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Directions

Do not turn this page until you are told to begin work.

Mark your answer sheet only with the pencil you have been given.

Look at the example below.

The boy ______ to the post office yesterday.
A  go
B  goes
C  went
D  gone

The right answer is went. The letter in front of went is C. Notice how the letter C is marked here. Next to the number of each question on your answer sheet blacken the space containing the letter of the right answer in the same way.

Be sure to blacken completely, with a heavy, dark pencil mark, the space that shows your answer choice.

Erase completely any marks you make by mistake.

Mark only one answer to each question.

Although there is a “correction for guessing” (in this test, three wrong answers will cancel one right answer), leave out a question only if you know nothing about it.

Remember to mark your answer sheet, not this booklet.

Look at the person in charge for permission to begin the test.
SECTION I

Part A

Directions: In part (A), you will hear short conversations between two people. After each conversation, you will hear a question about the conversation. The conversations and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

1. a. Have a cup of coffee
   b. Stay with the woman
   c. Meet his friends
   d. See the woman off

2. a. He will not get the coffee.
   b. He has to go jogging.
   c. He doesn’t like the woman.
   d. He will buy coffee.

3. a. Go to the movie after dinner
   b. Wait until pay day
   c. Stay at home
   d. Borrow some money

4. a. They work hard.
   b. They lack discipline.
   c. They are seen but not heard.
   d. They follow what their elders tell them.

5. a. She asked the man to leave.
   b. She gave the man her phone.
   c. She got the man a new phone battery.
   d. She refused to lend the man her phone.

6. a. Get a heating pad
   b. Buy a new mattress
   c. Stop exercising
   d. Lie on his back

7. a. He will follow her advice.
   b. His back is hurting him.
   c. It is none of her business.
   d. Quitting smoking is easy.
8. a. She lost her job.
b. She got pregnant.
c. She got promoted.
d. She was asked to write a book.

Part B

Directions: In part (B) of the test you will hear longer conversations. After each conversation you will hear several questions. The conversations and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen. Remember, you are not allowed to take notes or write in your test book.

9. a. It is comfortable, cheap, and scenic.
b. It takes less time than the plane.
c. It arrives right outside the city center.
d. There are three direct trains a day.

10. a. The unlimited mileage
    b. The high rental cost compared to train fares.
    c. The long drive which makes him tired.
    d. Having to pick his own route

11. a. Three hours
    b. Seven to eight hours
    c. Four hours
    d. One hour

12. a. By plane
    b. By car
    c. By train
    d. By bus

13. a. By plane
    b. By train
    c. By car
    d. By bus

14. a. Teacher – student
    b. Husband – wife
    c. Interviewer – interviewee
    d. Boss – employee
15. a. To introduce the audience to a new invention.
   b. To teach the audience how to use the SIMPUTER.
   c. To convince all listeners to buy the SIMPUTER.
   d. To promote agricultural products.

16. a. Its design
   b. Its speed
   c. Its mobility
   d. Its practicality

17. a. Academics
   b. Those with little or no education
   c. Farmers in Bangalore
   d. Students in colleges of agriculture

18. a. A simple computer designed for those who cannot read and write.
   b. A complicated computer designed for farmers.
   c. A laptop designed for those who are highly mobile.
   d. A compact computer designed for travel.

19. a. By buying them used
   b. By paying for it in installments
   c. By getting loans from government agencies
   d. By sharing the computer and dividing the cost

20. a. By helping him find the market prices for vegetables
   b. By showing images of vegetables
   c. By converting the text into speech form
   d. By allowing them to practice

Part C
Directions: In part (C) of the test you will hear several talks. After each talk, you will hear some questions. The talks and questions will not be repeated. After you hear a question, read the four possible answers in your test book and choose the best answer. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

21. a. Smart boys
   b. Handsome boys
   c. Rich boys
   d. Slim boys

22. a. He is a teacher.
   b. He is a doctor.
   c. He is a judge.
   d. He is an actor.
23. a. Controlling weight is essential for physical and social well being.
   b. Being slim is a pre-condition for a happy marriage.
   c. Society discriminates against people who are over-weight.
   d. People are superficial and obsessed with appearance.

