



- A. made possible the decrease in illegal whaling. B. made it possible the decrease in illegal whaling.  
 C. been made possibly the decrease in illegal whaling. D. been possibly made for the decrease in illegal whaling.
16. We should make a clear \_\_\_\_\_ between "inquisitive" and "curious" for the purposes of our discussion.  
 A. separation B. division C. distinction D. discrimination
17. If you don't stop smoking, you \_\_\_\_\_ the risk of developing chronic bronchitis.  
 A. bear B. make C. stop D. run
18. The student's language skills improved \_\_\_\_\_ and he passed the final exam with flying colors.  
 A. by heart B. by and by C. by and large D. by leaps and bounds
19. The teacher doled \_\_\_\_\_ the chocolates to his students for having done well in the examinations.  
 A. off B. on C. out D. at
20. The police asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ his presence at the scene of the crime.  
 A. care for B. ask for C. account for D. look for

**Your answer:** 6: ..... 7: ..... 8: ..... 9: ..... 10: .....  
 11: ..... 12: ..... 13: ..... 14: ..... 15: .....  
 16: ..... 17: ..... 18: ..... 19: ..... 20: .....

**Section 2: Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.**

21. The information you have got is actually off the record, so be careful if you intend to use it for publication.  
 A. unofficial B. indecisive C. indifferent D. unimportant
22. Despite modern advances, most people still have an irrational fear of hospitals and anesthetics.  
 A. unacceptable B. unreasonable C. unachievable D. unavoidable

**Your answer:** 21: ..... 22: .....

**Section 3: Choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.**

23. The director board is answerable to the shareholders for the decrease in the company's turnover.  
 A. undeniable B. unavoidable C. irrefutable D. irresponsible
24. We had originally intended to go to Sapa for our vacation, but our trip fell through when I got sick.  
 A. succeeded B. failed C. delayed D. ceased

**Your answer:** 23: ..... 24: .....

**Section 4: Put the words in brackets into the correct form. Write your answers in the space provided below.**

The effects of plastic bags on the environment are really (25. DEVASTATION). While there is widespread support for the using of plastic bags based solely on their (26. CONVENIENT), the damage to the environment needs to be controlled.

There is no way to strictly limit the effects of plastic bags on the environment because there is no (27. DISPOSE) method that will really help eliminate the problem. While reusing them is the first step, most people either don't or can't base on store policies. These bags are not durable enough to stand up to ( 28. NUMBER) trips to the store.

The biggest problem with this is that once they have been (29. SOIL), they end up in the trash, then in the landfill or they will be burned. Either solution is very poor for the environment. Burning emits toxic gases that harm the atmosphere and increase the level of VOCs in the air while landfills hold them ( 30. DEFINITE) as part of the plastic waste problem throughout the globe.

**Your answer:** 25: ..... 26: .....  
 27: ..... 28: .....  
 29: ..... 30: .....

**Section 5: The passage below contains 6 mistakes; identify and correct them. The first one has been done as an example.**

(1) Water scarcity is becoming one of the major limiting factor in crop production. (2) In many areas, poor agricultural practices have led to increasing desertification and a loss of formerly arable lands. (3) Plants use several mechanisms to insure their

survival in desert environments. (4) Some involve pure mechanical and physical adaptations, such as the shape of the plant's surface, small leaf size, and extensive root system. (5) Some of adaptations are related to chemical mechanisms. (6) Many plants, such as cactuses, have internal gums who give them water retaining properties. (7) Another chemical mechanism is the wax layer acting like a cover to protect the plant, which prevents the loss of internal moisture.

**Your answer:**

Sentence N <sup>o</sup>	Mistake	Correction
1	factor	factors
.....	31. ....	.....
.....	32. ....	.....
.....	33. ....	.....
.....	34. ....	.....
.....	35. ....	.....

**Section 6: Fill each gap in the following sentences with an appropriate particle.**

- 36. Thank you for your great support, which pulled me \_\_\_\_\_ the hard time I had last month.
- 37. Before you sign the contract, I suggest you go \_\_\_\_\_ it with your solicitor.
- 38. Before the IELTS exam, most of my time was taken \_\_\_\_\_ with reading and writing skills.
- 39. The Greenpeace movement is going to launch another campaign \_\_\_\_\_ whaling.
- 40. Before you go and check your abilities in practice, you must learn to comply \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic regulations.

