

1. Despite its initial significance, the Buzludzha Monument in Bulgaria fell into disrepute after the fall of communism in 1989, and the interior, once adorned with gorgeous mosaics and grandeur, now stands ---- and covered in graffiti.

- A) ostentatious
- B) frustrated
- C) elaborate
- D) attractive
- E) dilapidated

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2. The crescent moon is a symbol commonly associated with various cultures and religions; for example, in Islam, it is a ---- symbol representing the beginning of the lunar month.

- A) prominent
- B) reminiscent
- C) destructive
- D) contentious
- E) cautious

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3. In the classic novel, authors often chose to use ----
vivid and evocative language to create a rich and
immersive literary experience for the readers.

- A) legitimately
- B) previously
- C) appropriately
- D) predominantly
- E) temporarily

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4. Russia continues to produce top-tier chess players, with Grandmasters like Sergey Karjakin and Ian Nepomniachtchi achieving international ---- and competing at the highest levels.

- A) obligation
- B) distribution
- C) recognition
- D) competition
- E) cooperation

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5. Historically, ---- can be used to describe the end of a reign or the termination of a monarchy, often with the passing of a ruler or the collapse of a governing system.

- A) stance
- B) demise
- C) plagiarism
- D) ritual
- E) signature

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6. The prolonged exposure to environmental pollution can ---- adverse health effects, including respiratory problems and cardiovascular diseases

- A) get off
- B) rely on
- C) go through
- D) pick up
- E) result in

7. Cougars in Yellowstone National Park are hunting an increasing proportion of their prey on rugged terrain, which ---- to reduce the chance that their kills ---- by bears and wolves.

- A) would be / had to be stolen
- B) had to be / would be stolen
- C) must be / should be stolen
- D) may be / might be stolen
- E) used to be / will be stolen

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8. In Morocco, both single story and multi-storey houses ---- from mudbrick, rammed earth (where walls ---- with layers of compressed earth between wooden shutters), stone and timber.

- A) were constructed / would be built up
- B) had been constructed / will be built up
- C) are constructed / are built up
- D) will be / are being built up
- E) are being constructed / had been built up

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9. A century ago, the coastal city of Derna was well known for picture-perfect beaches, palm trees and whitewashed villas mainly ---- by Libya's Italian colonial occupiers, but today, in the aftermath of Storm Daniel, which brought 400mm of rain to the region, ---- two dams, much of Derna has been flooded.

- A) inhabited / overwhelming
- B) having inhabited / overwhelmed
- C) to have inhabited / to have overwhelmed
- D) to inhabit / to be overwhelming
- E) inhabiting / to overwhelm

10. A substantial majority of Americans – 75 percent – have been married ---- 40, and once they are in their 40s, ---- 75 percent of men and women have had a biological child.

- A) of / into
- B) off / through
- C) at / on
- D) by / over
- E) from / above

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11. Even healthy older people may struggle ---- basic tasks of daily life, so most of them will, at some point, require help ---- a caregiver, paid or unpaid, to remain at home.

- A) for / by
- B) amid / on
- C) with / from
- D) beyond / to
- E) of / behind

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12. ---- dengue has no specific treatments and usually resolves over one to two weeks, it can cause severe symptoms, known as dengue fever, and can sometimes be life-threatening.

- A) Since
- B) As
- C) As if
- D) Though
- E) If

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13. Widely available artificial intelligence technology can detect subtle disturbances in satellite signals ---- a tsunami's waves begin to form, which could provide warnings for coastal communities long before the tsunami hits.

- A) when
- B) even if
- C) whereas
- D) because
- E) only if

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14. A tiny proportion of leaves in the canopies of tropical forests are dying ---- they are passing the critical temperature threshold beyond which they can't photosynthesize.

- A) providing that
- B) because
- C) although
- D) just as
- E) until

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15. ---- they grow their own food ---- buy it from the market, everyone can adopt mindful practices when purchasing or growing food.