24. a. A single woman with no prospects for marriage
   b. An old woman who does not move much
   c. A married woman with a loving husband
   d. A young woman who is facing problems

25. a. With intolerance
   b. With loving care
   c. With compassion
   d. With disgust

26. a. Marital problems
   b. Bad self-image
   c. Financial troubles
   d. Overweight children

27. a. Suspicious, believing that all athletes are drug users
   b. Inquisitive, wanting to learn as much as possible about athletes
   c. Empathetic, believing that athletes are decent people
   d. Tolerant, assuming that taking drugs is normal at their age

28. a. Athletes are harassed and persecuted by police officers.
   b. Drug-testers enjoy the publicity they generate.
   c. Athletes are not allowed to give more than one urine sample.
   d. Drug usage is becoming a serious problem in sports.

29. a. Systematic and friendly
   b. Zealous and enthusiastic
   c. Authoritative and powerful
   d. Sensitive and docile

30. a. To catch athletes consuming drugs
    b. To help keep sports free of drug use
    c. To provide therapy for drug abusers
    d. To act as drug police
Part A

Directions: This part has incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked a, b, c, and d. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

31. Although the two major fields of study were appealing, ------- drawbacks.
   a. each having
   b. each of which has
   c. each was having its
   d. each had its

32. The study of insects is important ------- .
   a. for academic, for economic and for medial purposes
   b. not only for academic, but also for economic and medical purposes
   c. academically, economically and for medical purposes, too
   d. for academic, economic and medically, too

33. People are skeptical about having Megawati as Indonesia’s new President, but it is much ------- early to gauge her governing abilities.
   a. rather
   b. very
   c. so
   d. too

34. Stereotypes can be very harmful in ------- false ideas and conceptions.
   a. that they often give
   b. due to the fact that they often give
   c. often giving
   d. often being given

35. The Japanese people don’t want to endanger whales, ------- to be interfered with in killing whales for scientific research.
   a. they don’t also want
   b. nor do they want
   c. they don’t want neither
   d. nor want they

36. “ ------- shore on our left was densely wooded, and ------- sombre shadow that fell from this krest was broken in one place by ------- long, ruffled tail that shone like silver…”
   Mark Twain.
   a. A … the … the
   b. The … a … the
   c. A … a … the
   d. The … the … a
37. With all the walking, climbing and swimming, it was a much more strenuous holiday than I am accustomed to, but I have come back as ------.
   a. fit as a fiddle
   b. flat as a pancake
   c. hungry as a hunter
   d. light as a feather

38. I am sorry you had such difficulty in finding us, but ------. Now we can enjoy ourselves.
   a. all is well that ends well
   b. all the same
   c. all the more reason
   d. all things considered

39. The nations of the European Economic Community ------ together to create a single market of 325 million consumers; therefore, to prepare for this change, many international companies ------ "Eurobrands" for their products.
   a. will have been joining ... has been prepared
   b. would be joining ... had been prepared
   c. will have joined ... have prepared
   d. will be joining ... have been preparing

40. When the amount of glucose in the blood falls below a certain point, an area in the hypothalamus is activated, ------ your glucose supply.
   a. this signals you to eat and replenish
   b. signaling your eating and replenishing
   c. which signals you to eating and replenishing
   d. signaling you to eat and replenish

41. For the past six years, Commander Ahmad Shah Massoud ------ a frustrating war against the Taliban.
   a. fought
   b. would fight
   c. has been fighting
   d. was to be fighting

42. The Security Chief said that the day before Monday, the Board ------ an anonymous e-mail threatening that "something bad" would happen.
   a. received
   b. has been receiving
   c. was receiving
   d. had received
43. Jack Nasser acquired auto-service centers, ----- a program to give every employee a home computer, and talked of a prosperous future.
   a. created
   b. creating
   c. would create
   d. has created

