

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

1. The term commonly used to refer to the age range between 40 and 60 is "middle age" or "middle-aged", which is often characterized by a ---- of personal and professional stability, as well as potential physical and health changes associated with aging.
 - A) assertion
 - B) combination
 - C) convention
 - D) evolution
 - E) transition
2. With vast caches of oil and gas, Turkmenistan is home to ---- industrial zones, which in turn causes more methane – a potent greenhouse gas – to seep into the atmosphere.
 - A) countless
 - B) dominant
 - C) humble
 - D) dependable
 - E) memorable
3. Businesses are increasingly committing to ambitious ---- pledge, yet what that means is complicated and opaque, and so some companies are struggling to make a clear action plan to secure their and thus our future.
 - A) accumulation
 - B) consultation
 - C) bureaucracy
 - D) sustainability
 - E) footage
4. The Swiss have been adept at ---- the mountains for centuries, with cable-cars, tunnels and high-elevation railways giving easy access to peaks and historic towns.
 - A) preserving
 - B) reducing
 - C) navigating
 - D) extracting
 - E) exploding

5. Consuming highly processed foods that are excessively rich in salt, sugar, and fat – and are both affordable and ---- available – might increase the likelihood of experiencing anxiety, depression, and cognitive decline.
 - A) optimally
 - B) desperately
 - C) respectively
 - D) figuratively
 - E) readily
6. It is challenging to ---- the long-term effects of environmental pollution, but comprehensive research is essential to understand its immediate impact on ecosystems and human health accurately.
 - A) cope with
 - B) get along
 - C) carry on
 - D) make out
 - E) cut back

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

7. When the ecosystem is in balance, crown-of-thorn sea stars ---- significant harm, but once this balance is lost, catastrophic outbreaks ---- devastation to reefs.
 - A) aren't causing / would result in
 - B) haven't caused / are supposed to occur
 - C) don't cause / can result in
 - D) won't cause / have to result in
 - E) wouldn't cause / had to result in
8. Astronomers have discovered a new type of "aurora" created by falling SpaceX rocket boosters that punch temporary holes in the ionosphere, and experts ---- that these blood-red light shows ---- unknown problems for astronomy and communication.
 - A) were concerned / must be causing
 - B) will be concerned / should be causing
 - C) have been concerned / had to be causing
 - D) had been concerned / might be causing
 - E) are concerned / could be causing

9. In the U.S., coal is being displaced by natural gas and renewable energy for mainly---- electricity; globally, however, coal use is projected ---- to a great extent in coming years.
- A) to generate / to be increased
B) generating / to increase
C) having generated / increasing
D) generated / increased
E) to have been generated / having increased
10. Anti-natalism is the philosophical view that it is ethically wrong to bring anyone else ---- being, and its justifications draw ---- worries about suffering and choice.
- A) about / from B) into / upon
C) for / back D) on / over
E) towards / onto
11. At a time when French criminals usually ended up ---- the gallows, or the guillotine, French King Louis XIV ordered one man to be put ---- bars for the rest of his life.
- A) on / behind B) in / around
C) at / for D) with / off
E) within / away
12. ---- you delve into the achievements and contributions of the ancient Greeks, it is challenging to grasp the profound impact they had on philosophy, art, and the foundations of Western civilization.
- A) Once B) Because
C) As if D) Unless
E) While
13. ---- most asteroids circle the Sun in the belt between Mars and Jupiter, there is another group of the space rocks within the orbits of Earth and Venus.
- A) If B) As soon as
C) When D) Now that
E) Although
14. ---- people who are overweight, or with a physical or developmental disability are more likely to be bullied, they are more likely than not to develop mental health problems, including depression, anxiety and self-harming behavior.
- A) Whereas B) Unless
C) As soon as D) Even if
E) Given that
15. Higher temperatures, ---- resulting from the weather conditions ---- induced by the excess heat radiated from machinery, can cause vital materials in machinery to deform.
- A) so / that B) such / that
C) as / as D) whether / or
E) neither / nor
16. ---- all members of the *Sphyrnidae* family, the great hammerhead shark has a head that looks less like something a living creature would have and more like a spare part from a racing car prototype.
- A) Despite B) With respect to
C) Because of D) On behalf of
E) As with

Bonus 1

Elevated temperatures, stemming from ---- atmospheric conditions ---- the surplus heat emitted by machinery, have the potential to induce deformation in the materials of machinery.

