

1-6: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the space.

- As ocean temperatures continue to rise, they create favourable conditions for hurricanes to rapidly intensify—an increasingly common phenomenon that ---- itself through wind speeds surging by over 35 mph within just 24 hours.  
A) terminates B) regards  
C) assigns D) displays  
E) irritates
- Once believed to be extinct, the ---- Anatolian leopard has recently been captured on camera, and it exhibits behaviours remarkably consistent with those of other solitary big cats in rugged, mountainous habitats.  
A) deliberate B) exploited  
C) abundant D) ambiguous  
E) elusive
- The recent ---- of the Anatolian leopard have reignited conservation efforts, highlighting the critical importance of preserving its natural habitat to ensure the survival of this rare and majestic predator.  
A) claims B) affirmations  
C) justifications D) sightings  
E) minorities
- The material that defines the Industrial Revolution is undoubtedly steel, but it was not until a particular process was developed that steel was able to be ---- mass-produced.  
A) literally B) strangely  
C) urgently D) paradoxically  
E) duly

- Flu shots work by priming the immune system to make antibodies that are ready to ---- the selected flu strains if a vaccinated person is exposed.  
A) wind down B) go over  
C) hold off D) draw on  
E) put out

- The Luddite movement came into ---- during the difficult economic period of Napoleonic Wars, when wage bills were cut by employers, workers were sacked and machines were optimised to drive down costs.  
A) demise B) calamity  
C) achievement D) prominence  
E) reliance

7-16: For these questions, choose the best word(s) or expression(s) to fill the space(s).

- Since it began operations in 2020, the Mars Perseverance Rover ---- valuable data about the planet's surface and climate, which ---- scientists to better understand its potential for past life.  
A) was collecting / helped  
B) has collected / is helping  
C) collected / helps  
D) had collected / was helping  
E) is collecting / had helped
- Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, seems ---- a subsurface ocean beneath its icy crust, ---- hopes for the potential existence of microbial life.  
A) to be hiding / raising  
B) having / to raise  
C) to have / raising  
D) to have had / increased  
E) have / to be raised

9. The fact that the hikers survived for days in such harsh weather conditions ---- that they ---- excellent survival training beforehand.

- A) suggests / must have received
- B) would suggest / could have received
- C) has suggested / had to receive
- D) suggested / should receive
- E) is suggesting / might receive

10. Researchers recently found microbes surviving ---- extreme conditions deep ---- Antarctica's ice sheets, raising new questions about life on other planets.

- A) below / at
- B) under / onto
- C) in / beneath
- D) on / over
- E) over / across

11. The newly proposed policy, introduced ---- pressure from environmental groups and implemented in coordination with international agencies, aims to drastically reduce carbon emissions ---- a decade.

- A) with / over
- B) under / within
- C) by / through
- D) against / at
- E) into / for

12. ---- researchers have long recognized that species adapt their ranges in response to environmental changes, the accelerating pace of the climate crisis has intensified the urgency of studying these shifts.

- A) Only if
- B) Whereas
- C) Since
- D) Even though
- E) As if

13. ---- many aspects of Bosnian culture have been shaped by centuries of foreign influence, the country has preserved a distinct identity through its language, traditions, and communal values.

- A) Even if
- B) As if
- C) Only if
- D) If
- E) Unless

14. Turkish hospitality is widely regarded as one of the most heartfelt in the world and welcomes anyone ---- visitors approach local traditions with sincerity, humility, and cultural sensitivity.

- A) even if
- B) so long as
- C) unless
- D) although
- E) because

15. Istanbul, which straddles two continents and has served as the capital of multiple empires, is ---- rich in historical and cultural heritage ---- visitors often feel as if they are walking through a living museum spanning empires, faiths, and centuries.

- A) as / as
- B) such / that
- C) neither / nor
- D) so / that
- E) both / and

16. ---- being merely a political centre, Ankara has evolved into a vibrant cultural and academic hub, offering museums, theatres, and universities that reflect the city's modern and intellectual spirit.

- A) As well as
- B) According to
- C) In terms of
- D) On behalf of
- E) Rather than

**17-21: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.**

In recent years, digital communication has undergone a significant transformation, with asynchronous messaging platforms becoming increasingly dominant. (17) ---- relying solely on real-time interactions such as phone calls or video chats, people now favour tools like email, voice notes, and messaging apps that allow them to respond (18) ---- their convenience. This shift reflects not only the fast-paced nature of modern life but also a growing emphasis on flexibility and autonomy in both personal and professional exchanges. (19) ----, the rise of artificial intelligence in communication tools—such as predictive text, auto-translation, and smart replies—has begun to reshape how we compose and interpret messages. While these technologies can (20) ---- efficiency, they also raise concerns about the loss of nuance and authenticity in human interaction. Nevertheless, the trend toward more adaptable and tech-assisted communication methods appears (21) ----, driven by globalization, remote work, and the evolving preferences of digitally native generations who prioritize speed, accessibility, and minimal disruption in their communication habits.

