me (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? I want to thank her (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she sent some wonderful flowers to our new address.)

We are so sorry that we didn’t come to Jackie and Billy’s party (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday afternoon. You must (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a great time there. What happened was that we were expected (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ packing in the afternoon. But we quickly realised the lorry wasn’t (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to carry all our furniture. So, in the end we hired another van and Mike (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Edinburgh in the evening.

Talking of parties, we’re going to have a house-warming party on 3rd February. (16)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you all like to come? I know it’ll be a long time after we’ve moved in but we might have a chance to decorate first. We’d rather get organised before you come! I’m telling you about this more than 3 months in advance so that you cannot make any excuses ☺ Please do not forget (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ train or plane tickets soon if you’re going to come.

Anyway, more news soon. Hope you all have a lovely break (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you’re on holiday!

Much love,

Alex (and Lucien)

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| 1.a) good | b) best | c) well | d) better |
| 2.a) had never been | b) never has been | c) has never been | d) never had been |
| 3.a) the house had painted | b) had had the house painted | c) have had the house painted | d) the house have had painted |
| 4.a) changing | b) to be changing | c) to change | d) change |
| 5.a) -- | b) some | c) a | d) the |
| 6.a) us | b) our | c) ours | d) ourselves |
| 7.a) have read | b) had read | c) have been reading | d) am reading |
| 8.a) crying | b) cry | c) to cry | d) to crying |
| 9.a) what is Pat’s mail address | b) what Pat’s mail address is | c) what address is Pat’s mail | d) Pat’s mail address is what |
| 10.a) despite | b) however | c) so | d) because |
| 11.a) during | b) at | c) on | d) in |
| 12.a) have had | b) have | c) had | d) had had |
| 13.a) finishing | b) to finish | c) finish | d) finished |
| 14.a) too big | b) enough big | c) as big | d) big enough |
| 15.a) could have driven | b) must drive | c) had to drive | d) must have driven |
| 16.a) Do | b) Would | c) Will | d) Should |
| 17.a) book | b) booking | c) to book | d) booked |
| 18.a) before | b) until | c) after | d) while |

**III.**

Dear Mark,

I’m sorry I haven’t written to you for a long time because I (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for my exams recently.

Unfortunately, my stay in England is coming to an end**.** I can hardly believe that I (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Bristol for three months. The time has gone so quickly! Yesterday I took my final exams. As soon as I (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the results, I’ll let you know.

I’d really like (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a holiday when the course finishes, but I have to go back to Italy. I wish I (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more time. Unfortunately I won’t have time to see much of Britain – I even haven’t been to London (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

I really like England. My friend, Pablo, loves it here, too. He even said he (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happy to live here for the rest of his life. But for me the problem is weather. I’d prefer to live (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ warmer and drier. Recently it has been terrible – raining every day.

I missed my family a lot. I haven’t heard from them for a while. My brother (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so now he is looking for a new job. It (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very worrying for him and his wife. I think he should have accepted the job that was offered to him last month but he refused it as he didn’t want (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to another town.

I (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lots of jobs so far. Yesterday I applied for one. It will be great if I (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, but I haven’t got a very good chance. They want someone with fluent English and French, and my French isn’t good any more.

Anyway, I must stop (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now – it’s nearly midnight and I’ve got an early start tomorrow. See you next week. I (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you a ring when I arrive home.

Hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,

Alberto.

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| 1. a) studied | b) was studying | c) have been studying | d) am going to study |
| 2. a) had been | b) have gone | c) had gone | d) have been |
| 3. a) get | b) will get | c) am getting | d) got |
| 4. a) having | b) to have | c) have | d) to having |
| 5. a) have had | b) had had | c) had | d) were having |
| 6. a) still | b) just | c) already | d) yet |
| 7. a) would be | b) will be | c) is | d) was |
| 8. a) anywhere | b) nowhere | c) somewhere | d) everywhere |
| 9. a) is being sacked | b) has sacked | c) is sacked | d) has been sacked |
| 10. a) can’t be | b) must be | c) might be | d) could be |
| 11. a) to move | b) moving | c) to moving | d) move |
| 12. a) applied | b) will apply | c) have applied | d) am applying |
| 13. a) will get | b) got | c) would get | d) get |
| 14. a) write | b) to write | c) writing | d) to writing |
| 15. a) give | b) will give | c) gave | d) am giving |

