

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

1. **Electric vehicles still remain much more expensive than their combustion ---- even as their prices come down, and the government introduces tax credits.**
A) dilemmas B) counterparts
C) assumptions D) beneficiaries
E) inspections
2. **Piecing together the Xiongnu's curious history has been a challenge because despite their high organisation and military ----, the nation never developed a written language.**
A) indication B) failure
C) resentment D) protection
E) competence
3. **The transmission of syphilis during pregnancy to an unborn child can have ---- consequences including miscarriage, stillbirth, premature births, low birth weights and the death of a baby shortly after birth.**
A) predictable B) relevant
C) inspiring D) devastating
E) imminent
4. **In July 2023, wildfires in Greece burned more than 54,000 hectares, almost five times more than the annual average, forcing thousands of residents to ---- many rural and urban settlements in pursuit of a safe place.**
A) evacuate B) absorb
C) assemble D) tolerate
E) inhabit

5. **While climate events like recent heatwaves have multiple causes, research finds that they are many times more likely, and that susceptible areas are hit more ---- due to the human burning of fossil fuels.**
A) vigorously B) severely
C) remarkably D) discreetly
E) accurately
6. **Scientists have discovered that chimps living in Côte d'Ivoire ---- surveillance on each other to avoid or incite conflict – much like intelligence officers in human military operations.**
A) deal with B) get over
C) carry out D) look up
E) take off

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

7. **Many people ---- of cataracts themselves in old age or in the context of older adults because the lens ---- cloudier throughout life, slowly causing blurry vision.**
A) hear / would become
B) have heard / became
C) had heard / have become
D) will hear / had become
E) will have heard / becomes
8. **A data analysis company has found that it ---- an hour and a half to read a famous phone company's terms and conditions for creating an ID if you ---- to check the text's meaning.**
A) will take / have not paused
B) would / had not paused
C) has taken / will not pause
D) takes / do not pause
E) took / did not pause

9. It has been discovered in Spain that thousands of years ago, a woman underwent two surgeries to her head, and amazingly she appears ---- both operations, ---- by a healed bone in her skull.
- A) to have survived / evidenced
B) to survive / having evidenced
C) surviving / to evidence
D) having survived / evidencing
E) to have been survived / having evidenced
10. During Black Friday, retailers often offer certain products ---- extremely low prices, which are designed to attract customers ---- the store or onto the website, with the expectation that they will not only purchase the discounted item but also buy other, higher-margin products.
- A) on / out of B) by / from
C) for / onto D) at / into
E) in / over
11. Napoleon Bonaparte was sympathetic ---- some aspects of the reformist aims of the French Revolution, especially those that aligned ---- his vision of a strong and centralized state.
- A) for / from B) into / among
C) to / with D) by / between
E) at / away
12. ---- almost everyone in the world now breathes air that is polluted in some way, the unfolding story of air pollution is one of environmental inequality, with the industrialized urban areas suffering the most.
- A) Even when B) Because
C) As though D) Although
E) Since
13. ---- people actively avoid singlehood, they may do so for various reasons, influenced by cultural, personal, or societal factors.
- A) While B) Just as
C) When D) Now that
E) Unless
14. ---- the liar is usually well-versed in the art of alteration or manipulating what is true, pathological lying can be extremely difficult to detect and unravel.
- A) Though B) Until
C) Whereas D) As
E) Only if
15. Anecdotal reports from anesthesiologists and various animal and human studies suggest that having red hair is associated with an altered sensitivity to ---- pain itself ---- pain-relieving medications.
- A) such / that B) less / than
C) whether / or D) as / as
E) both / and
16. Consumed mostly in Latin American countries ---- in Syria and Lebanon, traditional mate is a hot, bitter, caffeinated tea made by steeping the dried leaves of the yerba mate plant.
- A) in the name of B) in spite of
C) as well as D) on behalf of
E) for the sake of

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

For decades, researchers have created facial approximations of people from the past, from iconic historical figures, like King Tut and English king Henry VII, to ordinary individuals lost to time, **(17)** ---- an unnamed Stone Age woman and a Neanderthal man. But how well do these approximations capture what the people looked like in life? And is there any way to **(18)** ---- their accuracy? Studies **(19)** ---- real people suggest that facial approximations do a good job of making recognizable images. But the accuracy of these reconstructions can devolve to guesswork when fossil skulls are damaged. **(20)** ----, researchers sometimes use opaque or biased datasets, which can limit a reconstruction's accuracy. Still, new DNA extraction and analysis techniques are making reconstructions more accurate than ever by ensuring that ancient people **(21)** ---- with the right hair, skin and eye colors.