- A) so / that B) such / that
C) so / as D) not only / but also
E) neither / nor

Bonus 2

Keep in mind that perceptions of middle age can vary, and the boundaries may be somewhat ---- depending on cultural, societal, and individual perspectives.

- A) assertive B) fluid
C) straight D) weird
E) brief

Bonus 3

Engineers are still trying to solve the puzzle of Leonardo da Vinci's pioneering sketches of tanks and helicopters, ---- others continue to search for enlightenment in his 6,000-plus pages of notes – all of which were penned in mirrored writing.

- A) once B) because
C) as if D) while
E) unless

Bonus 4

Engineers are currently grappling ---- deciphering Leonardo da Vinci's groundbreaking sketches of tanks and helicopters, while others persist in seeking insight ---- his extensive collection of over 6,000 pages of notes – all written in mirrored script

- A) with / from B) up / into
C) at / for D) with / off
E) within / of

Bonus 5

"Seeking insights "---- this context means attempting to gain understanding or valuable information by examining Leonardo da Vinci's extensive collection of notes. People are trying to find valuable and enlightening information ---- the content of the notes.

- A) by / on B) up / about
C) at / from D) with / by
E) in / within

Bonus 6

Türkiye and Egypt, both situated in the Eastern Mediterranean and with ties to ancient civilizations, showcase unique differences ---- culture, history, and geography.

- A) as well as B) such as
C) due to D) in terms of
E) apart from

Bonus 7

In geographical terms, Türkiye spans two continents, Europe and Asia, ---- a diverse landscape of mountains, coastlines, and fertile plains, while Egypt, predominantly located in North Africa, is defined by the Nile River and extensive desert terrain.

- A) harnessing B) boosting
C) separating D) spreading
E) featuring

Bonus 8

Culturally, Türkiye's identity reflects a synthesis of Eastern and Western influences, stemming from its historical position ---- the crossroads of civilizations. Egypt, with a rich ancient history dating back to the Pharaohs, holds a cultural identity deeply rooted ---- the Nile Valley and the Arab world.

- A) on / out B) up / among
C) at / in D) by / between
E) in / along

Bonus 9

----, both Türkiye and Egypt have played pivotal roles in shaping human civilization, representing two of the earliest and most advanced civilizations in the world.

- A) Surprisingly B) Coincidentally
C) Consequently D) Regrettably
E) Historically

Bonus 10

Whereas Egypt is renowned for ancient wonders like the Pyramids and the Sphinx, Türkiye, ---- the successor state ---- the Ottoman Empire, has a history marked by imperial rule and a unique amalgamation of cultural elements.

- A) by / of B) after / from
C) in / from D) before / by
E) as / to

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Bonus 11

Despite certain distinctions, both Türkiye and Egypt ---- vibrant cultures, warm hospitality, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, making them appealing destinations for global visitors.

- A) exploit B) adopt
C) expose D) boast
E) betray

Bonus 12

The exchange of traditions and customs between diverse societies contributes to a rich tapestry of global heritage, fostering ---- understanding and appreciation.

- A) malign B) previous
C) prior D) mutual
E) moderate

Cloze test 1

Conventional paper calendars, a time-tested organizational tool, have long served as a **(1)** ---- and accessible means for scheduling events and managing time. Their benefits include simplicity, portability, and the ease of jotting down notes and reminders directly **(2)** ---- the page. **(3)** ----, paper calendars often provide a visual overview of the month or year, aiding in long-term planning. **(4)** ----, drawbacks include the risk of loss or damage, limited space for detailed information, and the inability to set digital reminders. On the other hand, digital calendars offer unparalleled **(5)** ----, synchronization across devices, and the ability to set alarms for important events. They also allow users to share schedules effortlessly. Yet, digital calendars may be **(6)** ---- to technical issues, require regular device charging, and lack the concrete satisfaction of physically crossing off completed tasks. The choice between conventional and digital calendars ultimately **(7)** ---- individual preferences and the need for a balance between the tangible and the technologically advanced in organizing daily life.

