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I. Reading Comprehension

Directions: This section contains 1 passage, followed by a number of questions (1-17). Read the passage and for each question, choose the one best answer (A), (B), (C), (D) based on what is stated in or what can be inferred from the passage. Then, on your answer sheet, tick the letter of the answer you have selected.

The human brain remembers negative experiences more easily than positive ones. Our brains have developed this way because threats, like dangerous animals, had a more immediate effect on our ancestors' survival compared to positive things like food or shelter. As a result, you likely know what makes you unhappy, but do you know what makes you happy?

Research suggests that our level of happiness depends partly on factors we cannot control – our genes and our life circumstances. But our level of happiness is also shaped by the choices we make. If you've been chasing wealth, fame, good looks, material things, and power, you may be looking for happiness in all the wrong places. Psychologists suggest that the following seven habits make people happier. People who form close relationships tend to be happier than those who do not. The number of friends we have is not important. What matters is the quality of our relationships. Relationships that bring happiness usually involve the sharing of feelings, mutual respect, acceptance, trust, fun and empathy.

People who make a habit of caring for the wellbeing of others tend to be happier. This might involve volunteering for an organization or reaching out to support friends and family on a regular basis.

People who exercise regularly improve both their physical and mental well-being. Some research has shown that exercise can be as effective as medication in treating depression.

When we are so interested in an activity we enjoy that we lose track of time, we are in a state of flow. The activity could be making art, playing piano, surfing, or playing a game. People who experience flow in their work or hobbies tend to be happier. People who include spirituality in their daily life tend to be happier. Practicing spirituality is a way of recognizing and trying to understand the wonder and beauty of existence. Some people do this by going to a place of worship or praying. Some people practice yoga or meditation. Some people go for long walks in nature.

People are more likely to be happy if they know what their strengths are and use them regularly. People who set goals and use their strengths to achieve them tend to be happier. People are especially happy when they can use their strengths to serve the greater good.

People who think positively by being grateful, mindful, and optimistic are more likely to be happy. Being grateful means being thankful. Being mindful means being open to, focusing on, and enjoying the experiences of the present moment. Being optimistic means being hopeful about the future.

1. **What is part of thinking positively?**
   A. Wishing that we could change the past
   B. Feeling bad about decisions we have made
   C. Appreciating what we have
   D. knowing what makes us unhappy
2. **People who have mutual respect _____ .**
   A. have respect for other people
   B. don't have respect for each other
   C. have respect for one another
   D. have no respect for other people
3. **How does the author explain spirituality?**
   A. It is a way of making new friends.
   B. It is a way of recognizing the need to protect and preserve the beauty of nature
   C. It is a way of recognizing and trying to understand the wonder and beauty of life
   D. It is a way of sharing of feelings, mutual respect, acceptance, trust, fun and empathy
4. **What would the author think is not a way of caring for the well-being of others?**
   A. Giving advice to a friend who has marriage problems
   B. Practicing yoga or meditation
   C. Volunteering at a home for old people
   D. All of these
5. **What is not given as a way of spirituality that people can include in their daily lives?**
   A. Losing track of time
   B. Getting regular exercise
   C. Going to a place of worship
   D. Taking long walks in nature

6. **When you lose track of time, _____ .**
   A. time seems to pass quickly
   B. you don't have enough time
   C. time seems to stand still
   D. time seems to go by slowly
7. **Look at this sentence from the reading. *"Some research has shown that exercise is just as effective as medication in treating depression."* This means that _____.**
   A. people suffering from depression need both exercise and medicine
   B. people need medicine, not exercise, if they suffer from depression
   C. people can choose to exercise or take medication when they suffer from depression
   D. people need exercise, not medicine, when they suffer from depression
8. **Thing we cannot control that affect our level of happiness are _____.**
   A. The number of volunteer positions we have
   B. The number of quality of relationships we have
   C. Our genes
   D. All of these
9. **The reading states that exercise can be effective in treating depression. What kind of word is *'effective'*?**
   A. A verb
   B. An adverb
   C. An adjective
   D. A noun
10. **What words below could replace the word *'shelter'* in the following sentence? 'Our ancestors needed *food and shelter'*.**
   A. Weapons to defend themselves
   B. A place to live
   C. A way of hunting
   D. A workplace
11. **When you treat a cold, you _____.**
   A. give your cold to someone else
   B. start to feel better without taking any medicine
   C. take medicine to feel better
   D. catch a cold from someone else
12. **What is not mentioned in the reading as being part of a quality relationship?**
   A. Sharing of feelings
   B. Enthusiasm
   C. Mutual respect
   D. None of these
13. **The writer probably believes that _____ can help someone experiencing depression.**
   A. starting an exercise program
   B. learning to play piano or guitar
   C. learning to make art
   D. forming relationships
14. **What is not part of being mindful?**
   A. Focusing on this moment
   B. Taking pleasure in what you are doing at this time
   C. Enjoying the memory of a past experience
   D. All the above
15. **Psychologists are people who _____ .**
   A. study different ways of treating injury or illness in people
   B. study the history of mankind, from earliest times until now
   C. study the brain and how people behave
   D. None of the above
16. **According to the reading, people are in a state of flow when _____.**
   A. people include spirituality in their daily lives
   B. time seems to pass very quickly
   C. we feel the need to help others
   D. we lose time
17. **Why doesn't the brain remember positive experiences as much as negative ones?**
   A. Our ancestors didn't understand what made them happy
   B. Positive experiences are unlikely to make you happy
   C. Positive experiences were not as important for the survival of our ancestors as negative ones
   D. Positive experiences like having food and shelter were necessary for the survival of our ancestors.

