

ĐỀ CƯƠNG ÔN TẬP GIỮA KỲ I (2025-2026)
Môn: Tiếng Anh 12 – Sách Bright

I. USE OF ENGLISH

1. Pronunciation

- /əʊ/ – /aʊ/
- Word stress (strong and weak forms of function words)

2. Grammar

- Past Simple & Past Continuous
- Past Perfect
- Present Simple & Present Continuous
- Present Perfect
- Tense review

3. Vocabulary

- Topics and word sets from **Unit 1: Life Stories** and **Unit 2: The World of Work**
- Common collocations related to:
 - Life experiences & achievements
 - Jobs, job qualities, skills, graduation, and career
- Phrasal verbs:
 - *make up / make up for*
 - *put up with / put up to*

4. Speaking

- Talking about life experiences and life achievements
- Talking about jobs, graduation, and career plans
- Asking for and giving explanations or more details
- Expressing admiration / thanks and responding
- Agreeing and disagreeing politely
- Asking and responding in a job interview

II. READING

Topics for review:

- *Life Stories*
- *The World of Work*

Reading skills:

- **Reading for main idea and specific information**
- **Question types:**
 - Multiple choice
 - True/False/Not Given
 - Gap-filling

III. LISTENING

- Listening for main idea and specific information
- Question types: multiple choice, matching, gap filling
- Topics:
 - *Life experiences & achievements*
 - *Jobs, graduation, and career*

IV. WRITING

Writing tasks:

- *Writing a life story*
- *Writing a job application letter*

Sentence transformation practice:

- *Tense transformation*

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Main Themes</i>	<i>Key Language Areas</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Life Stories (pp. 15–22)</i>	<i>Life experiences, feelings, life achievements</i>	<i>Past tenses, pronunciation of /əʊ/ – /aʊ/, phrasal verbs make up / make up for</i>

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2	<i>The World of Work</i> (pp. 23–30)	<i>Occupations, job skills, graduation & career</i>	<i>Present tenses , tense review, word stress, phrasal verbs put up with / put up to</i>

II. PRACTICE – BRIGHT 12 (UNIT 1, 2)

Part I. PHONETICS

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. <u>p</u> roud | B. <u>s</u> outh | C. <u>l</u> oud | D. <u>t</u> ough |
| 2. A. sh <u>ou</u> lder | B. m <u>ou</u> th | C. s <u>no</u> w | D. <u>fl</u> ow |
| 3. A. <u>to</u> wn | B. <u>h</u> ow | C. <u>bo</u> wl | D. <u>d</u> own |
| 4. A. <u>bo</u> at | B. <u>r</u> oad | C. <u>go</u> al | D. <u>s</u> oar |
| 5. A. <u>c</u> ountry | B. <u>p</u> oultry | C. <u>m</u> oulding | D. <u>c</u> ouch |
| 6. A. <u>b</u> oulder | B. house <u>w</u> ork | C. a <u>m</u> ount | D. a <u>c</u> count |
| 7. A. <u>kn</u> ow | B. <u>n</u> ow | C. <u>bl</u> ow | D. <u>b</u> elow |
| 8. A. <u>t</u> one | B. <u>ph</u> one | C. <u>n</u> one | D. <u>r</u> ose |
| 9. A. <u>all</u> ow | B. <u>pl</u> ow | C. <u>cl</u> own | D. <u>s</u> how |
| 10. A. <u>d</u> rought | B. <u>en</u> ough | C. <u>r</u> ough | D. <u>t</u> ough |

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.

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| 1. A. glory | B. media | C. worker | D. award |
| 2. A. mountain | B. dolphin | C. public | D. pursuit |
| 3. A. computer | B. technology | C. magazine | D. connection |
| 4. A. scholarship | B. marathon | C. technician | D. candidate |
| 5. A. digital | B. construction | C. Internet | D. cyberspace |
| 6. A. flexible | B. frustrated | C. embarrassed | D. decisive |
| 7. A. degree | B. traffic | C. deadline | D. teamwork |
| 8. A. obstacle | B. controller | C. strategy | D. business |
| 9. A. curriculum | B. investigate | C. developer | D. diabetes |
| 10. A. create | B. suppose | C. mistake | D. manage |
| 11. A. cooperative | B. motivated | C. responsible | D. reliable |
| 12. A. determined | B. punctual | C. technical | D. furious |
| 13. A. experience | B. embarrassment | C. entrepreneur | D. achievement |
| 14. A. safari | B. company | C. manager | D. bachelor |
| 15. A. interact | B. motivate | C. volunteer | D. entertain |

Part II. GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

- She usually _____ to school by bus.
A. go B. goes C. is going D. went
- Listen! Someone _____ the piano.
A. plays B. is playing C. played D. has played
- I _____ this book before.
A. read B. reads C. have read D. am reading
- Yesterday, we _____ football in the yard.
A. play B. played C. are playing D. have played
- While I _____ TV, my brother was cooking.
A. watched B. was watching C. watch D. have watched
- By the time we arrived, the train _____.
A. left B. has left C. had left D. leaves
- I think it _____ tomorrow.
A. rains B. will rain C. rained D. is raining
- By next month, we _____ in this city for 10 years.
A. live B. lived C. will have lived D. have lived
- My mother always _____ up early to prepare breakfast.
A. get B. gets C. got D. has got
- At the moment, the students _____ for their exam.
A. study B. are studying C. have studied D. studied