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| A) As well as  | B) According to |
| C) In terms of | D) On behalf of |
| E) Rather than |                 |

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| A) to   | B) about |
| C) amid | D) by    |
| E) at   |          |

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| A) Therefore    | B) Otherwise   |
| C) Additionally | D) In contrast |
| E) However      |                |

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| A) arise   | B) revive   |
| C) enhance | D) obstruct |
| E) reduce  |             |

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| A) to have accelerated | B) having accelerated |
| C) to be accelerated   | D) to be accelerating |
| E) accelerating        |                       |

**22-26: For these questions, choose the best word or expression to fill the spaces in the passage.**

In today's rapidly evolving world, existential concerns have gained renewed prominence, particularly (22) ---- global challenges such as climate change, artificial intelligence, and political instability. Many individuals are (23) ---- questions not only about personal purpose, but also about humanity's long-term survival and moral responsibilities. The growing visibility of environmental degradation, for example, has intensified fears (24) ---- the future of the planet and the ethical consequences of human activity. Similarly, advancements in AI have sparked debates about the nature of consciousness, free will, and what it means to be human in an increasingly automated world. Compounded by current social fragmentation and a perceived erosion of traditional belief systems, these developments (25) ---- both individuals and societies to reexamine their core values. While some respond with anxiety or nihilism, others are turning to philosophy, activism, and community engagement as means of reclaiming a sense of meaning. (26) ----, these concerns reflect a deep and growing need for clarity, connection, and purpose in uncertain times.

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| A) for the sake of | B) in the face of |
| C) on behalf       | D) in spite of    |
| E) in pursuit of   |                   |

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| A) leaning against | B) abstaining from |
| C) bringing about  | D) grappling with  |
| E) adding up       |                    |

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| A) in     | B) regarding |
| C) for    | D) across    |
| E) around |              |

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| A) was prompting | B) had prompted      |
| C) prompt        | D) will be prompting |
| E) are prompting |                      |

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| A) Ultimately | B) However   |
| C) Similarly  | D) Otherwise |
| E) Conversely |              |

**43-46: Answer these questions according to the passage below.**

Following Christopher Columbus' first voyage across the Atlantic in 1492, Spain and other European countries engaged in large-scale colonization that resulted in European settlers and their descendants colonizing most of the Western Hemisphere. However, they weren't the first Europeans to make the voyage to North America. After establishing settlements in Iceland and Greenland in the ninth and 10th centuries A.D., the Vikings reached what is now Newfoundland, Canada in around A.D. 1000. They built an outpost at L'anse aux Meadows and used it to explore other areas of north-eastern North America, with historical records indicating that they created another outpost called "Hop" somewhere in what is now the province of New Brunswick. However, the Vikings did not colonize North America on a large scale, at least compared to what Europeans did after 1492. So why didn't the Vikings colonize North America? In short, it is unclear if the Vikings wanted to expand their outposts into colonies, and the Vikings' outposts were sparsely populated when they came into conflict with Indigenous Americans, prompting them to leave it all behind. But other factors, including the arduous ocean route and the level of urbanization in both Europe and North America at the time, also played a role.

**43. According to the passage, the colonization of the Western Hemisphere by European countries, ----.**

- A) took place long before 1492 by the Vikings, who colonized the whole of what is now Canada
- B) paved the way for the Vikings, who made voyages to the Eastern coast of what is now Canada
- C) came right after the colonization of Iceland and Greenland
- D) did not come to a halt after the expedition led by Christopher Columbus took place in 1492
- E) was made possible by the high level of urbanization in Europe at the time

**44. Which of the following is true about the Vikings according to the passage?**

- A) The outpost they built at L'anse aux Meadows in Canada is still there.
- B) They intended to colonize North America on a large scale but denied by native Americans.
- C) They would have facilitated the colonization of North America had they had big ships.
- D) Their first settlement was Hop, which was later demolished by Native Americans.
- E) The settlements they built in North America were not crowded.

**45. The underlined word 'arduous' is closest in meaning to ----.**

- A) effortless
- B) gruelling
- C) undemanding
- D) progressive
- E) inconsistent

**46. What could be the best title for the passage?**

- A) Why the Vikings Didn't Colonize North America
- B) Urbanization Shaped by the Expansion of Viking Colonies
- C) The Difficult Journey from Iceland to Greenland
- D) European Settlers and Indigenous North Americans
- E) The Complete History of Viking Exploration