44. Susan says she ----- Jack her sweater if he ----- not to spill coffee on it.
   a. would lend ... would promise
   b. will lend ... promises
   c. lent ... promised
   d. lends ... will promise

45. The teen-ager was a fool to drive so recklessly. The spectators ----- killed.
   a. might all have
   b. might all have been
   c. must all have been
   d. must all be

46. For my mother's tenth wedding anniversary, my father bought her a ----- dress.
   a. lovely green silk evening
   b. green evening lovely silk
   c. lovely silk green evening
   d. silk green evening lovely

47. ----- the football match started.
   a. No sooner had the referee blown his whistle than
   b. No sooner the referee had blown his whistle than
   c. The referee had no sooner blown his whistle when
   d. The referee no sooner blew his whistle when

48. If you have to look ----- every magazine published in order to find an article on your topic, you will probably spend more time in the library than in the classroom.
   a. along
   b. under
   c. across
   d. through

49. More than two thousand years ago Latin ----- spoken in Italy by most educated people.
   a. had been
   b. was
   c. would be
   d. was being
50. Although many people believe that the women’s movement began in the 1960s, history goes back to the previous century.
   a. its
   b. their
   c. whose
   d. her

Part B
Directions: Each sentence of the following has four underlined words or phrases. The four underlined parts of the sentence are marked a, b, c, and d. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

51. “It’s true that as of now, there is no evidence of breast self-exams”, says Dr. David a Thomas, a principal investigator of the Chinese study. “But I don’t think we’ve proven b that it doesn’t work.”
   c. d

52. There’s no doubt that the Fjord Country is beautiful and it is also unique. a b c d

53. Although he does not hardly put in any effort in studying, he manages to pass a b c d with flying colours.

54. The Mexican billionaire Alfredo Harp Helu is one of 2000 Mexicans whom have a been kidnapped and held for ransom in the last five years. b c d

55. Medical technology has its way of establishing irreversible dynamics and to argue a b c that the pre-embryo be treated as a person. d

56. In the film industry, 1994 has described as the year of the victim, with people being a judged for the evil done to them, as in the movie “Philadelphia”. b c d

57. Many families planning a vacation in US parks are unfamiliar with Denali National a Park, location near anchorage, Alaska. b c d
58. The shift from machine-based industries to knowledge-based industries are a major discontinuity in the economies of developed countries.

59. Growth may be uniform in the several parts of an organism, perhaps more commonly, growth is differential, greater in some parts than in others, such that the body proportions change as growth occurs.

60. Because antibiotics are powerful and effective, they have two serious limitations.
Part C

Directions: This passage is a student's early draft of an essay. Because the passage is an early draft, some sentences need to be rewritten to make the ideas clearer and more precise. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it. Some of the questions are about particular sentences or parts of sentences and ask you to make decisions about sentence structure, diction, and usage. Some of the questions refer to the entire essay or parts of the essay and ask you to make decisions about organization, development, appropriateness of language, audience, and logic. In each case choose the answer that most effectively makes the intended meaning clear and that follows the requirements of standard written English. After you have chosen your answer, blacken the corresponding letter (a, b, c, d) on your answer sheet.

(1) The most ancient part of the brain is the brain stem. (2) The brain stem lies in the cerebral cortex. (3) It carries messages into and out of the brain from the remainder of the body. (4) The brain stem goes back at least 400 million years and is a remnant of the first centralized nervous system in the history of life.

(5) The cerebral cortex covers the brain stem. (6) It is the newest and largest region in the human brain. (7) It makes up 90 per cent of its mass. (8) The cerebral cortex is the seat of memory, learning, and abstract thinking.