11. When I was a child, I _____ to the countryside every summer.
A. go B. have gone C. used to go D. was going
12. He _____ in London since 2010.
A. lived B. has lived C. was living D. had lived
13. The film _____ when we got to the cinema.
A. already started B. had already started C. has already started D. already starts
14. They _____ dinner when the phone rang.
A. are having B. have C. were having D. had
15. I _____ my homework before 8 p.m. last night.
A. finished B. had finished C. was finishing D. finish
16. Look! The bus _____.
A. comes B. is coming C. has come D. will come
17. By the time you come back, I _____ all the dishes.
A. will wash B. will have washed C. washed D. have washed
18. The teacher _____ us many tests recently.
A. gives B. is giving C. has given D. gave
19. While they _____ chess, I was doing my homework.
A. play B. were playing C. played D. had played
20. We _____ the museum three times so far.
A. visit B. are visiting C. have visited D. visited
21. I _____ this car for 5 years before it broke down.
A. own B. owned C. had owned D. have owned
22. She _____ her grandparents this weekend.
A. visits B. will visit C. visited D. is visiting
23. Don't call me at 10 p.m. I _____ then.
A. sleep B. will be sleeping C. will sleep D. am sleeping
24. My father _____ breakfast before he goes to work every day.
A. is having B. has C. had D. was having
25. They _____ TV when the lights went out.
A. have watched B. were watching C. watch D. had watched
26. When he arrived home, his parents _____ already _____ dinner.
A. have / had B. had / eaten C. had / had D. have / eaten
27. I _____ him since we graduated from high school.
A. didn't see B. haven't seen C. don't see D. hadn't seen
28. If you study hard, you _____ the exam.
A. pass B. will pass C. passed D. have passed
29. They _____ here for two hours before the show began.
A. had waited B. waited C. were waiting D. have waited
30. My sister _____ to London next week.
A. goes B. is going C. went D. has gone
31. By the time the police arrived, the thief _____.
A. escaped B. had escaped C. was escaping D. has escaped
32. I _____ for this company since I graduated.
A. worked B. have been working C. work D. had worked
33. She _____ her novel by the end of this year.
A. will have finished B. finishes C. finished D. had finished
34. When I called him, he said he _____ dinner with his family.
A. had B. was having C. has D. had had
35. This time next week, we _____ in Paris.
A. are staying B. stay C. will be staying D. will have stayed
36. By the end of 2025, scientists _____ a new vaccine.
A. develop B. will have developed C. developed D. have developed
37. I wish I _____ the concert last night, but I was too busy.
A. could attend B. attended C. had attended D. have attended
38. When the manager entered, everyone _____ immediately.
A. stops talking B. stopped talking C. had stopped talking D. stops to talk
39. He _____ abroad for over a decade before coming back home.
A. lived B. had lived C. has lived D. was living
40. It's the first time I _____ such a beautiful sunset.
A. saw B. have seen C. had seen D. see
41. If she _____ harder, she would have passed the exam.
A. studies B. studied C. had studied D. has studied

42. I _____ dinner when my friend phoned me last night.
A. cooked B. was cooking C. had cooked D. have cooked
43. Until we get to the station, the train _____ for 10 minutes.
A. will leave B. will have left C. leaves D. has left
44. He _____ his project before the deadline yesterday.
A. completed B. was completing C. completes D. had completed
45. You can't believe how much she _____ since you last met her.
A. changed B. was changing C. has changed D. had changed
46. The students _____ an essay now. Don't disturb them.
A. write B. are writing C. wrote D. have written
47. He _____ in this company for 20 years before he retired.
A. had worked B. worked C. was working D. has worked
48. I hope I _____ all my goals by the time I'm 30.
A. will have achieved B. have achieved C. achieved D. had achieved
49. The film was so interesting that we _____ twice.
A. saw B. have seen C. had seen D. see
50. She _____ for an hour when her husband came home.
A. cooked B. was cooking C. had been cooking D. has cooked

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word or phrase that is CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

51. Adam saw the flames from the end of the street and was shocked to discover it was his house that was on fire.
A. furious B. frightened C. ashamed D. surprised
52. This newspaper tries to attract readers with outrageous headlines.
A. made-up B. unbelievable C. misleading D. sloppy
53. Julius has a strong knowledge of French because he grew up speaking it at home.
A. effective B. efficient C. detailed D. powerful
54. It took us hours to adorn the school hall with balloons.
A. complete B. fill up C. dress up D. decorate
55. The team gathered to discuss their plan for the upcoming project, ensuring everyone understood their roles and responsibilities.
A. strategy B. purpose C. skill D. obstacle
56. His remarkable achievements in science have inspired many young people.
A. ordinary B. excellent C. unexpected D. difficult
57. After years of hard work, she finally fulfilled her dream of becoming a doctor.
A. completed B. planned C. postponed D. ignored
58. The company needs people who can adapt quickly to new working environments.
A. change B. refuse C. react D. adjust
59. My father always shows great respect for his co-workers.
A. admiration B. jealousy C. disappointment D. anger
60. Students are encouraged to pursue their goals with passion and determination.
A. follow B. give up C. delay D. forget

Mark the letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word or phrase that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined part in each of the following questions.

61. Josh produces excellent work, and he's always punctual when delivering his projects.
A. not reliable B. not on time C. not flexible D. not up to date
62. Crowds of people assemble in the main square of the town to mark the beginning of the five-day festival.
A. not gather B. not partake C. not observe D. not attend
63. Dad always tries to catch the news bulletin at 9 o'clock.
A. delete B. lose C. miss D. fail
64. Lucy tried and tried to download the app and she became frustrated when she couldn't do it.
A. excited B. pleased C. shocked D. amazed
65. Her determination to succeed kept her going, even when the challenges seemed overwhelming.
A. perseverance B. ambiguity C. failure D. uncertainty
66. She's a very flexible worker who can easily adjust to new situations.
A. adaptable B. open-minded C. rigid D. sensitive
67. The students are highly motivated to improve their English skills.
A. discouraged B. inspired C. confident D. determined
68. Despite many challenges, he remains determined to reach his goal.
A. persistent B. unsure C. strong-willed D. focused
69. The little boy looked frightened when he saw the big dog.
A. scared B. terrified C. calm D. shocked