- A) Whether / or
- B) Both / and
- C) Neither / nor
- D) Not only / but also
- E) Either / or

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16. Zimbabwe held presidential and parliamentary elections amid fears that the result would once again be rigged ---- the current President and the ruling party that has run the country since independence in 1980.

- A) as well as
- B) in turn
- C) in favour of
- D) despite
- E) on behalf of

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The history of urban life is a fascinating narrative of human civilization's evolution from agrarian societies to bustling metropolises. As ancient villages grew into sprawling cities, the dynamics of daily existence underwent a (17) ---- transformation. The rise of urban centers marked the advent of complex social structures, economic systems, (18) ---- cultural interactions. From the narrow, winding streets of ancient Rome to the towering skyscrapers of modern-day megalopolises, urban life has continually adapted to the changing needs and aspirations of its inhabitants. The cityscape (19) ---- a canvas for architectural marvels, reflecting the technological advancements and artistic expressions of each era. Urbanization brought challenges (20) ---- overcrowding, pollution, and social inequality, but it also fostered innovation, cultural exchange, and the flourishing of diverse communities. Throughout history, urban life has been a dynamic tapestry, intricately woven (21) ---- the threads of progress, challenge, and the shared experiences that define the essence of our collective journey.

17.

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| A) ridiculous | B) profound |
| C) structural | D) tremendous |
| E) variable | |

18.

- A) in contrast to
B) as well as
C) in order for
D) as for
E) in spite of

19.

- A) will become
B) had become
C) is becoming
D) became
E) becomes

20.

- A) except for
B) as with
C) such as
D) despite
E) due to

21.

- A) with B) over C) off D) between E) among

Ghost stories have captivated the human imagination for centuries, weaving a tapestry of the supernatural that. (22) ---- cultural boundaries. These tales often unfold in dimly lit settings, where shadows dance in the flickering candlelight, setting the stage for eerie encounters (23) ---- the otherworldly. Whether nestled around a campfire or whispered in hushed tones by storytellers, ghost stories (24) ---- the power of the unknown to send shivers down the spines of eager listeners. The allure lies not only in the spectral entities themselves but also in the exploration of the human psyche, (25) ---- these narratives delve into the uncharted territories of fear, mortality, and the lingering mysteries of the afterlife. With each haunting tale, readers or listeners are transported into a realm where reality blurs, and (26) ---- the supernatural takes centre stage, leaving an indelible mark on the collective consciousness of those who dare to venture into the realm of the spectral unknown.

22.

- A) regards
- B) reduces
- C) obscures
- D) transcends
- E) develops

23.

- A) with
- B) over
- C) between
- D) on
- E) among

24.

- A) had harnessed
- B) harnessed
- C) harness
- D) have harnessed
- E) are harnessing

25.

- A) as if
- B) if
- C) so
- D) but
- E) as

26.

- A) conversely
- B) similarly
- C) subsequently
- D) approximately
- E) additionally

27. As the atmosphere extends above Earth, toward outer space, ----.

- A) the air we breathe will comprise 78 percent nitrogen gas, 21 percent oxygen, and 0.9 percent argon
- B) air becomes thinner and the combination of gases in the air changes
- C) ozone, or three molecules of oxygen, has formed a layer of chemical smog at ground level
- D) neither do the traces of other gases and tiny bits of dust
- E) it might become easy to find living beings in the upper strata

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28. If NASA and some developed nations want to achieve their goal to put permanent human populations on the Moon, ----.

- A) they need to drop the project that focuses on conception and embryo development in space
- B) their interest in developing artificial wombs will be held back by reactionaries
- C) their intention to use animal models will be protested by animal welfare communities
- D) they need to focus on reproduction, which is fraught with issues, most notably radiation and gravity
- E) they will have to find a way to prevent other countries from developing better plans

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29. Although jokes and humour are often thought of as trivial and insignificant, ----.

- A) the common impulse to regard humour as inconsequential or totally irrelevant is a mistake
- B) this is hardly understandable as they are, by definition, not serious
- C) we are thirty times more likely to laugh with others than when alone
- D) an insignificant amount of data has been generated regarding how humour works in the brain
- E) verbal puns are where specific linguistic elements convey different meanings

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30. ----, they have at least as many differences as they do similarities with each other.