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| A) in spite of | B) such as |
| C) along with | D) as opposed to |
| E) in contrast with | |

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| A) measure | B) expire |
| C) arrange | D) disclose |
| E) inject | |

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| A) for | B) with |
| C) from | D) away |
| E) above | |

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| A) Thus | B) Even so |
| C) By contrast | D) Likewise |
| E) In addition | |

21.

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| A) were depicted | B) would be depicted |
| C) were being depicted | D) are depicted |
| E) had been depicted | |

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

A side-splitting joke might spur, (22) ---- tears and gasps for air, the age-old exclamation: "I'm dying of laughter!" Although the expression is an obvious (23) ----, is there any truth behind it? Can people actually die of laughter? (24) ---- it is highly unlikely, it is technically possible – and there have been documented cases of laughter-related deaths in the past. (25) ----, there are a few ways laughter could trigger a negative effect on the body. One of the most vulnerable of these pathways is via the heart. In rare cases, an especially hearty chuckle (26) ---- something called "laughter-induced syncope," a condition that causes a person's blood pressure to drop rapidly during an exaggerated laugh. This triggers a heightened response from the autonomic nervous system – the network of nerves that regulates involuntary physiological processes – leading to a temporary dip in the amount of blood that flows to the brain, which can result in a loss of consciousness.

22.

- A) without
B) between
C) over
D) along
E) onto

23.

- A) inhibition
B) magnitude
C) exaggeration
D) passion
E) parade

24.

- A) Unless
B) Because
C) As soon as
D) After
E) While

25.

- A) In fact
B) Therefore
C) Nevertheless
D) Meanwhile
E) On the contrary

26.

- A) would cause
B) can cause
C) is supposed to cause
D) has to cause
E) must cause

27-36: For these questions, choose the best option to complete the given sentence.

27. ---, it remains highly prevalent and contributes to considerable mortality.

- A) Since the current evidence on the impact of air pollution on heart failure remains inconsistent
- B) So that heart failure poses a significant global disease burden
- C) Although the age-standardized incidence of heart failure has been declining since 2000
- D) Whereas available evidence highlights adverse associations between air pollution and heart failure
- E) When both associations for hospitalization and mortality of heart failure in the same population were reported in one study

28. Since water conditions favourable to the growth of reefs exist in tropical or near-tropical surface waters, ---.

- A) the sighting of coral reefs in the higher latitudes is a rare phenomenon
- B) it is highly unlikely to see coral reefs in the tropical waters surrounding equatorial atolls
- C) the well-lit waters of tropical seas also make it hard for coral reefs to thrive
- D) the oxygen content of water is also essential, exceeding 90% of saturation most of the time
- E) winds and currents are important in shaping individual reefs and in determining the orientation, shape, and position of the coral sand cays

29. When political theorists who think complete obedience to a single will is necessary to maintain order and security are in majority, ---.

- A) discussions about the reinstatement of an absolute monarchy abound
- B) people think their democratic administration is way better than oppressive ones
- C) absolutist rulers like Hitler and Mussolini will always be condemned for the atrocities they committed
- C) there will always be people claiming that kings derived their authority from God
- E) a monopoly of power also has been justified on the basis of a presumed knowledge of absolute truth

30. Whereas oral literature is widespread in the majority of Africa, ---.

- A) there are written literatures in both Hausa and Arabic in northern Nigeria
- B) works written in European languages date primarily from the 20th century onward
- C) the relationship between oral and written traditions is one of great complexity
- D) modern African literatures were born in the educational systems imposed by colonialism
- E) written literature is limited to a much smaller geographical area

31. Before mechanization came to the fishing industry toward the end of the 19th century, ---.

- A) food-gathering peoples first obtained fish and shellfish from the shallow water of lakes
- B) techniques were developed for preserving fish by drying, smoking, salting, and fermentation
- C) herring were caught in huge numbers in northern Europe in the Middle Ages
- D) sailing vessels developed to suit conditions and fisheries in different areas
- E) steam gradually replaced sail for propulsion in the last quarter of the 19th century

32. As owning a home has long been considered an essential part of the American Dream, ----.

- A) missing one or more mortgage payments can result in serious consequences for those who want to fulfil their dream
- B) about three million homes were repossessed in the United States between 2006 and 2011 due to defaults on mortgage
- C) people who default on their mortgage payments may lose their homes and may not be able to borrow money in the future
- D) there has been a turmoil in the U.S. housing market on account of the the high rate of foreclosures in recent months
- E) people often work for years to save for a down payment on what will be the largest investment they ever make

33. Even though humans have always been travellers, moving out of Africa to all parts of the world in search of space, food and resources, ----.