70. The manager was **furious** when he discovered the mistake.
A. angry B. annoyed C. cheerful D. frustrated

WORD MEANING, WORD FORM

71. When Susan graduated from university, she _____ to do a master's degree.
A. set up a business B. won an award C. became wealthy D. won a scholarship
72. Charles _____ was when he made it onto the national football team.
A. excited B. frustrated C. depressed D. exhausted
73. If you have lots of qualifications and soft skills, you can be _____ more in the job market.
A. employable B. fluent C. decisive D. creative
74. The candidate had little work _____ because he had just graduated.
A. experience B. punctuality C. fluency D. communication
75. Last year, I had lots of difficulties, but I managed to meet the tight _____ of two projects.
A. leadership B. deadlines C. experience D. qualifications
76. You have to be good at _____ to deal with different tasks at the same time in that team.
A. motivated B. multitasking C. fluent D. respectful
77. When Kristy won the gold medal, people thought she would have a(n) _____ in swimming.
A. full awareness B. cultural identity C. promising career D. happy marriage
78. The manager got _____ when Victor failed to complete the project.
A. amazed B. furious C. interested D. excited
79. That company required candidates to have appropriate job _____.
A. qualifications B. posts C. vacancy D. satisfaction
80. The scientist's innovative research left a lasting _____ that influenced future generations.
A. fortune B. mistake C. legacy D. failure
81. Her recent success served as an _____ for many young athletes who aspired to follow in her footsteps.
A. inspire B. inspired C. inspiring D. inspiration
82. She felt deeply _____ after realizing she had forgotten her lines during the performance.
A. embarrassment B. embarrassing C. embarrassed D. embarrass
83. The politician became _____ for his involvement in the scandal that shocked the entire nation.
A. infamous B. infamy C. infamously D. infamousness
84. The results of the experiment were _____ different from what we had expected.
A. surprising B. surprised C. surprise D. surprisingly
85. The team's _____ attitude made it difficult to complete the project on time.
A. uncooperative B. cooperative C. cooperatively D. uncooperativeness
86. We have a short _____ every Monday morning to review last week's progress and plan the next steps.
A. interview B. catch-up meeting C. conference D. celebration
87. A good leader must be _____, able to make quick and effective decisions.
A. uncertain B. decisive C. passive D. careless
88. I don't know how she can _____ her noisy neighbours every night.
A. put up B. put up for C. put up with D. put up to
89. He tried to _____ his brother to join the English club, but his brother refused.
A. put up for B. put up to C. put up with D. put off
90. Don't believe his story — he just _____ it to get attention.
A. made up B. made up for C. set up D. looked up
91. She worked extra hours to _____ the time she lost during her illness.
A. make up B. make up for C. catch up D. take up
92. Bill Gates is a famous _____ who started his own computer company in a small garage.
A. applicant B. employee C. entrepreneur D. trainer
93. My dream is to _____ the school basketball team this year.
A. make for B. make up C. make it on D. make out
94. After years of working for others, he decided to _____ his own business.
A. build up B. set up C. take up D. make up
95. She's going to _____ Harvard University to study economics.
A. apply to B. apply for C. enroll D. enter in
96. To get a good job, you usually need a university _____.
A. diploma B. degree C. paper D. license
97. Employers often ask about your _____, such as certificates or experience.
A. degree B. qualities C. qualifications D. positions
98. As a _____, you will receive training before becoming a full-time employee.
A. trainer B. employer C. applicant D. trainee
99. His strong _____ helped him overcome all the difficulties and finally achieve success.
A. imagination B. determination C. hesitation D. confusion

100. She felt deeply _____ when her teacher found out she had copied the assignment.
A. proud B. ashamed C. confident D. satisfied

Part III. SPEAKING

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.

1. Speaker A: "Thanks for coming to the interview today, Alex. We'll be in touch."

Speaker B: "Thank you. _____"

- A. I completely agree. B. OK. Let's do that.
C. I can start right away. D. I look forward to hearing from you.

2. Student A: "What are you reading?"

Student B: "It's an article about the Internet. _____ There are still over a million homes in the UK without Internet access!"

- A. Guess what? B. How come? C. But what can we do? D. What are your thoughts?

3. Student A: "_____ discuss how technology can help us preserve our cultural traditions in our next presentation."

Student B: "OK. Let's do that."

- A. I couldn't agree with you more but B. It might be a good idea to
C. Your suggestion sounds good but D. We need to come up with some suggestions to

4. A: Do you think all the people around here are on their smartphones or tablet PCs?

B: _____. May be they are chatting, sending messages or searching for news.

- A. Yeah B. No C. Perhaps D. Good

5. A: He said his dad had reduced the number of subscribed print newspaper and magazines.

B: _____. Every one in his house now can read the news on their digital devices.

- A. No way. B. I'm not surprised. C. That's strange. D. Not at all.

6. A: All of the elderly in my family now can use digital devices to contact each other.

B: _____. I think I need to help my grandpa use his smartphone.

- A. How come. B. No idea C. That's interesting. D. No, thanks.

A: I think we should finish our project before Friday.

B: _____. We don't have much time to complete it after that.

- A. I disagree. B. You're wrong. C. Don't mention it. D. I agree.

7. Speaker A: Good afternoon, Abigail. So, _____? Speaker B: I saw it advertised online.

- A. why do you think you're a good candidate B. how did you hear about this job
C. do you have any previous experience D. when can you start work

8. Student A: Many children are missing out because they can't connect to the Internet at home.

B: _____. But what can we do?

- A. Oh yes, that's right. B. I completely agree. C. You're joking! D. That's terrible indeed!

9. Student A: _____.

B: Well, I'm decisive and creative, and I have a good knowledge of social media.

A. Why do you think you are the best candidate for the position?

B. How did you find out about this job?

C. Have you done this job before?

D. When are you available to work?

10. A: Good morning. Please, take a seat. So, _____? B: I graduated from Bảo Lộc High School last year.

- A. how did you find out about this position B. can you tell me a little about yourself
C. why do you think you're suitable for this job D. what are your long-term goals

11. A: What do you think is your greatest strength? B: _____ I never give up until I finish a task.

- A. I'm very determined. B. I'm quite talkative. C. I enjoy travelling. D. I'm afraid of failure.