(9) Lying under the smothering masses of the cerebral hemispheres, at the top of the brain stem, the reptile brain and the brain of the old mammal are located there, which contain the basic survival programs related to flight from danger, hunger, thirst and parental care. (10) These parts of the human brain evolved between 100 million and 300 million years ago. (11) At the rear of the cerebral cortex is the cerebellum, or little brain, which coordinates the muscles of the body. (12) The body is learning a complicated sequence of movements. (13) At the same time the brain has to think about each step in the sequence. (14) After the sequence has been learned, the instructions to the body for executing it are stored in the cerebellum. (15) They reside there permanently, like steps in a computer program, available for subsequent use without conscious thought. (16) If the cerebral cortex decides to turn left at the next traffic light, it sends a command to the cerebellum, which takes over and executes the maneuver smoothly without engagement further of the conscious mind. (17) Of all parts of the brain, the cerebellum is closest to an automatic computer.

61. What is the best way to combine sentences 2, and 3?
   a. The brain stem lies in the cerebral cortex, which carries messages into and out of the brain from the remainder of the body.
   b. Carrying messages into and out of the brain from the remainder of the body, the brain stem lies in the cerebral cortex.
   c. The brain stem lies in the cerebral cortex and carries messages into and out of the brain from the remainder of the body.
   d. The brain stem, that lies in the cerebral cortex, carries messages into and out of the brain from the remainder of the body.
62. What is the best revision of the underlined part in sentence (9)?
   a. No need for revision
   b. the reptile brain and the brain of the old mammal
   c. the reptile's and the old mammal's brain exist there
   d. there is the reptile brain in addition to or besides the brain of the old mammal

63. What is the best way to combine sentences 5, 6 and 7?
   a. The cerebral cortex, which covers the brain stem, is the newest and largest region
      in the human brain and makes up 90 per cent of its mass.
   b. Covering the brain stem, the cerebral cortex, it is the newest and largest region in
      the human brain, it also makes up 90 percent of its mass.
   c. Although it covers the brain stem, the cerebral cortex is the newest and largest
      region in the human brain, thus making up 90 percent of its mass.
   d. The cerebral cortex, covering the brain stem, is the newest and largest region in
      the human brain, moreover, it makes up 90 per cent of its mass.

64. Which of the following is the best way to combine sentences 12 and 13?
   a. Sometimes, the body learns a complicated sequence of events, and the brain has
      to think about each step in the sequence.
   b. The brain has to think about each step in the sequence; meanwhile, the body is
      learning a complicated sequence of events.
   c. The brain has to think about each step in the sequence when the body is learning
      a complicated sequence of movements.
   d. When the body is learning a complicated sequence of movements, the brain has
      to think about each step in the sequence.

65. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined part in sentence 16?
   a. the conscious mind is not engaged further
   b. without further engagement of the mind consciousness
   c. engaging the conscious mind no further
   d. without further engaging the conscious mind

66. A good title for this passage is ------.
   a. The Human Brain and How It Works
   b. The Cerebral Hemispheres
   c. The evolution of the Human Brain
   d. The Brain and the Computer
(1) Alcohol, and even when it is taken in small quantities, impairs a driver’s ability to solve problems of the road and traffic. (2) Persons under the influence are much more likely to have accidents than others. (3) Some people are affected more than others by the same amount of alcohol and the same person is not affected to the same degree at all times. (4) The former is because some absorb the alcohol more slowly or burn it up in the body more readily; the latter may be due to amount of food in the stomach, general physical condition, or other factors.

(5) Alcohol affects emotion. (6) It also affects attitudes. (7) It also reduces the ability to make the right decisions. (8) Emotions are released, people are less inhibited, and seem to be exhilarated in the early stages. (9) People become depressed and careless and this carelessness becomes more apparent. (10) However, many people have the ability to pull themselves together and show no symptoms of intoxication until it is well advanced. (11) Reaction time is decreased after the first two or three drinks, later greatly increased. (12) Alcohol can reduce visual acuity and ability to distinguish color, especially when alcohol is combined with other poisons such as carbon monoxide.

(13) A person may be considered not significantly affected if he has accumulated less than 5 parts of alcohol per 10,000 parts of blood. (14) This is .05 percent of alcohol in the blood or the equivalent of about two bottles of beer, or two ounces of whiskey for the average-sized person. (15) It takes about six bottles of beer or six ounces of whiskey — and more if drinking is spread over several hours — in such a person to raise the level of alcohol in the blood to 15 parts in 10,000 or .15 percent at or above which level a person is definitely under the influence. (16) Between these levels the extent of impairment must be determined further by behavior of the driver.

67. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 1 below?
Alcohol, and even when it is taken in small quantities, impairs a driver’s ability to solve problems of the road and traffic.
  a. when taken in small quantities
  b. even in small quantities
  c. keep as is
  d. which is taken in small quantities

68. Which of the following is the best revision of the underlined portion of sentence 4 below?
The former is because some absorb the alcohol more slowly or burn it up in the body more readily.
  a. is caused by some absorbing
  b. comes from some absorbing
  c. is due to the ability of some to absorb
  d. keep as is
69. Which of the following is the best way to combine sentences 5, 6, and 7?
   a. Alcohol affects emotions; it also affects attitudes and it reduces the ability to make the right decisions.
   b. Affecting the emotions and attitudes and reducing the ability to make the right decisions are some effects of alcohol.
   c. Alcohol affects emotions and attitudes, and it reduces the ability to make the right decisions.
   d. Alcohol not only affects the emotions but also attitudes; it also reduces the ability to make the right decisions.

70. In relation to the passage as a whole, which of the following best describes the writer’s intention in the third paragraph?
   a. To describe recognized levels of alcoholic influence
   b. To propose a solution to a problem
   c. To summarize the ideas in the first and second paragraphs
   d. To criticize alcoholics
SECTION III

Part A

Directions: Read each item in this section and decide which of the four choices following it completes it. Then, on your answer sheet, blacken the letter of your choice 
(a, b, c, or d) next to the item number.

71. It's long been part of folk wisdom that birth order strongly affects personality, intelligence, and achievement. However, most of the research claiming that firstborns are radically different from other children has been ------ .
   a. personalized
   b. confused
   c. confirmed
   d. discredited

72. Television today operates in continuous flow. Advertising may break up programs, but there are no gaps. If the screen should go blank for a while, the television company always ------ .
   a. continues to watch
   b. feels obliged to apologize
   c. designs colorful programs
   d. checks all blanks

73. The United States still has one of the worst fire death rates in the world - worse than all of Western Europe and Asia. Safety experts say the problem is neither money nor technology, but the indifference of a country that just ------ .
   a. has a great amount of capital
   b. has a small number of West Europeans and Asians
   c. will not take fires seriously enough
   d. uses its highly sophisticated machinery quite efficiently

74. Although the Chinese government has devoted more than 4 percent of all public spending since 1949 to water control projects, this hasn’t been enough to ------- .
   a. dry out the vast land
   b. build disaster-proof dikes
   c. do away with the water supply
   d. control expenditures

75. Although fear of math is not a purely female phenomenon, girls tend to drop out of math sooner than boys and adult women experience an aversion to math and math-related activities that ------ .
   a. can be masculine
   b. are highly commendable
   c. can easily be achieved
   d. are akin to anxiety
76. Around the world, water supplies face great threats from industrial waste, agricultural pollution, and poor sewage treatment. Even in the United States, which has some of the toughest environmental laws, protecting rivers and reservoirs
   a. is a national obsession
   b. is a constant struggle
   c. has been an unprecedented success
   d. has deprived the land of its resources

77. Few people like mosquitoes; they inflict itchy bites and buzz around our ears. But mosquitoes are much more than a nuisance, they
   a. may be allergic to dust
   b. can pose serious health hazards
   c. help fight diseases
   d. fly without making any noise

78. In America, only the Congress can impose confidentiality laws which prohibit disclosure of medical information
   a. that has already been shared
   b. when it is enforced by doctors
   c. without a patient’s consent
   d. in order to keep it private

79. Although the movie “Mr. Baseball” is a comedy, the portrayal of the main character, an American baseball player who tries to integrate himself into the Japanese culture,
   a. is serious
   b. can be entertaining
   c. is well-integrated
   d. can be depressing

