

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

1. *Xylella fastidiosa* is a bacterium for plants that ---- the xylem – the vessels that carry water from the roots to the leaves – of trees and other woody plants and slowly chokes them to death.
A) represents B) monitors
C) enhances D) identifies
E) obstructs
2. Like many insects, bed bugs around the world have developed resistance to insecticides, and more often than not, with their ---- making headlines as they wreak havoc on crops.
A) connotations B) repetitions
C) patterns D) invasions
E) conveniences
3. Preparing a bowl of chicken soup for a loved one when they're sick has been a common practice throughout the world for centuries, and today, generations from ---- every culture swear to the benefits of chicken soup.
A) definitively B) virtually
C) negligibly D) excruciatingly
E) incredibly
4. China's economic boom prompted a thousand predictions – that it will soon surpass the US as an economic power, that the 21st century is going to be a Chinese century, that America is an aging, decadent nation ---- for second place.
A) thriving B) responsible
C) destined D) devoted
E) discernible

5. Given its very nature, it is no surprise that many – if not most – women experience the “baby blues,” or generalized feelings of sadness, worry, unhappiness and ----, in the initial days after giving birth.
A) challenge B) delivery
C) caregiving D) exhaustion
E) consequence
6. If you have ever wanted to ---- single-use plastics in the kitchen, you have probably thought about buying silicone because these durable, colourful swaps are designed to replace convenient disposable plastic bags and wraps.
A) come down with B) make do with
C) live up to D) fall back on
E) cut back on

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

7. While natural weather patterns, including a growing El Niño event, ---- an important role in global temperatures, the record ones we have experienced this year, ---- without the approximately 1.3 degrees Celsius of warming to date from human sources of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions.
A) play / could not have occurred
B) have played / must not have occurred
C) played / should not have occurred
D) were playing / would not have occurred
E) are playing / didn't have to occur
8. Given the complexities inherent in justice systems, recent research ---- legal frameworks and socio-cultural factors ---- our understanding of fairness and equity
A) is examining / enhancing
B) will examine / to be enhanced
C) has examined / enhance
D) examined / enhanced
E) examines / to enhance

9. --- substantial advancements in technology, researchers discreetly --- the potential of generative AI tools, recognizing their capacity to revolutionize creative industries while addressing ethical considerations.

- A) Having witnessed / explored
- B) Having been witnessed / explore
- C) Witnessed / are exploring
- D) Witnessing / had explored
- E) To witness / have explored

10. Interest in communication has been stimulated by advances in science and technology, which, --- their nature, have called attention --- humans as communicating creatures.

- A) of / towards
- B) by / to
- C) for / on
- D) in / out
- E) from / off

11. Researchers have found that the rate --- which ice is melting and contributing to sea level rise will accelerate --- the next century, regardless of actions to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

- A) over / at
- B) in / among
- C) at / in
- D) into / between
- E) with / for

12. --- vinegar is commonly utilized in culinary applications for its acidity and flavor-enhancing properties, it also serves as an effective household cleaning agent due to its natural antibacterial attributes.

- A) Unless
- B) Because
- C) As if
- D) While
- E) Until

13. People have tried to -or claimed to- communicate with spirits for ages; in Victorian England, ---, it was fashionable for upper-crust ladies to hold séances in their parlors with friends to conjure the dead.

- A) in addition
- B) for example
- C) even so
- D) therefore
- E) on the contrary

14. --- humanity continues to harness the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in various domains, careful consideration and ethical frameworks are nothing but essential to ensure that AI serves as a force for positive transformation.

- A) Although
- B) When
- C) As
- D) If
- E) Unless

15. Alien life may one day be found --- from radio signals beamed across the cosmos --- from an all-too-familiar side-effect of civilization: pollution, and only time will tell which will be sooner.

- A) either / or
- B) more / than
- C) both / and
- D) neither / nor
- E) whether / or

16. Electric vehicle sales are booming in the US, and --- the effort to blanket the country with new charging stations, the nation's E.V. infrastructure is not ready for prime time.