12. A: I'm sorry, I can't join the meeting this afternoon. B: _____ I'll let the manager know.

- A. That's fine, thank you for telling me. B. That's unbelievable!
C. Why not? You must attend! D. Never mind, I didn't plan to go either.

13. A: I think we should start our own business together.

B: _____. We've got great ideas and we work well as a team.

- A. That's a terrible idea. B. I totally agree!
C. I'm not sure I can trust you. D. It depends on your parents.

14. A: Excuse me, could you help me set up the projector? B: _____ Let me check the cable first.

- A. Sorry, I'm not in charge of that. B. Sure, give me a minute.
C. Why should I do that? D. I'm afraid not.

15. A: I can't put up with this noise any longer! B: _____ Let's go to the library instead.

- A. That's not my problem. B. Calm down, it's not that bad.
C. I agree, it's driving me crazy too. D. Stop complaining all the time!

16. A: I failed the interview. I feel so ashamed. B: _____ Everyone makes mistakes.
A. Don't worry, you'll do better next time. B. You should have studied more.
C. You should give up. D. That's what you deserve.

Part IV. READING

Passage 1: Fill in each gap of the passage with ONE word

Abraham Lincoln, one of the greatest presidents of the US, was born on February 12, 1809 to Nancy and Thomas Lincoln in Hardin County, Kentucky. His family moved to southern Indiana in 1816. Lincoln's formal (1) _____ was limited to three brief periods in local schools, as he had to work constantly to support his family. (2) _____, he had strong interest in books and self-study.

In 1830, his family moved to Macon County in southern Illinois, and Lincoln got a job working on a river flatboat hauling freight down (3) _____ Mississippi River to New Orleans. After settling in the town of New Salem, Illinois, where he worked as a shopkeeper and a postmaster, Lincoln became involved in local politics as a supporter of the Whig Party, winning election to the Illinois state legislature in 1834. He was a self-taught lawyer, legislator and vocal opponent of slavery, and was elected 16th president (4) _____ the United States in November 1860, shortly before the outbreak of the Civil War.

There were many interesting stories about him. He was a (5) _____ story teller and like to tell jokes. During his presidency, he used humour many times as an indirect way of saying "no". As his responsibility grew and he became stressed, he used jokes to reduced tensions in himself and those around him. He was (6) _____ by people around the world as a devoted civil right activist and also as a simple man with powerful inner strength and remarkable ability to (7) _____ hardship.

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| 1. | A. learning | B. career | C. schooling | D. achievement |
| 2. | A. however | B. instead | C. although | D. therefore |
| 3. | A. a | B. the | C. an | D. Ø |
| 4. | A. about | B. for | C. of | D. with |
| 5. | A. responsible | B. generous | C. determined | D. gifted |
| 6. | A. respected | B. taken | C. made | D. done |
| 7. | A. inspire | B. overcome | C. admire | D. support |

Passage 2: Fill in each gap of the passage with ONE word

There are three main periods in Beethoven's music career: early, middle and late. The beginning of his early period was in 1792 when he moved to Vienna, Austria. Beethoven quickly (1) _____ a name for himself as a talented pianist. His compositions during this period consisted mainly (2) _____ works for his main instrument, (3) _____ piano, and were classical in nature. However, Beethoven's hearing was beginning to deteriorate during this period, and he tried to hide this fact from those around him.

In 1800, Beethoven turned from the classical forms of the previous century to a more expressive or romantic music. His musical imagination began to grow momentarily during this period. It was believed to be Beethoven's greatest and most productive stage. In less than a decade, he produced countless (4) _____ in every genre.

In 1809, (5) _____, his musical creativity began to decline, possibly due to his health problems and mental state. Beethoven stopped conducting and performing in public, but continue to (6) _____ – many of his most admired works were created during this periods. By 1815, he was almost completely deaf and his manners became increasingly rude. In 1827, he died after a long illness. Nearly 20,000 people lined the streets of Vienna to pay their last (7) _____ to the composer who had changed the music scene of Western Europe.

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| 1. | A. made | B. done | C. taken | D. achieved |
| 2. | A. about | B. for | C. of | D. with |
| 3. | A. a | B. the | C. an | D. Ø |
| 4. | A. songs | B. musical | C. work | D. masterpieces |
| 5. | A. however | B. therefore | C. although | D. instead |
| 6. | A. invent | B. compose | C. discover | D. initiate |
| 7. | A. honor | B. money | C. respect | D. emotion |

Passage 3. Read the following passage and choose the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks:

Nguyễn Du was born in a great wealthy family in 1765 in Thăng Long, Vietnam. His father, Nguyễn Nghiễm, a former prime minister under the Lê dynasty, was born in Hà Tĩnh province. He was the seventh child of his father. By the age of 10, Nguyễn Du lost his father and then lost his mother when he was 13 years old. (36) _____, for most of his teen years he lived with his brother Nguyễn Khản or with his brother-in-law Đoàn Nguyễn Tuấn.

At the age of about 19, Nguyễn Du passed the provincial examination and received the title of "tú tài" (Bachelor's degree), the equivalent of a high school (37) _____ nowadays. However, in Nguyễn Du's time this was a far more difficult degree to obtain both because few people were affluent enough to devote themselves to study and because of exacting standards applied.

Nguyễn Du's mother was his father's third wife, noted for her ability at singing and composing poetry. In fact, she made her (38) _____ by singing, which was considered a disreputable occupation at that time. It is said that Nguyễn might have inherited a part of his (39) _____ from his mother.

After passing the provincial exam, he was appointed to the position of a military advisor in the Royal (Trịnh) army. After the Trịnh lords were defeated in 1786 by Nguyễn Huệ, Nguyễn Du refused to serve in the Tây Sơn administration. He then (40) _____ back to his native village in the north of the country. He died in 1820 at the age of 55.