80. Many people exercise far too little, but many others exercise far too much. Often obsessed with increasing their strength, stamina, and cardiovascular fitness, these zealous exercisers work out to the point of
   a. backing off despite pain and injury
   b. jeopardizing their physical and mental health
   c. suffering from withdrawal symptoms
   d. improving their muscle power and mental abilities

81. The Kung inhabit the Kalahari Desert, one of the least hospitable environments in the world. Inhabiting an area that is too dry to support either agriculture or the keeping of livestock, the Kung are
   a. totally dependent upon hunting and gathering for their food.
   b. developing new brands of cultivated foods and byproducts
   c. regularly seeking ways to export their crops and food supplies
   d. struggling to control the inhospitable dwellers and the harsh environment
82. The notion that one can purge one's emotions by expressing them has been labeled the **catharsis hypothesis**. Freudian psychologists applauded this idea; they assumed that when people shout at someone who annoys them, they are --------.
   a. hiding their anger
   b. blowing off steam
   c. dealing with a new theory
   d. bottling things up

83. When we are learning some new task such as swimming or riding a bicycle, we think about it in considerable detail. But once the behavior is thoroughly mastered, we give no conscious thought to the details --------.
   a. that once required close attention
   b. specified in each type of sport
   c. that are common to these activities
   d. still needed for succeeding

84. We make inferences about people's feelings and thoughts from many kinds of communication, verbal and nonverbal; we should similarly use all available evidence in exploring the possibility of thoughts and feelings in --------.
   a. artistic paintings and sculpture
   b. other species
   c. musical compositions
   d. identical varieties

85. Communication may either inform or misinform, but in either case it can reveal something about the conscious thinking of the --------.
   a. audience
   b. conscience
   c. revelation
   d. communicator
Part II

Directions: In this part you will read several passages. Each one is followed by a number of questions about it. You are to choose the one best answer, a, b, c, or d, to each question. Then on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and fill in the space that corresponds to the letter of the answer you have chosen.

The majority of childhood terrors are fleeting. In a big, mysterious world that most children can’t understand, it’s normal to gather up free-floating anxieties and pile them onto one comprehensible entity - spiders, sirens, the dark. This can be an effective defense mechanism. The danger comes when children’s anxieties begin to assume a debilitating importance in their lives.

“Having phobias is totally normal from ages two-and-a-half to seven,” says Annie Birraux, a French psychiatrist and author of the book Phobias. “It’s part of a child’s evolution into adulthood. If a child does not have phobias, it means that they are not in touch with their emotions.” Hard as it is for parents to watch a toddler in torment, there’s not a lot they can do beyond showering the child with plenty of loving reassurance and taking a firm but gentle hand when the object of fear – a bath, say, or the doctor – can’t be avoided.

86. The author of this passage is most likely ------- .
   a. a psychiatrist
   b. Annie Birraux
   c. a phobia sufferer
   d. a teacher

87. The tone of this passage could best be described as ------- .
   a. apologetic
   b. emotional
   c. fearful
   d. objective

88. The expression defense mechanism is used to describe ------- .
   a. the process of associating anxieties with specific objects
   b. defending the body against spiders, the dark, and sirens
   c. the incomprehensible world of adults
   d. children’s desire to grow up

89. The word “debilitating” in line 5 can be replaced with ------- .
   a. strengthening
   b. reassuring
   c. specific
   d. disabling
Some old people are oppressed by the fear of death. In the young, there is a justification for this feeling. Young men who have reason to fear that they will be killed in battle may justifiably feel bitter in the thought that they have been cheated of the best things that life has to offer. But in an old man who has known human joys and sorrows, and has achieved whatever work it was in him to do, the fear of death is somewhat abject and ignoble. The best way to overcome it—so at least it seems to me—is to make your interest gradually wider and more impersonal, until bit by bit the walls of the ego recede, and your life becomes increasingly merged in the universal life. An individual human existence should be like a river—small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing passionately past boulders and over waterfalls. Gradually the river grows wider, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly, and in the end, without any visible break, they become merged in the sea, and painlessly lose their individual being. The man who, in old age, can see his life in this way, will not suffer from the fear of death, since the things he cares for will continue. And if, with the decay of vitality, weariness increases, the thought of rest will not be unwelcome. I should wish to die while still at work, knowing that others will carry on what I can no longer do, and content in the thought that what was possible has been done.

