

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

1. **Buzludzha Monument Hall was once the most important building in Bulgaria, however, today few regard it with quite the same awe and affection as it once ----.**
 - A) assured
 - B) associated
 - C) defended
 - D) recalled
 - E) inspired

2. **Freetown had been established in a spirit of utopian optimism in the late eighteenth century, as a home for freed slaves, yet just how noble the real motives were behind its formation remains --- given its consequences to the contrary.**
 - A) contentious
 - B) evocative
 - C) distinctive
 - D) isolated
 - E) mediocre

3. **“An Englishman’s home is sometimes said to be his castle,” a phrase dating back to the seventeenth century and a time when property was ---- the preserve of males.**
 - A) reasonably
 - B) precisely
 - C) negligibly
 - D) predominantly
 - E) intentionally

4. **The ---- for chess in Russia goes back centuries with most nobles playing it so much so that, legend has it that Ivan the Terrible, the first Tsar of all Russia, died while playing chess.**
 - A) obligation
 - B) incompetence
 - C) enthusiasm
 - D) magnitude
 - E) initiative

5. **The Muslim Conquest of Persia in about AD650 ushered in a new era in religion and a new movement indeed, which meant the ---- of Zoroastrianism belief system as the main faith of the Persian people.**
 - A) stance
 - B) demise
 - C) plagiarism
 - D) ritual
 - E) signature

6. **In a recent experiment, replacing 15% of the sand in concrete with biochar, made by heating coffee grounds, ---- concrete blocks that were 29% stronger than conventional ones.**
 - A) got off
 - B) relied on
 - C) went through
 - D) picked up
 - E) resulted in

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

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
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
9. **A century ago, the coastal city of Derna as 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 / overwhelmed
 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 per cent – have been married ---- 40, and once they are in their 40s, ---- 75 per cent of men and women have had a biological child.**
 A) of / into
 B) off / through
 C) at / on
 D) by / over
 E) from / above
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
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
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
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
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
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

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

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

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 full of issues, most notably radiation and gravity
- E) they will have to find a way to prevent other countries from developing better plans

29. Although jokes and humour are often thought of as frivolous and unimportant, ----.

- A) the common impulse to regard humour as inconsequential or trivial is a mistake
- B) some other jokes are not understandable as they are too complex to grasp
- C) we are thirty times more likely to laugh with others than when alone
- C) 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

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

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