**Your answer:** 36: .....37: .....38: .....39: .....40: .....

**PART III. READING**

**Section 1: Fill in each of the numbered blanks in the following passage with ONE suitable word.**

People who are (41) \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep lose energy and become quick-tempered. After two days without sleep, a person finds (42) \_\_\_\_\_ lengthy concentration becomes difficult. He can force (43) \_\_\_\_\_ to perform tasks well for short periods, but he is easily (44) \_\_\_\_\_ from them. He makes many (45) \_\_\_\_\_, especially at routine tasks, and his attention slips at (46) \_\_\_\_\_. Every "sleepless" person experiences periods in which he (47) \_\_\_\_\_ off for a few seconds or more. He (48) \_\_\_\_\_ completely asleep unless he is kept active continuously.

People who go on suffering (49) \_\_\_\_\_ sleep deprivation more than three days have great trouble thinking, seeing, and hearing clearly. They have periods of hallucination during which they see things that do not really exist. They also confuse day-dreams with real life and (50) \_\_\_\_\_ track of their thoughts in the middle of a sentence.

**Your answer:** 41: ..... 46: .....  
 42: ..... 47: .....  
 43: ..... 48: .....  
 44: ..... 49: .....  
 45: ..... 50: .....

**Section 2: Read the text and decide which answer best fits each gap.**

**The Virtual Assistant**

Personal assistants (PAs) are no more common. They have been replaced with a much more (51) \_\_\_\_\_ version called virtual assistants (VAs). VAs do not work in big city offices or dress in (52) \_\_\_\_\_ black business suits. Nor do they work exclusively for one boss. VAs work from home and may help to run the lives of up to 30 business people simultaneously. They are self – employed and (53) \_\_\_\_\_ by the hour, which allows great flexibility on both sides. VAs have more equality than (54) \_\_\_\_\_ PAs - they have customers rather than bosses.

There are a few disadvantages to the job: you work alone all day and so have no colleagues to chat over coffee and you can (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the social interaction. But on the plus side no day is ever the same. There is no boring routine or rigid (56) \_\_\_\_\_ and the variety of jobs you might be asked to do means it is never (57) \_\_\_\_\_. Clients who employ VAs benefit from being able to outsource. Their VAs can do the tasks they don't have time to do: typing, filing, (58) \_\_\_\_\_ flights, uploading a blackberry and even talking to clients. VAs are perfect for the self-employed and small businesses, they don't need

an annual (59) \_\_\_\_\_ and can be (60) \_\_\_\_\_ for one-off days or weeks.

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|-----|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 51. | A. free        | B. flexible | C. expensive | D. rigid   |
| 52. | A. informal    | B. formal   | C. casual    | D. clean   |
| 53. | A. charged     | B. bought   | C. rewarded  | D. paid    |
| 54. | A. traditional | B. old      | C. original  | D. ancient |
| 55. | A. get         | B. recall   | C. forget    | D. miss    |
| 56. | A. calendar    | B. diary    | C. timetable | D. journal |
| 57. | A. still       | B. slow     | C. late      | D. dull    |
| 58. | A. ordering    | B. taking   | C. booking   | D. paying  |
| 59. | A. salary      | B. pay      | C. wage      | D. money   |
| 60. | A. used        | B. employed | C. borrowed  | D. worked  |

Your answer: 51: .....52: .....53: .....54: .....55: .....56: .....57: ..... 58: ..... 59: ..... 60: .....

**Section 3: Read the following passage and choose the best answer to each of the following questions.**

In this area of increasing and diminishing fossil fuel supplies, we must begin to put a greater priority on harnessing alternative energy sources. Fortunately, there are many readily available, renewable resources that are both cost-effective and earth-friendly. Two such resources are solar and geothermal power.

Solar energy, which reaches the earth through sunlight, is so abundant that it could meet the needs of worldwide energy consumption 6,000 times over. And solar energy is easily harnessed through the use of photovoltaic cells converting sunlight to electricity. In the US alone, more than 100,000 homes are equipped with solar electric systems in the form of solar panels or solar roof tiles. And in other parts of the world, the use of solar system is growing steadily.

Another alternative energy source is geothermal power which creates energy trapping heat from below the surface of the earth. Hot water and steam that are trapped in underground pools are pumped to the surface and used to run a generator, **which** produces electricity. Geothermal energy is 5,000 times more abundant than the entire known supply of fossil fuel sources and as with solar power, the technology needed to utilize geothermal energy is fairly simple. A prime example of effective geothermal use is Iceland, a region of high geothermal activity where there are over 80 percent of private homes heated by geothermal power.

Solar and geothermal energy sources are just two of the promising renewable alternatives to **conventional** energy sources. The time is long overdue to invest in the development and use of alternative energy on global scale.