- A) After the terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" were adopted in the US in an attempt to loosely group immigrants and their descendants
- B) Since the word "Latino" is understood as shorthand for the Spanish word *latinoamericano* and refers to anyone born in Latin America and living in the U.S.
- C) Whereas "Latino" does not include speakers of Romance languages from Europe, such as Italians or Spaniards,
- D) While "Hispanic" is generally accepted as a narrower term that includes people only from Spanish-speaking Latin America
- E) Though most of the countries in Latin America are largely Catholic and Spanish-speaking, thanks to a shared history of colonization by Spain

31. If the Sun collapsed and became a black hole – albeit a small one – right now, ----.

- A) our galactic orbit, along with the orbits of all the other stars in the disc, remains safe
- B) there is no telling what will have happened to our local clump of stars
- C) black holes (of any size) are completely harmless to anyone with the good sense not to approach them
- D) it isn't even particularly important for our orbit around the Galactic Centre
- E) the Earth would just keep on orbiting, completely unaffected

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32. Despite no hard evidence for the fabled Loch Ness Monster's, also called Nessie, existence, ----.

- A) the Loch Ness Monster legend dates back many centuries
- B) Loch Ness is low in nutrients and unlikely to support a large species like a massive ancient reptile
- C) Nessie became famous the world over, and the loch remains a popular tourist destination
- D) volunteers will be asked to look out for breaks in the water and any inexplicable movements
- E) researchers couldn't rule out a theory that overgrown eels are responsible for sighting

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33. ----, as caregivers soothe infants with lullabies and humming.

- A) Humming is likely connected to our earliest memories of comfort and care
- B) We hum when we are happy, embarrassed, displeased or in agreement with someone
- C) We often hum tunes unconsciously, even ones we don't like, by mirroring what we hear
- D) Humming is claimed to help reduce stress, breathe more easily, and relieve sinus congestion
- E) Humming leads to some unexpected psychological such as increased body awareness and decentring

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34. The mechanism by which artificial intelligence (AI) will supposedly solve the world's problems has a strong historical basis ----.

- A) since steam engine and similar technologies were the prime mover of the Industrial Revolution
- B) given that microscopes and telescopes opened up new vistas of discovery in the 17th century
- C) while AI tools and techniques are now being applied in almost every field of science
- D) because the new ideas and technologies introduced by AI are part of the ongoing computer revolution
- E) when the current debate around AI tends to focus on its potential dangers

35. Whereas sea lions and fur seals have long front flippers, which they are able to rotate under their body, which allows them to walk on land, ----.

- A) seals are in the same taxonomical suborder of pinnipeds (Pinnipedia), which also includes sea lions and walruses
- B) seals have no external ear flap but instead have ear holes, which often causes them to be called earless seals
- C) seals have short front flippers, and their back flippers can't rotate under their body to help them walk
- D) the anatomy of seals is quite similar, with their back flippers helping them move like a fish while swimming
- E) seals are different from walruses as the latter are quite easily distinguishable owing to their large tusks

36. Though the world has been seeing the bright side of India, with their success in landing a spacecraft on the Moon, ----.

- A) it has become the world's biggest vibrant economy, with a staggering annual growth rate of 7.8%
- B) India grapples with complex challenges, including socioeconomic disparities, environmental concerns, and political issues
- C) the country has just hosted a G20 summit where other leaders courted Asia's rising behemoth
- D) the president has promoted national digital-payment and welfare schemes
- E) India needs to safeguard the federal system, which creates flexibility and facilitates co-operation

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37. Concern around the negative impacts of computers, smartphones and social media has been rising ever since they began to become ubiquitous.