II. STRUCTURE & GRAMMAR

Directions: Questions (18 - 37) are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four phrases marked (A), (B), (C), (D). Choose the one phrase that best completes the sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, tick the letter of the answer you have chosen.

18. I can't believe that you wrote a seven-page proposal in one day. That _____ .

A. must have been exhausted
B. must have been exhausting
C. should have been exhausting
D. should have been exhausted

19. I know a lot about Microsoft Excel. If you _____ .

A. told me you were having trouble, I would help you
B. would have told me you were having trouble, I would have helped you
C. told me you were having trouble, I would have helped you
D. had told me you were having trouble, I would have helped you

20. One of my co-workers gave me some good advice. She suggested _____.

A. me to make a to-do list every morning
B. that I made a to-do list every morning
C. that I make a to-do list every morning
D. to make a to-do list every morning

21. I stopped _____.

A. responding to emails as soon I get them because it's a distraction
B. to respond to emails as soon as I get them because it's a distraction
C. responding emails as soon as I get them because it's a distraction
D. to respond emails as soon as I get them because it's a distraction

22. My team will definitely have the work done on time. _____.

A. We've used to work with strict deadlines
B. We used to work with strict deadlines
C. We're used to work with strict deadlines
D. We're used to working with strict deadlines

23. If I were you _____.

A. I should have taken the offer
B. I would of taken the offer
C. I would have taken the offer
D. I would have taking the offer

24. In no way _____.

A. we broke the law
B. did we break the law
C. we did break the law
D. did we broke the law

25. No one has volunteered, _____.

A. neither we do expect anyone to volunteer
B. neither do we expect anyone to volunteer
C. nor do we expect anyone to volunteer
D. nor we do expect anyone to volunteer

26. We will have some important visitors here tomorrow. _____.

A. I'd appreciate it if you could dress professionally
B. I'd appreciate it if you can dress professionally
C. I'll appreciate it if you could dress professionally
D. I'll appreciate it if you can dress professionally

27. _____. He was expecting my call, I told him I would call right after lunch.

A. I had to call my client but I forgot
B. I was supposed to call my client but I forgot
C. I needed to call my client but I forgot
D. I must have called my client but I forgot

28. I traveled a lot as a university student. _____.

A. By the time I was 22, already I had travelled to nine different countries
B. By the time I was 22, I already travelled to nine different countries
C. By the time I was 22, I had already travelled to nine different countries
D. By the time I was 22, I travelled already to nine different countries

29. I have some marketing ideas. _____?

A. Who is responsible to manage the company's social media accounts
B. Who is responsible for managing the company's social media accounts
C. Who is responsible for manage the company's social media accounts
D. Who is responsible managing the company's social media accounts

30. Our new human resources specialist is excellent. _____.

A. We wouldn't have asked for a better employee
B. We couldn't have asked for a better employee
C. We shouldn't have asked for a better employee
D. We can't have asked for a better employee

31. Your presentation should include visual aids, _____.

A. such as pictures, tables, and graphs
B. for example, pictures, tables, and graphs
C. as pictures, tables, and graphs
D. for instance, pictures, tables, and graphs

32. It was nice meeting you. _____.

A. I look forward to work with you
B. I'm looking forward to work with you
C. I'll look forward to working with you
D. I look forward to working with you

33. Management is very concerned about this. _____.

A. It's important that the problem is dealt with right away
B. It's important that the problem is dealed with right away
C. It's important that the problem be dealt with right away
D. It's important that the problem be dealed with right away

34. That website is a security threat. _____.

A. For no circumstances you should visit it
B. Under no circumstances you should visit it
C. Under no circumstances should you visit it
D. For no circumstances should you visit it

35. Knowing people is important. _____.

A. The best connections you have, the more successful you will be
B. The better connections you have, the more successful you will be
C. The better connections you have, the more successfully you will be
D. The better connections have you, the more successful you will be

36. _____ growing up poor, Harold became well-educated and very successful.