- A) for all
- B) due to
- C) as opposed to
- D) on behalf of
- E) in view of

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

Mesoamerican archaeologists know it as Monument 9: a 2,600-year-old carving in stone of a jaguar's gaping face, roughly five feet wide and tall and weighing one ton. Nearly 60 years ago, the relic was looted from the ruins of Chalcatzingo, an Olmec site south of modern-day Mexico City, and **(17)** ---- many others, it was smuggled into the United States, where it disappeared into a network of private collections. The absence of the relic, constructed between 700 B.C. and 500 B.C., long **(18)** ---- Mexican scholars. In its time, the stone **(19)** ---- as a portal for priests and rulers to pass into the underworld, but the few photos that existed of Monument 9 could not fully convey its symbolic immensity. Recently, **(20)** ----, U.S. authorities have notified Mexican officials that they seized the stone after tracking it to a warehouse in Denver. And in May the carving returned home **(21)** ---- grand style, escorted by military vehicles from the airport in Cuernavaca, Mexico, to a nearby regional museum.

17.

- A) as for
B) as with
C) as though
D) as yet
E) as of

18.

- A) relieved
B) intrigued
C) alleviated
D) dehydrated
E) constructed

19.

- A) may be used
B) can be used
C) should have been used
D) had to be used
E) might have been used

20.

- A) thus
B) meanwhile
C) in contrast
D) however
E) on the one hand

21.

- A) of
B) on
C) in
D) over
E) for

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

Neanderthals and anatomically modern humans initially interbred 250,000 years ago, a date that is far earlier than previously thought, a new study suggests. Until recently, Neanderthals and anatomically modern humans (Homo sapiens) **(22)** ---- to have first interbred earlier than 75,000 years ago, according to a 2016 genetic analysis in the journal Nature. **(23)** ----, a new analysis has revealed that one group of Homo sapiens from Africa interbred with Neanderthals in Eurasia around 250,000 years ago. This group of humans **(24)** ----, but left a genetic footprint in the DNA of Neanderthals that descended **(25)** ---- this interbreeding event – with 6% of the genome of a Neanderthal discovered in Siberia containing human DNA. Some sub-Saharan populations of anatomically modern humans also inherited Neanderthal DNA **(26)** ---- groups of humans who had interbred with Neanderthals migrated back into Africa.

22.

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| A) are believed | B) had been believed |
| C) were believed | D) were being believed |
| E) will be believed | |

23.

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| A) On the contrary | B) Hence |
| C) What's more | D) Nevertheless |
| E) Moreover | |

24.

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| A) died out | B) fell out |
| C) went off | D) resulted in |
| E) called off | |

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| A) by | B) into |
| C) into | D) off |
| E) from | |

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| A) if | B) when |
| C) whereas | D) until |
| E) though | |

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

27. Although we have long assumed that aliens will be like us, ----.

- A) it has taken four billion years for intelligent life to emerge by natural selection on Earth
- B) they are more likely to be flesh and blood like humans on Earth
- C) many scientists assume that human beings are the peak of intelligence
- D) non-organic intelligence may have no use for an atmosphere, or the planet on which they originated
- E) there is every reason to think they are instead a form of unfathomable artificial intelligence

28. Since artefacts were recovered from high terrace sediments of the lower Somme valley, in a suburb of Abbeville, France, ----.

- A) prehistoric stone tool tradition generally considered to represent the oldest occurrence in Europe of a hand axe technology is called Abbevillian industry
- B) the Abbevillian industry dates from an imprecisely determined part of the Pleistocene Epoch, somewhat less than 700,000 years ago
- C) the distinctive stone tools include massive core tools hand axes, with sinuous or jagged edges, along with thick, usually unretouched, flakes
- D) tools found there are rough chipped bifacial hand axes made during the Elsterian Stage of the Pleistocene Ice Age
- E) the Abbevillian culture bearers are not believed to have evolved in Europe, but to have entered it from further east

29. As most members of the Gen Z college-age students grew up with Twitter, TikTok, and other forms of social media, ----.

- A) the effects of modern digital communication on people extend beyond the university setting
- B) their language capacity has greatly evolved and become more academic
- C) they tend to use the "democratized" language of social media, even in their academic material
- C) the way they speak in classrooms has not changed much in the last few decades
- E) they use a kind of language quite similar to what we see in academic circles

30. Though listeria doesn't cause as many illnesses as salmonella and E. coli, ----.

- A) hundreds of food items, especially the frozen ones, have potential listeria contamination
- B) authorities for food safety need to increase their efforts to ensure food safety
- C) people should buy frozen food only if it is not pre-cut before being packaged
- D) it poses a great risk for people over the age of 65 with autoimmune issues
- E) the bacteria can easily spread from one or two contaminated produce items to many

31. ----, but they are no longer commonly spoken among young people in the south-east of England.