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| A) predisposed | B) enthusiastic |
| C) successive | D) tangible |
| E) relentless | |

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| A) for | B) in |
| C) on | D) across |
| E) under | |

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| A) Conversely | B) Additionally |
| C) Consequently | D) Similarly |
| E) Ultimately | |

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| A) Besides | B) Hence |
| C) Then | D) In short |
| E) However | |

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| A) drawback | B) deterrent |
| C) enactment | D) convenience |
| E) elucidation | |

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| A) inclination | B) allocation |
| C) devotion | D) subject |
| E) attribute | |

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| A) results in | B) deviates from |
| C) wards off | D) hinges on |
| E) calls for | |

Cloze test 2

Polaroid cameras emerged as a groundbreaking innovation in the realm of photography, **(1)**---- the inventive mind of Edwin Land. Land founded the Polaroid Corporation and introduced the first commercially successful instant camera, the Polaroid Land Camera, in 1948. The camera utilized instant film that could develop a photograph **(2)**---- minutes, indeed even 60 seconds, eliminating the need for external processing; **(3)**----, it revolutionized the way people took photos. Land's **(4)**---- to merging science and art resulted in the granting of a patent for the instant camera system in 1947, showcasing the unique technology behind Polaroid's instant photography. The patent reflected Land's vision of democratizing photography by making it **(5)**---- to the masses. This transformative invention not only shaped the future of photography but also created a cultural phenomenon, solidifying Polaroid cameras **(6)**---- iconic devices that bridged the gap between technology and the joy of memories instantly.

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| A) besides | B) with respect to |
| C) in spite of | D) on behalf of |
| E) thanks to | |

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| A) for | B) at |
| C) within | D) across |
| E) under | |

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| A) on the other hand | B) in so doing |
| C) in contrast | D) by the same token |
| E) to this end | |

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| A) resentment | B) pronouncement |
| C) contradiction | D) commitment |
| E) illumination | |

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| A) vulnerable | B) dedicated |
| C) subsequent | D) accessible |
| E) superior | |

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| A) because | B) since |
| C) while | D) as |
| E) when | |

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

From the start, Alexandria was a special city. It was founded in April 331 BC by the legendary king and commander, Alexander the Great. The Macedonian had just added Egypt to his extensive list of conquests and ordered that a port city **(17)** ---- west of the Nile delta. The city was just one of many that bore the name of the commander, but the Macedonian king had big plans for this town. Alexander imagined that one day it would become a link between his Greek homeland and all the land he intended to conquer in the Middle East. The ruler carefully selected the site in **(18)** ---- with the numerous advisors he took with him on his campaigns. The location was perfect: on a narrow shore, 32 km west of the mouth of the Nile. At such a distance from the Nile, silt from the river wouldn't settle **(19)** ---- the seabed and block the entrance to the harbour. **(20)** ----, the city would be well protected from attack. Armies from the west would have to cross the burning Libyan desert, **(21)** ---- enemies from the east would have to navigate the swampy Nile delta to besiege the city. Bountiful Egyptian cornfields near Alexandria ensured that the city would never lack food, and transport links were good.

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| A) be built | B) to be built |
| C) to have been built | D) being built |
| E) having been built | |

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| A) measurement | B) declaration |
| C) contradiction | D) consultation |
| E) enlightenment | |

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| A) above | B) amid |
| C) on | D) across |
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| A) Similarly | B) Moreover |
| C) In contrast | D) Therefore |
| E) Meanwhile | |

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| A) because | B) since |
| C) once | D) while |
| E) when | |

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

The Moon, as we now know, is a dead place. But **(22)** ---- the Apollo 11 astronauts landed there, we couldn't be 100% sure. **(23)** ----, there was the serious possibility that the three men on the mission could have brought space bugs back with them. When the Apollo capsule landed on the sea after its lunar journey, there were strict anti-contamination procedures **(24)** ---- place to prevent alien life spreading on to Earth. The astronauts were supposed to stay inside, with the door locked, until they entered quarantine. But it was hot and uncomfortable, bobbing around on the waves, so they were allowed to open the door. If lunar bugs had hitched a ride, they could have **(25)** ---- this opportunity to enter the Pacific Ocean. It could, in principle, have proved catastrophic for life on Earth. Luckily for us, that **(26)** ----.

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| A) after | B) as soon as |
| C) before | D) since |
| E) whereas | |

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| A) Thus | B) In fact |
| C) However | D) Even so |
| E) By the same token | |

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| A) in | B) at |
| C) for | D) over |
| E) on | |

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| A) entertained | B) cultivated |
| C) stigmatized | D) defied |
| E) seized | |

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| A) wouldn't happen | B) wasn't happening |
| C) hasn't happened | D) won't happen |
| E) didn't happen | |

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

27. ----, the Arctic Ocean consists of two principal deep basins that are subdivided into four smaller basins by three transoceanic submarine ridges.