## IV.

€ 200M Art Stolen

Paintings by Monet, Rembrandt, and Degas (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Boston Museum yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon two thieves wearing police uniforms arrived at the museum and asked the guard (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them Monet’s paintings. They said; “We (3)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a telephone call this morning telling us the paintings are in danger.” The guard immediately let them (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the paintings. The thieves turned off the alarm system and tied the guard’s arms and legs. They worked very quickly and carefully and after they (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the best paintings, they left (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ museum very quietly and calmly through the front door.

The director of the museum, Karen Haas said; “The thieves (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our best pictures. I (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here for 12 years and I can’t believe that this has happened. How did they manage (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them so easily? They might (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sell them to an art collector in Europe (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this will be difficult because the paintings are so well known. We have decided to employ more guards and we have had a new alarm system (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I’m sure the police (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the thieves and (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paintings, but they think it will take a long time.”

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| 1. a) were stolen | b) have been stolen | c) are stolen | d) will be stolen |
| 2. a) show | b) showing | c) to show | d) to showing |
| 3. a) had received | b) receive | c) have received | d) will receive |
| 4. a) to see | b) see | c) seeing | d) saw |
| 5. a) have collected | b) are collecting | c) were collecting | d) had collected |
| 6. a) -- | b) there | c) the | d) a |
| 7. a) had stolen | b) have stolen | c) will have stolen | d) were stolen |
| 8. a) have been working | b) worked | c) will be working | d) had worked |
| 9. a) taking | b) take | b) to taking | d) to take |
| 10. a) to try | b) trying | c) try | d) have tried |
| 11. a) despite | b) what’s more | c) so | d) but |
| 12. a) installing | b) installed | c) have installed | d) install |
| 13. a) are finding | b) find | c) will be finding | d) will find |
| 14. a) us | b) we | c) our | d) ourselves |

**B. Choose the best alternative to complete the sentences below.**

## 1. A: It’s terribly late. What \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if you miss the train?

##  B: I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a taxi. It isn’t too expensive.

## a) would you do / take c) will you do / will take

## b) had you done / would take d) do you do / took

## 2. Do you think the printer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we attach it to the new computer?

## a) will work b) works c) is working d) worked

## 3. Three people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to hospital last night after a fire in a house. Immediately after this, the police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a young man.

## a) have taken / were arrested c) have been taken / has arrested

## b) took / have arrested d) were taken / arrested

## 4. Why didn’t you tell me about the problem yesterday? If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me immediately, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ something about it. Now it’s too late.

## a) tell / will do c) had told / could have done

## b) told / would do d) tell / might do

## 5. When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my father last week, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to him for five years.

## a) had telephoned / spoke c) was telephoning / didn’t speak

## b) has telephoned / have spoken d) telephoned / hadn’t spoken

## 6. I remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a man go into the bank, but I’m not sure what happened after that.

## a) to see b) seeing c) to seeing d) see

7. Sheila is clever, ambitious and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ she really wants the job.

a) however b) although c) what’s more d) on the other hand

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we have different opinions about everything, we never argue.

a) Despite b) Because c) Although d) But

9. The working hours are quite flexible – you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do a minimum of 30 hours per week, but you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ start until 10 am if you don’t want to.

a) can / must b) have to / mustn’t c) mustn’t / shouldn’t d) must / don’t have to

10. I’m looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my parents because I haven’t seen them for three months.

a) see b) saw c) seen d) seeing

11. The girl over there \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a yellow t-shirt is this year’s swimming champion.

a) who worn b) who wears c) who is wearing d) who had worn

12. A: Who discovered America?

 B: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) America was discovered by him

b) It was discovered by Columbus

c) It has been discovered by Columbus

d) It was America discovered by Columbus

13. Susan has so much work to do and she doesn’t have enough time, so she’ll have her clothes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) wash / iron b) washed / ironed c) to wash / to iron d) to be washed/ironed