A. Even though
B. Although
C. In spite of
D. Though

37. I'm so tired today. _____.

A. I wish I hadn't stayed up late last night
B. I wish I didn't stay up late last night
C. I wish I went to bed early last night
D. I wish I had went to bed early last night

<u>Directions:</u> For question (38-44) Choose the appropriate options to complete the sentences. Then, on your answer sheet, tick the letter of the answer you have chosen.

38. I _____ all night long, and I must get some sleep, or else I _____ asleep during the exam.

A. have been studying / will fall
B. am studying / was falling
C. study / am going to fall
D. studied / have fallen

39. The main staple food _____ in Ethiopia is a flat, sour, spongy bread which _____ injera.

A. to eat / calls
B. to have eaten / has called
C. eaten / is called
D. eating / was called

40. The famous animal conservationist _____ to raise funds for her latest African project when she _____ in a tragic accident.

A. has been trying / had killed
B. had been trying / killed
C. tried / has been killed
D. was trying / was killed

41. In Japan, all buildings _____ during the past decade are designed _____ powerful earthquakes.

A. building / withstanding
B. built / to withstand
C. to build / to have withstood
D. to be built / having withstood

42. You _____ to Bali in the high season unless you _____ reservations.

A. can't go / were making
B. haven't gone / would make
C. shouldn't go / have made
D. wouldn't go / make

43. In Turkey, people can now buy as much foreign currency as they like, _____it was not always _____ .

A. yet / too
B. so / already
C. thus / yet
D. but / so

44. _____ his money for several years, Jerry had enough _____ his master's degree without any help from his family.

A. Being saved / financing
B. Saving / being financed
C. To be saved / having financed
D. Having saved / to finance

III. VOCABULARY

Directions: For questions (45 – 60), choose the best word A, B, C or D that best fills the gap in the passage below. Then, on your answer sheet, tick the letter of the answer you have chosen.

45. A. facility	**B.** factory	**C.** office	**D.** bureau
46. A. warehouse	**B.** retailer	**C.** warehouses	**D.** retailers
47. A. inpaid	**B.** unpaid	**C.** without pay	**D.** without payment
48. A. warehouses	**B.** stores	**C.** outlet	**D.** branch
49. A. outsource	**B.** outsourcing	**C.** outsources	**D.** outsourced
50. A. association	**B.** sweatshop	**C.** closed shop	**D.** retailer
51. A. breaches	**B.** errors	**C.** mistakes	**D.** wrongdoings
52. A. ethic	**B.** ethnic	**C.** ethical	**D.** ethnical
53. A. outsource	**B.** outsourcing	**C.** outsources	**D.** outsourced
54. A. garment	**B.** raiment	**C.** garments	**D.** raiments
55. A. by	**B.** to	**C.** of	**D.** from
56. A. estimate	**B.** estimating	**C.** estimates	**D.** estimated
57. A. depends	**B.** dependent	**C.** dependant	**D.** dependence
58. A. Consume	**B.** Consumption	**C.** Consumer	**D.** Consumers
59. A. goods	**B.** shops	**C.** stores	**D.** affairs
60. A. looking out	**B.** watching out	**C.** looking into	**D.** looking at

Child workers, some as young as 10, have been found working in a textile **(45)** _____ in conditions described as close to slavery to produce clothes that appear destined for one of the major high street **(46)** _____.

Speaking to a British newspaper, the children described long hours of **(47)** _____ work and threats and beatings. The company said it was unaware that clothing intended for its **(48)** _____ had been improperly **(49)** _____ to a **(50)** _____ that used child labour. It further announced it had withdrawn the garments involved until it had investigated the alleged **(51)** _____ of the **(52)** _____ code it imposed on manufacturers three years ago.

The discovery of these children working in appalling conditions in the Shahpur Jat area of Delhi has renewed concerns about the **(53)** _____ by some large retail chains of their **(54)** _____ production to India, recognised by the United Nations as one of the worlds' hotspots for child labour. According **(55)** _____ one **(56)** _____ , over 20 per cent of India's economy is **(57)** _____ on children, which comes to a total of 55 million youngsters under 14 working.

(58) _____ in the West should not only be demanding answers from retailers about how their **(59)** _____ are produced but also should be **(60)** _____ their consciences at how they spend their money and whether cheap prices in the West are worth the suffering caused to so many children.

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