

Question 18: Garvin is _____ a new computer application to see whether it works.

- A. looking after B. putting on C. trying out D. turning up

Question 19: Terry is a very imaginative boy. He always comes _____ interesting ideas.

- A. out of B. down on C. up with D. in for

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

Question 20: Susan accidentally stepped on Denise's foot.

- Susan: "Oops! I'm sorry, Denise."
- Denise: "_____"

- A. You shouldn't do that. B. It's alright.
C. You are welcome. D. It's nonsense.

Question 21: Hana and Jenifer are talking about a book they have just read.

- Hana: "The book is really interesting and educational."
- Jenifer: "_____"

- A. I'd love it. B. That's nice of you to say so.
C. I couldn't agree more. D. Don't mention it.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following questions.

Question 22: The student service centre will try their best to assist students in finding a suitable part-time job.

- A. help B. allow C. make D. employ

Question 23: My sister is a very diligent student. She works very hard at every subject.

- A. clever B. practical C. studious D. helpful

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

Question 24: Sorry, I can't come to your party. I am snowed under with work at the moment.

- A. busy with B. free from C. relaxed about D. interested in

Question 25: Basically, everything is the same; however, there may be some minor changes to the schedule.

- A. big B. sudden C. gradual D. small

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

Question 26: I really believe my letter came as a great surprise to John.

- A. John might be very surprised to receive my letter.
B. John might have been very surprised to receive my letter.
C. John must be very surprised to receive my letter.
D. John must have been very surprised to receive my letter.

Question 27: "Why don't we go out for dinner tonight?" said Jim.

- A. Jim suggested going out for dinner that night.
B. Jim refused to go out for dinner that night.
C. Jim denied going out for dinner that night.
D. Jim promised to go out for dinner that night.

Question 28: The candidate was offered the job because of his excellent answers.

- A. The job was offered to the candidate although he couldn't answer the questions.
B. If it hadn't been for the candidate's excellent answers, he couldn't have got the job.
C. The candidate answered the questions so excellently that he might get the job.
D. Because it was such a good job, the candidate tried to answer the questions excellently.

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.

Question 29: Our flight was delayed. We decided to spend time at the duty-free shops.

- A. As our flight was delayed, we decided to spend time at the duty-free shops.
B. We have been spending time at the duty-free shops since our flight was delayed.
C. We decided to spend time at the duty-free shops in case our flight was delayed.
D. Although our flight was delayed, we decided to spend time at the duty-free shops.

Question 30: I didn't pay attention to the teacher. I failed to understand the lesson.

- A. Although I paid attention to the teacher, I failed to understand the lesson.
- B. I would have understood the lesson if I had failed to pay attention to the teacher.
- C. I would have understood the lesson if I had paid attention to the teacher.
- D. Unless I failed to understand the lesson, I would pay attention to the teacher.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 31 to 35.

The Internet has truly transformed how students do their homework. (31)___homework today still means spending time in the library, it's for a different reason. Rather than using books for research, students today are (32)___to the Internet to download enormous amounts of data available online.

In the past, students were limited to their school's (33)_____of books. In many cases, they got to the school library and found out that someone had already taken the books they needed. Nowadays, such inconvenience can be avoided since the Internet never runs out of information. Students, however, do have to (34) _____sure that the information they find online is true. Teachers have also benefited from the homework which is done on the Internet. They do not need to carry students' papers around with them any more. This is because online (35)___ allow students to electronically upload their homework for their teachers to read and mark. Of course, this also means that students can no longer use the excuse that the dog ate their homework!

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| Question 31: | A. But | B. For | C. While | D. Because |
| Question 32: | A. connecting | B. linking | C. searching | D. looking |
| Question 33: | A. select | B. selective | C. selectively | D. selection |
| Question 34: | A. do | B. get | C. make | D. come |
| Question 35: | A. materials | B. systems | C. structures | D. sources |

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 36 to 42.

Whales are the largest animals in the world, and the gentlest creatures we know. Although the whale is very huge, it is not hindered at all by its size when it is in the water. Whales have tails that end like flippers. With just a gentle flick, it can propel itself forward. The skin of a whale is so smooth that it does not create any friction that can slow the whale down. A whale's breathing hole is located on the top of its head, so it can breathe without having to completely push its head out of the water. Whales are protected from the cold seawater by body fat that is called blubber.

Whales live in the ocean but, in terms of behaviours, they **are more similar to humans** than fish. They live in family groups and they even travel in groups when they have to migrate from cooler to warmer waters. The young stay with their parents for as long as fifteen years. Whales are known not to desert the ill or injured members; instead, they cradle them.

When whales are in danger, there are people who go to great lengths to help them. One such case occurred in 1988, when three young whales were trapped in the sea. It was close to winter and the sea had begun to freeze over. Whales are mammals that require oxygen from the air, so the frozen ice was a great danger to them. All they had then was a **tiny** hole in the ice for them to breathe through. Volunteers from all over soon turned up to help these creatures. They cut holes in the ice to provide more breathing holes for the whales. These holes would also serve as guides for the whales so that **they** could swim to warmer waters.