(adapted from: <https://vi.wikipedia.org>)

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| 1. | A. However | B. Therefore | C. But | D. And |
| 2. | A. graduate | B. undergraduate | C. student | D. teacher |
| 3. | A. reward | B. profits | C. living | D. salary |
| 4. | A. gifts | B. jobs | C. wealth | D. talents |
| 5. | A. was moved | B. moved | C. moving | D. moves |

Passage 4. Fill in each numbered blank with one suitable word or phrase.

What do you do well? What do you enjoy doing? Your answers to these two questions will help you identify your (1) _____. An employer will consider you seriously for a (2) _____ when you can show them that you know who you are, what you can offer and which you have studied. Sometimes it is difficult to know what your weaknesses are. Clearly not everyone is equally good (3) _____ everything. You may need to improve yourself and so (4) _____ courses in that field could turn a weakness into strength.

You will need to (4) _____ some time on your self-assessment. Your honesty and the desire for self-improvement will lead to (6) _____ in getting the right job. Explore the following seven areas to start to get to know yourself: your aptitude, your skills, your personality, the level of responsibility you feel comfortable with, your interests and your needs.

Ask (7) _____ if you have any special talents and if you need to consider your physical health when choosing a job. Be as honest and realistic as you can, and ask for other people's (8) _____ if necessary. Make a list of these things. It is usually a good idea to talk about your aptitudes with teachers, family and friends;

If you are considering a career that (9) _____ a special talent, such as art, acrobatics, mathematics or music, discuss your aptitudes with (10) _____ expert in that area and discover how they fit the needs of the occupation.

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| 1. | A. strong | B. strength | C. strengthen | D. strengthened |
| 2. | A. position | B. location | C. spot | D. room |
| 3. | A. upon | B. in | C. at | D. for |
| 4. | A. meeting | B. taking | C. choosing | D. interviewing |
| 5. | A. use | B. make | C. lose | D. spend |
| 6. | A. success | B. successful | C. successfully | D. succeed |
| 7. | A. you | B. your | C. yours | D. yourself |
| 8. | A. interests | B. fields | C. opinions | D. attendances |
| 9. | A. requires | B. asks | C. tells | D. urges |
| 10. | A. a | B. an | C. the | D. no article |

Passage 5: Choose the BEST answers to the questions

Martin Luther King, is well-known for his work in civil rights and for his many famous speeches, among which is his moving "I have a dream" speech. But fewer people know much about King's childhood. M.L., as he was called, was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, at the home of his maternal grandfather. M.L.'s grandfather purchased their home on Auburn Avenue in 1909, twenty years before M.L. was born. His grandfather allowed the house to be used as a meeting place for a number of organizations dedicated to the education and social advancement of blacks. M.L. grew up in the atmosphere, with his home being used as a community gathering place, and was no doubt influenced by it.

M.L.'s childhood was not especially eventful. His father was a minister and his mother was a musician. He was the second of three children, and he attended all black schools in a black neighborhood. The neighborhood was not poor, however. Auburn Avenue was an area of banks, insurance companies, builders, jewelers, tailors, doctors, lawyers, and other businesses and services. Even in the face of Atlanta's segregation, the district thrived. Dr. King never forgot the community spirit he had known as a child, nor did he forget the racial prejudice that was a huge barrier keeping black Atlantans from mingling with whites.

- What is the passage mainly about?
 - The prejudice that existed in Atlanta.
 - M.L.'s grandfather
 - Martin Luther King's childhood.
 - The neighborhood King grew up in
- What is Martin Luther King famous for?
 - His family's background
 - His neighborhood.
 - His childhood.
 - His devotion to civil rights.
- According to the author, M.L. _____.
 - had a difficult childhood.
 - was a good musician as a child
 - loved to listen to his grandfather speak.
 - grew up in a relatively rich area of Atlanta.

4. The word **purchased** in paragraph 1 means _____.
A. bought B. sold C. hired D. rent
5. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
A. Auburn was a commercial areas.
B. M.L. was definitely not influenced by the atmosphere in which he grew up.
C. M. L. grew up in a rich, black neighborhood.
D. M.L.'s childhood was uneventful.
6. Which of the following is TRUE about Martin Luther King?
A. He was the only child. B. He was the eldest child.
C. He was the youngest child. D. He was the middle child.
7. The word **mingling** in paragraph 2 means _____.
A. working together B. playing together C. mixing together D. writing together

Passage 6. Read the passage and choose the best answer:

You've been invited to a job interview and now you want to do everything within your power to get the job. So what do you need to do to prepare yourself for the big day?

First, you should find out as much as you possibly can about the position, the company, the industry and even the interviewer. You should go to your **prospective** employer's website on the internet, where the company presents itself as it wants to be seen; relevant trade journals will then tell you how it is viewed by others. You should perhaps also speak to people who work or have worked for the company, if at all possible.

All this information will give you a great deal to talk about during the interview and so help create the right impression. The more you know, the greater your competitive edge over other candidates.

To help increase confidence, many people practise the interview in front of a mirror. However, you should instead try **it** out with a real person: it's far more realistic and it gives you the chance to ask him or her for some feedback on your performance. In particular, you should practise answers to common questions you can expect to be asked such as: "What do you consider to be your major strengths and weaknesses?", "Why do you want to work for this company?", or "Where do you see yourself in five years' time?" etc.

An interview is also your chance to decide whether you want to work for the company, so be prepared to ask three or four relevant questions yourself. You shouldn't ever underestimate the effect of your appearance on the interviewer; make sure you wear a suit to the interview, even if the normal working environment of the company allows for more informal dress.

Punctuality is another crucial factor with regards to first impressions, and for this reason you should always arrive at the interview site at least 15 minutes before your scheduled meeting. All that's left now is the interview itself. See over for information and advice on successful interview strategies.