14. Most children dream about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Disneyland one day.

a) to going b) to go c) going d) gone

15. After Tim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his suitcase, he remembered that he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to put in his shaving machine.

a) was packed / forgot c) had packed / had forgotten

b) packed / has forgotten d) have packed / had been forgotten

16. I told my children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the road when the lights were red.

a) crossing b) cross c) not to cross d) not to have crossed

17. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wear jeans or trainers at a job interview. It wouldn’t be right.

a) don’t have to b) might not c) mustn’t d) won’t

18. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ here now. I miss you a lot.

a) were b) are c) had been d) will be

19. The children saw the actual spacecraft \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ landed on the moon.

a) which b) whom c) whose d)who

20. Susan has a sore throat. She’d better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at home today.

a) staying b) to stay c) stay d) stayed

21.Everybody in the office attends the meeting every Friday, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

a) will they b) they don’t c) do they d) don’t they

22. The little girl hurt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while she was trying to reach the saucepan on the cooker.

a) her b) hers c) herself d) itself

23. Mr Watson is quite healthy and fit for his age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he goes jogging for an hour every day.

a) despite b) because c) so d) but

24. Life is very difficult for Andy because he earns very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money. Besides this, he has a family to look after.

a) a few b) few c) a little d) little

25. I’ve been having some problems with my hearing. I think I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) must test my ears c) must have tested my ears

b) must have my ears tested d) must have test my ears

26. The students \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ essays were due next Friday were all working in the library.

a) whose b) that c) who d) which

27. A: What did Joan tell you?

 B: She told me what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the party the previous night.

a) they did b) had she done c) she had done d) did they do

28. When the old woman heard some strange noise, she thought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was trying to enter the front yard, but she saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when she looked out of the window.

a) nobody/somebody c) somebody/nobody

b) anybody/somebody d) anybody/everybody

29. Do you happen to know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ train from Bostancı to Kadıköy and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

a) if there was / when did it leave c) whether there is a / when it leaves

b) is there a / if it leaves d) if is there a / whether it left

30. We won’t buy any extra petrol \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we run out of petrol in the middle of our way to İzmir.

a) unless b) as long as c) if only d) provided that

31. You must work really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to become a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ graphic designer.

a) harder/successfully c) too hard/successful

b) hard/successfully d) hard/successful

32. Since the release of their first album, the Rolling Stones \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ countless records of album sales.

a) are broken b) broke c) have broken d) will have broken

33. He said that he would change his job as soon as possible, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

a) did he b) would he c) wouldn’t he d) didn’t he

34. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sahara is the world’s largest hot desert, located in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ northern Africa.

a) - / - b) The / - c) The / the d) - / the

35. When Alice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me last night, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my favourite soap opera on TV.

a) was calling/was watching c) called/was watching

b) had called/watched d) has called/watched

36. I will call my parents as soon as the plane \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) landed b) will land c) is going to land d) lands

**C. Find the mistake in the following sentences.**

1. There was a very excited basketball game on TV last night, but I was a bit disappointed

 A B C

 when my team lost.

 D

2. Lots of people think that football is the most exciting sport in the world, but I believe a

 A B

 game of chess is more exciting than the football match.

 C D

3. These flowers must have been watered twice a week but I always forget to do it.

 A B C D

4. Jenny denied that she had stolen Sting’s latest album from the music shop. However, we

 A B

 all know that she’s keen on to listen to Sting and that she didn’t have enough money to buy it.

 C D

5. A: Your hair needs cutting, doesn’t it?

 A B

 B: Yes, I am having it cutting this weekend.

 C D

6. I am laughing because Joe has just said me the funniest joke I have ever heard.

 A B C D

7. You seem to be so comfortable because you have finished writing your project, but I am

 A B C

 still working on my.

 D

8. There was a minute’s silence in the stadium to remember the team’s ex-captain who

 A B C

 has died a few weeks ago.

 D

9. Tom is very busy today. He will have attended three meetings by the time he left the

 A B C D

 office.

