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**Underline the most suitable option (A; B; C; D).**

1. Beth told me \_\_\_\_\_ that water.  
A I need to drink      B not to drink      C drinking not      D if I would drink
2. She mentioned \_\_\_\_\_ for some coffee.  
A about going      B to go      C to have gone      D going
3. He asked her \_\_\_\_\_ a better place to stay.  
A whether she'd find      B that she'd find      C if she'll find      D would she find
4. Nothing matters now, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A does it      B doesn't it      C do they      D isn't it
5. The song \_\_\_\_\_ yet.  
A was written not      B is being written      C hasn't been written      D has been being written
6. The manager was said \_\_\_\_\_ his leg just a few days earlier.  
A that he'd broken      B to break      C that he broke      D to have broken
7. John \_\_\_\_\_ then if he hadn't found the key.  
A would have killed      B would have died      C couldn't get killed      D must have been killed
8. My sister couldn't do it now \_\_\_\_\_ the help before.  
A unless she'd got      B if she'd gotten      C as long as she got      D supposing she'd got
9. He proposed \_\_\_\_\_ our new neighbours.  
A to visit      B to have visited      C visiting      D not to be visited by
10. The manager demanded that the staff \_\_\_\_\_ always punctual.  
A are      B is      C will be      D be
11. There is no need to put \_\_\_\_\_ his obnoxious behaviour.  
A up with      B away from      C on      D down for
12. To my surprise, he got \_\_\_\_\_ the murder. He was never punished although I'm sure he did it.  
A through with      B past off      C away with      D out of
13. You ought to find a new partner \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that you loved the current one once.  
A although      B despite      C however      D whereas
14. I'm positive she \_\_\_\_\_ the charity by the end of the year. She'll get enough money by then.  
A would found      B will found      C will have found      D will have founded
15. You can operate the gadget with \_\_\_\_\_ hand.  
A either      B both      C two      D none
16. This animal is known for being \_\_\_\_\_. It's quite aggressive and relentless.  
A halcyon      B tranquil      C ferocious      D non-belligerent
17. His inspirational speeches \_\_\_\_\_ a generation of young idealists to enter the public arena.  
A soothed      B placated      C mollified      D sparked
18. Unfortunately, the tumour turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
A malignant      B benevolent      C amiable      D benign
19. We should domesticate this \_\_\_\_\_ cat.  
A docile      B feral      C civilised      D tame

20. You should update your \_\_\_\_\_ to be able to surf the Internet faster.  
A browser                      B broadband engine                      C node                      D resolution
21. The conflict ended up with a terrible \_\_\_\_\_. It's hard to imagine what the victims suffered.  
A chasteness                      B tenderheartedness                      C atrocity                      D clemency
22. You'll find her picture on the \_\_\_\_\_ above the fireplace.  
A focal point                      B cornice                      C ledge                      D mantelpiece
23. You just need to \_\_\_\_\_ the number of colours. Two or three should be enough.  
A amplify                      B decrease                      C wax                      D elongate
24. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ majestically in the sky. Higher and higher.  
A plummeted                      B soared                      C dipped                      D plunged
25. The whole team made the decision \_\_\_\_\_. Not a single one of them was against.  
A unilaterally                      B singlehandedly                      C severally                      D unanimously
26. She was \_\_\_\_\_ carrying her diploma. Her head high up and a smile from ear to ear.  
A proudly                      B deferentially                      C timidly                      D subserviently
27. I bought some Christmas presents in October and squirrelled them \_\_\_\_\_ until December.  
A from                      B out                      C away                      D off
28. When she sees the mess in the basement, she's going to flip \_\_\_\_\_.  
A out                      B up                      C along                      D away
29. It seems to be a storm in a \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing to really worry about.  
A saucer                      B mug                      C beaker                      D teacup
30. After a few days of rest, you'll be as right as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A a line                      B rain                      C forecast                      D turmoil
31. The Great Fire of London, which destroyed over one-third of the city, occurred in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A 1555                      B 1666                      C 1777                      D 1888
32. Which English football team won the Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup in 2023?  
A Arsenal                      B Liverpool                      C Manchester City                      D Manchester United
33. Which fictional character was not created by Charles Dickens?  
A Oliver Twist                      B David Copperfield                      C Ebenezer Scrooge                      D Heathcliff
34. Grunge rock, popular mostly in the 1990s thanks to the bands such as Nirvana and Soundgarden, originated from which American city?  
A Los Angeles                      B New York                      C San Diego                      D Seattle
35. Which American president's face cannot be seen at Mount Rushmore?  
A John Adams                      B Thomas Jefferson                      C Abraham Lincoln                      D George Washington
36. Joe Biden, the current US president, represents the \_\_\_\_\_ Party.  
A Conservative                      B Democratic                      C Labour                      D Republican
37. What is the name of the currency used in Ireland?  
A The Euro                      B The Irish Pound                      C The Pound Sterling                      D The Greenback
38. Which film was not produced in New Zealand?  
A The Chronicles of Narnia B Last Samurai                      C Slumdog Millionaire                      D The Lord of the Rings
39. The Head of State in Canada is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A Prime Minister                      B King                      C President                      D Chancellor