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Question 36: Which of the following best describes the main idea of this passage?

- A. Successful attempts to rescue whales all over the world
- B. Some remarkable similarities of whales to humans
- C. Whales as the largest, gentlest but vulnerable creatures
- D. Whales as the only animals to live in warm water

Question 37: Whales can move easily in water thanks to their_.

- A. tail and blubber
- B. size and head
- C. tail and skin
- D. skin and head

Question 38: Where is the whale's breathing hole located?

- A. On its head
- B. On its back
- C. On its face
- D. On its tail

Question 39: According to paragraph 2, the author mentions all of the following to show that whales “are more similar to humans” EXCEPT _____.

- A. they do not desert the ill or injured members
- B. they do not migrate from cooler to warmer waters
- C. they live in family groups and travel in groups
- D. the young stay with their parents for almost fifteen years

Question 40: The word “tiny” in paragraph 3 probably means _____.

- A. very small
- B. very deep
- C. very fat
- D. very ugly

Question 41: The word “they” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. guides
- B. holes
- C. the whales
- D. warmer waters

Question 42: According to the passage, why was the frozen ice on the sea surface a danger to whales?

- A. Because they couldn't swim in icy cold water.
- B. Because they couldn't eat when the weather was too cold.
- C. Because whales couldn't breathe without sufficient oxygen.
- D. Because the water was too cold for them as they were warm-blooded.

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 43 to 50.

It's called 42 - the name taken from the meaning of life, from the science fiction series *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. 42 was founded by French technology billionaire Xavier Niel, whose backing means there are no tuition fees and accommodation is free. Mr Niel and his co-founders come from the world of technology and start-ups, and they are trying to do to education what Facebook did to communication and Airbnb to accommodation.

Students at 42 are given a choice of projects that they might be set in a job as a software engineer - perhaps **to design a website or a computer game**. They complete a project using resources freely available on the Internet and by seeking help from their fellow students, who work alongside **them** in a large open-plan room full of computers. Another student will then be randomly assigned to mark their work.

The founders claim this method of learning makes up for shortcomings in the traditional education system, which they say encourages students to be passive recipients of knowledge. "Peer-to-peer learning develops students with the confidence to search for solutions by themselves, often in quite creative and ingenious ways."

Like in computer games, the students are asked to design and they go up a level by completing a project. They graduate when they reach level 21, which usually takes three to five years. And at the end, there is a certificate but no formal degree. Recent graduates are now working at companies including IBM, Amazon, and Tesla, as well as starting their own firms.

"The feedback we have had from employers is that our graduates are more apt to go off and find out information for themselves, rather than asking their supervisors what to do next," says Brittany Bir, chief operating officer of 42 in California and a graduate of its sister school in Paris. Ms Bir says 42's graduates will be better able to work with others and discuss and defend their ideas - an important skill in the “real world” of work. "This is particularly important in computer programming, where individuals are **notorious** for lacking certain human skills," she says.

But could 42's model of teacherless learning work in mainstream universities? Brittany Bir admits 42's methods do not suit all students. "It suits individuals who are very disciplined and self-motivated, and who are not scared by having the freedom to work at their own pace," she says.

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Question 43: According to the passage, 42 is _____.

- A. a kind of school
- B. a type of accommodation
- C. an innovation in technology
- D. a tool of virtual communication

Question 44: The word “them” in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

- A. students at 42
- B. projects
- C. resources
- D. software engineers

Question 45: The author mentions “to design a website or a computer game” in paragraph 2 to illustrate _____.

- A. a job that a French software engineer always does
- B. a choice of assignment that students at 42 have to complete
- C. a free resource available on the Internet
- D. a help that students at 42 get for their work

- Question 46:** What do 42's graduates receive on completion of their course?
A. a certificate B. a degree C. a project D. a design
- Question 47:** Which of the following is TRUE according to the passage?
A. The founders of 42 share the idea of providing free service on Facebook.
B. It normally takes 42's students at least five years to complete their course.
C. The students of 42 are required to play computer games during their course.
D. 42's peer-to-peer approach promotes active learning and working.
- Question 48:** According to Ms Bir, 42's graduates will be able to improve_____.
A. the skills of giving feedback
B. the skills of searching for information
C. the skills of teamwork and debating
D. the skills of software programming
- Question 49:** The word “**notorious**” in paragraph 5 can be best replaced by_____.
A. respectable B. incompetent C. infamous D. memorable
- Question 50:** It can be inferred from the passage that_____.
A. 42 is a good choice for people of all ages and nationalities
B. all 42's graduates are employed by world leading technology companies
C. 42's students have to handle the task assigned without any assistance
D. 42 adopts project-based and problem-solving learning methods

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