61. What is the main topic of this passage?
- The benefits of solar and wind power over conventional energy sources.
  - Two types of alternative energy sources that should be further utilized.
  - How energy resources are trapped from nature.
  - Examples of the use of energy sources worldwide.
62. What best describes the author's purpose in writing the passage?
- To warn people about the hazard of fossil fuel use.
  - To inform people of the benefits of developing alternative energy sources.
  - To describe the advantages and disadvantages of alternative energy use.
  - To outline the problems and solutions connected with global warming.
63. According to the passage, how is solar energy production similar to geothermal energy production?
- They both require the use of generator.
  - They both use heat from the earth's surface.
  - They both require fairly simple technology.
  - They are both conventional and costly.
64. According to the passage, which of the following statements is TRUE about solar power?
- There is very little of it available in Iceland.
  - It is being used in 100,000 private homes worldwide.
  - It is 6,000 times more powerful than the energy needs of the world.
  - There is enough of it to far exceed the energy needs of the world.
65. What does the word "**which**" in paragraph 3 refer to?
- An alternative energy resource
  - A machine for generating electricity
  - Geothermal power
  - The use of photovoltaic cells
66. What can be inferred from the use of geothermal energy in Iceland?
- It is a widely used form of energy for heating homes.

- B. Twenty percent of the geothermal energy generated is used to heat the earth.  
 C. It is not effective for use in private homes.  
 D. It is 80 times more effective than traditional forms of fuel use.
67. The word “conventional” in paragraph 4 can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. optimistic      B. traditional      C. effective      D. abundant
68. It is stated in the passage that \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. An increased number of countries are using solar energy.  
 B. Heat coming from inside the earth can be utilized almost everywhere on earth.  
 C. Only solar energy is environmentally friendly.  
 D. Geothermal heat can provide 80% of power needs in Iceland.

*Your answer: 61: .....62: .....63: .....64: .....65: .....66: .....67: ..... 68: .....*

**Section 4:** You are going to read a magazine article about marathon running. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A – H the one which fits each gap (69–75). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

If ever there was living proof that marathon running keeps you fit, Jenny Wood Allen from Dundee is it. (69) \_\_\_\_\_. She was 71 and she did not even have proper training shoes then.

At first she could only run to the end of her avenue, which is about three quarters of a mile. She had problems of getting back and had to either take a bus or ask somebody for a lift. (70) \_\_\_\_\_.

Scientifically speaking, human beings are perfectly tuned for jumping and running and walking long distances. (71) \_\_\_\_\_.

One of them, Professor Craig Sharp says that if you are reasonably fit, you can probably run for two hours at a medium pace and feel OK. At this point, your muscles run out of glycogen – the best source of energy we have. This means you start using fat for energy, and your body has to work harder to transform fat into energy. This happens at a time when you are starting to feel exhausted. (72) \_\_\_\_\_. All this is proof - he believes - that the body isn't designed for long-distance running.

Other specialists have a very different opinion. Dr Percy Brown said that if you train sensibly and prepare several months in advance, it could even help you live longer. (73) \_\_\_\_\_. He believes the only problem you may have when running a marathon is exhaustion or a small injury caused by falling or tripping over things. (74) \_\_\_\_\_. Only 1 in 1,000 actually makes it to hospital.

Another problem may be post-race marathon. Surveys show most runners are much more likely to catch colds or develop chest infections in the week after running a race. (75) \_\_\_\_\_. There is no evidence of lasting disease or an increased risk of illness. At 87, Jenny Wood Allen will be doing the London marathon for the 13<sup>th</sup> time this Sunday. And she plans to go on taking part for many years to come.

- A. He argues that after 16-29 miles, you have to slow down and running gets really hard.  
 B. After a quick top-up of water and a rest, most go home and make a full recovery.  
 C. When it comes to marathon running, however, the experts are divided.  
 D. In spite of this, marathon running is bad for your health.  
 E. But this weakening effect on the system is short-lived.  
 F. Within a couple of months, however, she was managing two or three miles.  
 G. This is because running halves your risk of getting heart disease.  
 H. She started by running to the shops, wearing an anorak and carrying her shopping bag.

*Your answer: 69: .....70: .....71: .....72: .....73: .....74: .....75: .....*

#### PART IV. WRITING

**Section 1:** Complete the second sentence using the word given that has a similar meaning to the original one.

76. When we met again, he didn't mention our previous conversation at all. REFERENCE  
 → When we met again, he made \_\_\_\_\_ at all.
77. Her boyfriend greatly impressed her parents at their first meeting. MADE  
 → Her boyfriend \_\_\_\_\_ her parents when they first met.
78. I don't feel like going to the party. MOOD  
 → I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ going to the party.
79. The police asked the woman to describe the thief to them in detail. FULL