40. The famous opera house shown below is a landmark of \_\_\_\_\_.

A Brisbane

B Melbourne

C Perth

D Sydney



Read the text below. For questions 41. – 45. choose the answer that best matches the text by circling the appropriate letter (A, B, C or D). For each correct answer you will be given 1 point.

By the time Girija reached the camp site, it was nine-thirty; but he rested a few minutes before starting work. He had calculated beforehand that it would take him less than two hours to move all the boxes to the cane thicket, and was determined to reserve his strength as much as possible. That's how he was taught in MI5 – save your energy. The hardest part of the job would come on the third night, and he must be prepared for that.

He had solved the problem of handling the boxes, almost by accident. At intervals, Mr. Wright received catalogues from a mail order house in Singapore, and in one of them Girija had seen a device that had interested him. It was a gadget for those with heavy suitcases who did not wish to hire porters. It consisted of a strap attached to a bracket with two small trolley wheels mounted on it. The strap was fastened lengthwise round the suitcase, with the wheels at one corner. There was a handle on the strap. The owner of the suitcases simply grasped the handle and walked along, trailing the case behind him, with half of the weight of it carried on the trolley wheels. The price was six dollars.

Girija had sent for one, and when the parcel arrived, he started to experiment. The thing worked on firm ground; but up at the camp site, and with a heavy box of rifles, the small wheels sank into the spongy surface of the hillside and were useless. Larger wheels with broader tyres were needed. He had found them eventually on the estate. Before the Wright children had been sent away to school in England, one of them had had a scooter. It had been left in Mr. Wright's garage, and Girija had had no difficulty in removing the wheels. Mounted on an axle made out of a spare jack handle, they worked quite well.

The transfer to the cane thicket was completed by midnight, and Girija began the journey back. In spite of his resolve to conserve his energies, he was tired, and realised that **he could no longer rely upon his wits to see him through**. Now, it would be a question of stamina.

There was a compensation. As his weariness increased, his fears seemed to diminish. By the time he had completed the next night's work, he had forgotten about leopards from the jungle, and feared the dark track from the stream bed to the tin workings only because it threatened his powers of endurance.

The nine boxes containing the rifles were the most awkward to handle, and only one could be moved at a time. It required twenty stumbling journeys each way to shift all the boxes, and the final move from the stream bed

to the oil depository took five and a half hours. When he had secured the padlock he sank down on the ground in a state of collapse. It was another hour before he could summon the strength to get on his bicycle and ride back to the estate; and only the fear of being seen returning to the estate compound at daybreak before he had had time to wash and put on clean clothes, drove him to make that final effort.

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**41. After arriving at the camp, Girija**

- A. decided to calculate how long the job would take.
- B. was careful to avoid getting too tired.
- C. loitered until 9.30 before starting work.
- D. immediately got to completing his task.

**42. The device from the catalogue was**

- A. purchased via the postal service.
- B. recommended by Mr. Wright.
- C. hired from a porter in Singapore.
- D. ordered for Girija by somebody else.

**43. In order to improve the gadget, Girija**

- A. changed the tyres for the scooter's.
- B. removed the axle from the scooter.
- C. mounted larger wheels on the bracket.
- D. fixed larger wheels onto an axle.

**44. The phrase 'he could no longer rely upon his wits to see him through' means that**

- A. he could not depend on his sense of humour.
- B. logical thinking was not the key to survival.
- C. his mood would help him to succeed.
- D. he was beginning to go insane from the strain.

**45. The main character in the passage can best be described as**

- A. a remorseless schemer.
- B. a willing accomplice.
- C. a determined secret agent.
- D. a malnourished guerrilla.