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Directions. Each of the sentences below contains an underlined word or phrase. From the choices, select the one that **best** fits the context of the underlined word in the sentence.

- 1. The construction team had an <u>arduous</u> task of rehabilitating the houses destroyed by the typhoon.
 - A. challenging
 - B. difficult
 - C. straightforward
 - D. exigent
- 2. Disposing toxic waste into rivers has a <u>deleterious</u> effect on the environment.
 - A. beneficial
 - B. devastating
 - C. developmental
 - D. harmful
- 3. The lone activist <u>desists</u> foreign invasion.
 - A. embrace
 - B. stop
 - C. continue
 - D. welcome
- 4. Although the commendation was delayed, the press secretary recognized the <u>exemplary</u> services of the journalists.
 - A. cautionary
 - B. commendable
 - C. prolific
 - D. fraudulent



- 5. Yes, the attack was <u>devoid</u> of tactical planning.
 - A. critical
 - B. present
 - C. lacking
 - D. comprehensive
- 6. The <u>fickle-minded</u> policy maker failed to deliver once again.
 - A. enigmatic
 - B. charismatic
 - C. treacherous
 - D. indecisive
- 7. Slaves <u>languish</u> in pain when the get whipped by their masters.
 - A. become weak
 - B. flourish
 - C. faint
 - D. vulnerable
- 8. The prisoner's <u>bitterness</u> evoked by the war still resides in his heart.
 - A. resentment
 - B. kindness
 - C. awareness
 - D. lessons
- 9. The committee members <u>acceded</u> to the protesters' demands.
 - A. refute
 - B. yield
 - C. amended
 - D. antagonized



- 10. The president wanted to <u>extricate</u> himself from the issue to avoid controversy.
 - A. disconnect
 - B. entangle
 - C. include
 - D. assign

Direksyon. Piliin ang katulad na kahulugan ng salitang nakasalungguhit.

- 11. Ang <u>alab ng puso</u> ko ay ipaglaban ka.
 - A. pighati
 - B. sakit
 - C. damdamin
 - D. poot
- 12. Kahit para bang <u>pasan</u> ko ang daigdig, hindi ako susuko.
 - A. dala-dala
 - B. mayaman ako
 - C. kuba ako
 - D. marami akong problema
- 13. Nang maglaon, ang kanyang <u>busilak</u> na puso ang naghatid sa kanya ng maayos na buhay.
 - A. mapula
 - B. madugo
 - C. malinis
 - D. maramdamin
- 14.*benign* acts of charity
 - A. compassionate
 - B. sympathy
 - C. apathy
 - D. antipathy



- 15.*altruistic* goals
 - A. selfish B. unselfish C. ambitious D. loud
- 16. achievements were applauded
 - A. celebrated B. reprimanded
 - C. censured
 - D. admonished
- 17. defiled by his opponents
 - A. respected B. tarnished C. maligned D. criticized
- 18. tugatog ng tagumpay
 - A. rurok B. katuparan C. ilalim D. nakalalasing
- 19.*mapag-alinlangang* puso
 - A. nag-aatubili B. mapagduda C. mapagmahal D. sigurado



- 20. walang puwang sa kapatawaran
 - A. mapagbigay
 - B. madamot
 - C. malupit
 - D. bigo

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Spelling. Select the word which is spelled correctly.

- 21.A. ocasion
 - B. occasion
 - C. occassion
 - D. ocassion
- 22.A. lightwieght
 - B. lightweigth
 - C. lieghtweight
 - D. lightweight



- 23.A. rythm
 - B. rhytm
 - C. rhythm
 - D. rhythym
- 24.A. privilege
 - B. priviledge
 - C. privelege
 - D. priveledge
- 25.A. accomodate
 - B. accommodate
 - C. acommodate
 - D. acomoddate

Sentence Completion. Select the word or phrase that most appropriately completes the sentence.

- 26.Ms. Dinna Lee-Go does not _____ Metro Manila Development Authority's plan of bulldozing the Katipunan Avenue islands in the name of traffic decongestion.
 - A. agree with
 - B. agree on
 - C. agree in
 - D. agree about



- 27.____ peso you pay for a National Geographic magazine goes to the research project on wildlife, like the research on anacondas.
 - A. Each
 - B. Every
 - C. Even
 - D. Except
- 28. Azerbaijanis have _____ hope that their crops will grow again in the oil-polluted land in Baku.
 - A. few
 - B. little
 - C. pieces of
 - D. many

29. The music _____ of the ceremony should therefore be expressions which glorify the Lord rather than just the bride and groom.