- A) Bilgisayarların, akıllı telefonların ve sosyal medyanın olumsuz etkileri konusundaki endişe, yaygın hale gelmeye başladıkları zamandan bu yana artmaktadır.
- B) Bilgisayarların, akıllı telefonların ve sosyal medyanın olumsuz etkileri konusunda, yaygın hale gelmeye başladıkları zamandan bu yana artan bir şekilde endişe duymaktayız.
- C) Bilgisayarlar, akıllı telefonlar ve sosyal medya bu kadar yaygın hale gelmemiş olmasaydı olumsuz etkileri konusunda bu kadar endişe duymamıza gerek kalmayacaktı.
- D) Bilgisayarların, akıllı telefonların ve sosyal medyanın olumsuz etkilerinin sebep olduğu endişe, yaygın hale gelmeye başladıkları zamandan bu yana artmaktadır.
- E) Bilgisayarlar, akıllı telefonlar ve sosyal medyanın yaygın hale gelmeye başladıkları zamandan bu yana artmakta olan şey, onların olumsuz etkileri hakkındaki endişedir.

38. What we now think of as Greek tragedy is a relatively small corpus from the fifth century B.C., and it contains fewer than three dozen plays from the hundreds that were produced over the course of that century.

- A) Şu anda Yunan trajedisi olarak düşündüğümüz şey, M.Ö. beşinci yüzyıldan kalan nispeten küçük bir derlemedir ve bu, o yüzyıl boyunca üretilen yüzlerce oyun arasından üç düzine veya biraz daha az sayıdaki oyunu içermektedir.
- B) M.Ö. beşinci yüzyıldan kalan nispeten küçük bir derleme olan ve şu anda Yunan trajedisi olarak düşündüğümüz şey, o yüzyıl boyunca üretilen yüzlerce oyun arasından üç düzineden veya biraz daha az sayıdaki oyunu içermektedir.
- C) Şu an için Yunan trajedisi olarak kabul ettiğimiz şey, M.Ö. beşinci yüzyıldan kalma nispeten küçük bir külliyattır ve bu, o yüzyıl boyunca üretilen yüzlerce oyundan sadece üç düzineden daha azını içermektedir.
- D) M.Ö. beşinci yüzyıl boyunca yüzlerce oyun üretilmiştir ancak bugün bizim Yunan trajedisi olarak düşündüğümüz şey, o oyunların sadece üç düzineden daha azını içeren küçük bir külliyattan ibarettir.
- E) Şu an için Yunan trajedisini M.Ö. beşinci yüzyıl boyunca üretilen yüzlerce oyunun toplamı sanıyor olsak da o oyunların sadece üç düzineden daha azını içeren küçük bir külliyat Yunan trajedisini oluşturmaktadır.

39. Though Leonardo Da Vinci was an immensely talented artist, inventor, and visionary, many of his ideas were, not surprisingly in the politically unstable world of the late 15th and early 16th centuries, related to war.

- A) Leonardo Da Vinci'nin fikirlerinin birçoğu, 15. yüzyılın sonları ve 16. yüzyılın başlarının siyaseten istikrarsız dünyasında şaşırtıcı olmayacak şekilde savaşla ilgili olmasına rağmen kendisi muazzam yetenekli bir sanatçı, mucit ve vizyonerdi.
- B) Leonardo Da Vinci, muazzam yetenekli bir sanatçı, mucit ve vizyonerdi ancak onun fikirlerinin birçoğu, 15. yüzyılın sonları ve 16. yüzyılın başlarının siyaseten istikrarsız dünyasında şaşırtıcı olmayacak şekilde savaşla ilgiliydi.
- C) Leonardo Da Vinci'nin muazzam yetenekli bir sanatçı, mucit ve vizyoner olması, onun fikirlerinin birçoğunun 15. yüzyılın sonları ve 16. yüzyılın başlarının siyaseten istikrarsız dünyasında şaşırtıcı olmayacak şekilde savaşla ilgili olduğu gerçeğini değiştirmez.
- D) Leonardo Da Vinci, muazzam yetenekli bir sanatçı, mucit ve vizyoner olarak bilinmesine rağmen fikirlerinin çoğu, 15. yüzyılın sonları ve 16. yüzyılın başlarının siyaseten istikrarsız dünyasından beklendiği gibi savaşla ilgiliydi.
- E) Leonardo Da Vinci, muazzam yetenekli bir sanatçı, mucit ve vizyoner olmasına rağmen onun fikirlerinin birçoğu, 15. yüzyılın sonları ve 16. yüzyılın başlarının siyaseten istikrarsız dünyasında şaşırtıcı olmayacak şekilde savaşla ilgiliydi.