90. According to the author, it is justifiable for a young man to fear death because -------.
   a. he will die in battle for his country
   b. he is abject and ignoble
   c. he should not have to die so young
   d. he feels he has been robbed of the good things in life

91. The author regards the fear of death in old people -------.
   a. a natural fear that could be overcome
   b. as a sign of the worthlessness of their life
   c. an attempt to challenge the laws of nature
   d. a fact that should not be discussed

92. In the opinion of the author, the best way for an old person to begin to overcome the fear of death is by -------.
   a. joining battles in defense of his country
   b. watching how the river flows
   c. thinking of death as a challenge
   d. developing new interests

93. The term “carry on” in line 16 is closest in meaning to -------.
   a. bear
   b. weigh
   c. do
   d. act out
At the mall, flea market, or weekend yard sales, people shop for the fun of it, especially at holiday time. This is a harmless pastime for those who like it, but a few (perhaps as many as six percent) like it so much that they become addicts-compulsive shoppers who shop the way an alcoholic drinks or a compulsive gambler bets. Our culture is geared to consumption; indeed, from early childhood we are exposed to ads urging us to buy. A whole new world of shopping is upon us, too: electronic shopping, via television or computer. Millions already belong to cable TV shopping clubs and/or cruise the information superhighway in search of worldly goods. Banks are gearing up to supply online cash, cyber-money, and electronic “purses,” so that at the touch of a button shoppers can buy, buy, buy. Of course, it’s the shopping that’s “virtual”. The debt will be real.

94. The author seems mostly concerned about ———.
   a. the advantages of advertising
   b. compulsive buying
   c. causes of addiction
   d. the effect of computers on children

95. The author supports the statement “our culture is geared to consumption,” with ———.
   a. evidence from advertisements
   b. information superhighways
   c. examples of bank accounts
   d. statistical analysis of results

96. A good title for this passage is ———.
   a. At the Mall
   b. Harmless Pastimes
   c. Shopping
   d. Purses

97. From this passage it can be inferred that the author is ———.
   a. alarmed
   b. neutral
   c. nostalgic
   d. carefree

98. The word “urging” line 6 is closest in meaning to ———.
   a. dissuading
   b. warning
   c. convincing
   d. consuming
99. The word “virtual” line 10 is closest in meaning to ------- .
   a. not real
   b. actual
   c. moral
   d. costly

100. It could be inferred from this passage that the author ------- .
   a. charges six percent on sales that are made on weekends
   b. prefers to shop during holidays because of the big sales
   c. was once a shopping addict using all possible shopping venues
   d. wants people not to be affected by ads

101. This passage is most likely part of a(n) ------- .
   a. bank advertisement brochure
   b. introductory course in gambling
   c. magazine article on holiday shopping
   d. textbook on the impact of television and computers

102. The author repeats the word buy ------- .
   a. for emphasis
   b. as a reminder
   c. for the rhyme
   d. as a conclusion

   Fans of Stephen King are painfully aware that the famously prolific author hasn’t
   published a full-length novel since Bag of Bones three years ago. Not that he has lacked
   tasks to keep him busy: recovering from grievous injuries received in 1999 auto accident,
   turning out a raft of articles and short stories, becoming the first big-name writer to
   publish a novella on the Internet, Riding the Bullet, and following that up with the first
   chapters of The Plant, a novel-in-progress published on his own web site
   (stephenking.com). Those latter two gambits inspired considerable speculation in the
   publishing industry about whether the traditional book—that centuries-old artifact of
   genius and dead trees—has much of a future in the Internet age.