- A. select
- B. selector
- C. selective
- D. selection
- 30. The list was compiled through the of the collector.
 - A. kind
 - B. kindly
 - C. kindness
 - D. kinder
- 31. Nearly all _____ demand observance of the standard punctuation.
 - A. editor-in-chief
 - B. editors-in-chief
 - C. editor-in-chiefs
 - D. editors-in-chiefs



- 32. The _____ were grazing when the lion attacked.
 - A. deer
 - B. deers
 - C. doe
 - D. fawn
- 33. Berto wore a thin sport shirt, Nike warmup pants, and shower clogs when I visited _____ unannounced.
 - A. he
 - B. him
 - C. his
 - D. himself
- 34. Adel, _____ perseverance is unwavering, has a bright future ahead of her.
 - A. who
 - B. which
 - C. who's
 - D. whose
- 35. Miguel has ____ big since I last saw him.
 - A. grow
 - B. grew
 - C. growed
 - D. grown
- 36.____ siya ng gatas araw-araw.
 - A. Nag-inom
 - B. Umiinom
 - C. Iniinom
 - D. Ininom



- 37.Gaya _____ nakasanayan, namimitas ang magpipinsan ng bulaklak tuwing hapon para ilagay sa altar.
 - A. ng
 - B. nang
 - C. na
 - D. na ang
- 38. Kinuha _____ ang mga kabibe mula sa tabing dagat.
 - A. nila
 - B. sila
 - C. kanila
 - D. siya
- 39. Hindi makatulog ang bisita dahil _____.
 - A. namamahay
 - B. kapitbahay
 - C. binabahay
 - D. bahay-bahayan
- 40.____ Ningning at Daniel ang naatasang mamuno sa pagpupulong.
 - A. Si
 - B. Sina
 - C. Sila
 - D. Siya







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Paragraph Completion: The following paragraphs have some words missing as indicated by the numbered blanks. Read the paragraphs carefully and select the best answer for each number from the options given.

Slips of the tongue are almost inevitable. For (51) 1,000 words spoken, we make one or two errors. (52) that the average pace of speech is 150 words a minute, a slip is (53) to occur about once every seven minutes of continuous talk. Each day, most of us make (54) between 7 and 22 verbal slips.

Sigmund Freud, <u>(55)</u> name is indelibly linked with such gaffes, called them *Fehlleistungen* (faulty actions) in his 1901 book, *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life*. He deemed them notable for <u>(56)</u> an unconscious thought, belief, wish, or motive.

51. A. all

- B. every
- C. each
- D. some
- 52. A. Considering
 - B. Realizing
 - C. Stating
 - D. Explaining
- 53. A. definite
 - B. rarely C. doubtful
 - D. bound

- 54. A. among B. somewhere C. exactly D. in
- 55. A. whose B. who's C. who D. whom
- 56. A. imagining B. confusing C. revealing D. discovering



The coalition's board <u>(57)</u> the severity of the climate crisis, but their fundamental pitch could win over the most jaded executives: If you don't change your business, you won't have <u>(58)</u> down the line. There is now a scientific <u>(59)</u> that among the effects of man-made climate change is a massive hit to the economy. The US government's Fourth National Climate Assessment released in November stated that the US economy will shrink by 10% if the <u>(60)</u> pace of climate change continues. (*source*: Business Insider, May 2019)





Sequencing: Determine the best order of the following words, phrases, and sentences to form a logical, unified, and coherent sentence or paragraph.

- 61.(1) alcohol-related social media posts
 - (2) a new study says
 - (3) appear to influence
 - (4) youth alcohol consumption

A. 4-3-1-2 B. 3-1-4-2 C. 1-3-4-2 D. 2-4-1-3

62.(1) whom they even describe

- (2) the greatness of Rizal
- (3) as the greatest Filipino
- (4) who fully appreciate of all time
- (5) there are a lot of Filipino people

A. 1-3-5-4-2 B. 5-1-3-2-4 C. 4-5-3-1-2 D. 5-4-2-1-3

63. Memory transfer has been at the heart of science fiction for decades, but it's becoming more like science fact.

(1) The snails were trained to develop a defensive reaction.

(2) The research, published in the journal eNeuro, could provide new clues in the search for the physical basis of memory.

(3) When the RNA was inserted into snails that had not undergone this process, they behaved just as if they had been sensitized.

(4) A team successfully transplanted memories by transferring a form of genetic information called RNA from one snail into another.



65.(1) The moves of the game, by contrast, are infinite and complex, although they usually involve the manipulation

- (2) All life is a game of power.
- (3) As for the rules, these are only discovered by playing the game to the end.
- (4) The object of the game is simple enough: to know what you want and get it.

A. 2-4-1-3 B. 4-2-3-1 C. 1-3-4-2 D. 2-3-4-1

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- 66.(1) sa kusina
 - (2) mo
 - (3) na kutsilyo
 - (4) kunin
 - (5) ang matalas

A. 5-3-1-4-2

B. 4-2-3-1-5

C. 4-2-5-3-1

D. 1-2-4-3-5

- 67.(1) ang ginamit ng manunulat
 - (2) upang isulat
 - (3) ang lumang makinilya
 - (4) ang kanyang maikling kwento

A. 1-2-4-3 B. 2-4-1-3 C. 3-1-2-4 D. 4-1-2-3

- 68.(1) Hindi magkandaugaga ang ginang sa pagsusukat sa sapatos na bagong bili para sa anak.
 - (2) Gulung-gulo ang mag-anak ni Aling Turing dahil sa gabi ay konsorte ang binata.
 - (3) Tinutukso ni Tony ang kapatid sa kasuotan nito.
 - (4) Tinatahi naman ni Eden ang isusuot ng kapatid sa gabi ng parada.
 - A. 1-2-3-4 B. 2-1-4-3 C. 4-3-2-1 D. 3-4-1-2

69. (1) Nais ng mestisang dalaga na ang Constantino ay ang kanyang kapatid.