- A) guided tours have been both stereotyped and ridiculed in everyday talk
- B) guided tours are multi-faceted, purposefully designed and continuously developed
- C) the idea of guided tourism for leisure and education didn't really start until the 17th century
- D) tourists do not have to choose themselves which sites to visit on occasions when time is limited
- E) our inclination towards an organized touristic activity didn't take long to evolve

34. Since the United States has no coherent system of long-term care, which is mostly a patchwork, ----.

- A) the authorities responsible for health care for the elderly value elders the same way that other countries and other cultures do
- B) it not only has a financing and insurance system for long-term care, but also the political will to spend a lot of money
- C) federal long-term care for older people has fundamentally changed in the decades since Medicare and Medicaid was signed in 1965
- D) it devotes a smaller share of its gross domestic product to long-term care than do most other wealthy countries
- E) Medicare, the federal health insurance program for Americans 65 and older, covers the costs of medical care, but generally pays for a home aide

35. Whenever you think about the behaviour you expect of yourself in your personal life and as a professional, ----.

- A) you are engaging in a philosophical dialogue with yourself to establish the standards of behaviour you choose to uphold, that is, your ethics
- B) you will find yourself having to decide you should always tell the truth to family, friends, customers, clients, and shareholders
- C) there might be some to go around to those who are important because they are affected one way or another by your business
- D) you may also choose never to defraud or mislead your business partners, or anyone else that matters for you
- E) you will not require that all the money on the table come your way while you are pursuing profit in your business

36. While American policymakers rooted for China's economic success and worried about the risks that a failed and starving China would pose for the world in the recent past, ----.

- A) it is not clear how far Presidents of both countries will go to re-establish those kinds of ties
- B) these days, American policymakers look for ways to frustrate China's ambitions
- C) the risks a successful but still authoritarian China poses for the world are not clear yet
- D) Americans have yet to adjust to the new reality of a world in which the United States "is not always going to be on top"
- E) China's economy was growing so fast that American investors saw opportunities everywhere

37-42: For these questions, choose the most accurate Turkish translation of the sentences in English, and the most accurate English translation of the sentences in Turkish.

37. In the thick of the Covid-19 pandemic, US Congress sent \$190 billion in aid to schools, stipulating that 20 percent of the funds had to be used for reversing learning setbacks.

- A) Covid-19 salgınının en yoğun olduğu dönemde ABD Kongresinin yaptığı şey, okullara 190 milyar dolar yardım göndermek ve fonların yüzde 20'sinin eğitimdeki aksaklıkları tersine çevirmek için kullanılmasını şart koştukt.
- B) Covid-19 salgınının en yoğun olduğu dönemde ABD Kongresi, okullara 190 milyar dolar yardım göndererek bu fonların yüzde 20'sinin eğitimdeki aksaklıkları tersine çevirmek için kullanılmasını şart koşt.
- C) Covid-19 salgınının en yoğun olduğu dönemde okullara 190 milyar dolar yardım gönderen ABD Kongresi, bu fonların yüzde 20'sinin eğitimdeki aksaklıkları tersine çevirmek için kullanılmasını şart koşt.
- D) Covid-19 salgınının en yoğun olduğu dönemde ABD Kongresi, okullara 190 milyar dolar yardım gönderdi ve fonların yüzde 20'sinin eğitimdeki aksaklıkları tersine çevirmek için kullanılmasını şart koşt.
- E) Covid-19 salgınının en yoğun olduğu dönemde ABD Kongresi, okullara 190 milyar dolar yardım gönderdi ama tek şartı bu fonların yüzde 20'sinin eğitimdeki aksaklıkları tersine çevirmek için kullanılmasıydı.

38. The idea of "Man the Hunter" runs deep within anthropology, convincing people that hunting made us human, only men did the hunting, and therefore evolutionary forces must only have acted upon men.

- A) "Avcı İnsan" fikri, antropolojinin derinliklerinde yer alır ve insanları avcılığın bizi insan yaptığına, avlanmayı sadece erkeklerin yaptığına ve bu nedenle evrimsel güçlerin sadece erkekleri etkilemiş olacağına ikna eder.
- B) "Avcı İnsan" fikrinin antropolojinin derinliklerinde yer almasının nedeni, insanları avcılığın bizi insan yaptığına, avlanmayı sadece erkeklerin yaptığına ve bu nedenle evrimsel güçlerin sadece erkekleri etkilemiş olacağına ikna etmesidir.
- C) "Avcı İnsan" fikri, antropolojinin derinliklerinde yer alması insanları avcılığın bizi insan yaptığına, avlanmayı sadece erkeklerin yaptığına ve bu nedenle evrimsel güçlerin sadece erkekleri etkilemiş olacağına ikna edemezdi.
- D) Antropolojinin derinliklerinde yer alan "Avcı İnsan" fikri, insanları avcılığın bizi insan yaptığına, avlanmayı sadece erkeklerin yaptığına ve bu nedenle evrimsel güçlerin sadece erkekleri etkilemiş olacağına ikna eder.
- E) "Avcı İnsan" fikrinin insanları avcılığın bizi insan yaptığına, avlanmayı sadece erkeklerin yaptığına ve bu nedenle evrimsel güçlerin sadece erkekleri etkilemiş olacağına ikna etmesinin nedeni, antropolojinin derinliklerinde yer almasıdır.