10. Since I came to this country, I am learning a lot about the way of life here.

 A B C D

11. This bike was in our family for 14 years. My father used it for the first five years, then my

 A B

 brother rode it and I have had it since then.

#  C D

12. I don’t believe in fortune tellers. In my opinion, it isn’t possible for nobody to tell us what

 A B C

 will happen in the future.

 D

13. The man who had been under arrest for the last two weeks has been sentenced for life in

 A B C D

 prison.

14. A: You remembered to leave Saturday afternoon free for me, didn’t you?

 A B

 B: No, because you told me that you are free on Sunday.

 C D

15. I had to pay the bills with the credit card which is belonging to my father because I didn’t

 A B C D

 have enough money on me.

# READING SECTION

# A. Sentence Completion

**Choose the best alternative to complete the sentences below.**

1. You’ll not have to pay a fine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. if you bring the books to the library tomorrow
3. when you drive over the speed limit
4. unless you have your driving licence with you
5. because the library opens at 10 o’clock on Saturdays
6. It is known that cars make people move around easily. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) What is more, their fumes pollute the air.

b) As a result, more people prefer public transportation.

c) On the other hand, many people are buying a new car every day.

d) However, they cause air pollution.

1. Remember to take some extra food with you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. so the children may get hungry
3. as it was too late to find an open market
4. because you may have to stay there longer than expected
5. because of the long and tiring journey
6. When the hooligans in the stadium became uncontrollable, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) the police left the stadium.

b) the referee decided to put off the match.

c) the spectators enjoyed the match.

1. the stadium was very crowded.
2. Despite his kind and friendly behaviour \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. he is the least liked member of the family
4. he never lies to anybody on any subject
5. his family is the biggest in this town
6. everybody admires him
7. If James had saved enough money last year, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. he still can’t pay the bill
9. he would have gone to Europe for his holiday this year
10. he had been staying in a big hotel
11. he might be able to buy a car then
12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the factory has been working at its lowest capacity.
13. In order to meet the increasing orders
14. In spite of insufficient material
15. Because of the increase in production
16. Since there’s a shortage of material

8.After he had learned my side of the story from Moly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) I don’t even want to listen to his apologies

b) it will be better to forget all about it

c) he phoned me to apologise for his behaviour

d) his apologies are worthless

## 9. Although women today have more rights than before, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## a) women’s rights shouldn’t be such a big issue

## b) women have a lot of power as wives and mothers

## c) women used to get less money for winning sports competition

## d) it will take a long time until women feel they are equal with men

## 10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before he went to England.

## a) My brother speaks English

## b) Simon has learned English

## c) George already knew some English

## d) One of the boys has had some English friends

# B. Paragraph Completion

Choose the best alternative to complete the paragraphs below.

1. People fond of vitamins fail to realize that vitamins can have dangerous side effects. Too much vitamin C, for example, can lead to the formation of kidney stones. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. So many people believe that if one vitamin is good, two are better
3. Some people believe that vitamins, especially in large doses, would help to cure illness
4. To heal wounds or cure acne, they may take vitamin E or A, sometimes both
5. Similarly, large doses of vitamin E can reduce the blood’s clotting ability

2. Today no one would deny the genius of Albert Einstein, but during his boyhood he showed little or no brilliance that marked his adult life. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Few guessed that, already at the age of 12, the boy was beginning to think about the mysteries of the universe.

1. In 1912, Albert Einstein received the Nobel Prize
2. Most were convinced that he was a dull boy who would never be successful in life
3. When Nazis came to power, Einstein was forced to leave the country
4. He felt responsible for causing the death of thousands of people

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . As a student he showed no special talent for design. He finally graduated but was out of work for nearly a year. Then he found a job with Bowles, a little known firm. Now, after only five years he is one of the most successful designers in the textile world.

1. Mark is the only member of the Shaw family who is working in textiles
2. Mark, like other members of the Shaw family, loves to travel
3. Mark Shaw’s career isn’t interesting to attract people’s attention
4. Mark Shaw has had a surprising career development.