- (2) Hindi masabi ni Aling Miray ang kanyang pakay
- (3) Dumating si Aling Miray sa bahay ni Aling Tinding.
- (4) Tumanggi ang Reyna Elena na maging konsorte si Ting.

A. 3-2-4-1 B. 4-3-2-1 C. 1-2-3-4 D. 1-4-3-2

70. (1) Pinakain ni Impong Sela ng kaning sinabawan ng sinigang na karne.

- (2) Pinagmasdan ni Impong Sela ang apo niyang may sakit.
- (3) Nagising si Pepe at humingi ng pagkain kay Impong Sela.

(4) Ikinabalisa niya ang pabalik-balik na lagnat ni Pepe.

A. 1-2-3-4 B. 4-3-2-1 C. 3-1-4-2 D. 2-4-3-1











Directions: Choose the **best** from among the statements given below.

- 71. A. You can never really can tell.
 - B. You can never really tell.
 - C. Really you never can tell.
 - D. You can really never can tell.
- 72. A. She wanted to know if did you use the bike without permission.
 - B. She wanted to know if you use the bike without permission.
 - C. She wanted to know whether you used the bike without permission.
 - D. She wanted to know if you used the bike without permission.
- 73. A. The teenager assured his sister I will ask permission from their mother next time. B. I will ask permission from their mother next time was the assurance by the teenager to his sister.
 - C. The teenager assured his sister that he will ask permission from their mother next time.
 - D. The teenager assured his sister that he would ask permission from their mother next time.
- 74. A. Lisa can't understand why Keith doesn't dance as well as she.
 - B. Lisa can't understand how Keith doesn't dance as well as her.
 - C. Lisa can't understand why Keith doesn't dance as well as her.
 - D. Lisa can't understand the reason why Keith doesn't dance as well as her.
- 75. A. Empoy said that "I will be waiting for you across the street."
 - B. Empoy said that he will be waiting for us across the street.
 - C. Empoy said that he would be waiting for us across the street.
 - D. Empoy said that, "I would be waiting for you across the street."
- 76. A. Bumalik na ang sundalo sa kani-kanilang mga pwesto.
 - B. Bumalik na ang sundalo at ang kapitan sa kani-kaniyang pwesto.
 - C. Bumalik na ang mga sundalo sa kani-kaniyang pwesto.
 - D. Bumalik na ang kapitan sa kani-kanilang pwesto.

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- 77. A. Ang magagaling ang mga doctor na sumuri ng kanyang malubhang sakit.
 - B. Kahit salat sa pamumuhay, nagsusumikap ang kanyang ina ay maipagamot siya.
 - C. Ang tanging paraan na lamang para maibsan ang kanyang nadaramang sakit ang sumaiilalim sa isang operasyon.

D. Matapos ang operasyon at ilang araw na pahinga, nawala ang sakit na kanyang iniinda at bumuti ang kanyang pakiramdam.

- 78. A. Mahirap magmahal ng taong hindi ka mahal.
 - B. Sana'y maunawaan mo ito ng lubusan.
 - C. Sinabi ko ng taimtim sa aking sarili na handa na ulit akong magmahai at masaktan.
 - D. Sa pagkakataong ito ay huwag sanang paglauran nang sinuman.





- 79. A. Pupunta sila Kevin at Tony sa pagtitipon bukas.
 - B. Sasama raw kina Fred sina Alex at Jeff.
 - C. Kahit walang paalam, dadalhin nila Alex at Kevin ang kotse ng kanilang mga magulang.
 - D. Sa bahay nina Fred at Jeff makikitulog si Alex.
- 80. A. Pumunta ako sa tindahan ni Aling Nena para bumili ng suka at iba't-ibang sitserya.
 - B. Habang akoy nagbabayad, nakita ko ang isang dalagang nakadungaw sa bintana.
 - C. Natulala ako, nalaglag ang puso ko at nalaglag din ang sukang hawak ko.
 - D. Napasigaw si Aling Nena at ako namay parang nakuryenteng pusa.







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ANSWER KEY:

1. B	11. C	21. B	31. B	41. D	51. B	61. C	71. B
2. D	12. A	22. D	32. A	42. B	52. A	62. D	72. D
3. B	13. C	23. C	33. B	43. B	53. D	63. A	73. C
4. B	14. D	24. A	34. D	44. C	54. B	64. C	74. A
5. C	15. A	25. B	35. D	45. A	55. A	65. A	75. C
6. D	16. D	26. A	36. B	46. B	56. C	66. C	76. B
7. A	17. A	27. B	37. A	47. A	57. B	67. C	77. D
8. A	18. C	28. B	38. A	48. B	58. D	68. B	78. A
9. B	19. D	29. D	39. A	49. A	59. D	69. A	79. D
10. A	20. A	30. C	40. B	50. C	60. C	70. D	80. C







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