1. Before a job interview, you should _____.
A. get some information about your future company
B. wander on the Internet to get some work experience
C. meet the interviewer
D. chat with your prospective employer on the Internet
2. _____ will probably help you easily surpass other candidates.
A. Your ability to speak B. Your ability to start a conversation
C. The company's impression on you D. The information you know about the company
3. To help increase confidence, you should practise the interview _____.
A. in front of a mirror B. with a real person
C. ask the interviewer some questions D. give the interviewer a chance to ask you some questions
4. Before an interview, you should _____.
A. prepare 3 or 4 questions yourself B. only practise answers to common questions
C. only think of the questions on the job of your choice D. give you a chance to practise speaking
5. All of the following factors may help you become a successful candidate except _____.
A. your appearance B. your punctuality C. your casual clothes D. your knowledge
6. The word "**prospective**" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.
A. past B. potential C. impossible D. suitable
7. The word "**it**" in paragraph 3 refers to _____.
A. a real person B. a mirror C. an interviewer D. practising the interview
8. What is the best title for the passage?
A. How To Prepare for a Job Interview B. Going To a Job Interview
C. Your first interview D. Preparing for Your Big Day

Passage 7. Read the following passage. For each of the questions from 41 to 45, write T if the statement is TRUE and F if the statement is FALSE.

Clare's Blog: A Memorable Experience in the Mountains

Last month, I had one of the most memorable experiences of my life when I went trekking in the mountains. I grew up in the countryside but, since moving to the city, I have struggled to maintain a strong connection with the natural world. Besides, I had decided that I needed a challenge in my life.

I trained before the trek to get myself back in shape, and I stayed motivated by focusing on my goal – reaching the top of the highest mountain in this part of the country. I planned to go alone, so I also needed to be responsible. Trekking can be dangerous if you don't have the right clothes and equipment.

On the day of the trek, I felt a little nervous as I set out, but the feeling faded as I climbed. The views of the landscape were so stunning that all I wanted to do was go higher so that I could see even more. Reaching the peak was an incredible feeling. The views from the top were unlike anything I had ever seen before. The sense of accomplishment and joy took me completely by surprise – it was an unforgettable feeling, and it will always be one of my happiest memories.

By the time I had returned to the foot of the mountain, I was exhausted, and my legs ached for days afterwards. But the experience taught me a lot about the rewards that come with pushing your limits. I had never trekked up such a big mountain before, but I will almost certainly do it again.

1. Clare decided to go trekking because she felt out of touch with nature.
2. Clare didn't expect the trek to be very difficult.
3. She wasn't prepared for the risks of trekking alone.
4. The higher Clare climbed, the less anxious she felt.
5. The pain Clare experienced after her trek made her regret her decision to do it.

Passage 8. Read the following passage. For each of the questions from 41 to 45, write T if the statement is TRUE and F if the statement is FALSE.

Ken's Travel Blog:

My Day at the Monkey Buffet Festival

This past weekend, I experienced the truly unique Monkey Buffet Festival in the town of Lop Buri, Thailand. The event was established in 1989 by a local entrepreneur who aimed to attract tourists to the area.

The festival honours the many long-tailed macaque monkeys that are native to the area, which the locals consider symbols of good luck. People prepare a huge feast for the monkeys, including over two tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables. These are beautifully arranged on tables and in huge towers set up around the historic Phra Prang Sam Yot temple, the area's major cultural landmark.

Walking through Lopburi during the festival, there was so much excitement in the air. There were hundreds of monkeys all over the town, climbing on tables, trees and buildings and playfully interacting with both locals and tourists. There were also musical performances, and dances with people dressed in colourful costumes. It was a great opportunity for me to take some photos.

For me, the most memorable part was watching the monkeys as they made their way through the crowds to enjoy the delicious food prepared for them. I'm not an emotional person, but it was heart-warming to see the locals' respect and care for these animals. The Monkey Buffet Festival offers more than just fun; it provides a look into the close relationship that Lop Buri's residents have with nature. Anyone interested in unique cultural events should consider visiting this event. It really is an event like no other.

1. The Monkey Buffet Festival is a traditional Thai festival.
2. The festival takes place inside a famous local building.
3. The monkeys weren't shy of people.
4. Ken enjoyed eating local food at the festival.
5. Ken had an emotional reaction to what he saw at the festival.

Part V. WRITING

A. Rewrite the following sentences as guided

1. I haven't spoken to the HR manager for two months. SINCE
→ It's _____.
2. I have never attended a job interview before. FIRST
→ This is _____.
3. Dean is still writing his CV at the moment. YET
→ Dean hasn't _____.
4. It's 2023 now and I haven't been to India on a business trip since 2018. FOR
→ I haven't _____.
5. It is the best party that we have ever organised. NEVER
→ We have _____.
6. He last got a promotion five years ago. FOR
→ He hasn't _____.
7. John applied to three different companies, and finally he had an interview. BEFORE
→ John _____.

8. While I was talking on the phone, I saw Marking leaving the office in a hurry. WHEN
→ I _____.
9. Jack started working here in 2015 and he still enjoys it up till now. SINCE
→ Jack _____.
10. The first time I wore a costume was when I participated in the carnival parade last weekend.
→ I have never _____.
11. Tom went home after that I arrived at the party
→ After Tom _____.
12. She had dinner and then she came to my house.
→ Before she _____.
13. She went to the airport but the plane had already departed
→ By the time she _____.
14. Her wallet was stolen and then she went to the police station
→ After her _____.
15. I took the bus and then went shopping
→ As soon as I _____.
16. She arrived home . Her kids prepared tea for her.
→ Until she _____.

B. The sentences (a–e) below are in random order. Choose the correct option (A, B, C, or D) that arranges them into a coherent letter/paragraph.

17. *Dear Sir or Madam,*

- a. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my application in more detail during an interview.
- b. I have recently graduated with a degree in Business Administration and completed several internships in digital marketing.
- c. I am confident that my skills and experience make me a suitable candidate for this role.
- d. Thank you for considering my application; I look forward to your response.
- e. I am writing to express my interest in the marketing assistant position advertised on your company website.