4. Different people spend their weekends in different ways. Some enjoy going to the mountains to ski or just relax. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Some others, on the other hand, like to relax by staying home and reading a book.

1. Spending a weekend at a seaside resort can be very expensive
2. Others prefer going to the beach to enjoy the seashore activities and to get a suntan
3. Some people work very hard; others have relaxing jobs
4. Water skiing is much more difficult than snow skiing

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Perhaps the favourite spot in a zoo is the elephant cage. There the elephants entertain the children by spraying themselves with their trunks and doing tricks. The children are especially delighted when an elephant takes peanuts from them with his trunk.

1. Zoos are popular with all children
2. Zoos are like schools for children
3. One can find animals from all over the world in a zoo
4. A zoo does a lot in providing wild animals a safe place

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . A number of different forms of transportation have been used to get across. These included ferry boats, hydrofil boats, hovercraft and airplanes. Now the channel tunnel is very popular. Possibilities for the future include airships.

1. The English channel has always been an object of interest because of its location
2. There are many swimmers who have attempted to swim across the English channel
3. Over 15 million people cross the English channel every year
4. The easiest way to cross the English channel is by plane

7. Napoleon was a very famous general. He also did a great deal to bring law and order back to his country. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. People remember how his army in his leadership lost the battle in Russia and how he died on the island of St. Helena.

a) The people of France considered him as a popular leader

b) Napoleon’s rise to fame was very fast

c) However, he is also known for his failures

d) He kept his title of emperor until his death

8. Louis Braille, a Frenchman, became blind at the age of three. He was cutting leather in his father’s leather shop when the knife slipped and cut his face. As he grew up, he became a musician and at the age of ten he entered a special school for blind children. This was the place where Louis developed a special writing. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a) It’s now called the Braille alphabet and widely used by the blind

b) This is the system that we use for taking notes

c) The deaf and the blind can use this system

d) It’s the alphabet the blind use only at school

9. Scientists have discovered a new planet, Hero. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as it has water, light, oxygen and temperature and air are similar to those on Earth.

a. The journey to Hero will last about ten weeks

b. These people will have to stay there for the rest of their lives

c. They haven’t seen any alien life there

d. They are very confident that human beings will be able to live there

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But whatever the key is for you, try to make it happen! If you are not happy, ask yourself why. Perhaps you can change things.

a) The key to happiness may be a positive relationship or a full busy life

b) Different things make different people happy

c) It is important to change your situation if you’re unhappy

d) It’s always good to be busy

C. Read the following text and answer the questions accordingly.

**MEDITERRANEAN MIRACLE**



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| 51015202530 | Although she doesn’t know it yet, three-month-old Cecilia has a good chance of living at least 100 years. This is not because her parents have discovered the secret to a long life – they just have the good fortune of being born in Campodimele, a small village of 850 people in Italy. The mayor of the village claims that few people die before the age of 85, and many live longer. His grandfather lived to 95, his grandmother to 97 and his aunt to 100. More than 90 people in the village are aged between 75 and 99 – such an incredible number that the World Health Organisation sent scientists to the village to investigate. They discovered that the old people’s cholesterol levels were lower than in newborn babies.The oldest villager, at 99, thinks that hard work as well as taking regular exercise can help you live longer. A favourite activity among the older people is going to see the village chickens. A long street and steep paths lead from the village to dozens of stone chicken houses. Getting there can mean a good hour’s walk and sometimes they do this twice a day. People also think that the villagers’ easy-going nature and sense of emotional balance also helps. Nobody suffers from depression and old people don’t get lonely because they live with their families. Life is **unhurried**, stress is unknown and traffic has been banned from the centre of the village.During the study of the elderly in Campodimele, the researchers found that their blood pressure moved up and down less than that of the majority of Italians. **Stable** blood pressure helps people live for a long time. But the study also looked at the children and grandchildren of the elderly and discovered that they also had much lower blood pressure than the average. Another study carried out with a group of villagers who went to live in Canada in the 1960s **confirm**ed this fact. Their blood pressure was also low and this led the scientists to believe that the secret of why they live so long could be in the Campodimelans’ genes. But this is not the whole answer.In Campodimele, old people walk for at least two hours daily, eat at the same time each day, get up at dawn and go to bed at sunset. Baby Cecilia’s 93-year-old great grandmother thinks that eating lots of spring onions is the key to long life. She eats them raw, dressed with oil, vinegar and red pepper. Her grandson was so impressed with her recipes that he has opened a restaurant. The menu is very Mediterranean. There are lots of fresh vegetables, beans, wild mushrooms, almost no butter and very little salt. The local specialty is a dish of peas which is often served with homemade pasta, followed by snails, seasoned with pepper, mint and herbs: the perfect meal to celebrate your hundredth birthday!! |