- A) Standard southern British English is a modern, updated version of received pronunciation
- B) Speakers of standard southern British English and estuary English generally tend to be white British
- C) Cockney and received pronunciation (Queen's English) were once spoken by people of all ages
- D) Standard southern British English and estuary English are not as different from each other as Cockney and received pronunciation
- E) Estuary English and multicultural London English are both often criticised and devalued

32. In addition to its many health benefits – including improving balance, reducing anxiety and preventing cardiovascular disease, ----.

- A) the centuries-old martial art of tai chi is also quite popular among the elderly
- B) tai chi can also reduce the severity of Parkinson's symptoms in the long-term
- C) over-practice of tai chi during the day may result in stiffness and soreness in muscles
- D) other types of exercise have also been investigated to see whether they benefit patients
- E) a lack of exercise can promote inflammation, especially among the elderly

33. While the rapid expansion of solar energy is very likely, and could lead to exceptionally affordable electricity, ----.

- A) countries that continue to construct fossil-based infrastructure run the risk of putting their electricity-intensive sectors at a competitive disadvantage
- B) the average cost of generating electricity through solar energy will decrease substantially
- C) there will also be a substantial demand for various critical metals and minerals
- D) several hurdles must be overcome to ensure that Solar's ascent can be sustained
- E) countries and regions that do not incorporate renewables into their energy risk losing their competitive edge

34. ----, even though newly-discovered evidence shows that this wasn't always the case.

- A) Seaweed accumulates at the high-water mark where it can create a slippery and sometimes smelly barrier to the sea
- B) There are over 10,000 species of seaweed worldwide living in the intertidal zone
- C) Seaweed isn't something that generally features today in European recipe books
- D) Seaweed is edible, nutritious, sometimes medicinal, abundant and local
- E) People in Europe ate seaweed for thousands of years before it largely disappeared from their diets

35. The ability to deliver genetic information directly into a cell has been one of medicine's most obstinate challenges ----.

- A) because our immune system mistakes the foreign RNA as being an invading virus, mounting a powerful and toxic immune response
- B) though increasing the life-span of mRNA in cells would reduce the amount of mRNA required
- C) since mRNA is the intermediate chemical "message" that carries the genetic code locked in the chromosomes of our DNA to the cytoplasm
- D) whereas therapeutics based on mRNA technology are still in their infancy and hurdles remain
- E) unless the ability to deliver genetic information directly into cells could be a new frontier for medical therapeutics

36. Since plant proteins behave differently to animal proteins, making it hard to replicate the texture and flavour of dairy cheese, ----.

- A) plant-based alternatives to animal-derived food are increasingly popular
- B) most vegan cheeses are derived from starch and coconut oil
- C) yellow peas, which have a high protein content and are sustainable to grow, are used
- D) it is important that vegan cheeses taste good and function like real cheese
- E) vegan cheeses have struggled to gain popularity with consumers

63-67: For these questions, choose the best option to complete the dialogue.

63. Dean:

- Come autumn, my hay fever has started to bug me again.

Lisa:

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Dean:

- It was, but climate change means hay fever season now extends well into autumn and winter.

Lisa:

- I didn't have any idea. What have we done to the world and ourselves?

Dean:

- The Earth would be a much better place without us.

- A) You must have a hard time identifying the symptoms: cold or hay fever?
- B) As far as I know, condition is often associated with spring and summer.
- C) I thought hay fever and cold were the same thing, aren't they?
- D) There must be a few key symptoms that can help you distinguish between colds, flu and hay fever.
- E) Does the name have anything to do with hay itself as you don't live in a farm?

64. Gary:

- Here, look at this awesome picture of an aurora above the West Elk Mountains in Colorado.

Tom:

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Gary:

- What is it then if it is not aurora borealis?

Tom:

- That is called an airglow and unlike auroras they are produced by more gradual solar radiation, which becomes more intense in the lead-up to solar maximum.

Gary:

- Today I learned a new thing thanks to you.

- A) That cannot be an aurora: they are seen far norther, near Alaska.
- B) Don't tell me you have just mistaken an airglow for aurora borealis.
- C) Airglows tend to happen more frequently when the solar maximum is imminent.
- D) Why are you calling every greenish hue in the sky an aurora? It might well be an optical illusion.
- E) I guess this is a picture that was enhanced by using computer software.