- A) From the late 19th century, when the Norwegian explorer Fridtjof Nansen first discovered an ocean
- B) Since explorations after 1950 revealed the true complex nature of the ocean floor
- C) Rather than being a single basin, as was initially thought by the first explorers
- D) Because the Eurasia Basin is divided into two smaller basins by a trans-Arctic Ocean extension of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge
- E) Whereas the continental shelf on the North American side of the Arctic Ocean is of a normal width

28. Whereas iguana has a well-developed digestive system housing bacteria that ferment plant material, ----.

- A) males become territorial, and mating pairs are established during the rainy season
- B) it also eats invertebrates when young and has been known to eat small birds and mammals
- C) food of the common iguana consists largely of leaves, buds, flowers, and fruits of fig trees
- D) it is often seen basking in the sun on the branches of trees overhanging water
- E) the best-known species is the common, or green, iguana (Iguana iguana)

29. As noncommunicable diseases are generally long-lasting and progress slowly, ----.

- A) they are sometimes also referred to as chronic diseases by medical experts
- B) they can hardly arise from environmental exposures or from genetically determined abnormalities
- C) four major types of noncommunicable disease are cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes mellitus
- C) they account for 82 percent of all deaths from diseases in the world
- E) they definitely leave an individual ill-equipped to survive without some form of treatment

30. Whereas World War I exacerbated nationalism and ideological extremism in Europe, ----.

- A) World War II accounted for more than 18 million in battle, bombing, and systematic Nazi genocide
- B) the few survivors of World War II were known for their resilience and composure
- C) the wars left lasting wounds, psychological and physical alike, as well as the countless dead
- D) Europe came close to destroying itself during the two big wars in the 20th century
- E) World War II had almost the opposite effect, eventually evolving into a united Europe

31. Although the art of bonsai, training and growing trees in small containers, originated in China, ----.

- A) bonsai may live for a century or more and may be handed down from one generation to another
- B) it has been pursued and developed primarily by the Japanese today
- C) bonsai specimens are ordinary trees and shrubs that are dwarfed by pruning roots and branches
- D) good bonsai specimens are usually hardy species that can be kept outdoors the year round
- E) the selection of the appropriate container in which to cultivate a bonsai is an essential element of the art

32. As it becomes clear that the ability to walk at an old age is crucial for longevity, ----.

- A) it may lead to an increased risk of dying from chronic illnesses prematurely
- B) walking is often considered an environmental exposure that affects health
- C) the importance of walking diminishes in comparison to genetic factors
- D) it is gradually becoming a key determinant of overall health and well-being for people over 65
- E) chronic respiratory diseases become more prevalent in individuals who walk regularly

33. Although some may underestimate the significance of particle physics, ----.

- A) it plays a crucial role in unravelling the intricate connections between matter and energy
- B) it is claimed to have minimal relevance to our understanding of the natural world
- C) it mainly focuses on environmental exposures and genetic determinants
- D) the significance of particle physics reduces in the face of chronic diseases
- E) it is unrelated to advancements in technology and scientific knowledge

34. While many workers may have believed that burger-flipping robots in fast food restaurants would represent the first wave of AI-related job losses, ----.

- A) generative AI tools and technologies can barely do many things that have, in years past, been left to highly skilled humans
- B) the rise of AI is limited to physical jobs, sparing the realm of knowledge work from any potential threat of job losses
- C) the slow pace of AI development ensures that knowledge-work jobs remain secure for an extended period
- D) the advent of AI is expected to create more job opportunities in the knowledge-work sector rather than causing losses
- E) the fast evolution of generative AI tools may now mean knowledge-work jobs long considered "safe" could be threatened faster than workers anticipated

35. ----, flying is one of the most carbon-intensive forms of travel.

- A) Although emission from burning jet fuel while keeping the commercial aircraft airborne during long-haul flights is so high
- B) Since even people who gather in a remote location for a climate conference go there by using private jets
- C) Whereas private jet travel is the most polluting mode of all, consuming lots of fuel yet carrying few passengers
- D) Because vapour trails left by commercial aircraft help create high altitude clouds which trap more heat in the atmosphere
- E) As for a journey from London to Dubai, private jet travel is 11 times more polluting than a commercial aircraft and 35 times more than train

36. The point when a child with special educational needs (SEN) is diagnosed is an important moment in their lives ----.

- A) though researchers around the world have found a consistent gender gap in SEN identification
- B) since of the 1.5 million children in English schools identified for SEN services, only 0.5 million are girls
- C) as it allows schools to provide them with access to additional resources, such as assistive technology
- D) whereas biological factors may make boys more vulnerable to certain disabilities
- E) because boys are more disruptive and command more attention, while girls go under the radar