1. The writer thinks that Cecilia is a lucky baby because

a) there are lots of old people in Campodimele.

b) her parents have discovered a secret.

c) she will probably live for a long time.

d) she is unfortunate to have been born in Campodimele.

2. The World Health Organisation decided to make an investigation because

a) most Italians live so long.

b) old people worldwide had low cholesterol levels.

c) most people in Campodimele were young.

d) there was a surprising number of old people in Campodimele.

3. What do the elderly of Campodimele do as a pastime?

a) go and watch chickens

b) sit and talk

c) prepare large meals

d) work very hard

4. Which of the following is NOT a reason why the Campodimelans live long?

a) emotional balance

b) lack of stress

c) living alone

d) regular exercise

5. What is a common feature of all Campodimelans?

a) an anxious personality

b) low blood pressure

c) meat-based diets

d) living in Campodimele all their lives

6. Which other group did the study investigate?

a) the Italian population

b) the Campodimelans’ children and grandchildren

c) Canadians in Italy

d) Mediterranean people

7. What does Cecilia’s grandmother think the secret to living for a long time is?

a) walking for two hours a day

b) always eating at the same time

c) getting up and going to bed at the same time

d) eating raw sppring onions

8. their (line 23) refers to

a) scientists b) Campodimelans’

c) children and grandchildren’s d) Campodimelans’ living in Canada

9. unhurried (line 16) means

a) busy b) calm

c) fast d) exciting

10. stable (line 19) means

a) unchangeable b) high

c) weak d) unreliable

11.confirm (line 23) means

a) deny b) expect

c) prove d) ignore

**VOCABULARY**

1. The man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nervously at his watch while he was waiting for the interview.
2. glanced b. gazed c. stared d. watched
3. You should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the amount of coffee you drink if you want to sleep well at nights.
4. put on b. cut down on c. hang up d. get away with
5. The soup we had at the restaurant didn’t look very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but it tasted delicious.
6. convenient b. sensational c. appetising d. nutritious
7. Many experts believe that the government should pass a law to ban the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sweeteners in food industry because they are not natural.
8. artificial b. though c. stale d. juicy
9. His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ causes him to drive around in the most expensive cars and wear the best designer clothes.
10. mystery b. vanity c. luxury d. punctuality
11. Linda is one of the most respected employees in the company because she has always been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and hardworking.
12. skinny b. ambitious c. vain d. pale
13. Ministers haven’t yet agreed on a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the next Conference on European Security.
14. band b. festival c. venue d. stage
15. Many doctors believe that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some of the extreme sports is too dangerous and should be banned.
16. playing b. going c. doing d. making
17. The English are very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people; it takes a long time to get to know them.
18. talented b. confident c. reserved d. tolerant
19. I think, Jim is too \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live on his own. Therefore, his parents won’t let him rent a flat.
20. immature b. illegal c. impossible d. impolite
21. During the royal wedding, Kate, the princess looked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in her beautiful wedding gown.
22. terrifying b. charming c. convincing d. depresssing
23. He got bored and tired in the city, so he decided to go somewhere \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside.
24. peaceful b. cramped c. filty d. gloomy
25. I could hardly recognise her because of her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hair.
26. muscular b. plump c. dyed d. tanned
27. Many people think that testing cosmetics on animals is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
28. immoral b. indecisive c. irregular d. unreliable
29. I took the radio back to the store where I bought it and they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my money.
30. inherited b. owed c. refunded d. lent
31. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is 50$ for a six-week art course in this institution.
32. profit b. fee c. offer d. wage
33. Millions of people in Africa continue to die because of war and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
34. earthquake b. flood c. famine d. hurricane
35. After working as a sales representative for five years in the same company, John was finally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sales manager
36. retired b. resigned c. promoted d. employed
37. Dad \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his back while carrying some heavy boxes.
38. cured b. injured c. suffered d. treated
39. Ashleigh Morris can’t swim or have a relaxing shower after a tiring day because she is unfortunately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to water.
40. addicted b. allergic c. energetic d. depressed
41. Because of the high inflation in the country, most people can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to buy their basic needs.
42. charge b. pay c. afford d. exchange
43. We believe this new alarm system will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ car thieves.
44. deter b. accuse c. panelise d. suspect
45. Terrorists have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a French officer and are demanding $400.000 from the French Government.
46. blackmailed b. vandalised c. kidnapped d. burgled
47. She is so stubborn that nobody can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her to change her mind.
48. prevent b. punish c. pretend d. persuade
49. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an old school friend of mine and learnt that she was my neighbour. She said she would come \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Friday for coffee.
50. wiped out / across b. found out / off c. bumped into / round d. broke up / up
51. Atlanta police are still looking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ several fires which damaged cars on Wednesday.
52. round b. through c. after d. into