103. Bag of Bones is most likely ------- .
   a. a new novella
   b. a short story
   c. the title of a novel
   d. the name of the publisher

104. It can be inferred from this passage that Stephen King ------- .
   a. started his career three years ago
   b. wrote about a distressing car injury
   c. is considered a reckless driver
   d. is quite an adventurous person
105. The word prolific in line 1 is closest in meaning to ------.
   a. productive
   b. scanty
   c. faulty
   d. celebrated

106. According to this passage, the traditional book ------.
   a. has outlived its uses
   b. is using up too many trees
   c. has an artificial appeal
   d. is facing a new challenge

107. The expression “those latter gambits” refers to ------.
   a. The Plant and Riding the Bullet
   b. The first two chapters of The Plant
   c. The artifacts of genius and dead trees
   d. The Internet age and websites

108. It is implied but not stated that the author of this passage ------.
   a. admires Stephen King’s stamina
   b. is a well-known writer himself
   c. prefers Stephen King’s previous websites
   d. has disappointed his fans

109. The word speculation in line 7 is closest in meaning to ------.
   a. thought
   b. condemnation
   c. affirmation
   d. publicity

Prejudice against older people at work is universal. In an opinion poll taken throughout the European Union, 80% of respondents—of all ages—believed that older workers were discriminated against in job recruitment.

The main reason that employers do not hire older workers is that they suspect them of not being up to the job. Again there may be a grain of truth in this. A World Health Organization (WHO) study of older people’s working capacity recently gathered together the biological facts and concluded that “the definitions of an aging worker could be considered to apply from 45 years.” Physical performance, at the peak in the early 20s, declines gradually thereafter. Eyesight deteriorates and hearing gets worse. This may matter less as fewer jobs rely on physical strength, but depressingly the WHO also found that “the speed at which information is processed usually slows down substantially in older individuals.” On the other hand, “while older managers take more time to reach decisions, they appear to be as competent as younger managers in overall decision-making.”
110. According to this passage, the most serious finding is that -------.
   a. people beyond the age of 40 are still employed
   b. older people's mental processing abilities are slower than those of the younger ones
   c. older people can think as fast as young ones do but not as wisely
   d. people don't like employees beyond the age of 20

111. The major purpose of this passage seems to be to -------.
   a. discuss fitness and the full range of mental abilities
   b. discuss the issue of early retirement and recruitment
   c. defend the case of retired workers against the World Health Organization
   d. describe the functions of the World Health Organization in Europe

112. From the results of the WHO study, the author quotes -------.
   a. a historical account of the decision-making process
   b. a description of unproductive workers of all ages
   c. a classification of mental skills
   d. a definition of the aging worker

113. It can be inferred from this passage that -------.
   a. older people stand a better chance on the job market
   b. more jobs will require full physical fitness in females and males
   c. physical fitness declines gradually as people grow older
   d. the need for the full use of all human senses is an outdated concept

114. Failing eyesight and a loss of hearing are -------.
   a. typical examples of job discrimination
   b. proof of long years of service
   c. evidence of the decline in physical abilities
   d. handicaps that can be overcome

115. The author of this passage seems to be -------.
   a. in favor of early retirement
   b. sympathetic to older people
   c. skeptical of the abilities of older people
   d. disappointed with the abilities of young managers

116. The word "poll" in line 1 is closest in meaning to -------.
   a. survey
   b. article
   c. debate
   d. analysis
117. The author uses the expression “a grain of truth” to ------.
   a. confirm the findings of the poll
   b. show that prejudice is prevalent in Europe
   c. acknowledge that there is some truth
   d. contradict the findings of the WHO study

118. This passage would most likely appear in a(n) ------.
   a. biology book
   b. fitness training manual
   c. book on human resources
   d. article on statistical analysis

119. A good title for this passage would be ------.
   a. Generation Gap
   b. The European Union’s Work Policies
   c. Competent Managers
   d. In Praise of Older Workers

120. The word this in line 9 refers to ------.
   a. loss of hearing
   b. physical performance
   c. the definition of an aging worker
   d. the universal standards