Your faithfully,

- A. e-b-c-a-d B. b-e-c-d-a C. e-c-b-d-a D. b-e-a-c-d

18. *Dear Sir or Madam,*

- a. I am confident that my communication and teamwork skills would allow me to make a valuable contribution to your team.
- b. I am writing to apply for the position of part-time customer service assistant at your supermarket.
- c. I recently completed a vocational training course in retail operations, where I learned essential skills in dealing with customers.
- d. I previously volunteered at a local store, which gave me practical experience in handling daily sales and assisting shoppers.
- e. I am available for an interview at your convenience and look forward to the opportunity to discuss my application further.

Yours faithfully,

- A. b-c-a-d-e B. b- a- c- d- e C. b- c- d-a-e D. a-b-c-d-e

19. *Dear Hiring Manager,*

- a. During my university studies, I designed promotional materials for student events and assisted in managing social media content.
- b. I would greatly appreciate the chance to discuss my application and am available for an interview at any time convenient to you.
- c. I consider myself creative, hardworking, and able to meet tight deadlines effectively.
- d. I hold a certificate in Multimedia Design and have strong computer skills, including proficiency in Photoshop and Illustrator.
- e. I am eager to contribute to your company as a graphic design intern and to gain more experience in the creative industry.

Best regards,

- A. e-c-d-a-b B. e-d-a-c-b C. e-d-c-a-b D. d-e-c-a-b

- 20. a. Preparing for the competition taught me valuable research and teamwork skills.
- b. This achievement encouraged me to pursue a career in environmental engineering.
- c. Overall, it was an unforgettable experience that boosted my confidence.
- d. I won first prize for my innovative project on renewable energy.
- e. Last year, I participated in a national science competition.

- A. e-d-a-b-c B. e-a-d-b-c C. a-e-d-b-c D. e-d-b-a-c

21. a. During that time, I organized educational workshops for children.

- b. This experience helped me develop leadership and communication skills.
- c. I volunteered at a local community center for six months.

- d. The project was recognized by the local council for its impact on the community.
 e. I felt proud of contributing positively to society.
 A. a-c-d-e-b B. c-d-a-b-e C. c-a-b-d-e D. c-a-d-b-e
22. a. She overcame numerous obstacles and eventually became a successful doctor.
 b. When I was a child, I often heard stories about my aunt, who inspired me deeply.
 c. What I admire most is her determination to help poor patients in remote areas.
 d. Her story taught me that persistence and compassion can change lives.
 e. Despite growing up in a poor family, she always dreamed of studying medicine.
 A. e-b-a-c-d B. b-e-a-c-d C. b-a-e-c-d D. b-e-c-a-d
23. a. His dedication to teaching and supporting underprivileged students inspired me a lot.
 b. One of the most inspirational people I've ever met is my high school teacher, Mr. Brown.
 c. He often spent extra hours after class helping students who struggled with their studies.
 d. Because of him, many students, including me, became more confident and motivated to learn.
 e. I will always be grateful for his kindness and encouragement.
 A. b-a-c-d-e B. a-b-c-d-e C. b-c-a-d-e D. b-c-d-a-e

III. PRACTICE TEST

LISTENING 1

Marco and Trish are talking about communication problems. Listen and decide if each of the statements is T (True) or F (False). (track 38 BTBT)

1. ____ Marco and Trish can't collaborate well with other teams although they are working towards the same goal.
2. ____ Marco suggests a long formal meeting to make sure all the teams have a mutual understanding.
3. ____ Trish feels frustrated when things don't meet her expectations.
4. ____ Marco has suffered from frustration before.
5. ____ Marco hesitates to accept Trish's meeting invitation because he doesn't want to reschedule his work.

Liz is talking to Rick about her holiday. Listen and write ONE word for each gap. (track 39 BTBT)

6. Rick has never been on a(n) _____ ship before.
7. On the first day, Liz got _____ because of a storm.
8. In the morning, Liz's family went snorkelling close to many kinds of _____ creatures.
9. In the afternoon, Liz finished the mountain trek late because of her brother's _____.
10. Because the locals were so _____, they offered tasty dishes to Liz's family.

Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

11. A. gold B. rose C. cow D. cold
12. A. cloud B. soul C. mountain D. house

Choose the word that has a stress pattern different from the others.

13. A. safari B. interview C. candidate D. company
14. A. exhausted B. respectful C. successful D. furious

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the questions.

15. When Kristy won the gold medal, people thought she would have a(n) _____ in swimming.
 A full awareness B cultural identity C promising career D happy marriage
16. The manager got _____ when Victor failed to complete the project.
 A amazed B furious C interested D excited
17. That company required candidates to have appropriate job _____.
 A qualifications B posts C vacancy D satisfaction
18. David _____ his multitasking skills to deal with a variety of tasks when he came up with a great idea.
 A improves B improved C was improving D has improved
19. Mike _____ an email when he received a text message from his boss.
 A typed B was typing C has typed D had typed

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the options that best complete the advertisements.

CONTENT WRITER WANTED	Want to turn your passion for writing (20) _____ a career? We're looking for a (21) _____ content writer to join our team! You'll need:			
	- Some work experience in writing - Knowledge of different writing styles			
	(22) _____ you believe that you're the ideal candidate, apply now!			

20. A over B about C along D into
 21. A create B creative C creatively D creation
 22. A Should B Do C If D Unless

23.	A designs C is designed	B is designing D has designed	STRUGGLING WITH WORK STRESS? FEELING OVERWHELMED? Our stress management course (23) _____ for busy professionals just like you! Learn how to: • Manage tight deadlines effectively. • Stay calm and productive under (24) _____. • Develop strategies to reduce workplace anxiety. Invest in yourself and boost your career potential. (25) ____ today!
24.	A promotion C bonus	B pressure D insurance	
25.	A Sign up C Log in	B Scroll down D Click on	

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph in each of the following questions.