**Answer key**

# GRAMMAR

**A.**

**I. My Best Friend**

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| 1. c | 5. a | 9. c | 13.d | 17.d |
| 2. b | 6. c | 10.b | 14.c | 18.b |
| 3. a | 7. b | 11.a | 15.a | 19.b |
| 4. d | 8. d | 12.b | 16.a |  |

**II. Greetings from Scotland**

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| 1. d | 5. d | 9. b | 13.b | 17.c |
| 2. c | 6. d | 10.d | 14.d | 18.d |
| 3. b | 7. a | 11.c | 15.c |  |
| 4. c | 8. b | 12.a | 16.b |  |

**III. Dear Mark**

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| 1. c | 4. b | 7. a | 10. b | 13. d |
| 2.d  | 5. c | 8. c | 11. a | 14. c |
| 3. a | 6. d | 9. d | 12. c | 15. b |

**IV. €200M Art Stolen**

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| 1. a | 3. c | 5. d | 7. b | 9. d | 11. d | 13. d |
| 2. c | 4. b | 6. c | 8. a | 10. c | 12. b | 14. c |

# B.

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| 1. c | 5. d | 9. d | 13. b | 17. c | 21. d | 25. b | 29. c | 33. d |
| 2. a | 6. b | 10. d | 14. c | 18. a | 22. c | 26. a | 30. a | 34. b |
| 3. d | 7. c | 11. c | 15. c | 19. a | 23. b | 27. c | 31. d | 35. c |
| 4. c | 8. c | 12. b | 16. c | 20. c | 24. d | 28. c | 32. c | 36. d |

**C.**

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| 1. b | 4. d | 7. d | 10. c | 13. d |
| 2. d | 5. d | 8. d | 11. a | 14. d |
| 3. a | 6. b | 9. d | 12. c | 15. c |

# READING

**A. Sentence Completion B. Paragraph Completion**

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| 1. a | 6. b | 1. d | 6. c |
| 2. d | 7. d | 2. b | 7. c |
| 3. c | 8. c | 3. d | 8. a |
| 4. b | 9. d | 4. b | 9. d |
| 5. a | 10. c | 5. a | 10. a |

**C.**

**I. (Mediterranean Miracle)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. c | 4. c | 7. d | 10. a |
| 2. d | 5. b | 8. d | 11. c |
| 3. a | 6. b | 9. b |  |

# VOCABULARY

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| 1. a | 4. a | 7. c | 10. a | 13. c | 16. b | 19. b | 22. a | 25. c |
| 2. b | 5. b | 8. c | 11. b | 14. a | 17. c | 20. b | 23. c | 26. d |
| 3. c | 6. b | 9. c | 12. a | 15. c | 18. c | 21. c | 24. d |  |