39. Big forests hold carbon better than small ones because their interiors are protected from wind and fire and stay connected to water sources.

- A) Büyük ormanların iç kısımları, rüzgâr ve yangından korunur ve su kaynaklarına bağlı kalır, bu yüzden de karbonu küçük ormanlardan daha iyi tutar.
- B) Büyük ormanların karbonu küçük ormanlardan daha iyi tutmasının sebebi, iç kısımlarının rüzgâr ve yangından korunması ve su kaynaklarına bağlı kalmalarıdır.
- C) Büyük ormanlar, iç kısımları rüzgâr ve yangından korunduğu ve su kaynaklarına bağlı kaldığı için karbonu küçük ormanlardan daha iyi tutar.
- D) İç kısımları rüzgâr ve yangından korunmuş ve su kaynaklarına bağlı kalan büyük ormanlar, karbonu küçük ormanlardan daha iyi tutar.
- E) Büyük ormanların iç kısımları, rüzgâr ve yangından korunmasa ve su kaynaklarına bağlı kalmıyorsa karbonu küçük ormanlardan daha iyi tutamazdı.

40. Tanımı gereği, ritüeller doğrudan nedensel sonuçları olmayan keyfi eylemleri içerdiğinden içsel bir anlama sahip değildir, bu da onların grup tarafından onaylanan herhangi bir değeri iletmeye ve pekiştirme aracı olmalarını sağlar.

- A) In essence, rituals lack inherent meaning, as they consist of arbitrary actions without direct causal outcomes, and this characteristic enables them to serve as conduits for expressing and reinforcing the values embraced by a group.
- B) By their own nature, rituals don't have any essential meaning due to their harbouring arbitrary actions without direct causal outcomes, so this lets them become vectors that communicate and enforce any values embraced by a group.
- C) That rituals have no intrinsic meaning as they involve arbitrary actions that have no direct causal outcomes means that they can become vehicles for communicating and reinforcing any values endorsed by the group.
- D) The absence of intrinsic meaning in rituals, attributed to their involvement in arbitrary actions with no direct causal outcomes, signifies their potential to serve as channels for communicating and reinforcing values endorsed by the group.
- E) By definition, rituals have no intrinsic meaning as they involve arbitrary actions that have no direct causal outcomes, which allows them to become vehicles for communicating and reinforcing any values endorsed by the group.

41. Kızamık salgınları ve ölümlerindeki artış şaşırtıcıdır, ancak ne yazık ki son birkaç yılda gördüğümüz azalan aşılama oranları göz önüne alındığında beklenmedik bir durum değildir.

- A) Though the increase in measles outbreaks and deaths is staggering, it is unfortunately not unexpected seeing that vaccination rates have been declining in the past few years.
- B) The increase in measles outbreaks and deaths is staggering, but unfortunately, not unexpected given the declining vaccination rates we have seen in the past few years.
- C) The alarming rise in measles outbreaks and fatalities is regrettable, yet sadly anticipated, considering the observed decline in vaccination rates over the past few years.
- D) The increase in measles outbreaks and fatalities is ill-fated, but unfortunately, it was expected due to the decline in vaccination rates over the past few years.
- E) The increase in measles outbreaks and fatalities is unfortunate, but sadly, it was expected given that there has been a serious decline in vaccination rates over the past few years.

42. Bilim insanları, yaklaşık 40 yıldır Mars'ta hava parlıtısı olduğundan şüpheleniyorlardı ama ilk gözlem ancak on yıl önce ESA'nın Mars Express yörünge aracı tarafından kızılötesi spektrumda tespit edildi.

- A) For about four decades, scientists have theorized that Mars possessed airglow; however, the initial observation took place merely a decade ago when the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter detected this phenomenon in the infrared spectrum.
- B) Although scientists have entertained the notion of Mars having airglow for approximately four decades, the first recorded observation occurred just ten years ago when the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter detected this phenomenon in the infrared spectrum.
- C) Scientists have suspected Mars to have airglow for some 40 years, but the first observation only occurred a decade ago by ESA's Mars Express orbiter, which detected the phenomenon in the infrared spectrum.
- D) Despite scientists considering the possibility of Mars having airglow for about four decades, the first documented observation occurred merely ten years ago when the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter detected this phenomenon in the infrared spectrum.
- E) For the last 40 years, scientists have been suspecting Mars to have airglow, yet it was only ten years ago that the first observation occurred, which was made possible when the European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter detected this phenomenon in the infrared spectrum.