40. Eğer bir deniz feneri sahibi olmayı hep hayal ettiyseniz şimdi tam zamanı çünkü ABD hükümeti, yeni teknolojiler tarafından işlevsiz hale getirilen kıyılarındaki 10 deniz fenerini ücretsiz olarak dağıtıyor.

- A) If you have ever fantasized about possessing a lighthouse, this is the perfect opportunity for you, as the U.S. government is offering 10 of its coastal lighthouses for free, as they have become obsolete due to new technologies.
- B) If you have ever dreamed of owning a lighthouse, now is the time for you as the U.S. government is giving away 10 of its shorelines' lighthouses, rendered obsolete by new technologies.
- C) For those dreaming of owning a lighthouse, now is the time because the U.S. government is giving away 10 of its shorelines' lighthouses, which were rendered obsolete by new technologies.
- D) The U.S. government is giving away 10 of its shorelines' lighthouses, rendered obsolete by new technologies, so now might be the time for those dreaming of owning a lighthouse.
- E) If you have ever dreamed of owning a lighthouse, now is the time for you as the U.S. government is donating 10 of its coastal lighthouses due to their becoming obsolete by new technologies.

41. Beyaz Saray'ın birçok sakini, Ortadoğu hakkındaki her şeyi unutmuş olmayı dileyerek görevlerini bıraktı ancak bir süper güç veya küçük bir işletme yönetiyor olun, Ortadoğu hala her zamanki kadar önemlidir.

- A) Many occupants of the White House have left office wishing they could forget all about the Middle East, but whether you run a superpower or a small business, the Middle East matters as much as ever.
- B) The White House was left behind by many of its occupants who wished they could forget the Middle East, yet the region is as important as ever whether you run a superpower or a small business.
- C) Many of the White House's former occupants have moved on, harboring a desire to erase the Middle East from their memories; however, regardless of whether you lead a superpower or a small business, the region remains as crucial as ever.
- D) Though many occupants of the White House have left office wishing they could forget all about the Middle East, the Middle East matters as much as ever whether you run a superpower or a small business.
- E) Many former White House occupants have left the region behind, hoping to forget about the Middle East, but regardless of whether you lead a superpower or a small business, the importance of the region remains as significant as ever.

42. Vezüv Yanardağı, iki tam gün boyunca erimiş lav, kül, sülfürlü kaya ve zehirli gaz püskürterek MS 79 yılının 24 Ağustos'unda patladığında Pompeii ile yakın komşusu Herculaneum'u 6 metre kalınlığında volkanik malzeme altına gömdü.

- A) On August 24, AD 79, Mount Vesuvius erupted, ejecting molten lava, ash, sulphurous rock, and toxic gas continuously for two full days, and it covered Pompeii and its nearby neighbour Herculaneum under 6 meters of volcanic debris.
- B) When Mount Vesuvius erupted on 24 August AD 79, spewing forth molten lava, ash, sulphurous rock and poisonous gas for two solid days, it buried Pompei and its near neighbour Herculaneum under 6 metres of volcanic material.
- C) Mount Vesuvius erupted on August 24, AD 79, expelling molten lava, ash, sulphurous rock, and toxic gas for a continuous period of two full days, ultimately burying both Pompeii and its nearby neighbour Herculaneum under 6 meters of volcanic material.
- D) Upon its eruption on 24 August AD 79, emitting molten lava, ash, sulphurous rock, and poisonous gas for a continuous period of two full days, Mount Vesuvius buried Pompei and Herculaneum under 6 metres of volcanic debris.
- E) When it erupted on August 24, AD 79, Mount Vesuvius spewed molten lava, ash, sulphurous rock, and toxic gas continuously for two full days, resulting in the burial of Pompeii and Herculaneum under 6 meters of volcanic debris.