65. Ted:

- I will never understand people who get together and collect trash from the streets of their neighborhood.

Jane:

- What is there to not understand? They are good Samaritans who actually do something for their neighborhood.

Ted:

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Jane:

- Ok. I now understand. That is also something I cannot achieve, but everyone should do something to improve the world around them.

Ted:

- You're right! How about joining them this weekend and collecting someone else's trash?

- A) I don't know. It is gross to collect trash, for which some people already get paid.
- B) That is the thing I am jealous of. How can they be so good?
- C) It is the altruism, or the selflessness of the act, that I find it hard to grasp.
- D) They seem to be enjoying while they are picking trash.
- E) It comes sort of snobbish to me, like saying "We're much better people than you."

66. Tim:

- What are those? Are you taking new supplements again?

Tina:

- Yes. People say these are good for my eyesight, and the green ones are a good source of magnesium.

Tim:

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Tina:

- What do you mean? I am 25 and single.

Tim:

- Exactly! Plus you are extremely healthy, which means you don't need those pills at all.
- A) Most of those supplements are for people with weak immune response.
 - B) The last time I saw you weren't pregnant or over the age of 65.
 - C) The way I see it, you take a lot more pills than necessary for a young woman.
 - D) Most supplements have not been rigorously tested for safety or effectiveness.
 - E) There are some instances where taking a supplement may improve your health, but you're a healthy young woman.

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67. Kevin:

- You know about the Chicxulub impact, which is claimed to have caused the extinction of dinosaurs 66 million years ago, don't you?

Karen:

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Kevin:

- **Actually, as big as the impact was, the main reason for the long and dark winter that caused the mass extinction was dust.**

Karen:

- **You're kidding me, right?**

Kevin:

- **No. A recent study has uncovered a cause for this cold snap: micrometer-size fine silicate dust lingered as long as 15 years in the atmosphere after the impact and contributed to the global cooling.**

- A) No, the one I know is a huge asteroid that hit what is now the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.
 B) Yes, I know that scientists have focused on sulfur particles that rocks released after the asteroid vaporized them.
 C) Yes, it caused global photosynthesis to stop within two weeks.
 D) I thought they had gone extinct 65 million years ago.
 E) Of course I do. That must have been a giant asteroid to kill all dinosaurs in such a short time.

68-71: For these questions, choose the best rephrased form of the given sentence

68. From jewellery and kitchen utensils to door handles and hand tools, metals can be found in a variety of everyday items – but for some people, exposure to these objects can trigger an allergic reaction.

- A) While metals can be found in various common items such as jewellery, kitchen utensils, door handles, and hand tools, coming into contact with these objects can start a severe allergic reaction in many people.
 B) As well as being present in a wide range of everyday items, including jewellery, kitchen utensils, door handles, and hand tools, metals can trigger allergic reactions in some people who handle them.
 C) While some people give allergic reaction to metals when they touch them, metals are inevitable as they are found in a wide range of everyday items, including jewellery, kitchen utensils, door handles, and hand tools.
 D) Though metals are present in a wide range of everyday items, including jewellery, kitchen utensils, door handles, and hand tools, contact with these objects can induce an allergic response among certain individuals.
 E) The existence of metals in a wide range of everyday items, including jewellery, kitchen utensils, door handles, and hand tools poses a health hazard for some people who give allergic reaction upon contact with them.

69. While a new logo or campaign may be a cue for consumers to reconsider a company, these visual elements must reflect real improvements to the product or experience, or else people may walk away disillusioned.

- A) When a company introduces a new logo or campaign, it can serve as a signal for consumers to re-evaluate the brand; however, these visual changes should align with genuine enhancements in the product or overall experience – otherwise customers might end up feeling disappointed.
- B) Upon the introduction of a new logo or campaign, it often prompts consumers to reassess the brand, but it is essential for these visual alterations to be in harmony with actual improvements in the product or the overall experience, or else customers will be frustrated.
- C) If a new logo or campaign does not live up to the expectations of customers who may choose to re-evaluate the brand upon their introduction, the visual elements should come up with genuine enhancements in the product and experience – otherwise customers will end up disappointed.
- D) In the event that a new logo or campaign falls short of meeting the expectations of customers, who may be prompted to reassess the brand upon their introduction, it becomes crucial for the visual elements to coincide with tangible improvements in the product and the overall experience because failure to do so may result in customers feeling disappointed.
- E) It is not always the case customers will be satisfied to see a new logo or campaign by a company because these visual changes should align with genuine enhancements in the product or overall experience, or else customers will most likely end up being disappointed.

70. The way in which our brain processes time is closely related to the way in which it processes emotion because some of the brain areas involved in the regulation of emotional and physiological arousal are also involved in the processing of time.

- A) There is a close relation between the way our processes time and emotion, and this is because the processing of time takes place in the same area of the brain as that of the regulation of emotional and physiological responses.
- B) If the brain didn't process time in the same area as it did the regulation of emotional and physiological responses, there wouldn't be a close relation between the way emotions are processed.
- C) The brain's processing of time is intimately linked to its processing of emotions due to the overlap of certain brain areas involved in regulating emotional and physiological responses and those responsible for time processing.
- D) The intimate relation between the processing of time and emotions results from the fact that brain's identical areas are involved in the process of time and the regulation of emotional and physiological stimuli.
- E) The close connection between time processing and emotions stems from the involvement of the same brain areas in both the timing processes and the regulation of emotional and physiological responses.

71. Pumpkins usually only appear over Halloween; however, this drought-tolerant, stable and versatile crop is packed with nutrition, and it could be the superfood of the future due to its tolerance of drought.

- A) Pumpkins are typically associated with Halloween, but this resilient and versatile crop, known for its drought tolerance, is rich in nutrients and has the potential to become a superfood of the future.
- B) Though pumpkins are typically associated with Halloween only, this drought-resistant, resilient, and versatile crop is rich in nutrients and has the potential to become a superfood of the future, thanks to its drought tolerance.
- C) The usual appearance of pumpkins over Halloween does not mean that this drought-tolerant, stable and versatile product is not nutritious; what's more, it may well be a superfood in the future due to its drought tolerance.
- D) While pumpkins are commonly seen around Halloween, their drought tolerance, stability, and versatility make them a nutritious crop, and they have the potential to be a superfood in the future.
- E) Despite the fact that pumpkins are traditionally linked to Halloween, their ability to withstand drought and their nutritional value suggest they could become a superfood in the future.

72-75: For these questions, choose the best option to complete the missing part of the passage.

72. Our thinking inclines toward gross oversimplifying. ---- The simplification of complex matters into simply right vs wrong, black or white thinking does unimaginable harm. It impedes our relationships, deadlocks political discourse, and is fodder for conflict and war.

- A) We owe this way of thinking to Aristotle, whose philosophy led to what we call deductive reasoning.
- B) When we slice reality into distinct compartments of true/untrue or right/wrong, we stagnate.
- C) This habit leads to a mindless dulling of our intelligence as we avoid complexity.
- D) A truly open mind embraces complexity and confusion as it resists either-or thinking.
- E) We can achieve a similar state of potential by embracing uncertainty, escaping the trap of either-or thinking.

73. Culturally, Chinese society and many other Asian cultures subscribe to the belief of stoicism in the face of trials or tribulations. The ability to emotionally suppress your feelings is considered a virtue. It is not only emphasized and encouraged but to do the opposite – expressing oneself – would be deemed culturally shameful. ---- But to not do so, means many Asians not only suffer in silence, but the toxicity of suppressing one's emotions takes a toll on a person's body and health.

- A) Asking for help is considered anathema, let alone seeking professional help from a therapist.
- B) Empathy is also lost for those who rely on this mindset of "eating bitterness."
- C) Asian kids growing up in the U.S. have friends from other ethnic backgrounds and cultures to compare experiences with.
- D) Growing up in a Chinese household means eating bitterness both literally and figuratively.
- E) In the U.S., we have similar phrases such as "no pain, no gain" or "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

74. The American Ornithological Society, the organization responsible for standardizing English bird names across the Americas, announced recently that it would rename all species honouring people. ---- That means the Audubon's shearwater, a bird found off the coast of the south-eastern United States, will no longer have a name acknowledging John James Audubon, a famous bird illustrator and a slave owner who adamantly opposed abolition.

- A) The renaming process will aim for more descriptive names about the birds' habitats or physical features and is part of a broader push in science for more welcoming, inclusive environments.
- B) But some birders, while expressing sympathy for the cause, said that they were unsure that this was the right route to take.
- C) "We'll lose a little bit of knowledge about some key people in the history of ornithology, and that saddens me," Dr. Marks said.
- D) Bird names derived from people, the society said in a statement, can be harmful, exclusive and detract from "the focus, appreciation or consideration of the birds themselves."
- E) In birding communities, pushes to move away from problematic bird names have produced mixed results.

75. The idea of a chicken running around with its head cut off, inspired by a real-life story, may make it seem like the bird doesn't have much going on upstairs. But Sonja Hillemecher, an animal behaviour researcher at the University of Bonn in Germany, always knew that chickens were more than mindless sources of wings and nuggets. "They are way smarter than you think," Ms. Hillemecher said. ---- In addition to shedding new light on chicken intellect, the researchers hope that their experiment can prompt re-evaluations of the smarts of other animals.

- A) Ms. Hillemecher wrangled roosters and gave them time in an enclosure with a mirror, so they could get used to the experimental set-up.
- B) Now, in a new study, Ms. Hillemecher and her colleagues say they have found evidence that roosters can recognize themselves in mirrors.
- C) When another rooster was visible through a partition, the rooster that was the subject of an experiment cried out to warn the other of danger.
- D) The researchers interpreted this behaviour to mean that the rooster didn't perceive its reflection to be another rooster.
- E) Potentially, this study shows strong evidence for self-awareness," said Masanori Kohda, a biologist at Osaka Metropolitan University.

76-80: For these questions, choose the irrelevant sentence in the passage.

76. (I) The remnants of a protoplanet that slammed into Earth and created the moon may still be lurking deep in our planet's mantle. **(II)** New research suggests that this impactor, which hit a just-formed Earth 4.5 billion years ago, still exists in Earth's mantle as two mysterious "blobs" that have long puzzled geoscientists. **(III)** The name of the protoplanet is mentioned in a few studies as "Osiris." **(IV)** These blobs, known as large low-shear-velocity provinces, are places where seismic waves move more slowly than the rest of the mantle, suggesting there's a difference in temperature, composition or both. **(V)** Together, the blobs make up about 4% of the mantle. One is beneath Africa and the other is beneath the Pacific Ocean.

A) I B) II C) III D) IV E) V

77. (I) On the Danish island of Bornholm, locals say you're not a true Bornholmer until your family have lived here for three generations. **(II)** They are fiercely proud and you can see why it is so when you spend a few days on this island with a scenic landscape. **(III)** This small, diamond-shaped island of 40,000 people in the Baltic Sea is famous for its unspoiled nature, quaint fishing villages and arts and crafts tradition. **(IV)** On the other hand, the island has pledged to go zero waste, meaning no waste will be burned or landfilled by 2032. **(V)** With the claim that it enjoys more sunshine hours than anywhere else in Denmark, it is known as "the sunshine island," and draws thousands of tourists each year.

A) I B) II C) III D) IV E) V

78. (I) As the ocean water evaporates and rises as warm air, it forms an area of low pressure underneath. **(II)** This results in more air rushing in, which rises and cools and forms clouds and thunderstorms, which in turn release water droplets. **(III)** This leads to the evaporation of even more water, fuelling the storm even more. **(IV)** When wind speeds reach 74mph (119km/h) within such a storm, it is classified as a hurricane. **(V)** More storms like this are on the horizon as climate change causes hurricanes to intensify.

A) I B) II C) III D) IV E) V

79. (I) Most of us are probably familiar with what problematic under-control looks like. **(II)** There are many therapies out there that can help under-controlled people by enabling them learn to regulate emotions and increase self-control. **(III)** People who are highly under-controlled may have few inhibitions and struggle to control their emotions. **(IV)** Their behaviour may be unpredictable, as it is often dependent on the mood they are in. **(V)** This can negatively affect their relationships, education, work, finances and health.

A) I B) II C) III D) IV E) V

80. (I) A team of researchers has conducted a study that highlights past research showing that regret over having children isn't rare or unheard of, as 5-14% of parents have this feeling. **(II)** They also noted that social disapproval around this topic, alongside the absence of ways to assess regret over parenthood, are both factors behind the relative scarcity of research in this valuable area. **(III)** The research team was right to acknowledge that these relationships weren't strong and they don't provide evidence that parenting regret causes these other feelings (or vice versa). **(IV)** To address this issue, they created and tested an assessment known as the Parenthood Regret Scale, which they translated across three languages (i.e., Polish, French, and English) and found that it is a reliable and valid measure. **(V)** In their research with this scale, they found a link between regret over parenthood and parenting burnout, depression, and contentment with one's life.

A) I B) II C) III D) IV E) V