26. a. Despite those hardships, Dickens returned to school and eventually pursued a successful career in writing.
b. Charles' early struggles in the factory helped shape his deep understanding of the working class.
c. Consequently, Charles had to leave school and work in a factory at the age of 12.
d. Charles Dickens, a famous English writer, was born in Portsmouth in 1812 to a low-income family.
e. When his father went to prison, his family started having lots of financial struggles.
A. b-a-d-e-c B. b-d-c-e-a C. d-a-c-e-b D. d-e-c-b-a
27. a. The following nights were better as I stayed in a local home, enjoying their hospitality.
b. My first night in the jungle was an unpleasant experience.
c. Overall, it was a great jungle trip that helped me gain lots of knowledge.
d. While I was staying in a small hut, I suddenly encountered some frightening insects of different sizes.
e. Thankfully, I had a mosquito net, which helped me get some sleep.
f. Hi, Martha. I've just come back from an unforgettable jungle trip.
A. f-d-a-c-e-b B. e-d-a-b-f-c C. f-b-d-e-a-c D. b-f-c-d-e-a

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

- If you're looking for an adventure, (28) _____ !
Last week, (29) _____. They came from all sorts of backgrounds, but they wanted the same thing: to challenge themselves by surviving in the wild.
The trip was tough! (30) _____. Then, they learnt how to set up their own camps. They went rock climbing and white-water rafting. The activities were really demanding, (31) _____. As a result, they became more independent and confident.
Best of all, the trip helped them find (32) _____. One teen loved taking pictures and wanted to be a photographer. Another enjoyed the outdoors and planned to teach others about it. If you're a teenager ready for a challenge and want to push your limits, this trip could change your life! (33) _____ Human&Nature now.
28. A. the trip into the wild could perfect you B. a perfect trip into the wild for you
C. your trip into the wild is perfect D. a trip into the wild might be perfect for you
29. A. some teenagers went on a wilderness trip called Human&Nature
B. a trip called Human&Nature with teenagers going into the wild
C. some teenagers going on a wilderness trip called Human&Nature
D.. a trip called Human&Nature for some teenagers to go
30. A. When they spent lots of time hiking over hard trails
B. Their hiking over hard trails for a long time
C. They spent lots of time hiking over hard trails
D. Taking them lots of time to hike over hard trails
31. A. or the teens' development of teamwork skills
B without the development of the teens' teamwork skills
C. because the teens developed their teamwork skills
D. but the teens developed their teamwork skills
32. A. your passions B. their passions C. our passions D. my passions
33. A. Catch up with B. Look forward to C. Sign up for D. Come down with

Circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best option for each of the blanks.

Most job candidates experience nervousness before (34) _____ a job interview. There are some tips that can help you become more confident and successfully pass the interview. First, it is highly recommended that you do research (35) _____ the company that you are applying to. Second, expect the right kinds of questions. Apart from the common "Why should we hire you?" question, it is necessary to be (36) _____ for the specific questions related to the position or your knowledge and skills. Third, demonstrate your professional competence. Seize every opportunity to show your abilities by giving your own specific cases in which you (37) _____ different situations or problems

successfully. Fourth, show your enthusiasm. There might be several competitors for the same post; therefore, to beat the (38) _____, you should convince the interviewer that you are the one who desires the position the most.

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| 34. | A. holding | B. doing | C. attending | D. conducting |
| 35. | A. at | B. from | C. about | D. into |
| 36. | A. convenient | B. responsible | C. well-prepared | D. motivated |
| 37. | A. handle | B. handled | C. were handling | D. had handled |
| 38. | A. competition | B. race | C. game | D. match |

Read the text and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

Young graduates entering the workforce often face a challenging transition into their first professional roles. Apart from the excitement of beginning a new job, there are common challenges that could result in negative feelings.

One major mistake is having unrealistic expectations. New graduates could expect quick **advancement** or immediate success, which could create disappointment or shame when things don't **turn out** as well as they've hoped. The workplace can also be a source of shock due to an unexpected work culture or a competitive environment that is completely different from the academic world. Furthermore, the fear of making mistakes can negatively affect young workers, preventing their growth and reducing their self-confidence. Lastly, the demands of a full-time job with new responsibilities can result in burnout, which makes **them** exhausted.

To deal with those challenges, it is essential for new graduates to adopt a realistic mindset and seek mentorship. By proactively dealing with the obstacles, young graduates can navigate their first jobs with less stress and greater potential for success.

39. Which of the following could be the best title for the text?

- A Young Workers: Common Mistakes and Effects
- B Young Workers: Work Pressure and Solutions
- C Young Workers: Job Challenges and Solutions
- D Young Workers: Unexpected Challenges and Advantages

40. The word **advancement** in paragraph 2 is opposite in meaning to

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|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| A progress | B promotion | C decrease | D security |
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41. The phrase **turn out** in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to _____.

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| A end up | B call off | C break down | D bring up |
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42. The word **them** in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| A responsibilities | B demands | C workers | D mistakes |
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43. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the text?

- A The young workers could be disappointed if they have false expectations.
- B Some young graduates might find the new workplace shocking.
- C Too many responsibilities can be exhausting to young graduates.
- D With appropriate mentorship, young graduates can climb up the career ladder quickly.

Read the text and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the best answer to each of the questions.

Stephen William Hawking (1942-2018) was a famous physicist, cosmologist and great author. Despite suffering from physical disabilities, he overcame lots of obstacles to become a great scientist.

Born as a healthy child in Oxford, England, Stephen had a normal childhood. Despite having low grades in most subjects at school, he dreamt of going to university. Years later, he **realised his dream** with a first-class Bachelor's degree in Physics at Oxford University and then pursued a PhD in Cosmology at Cambridge University.

Unfortunately, by the time he completed his PhD in 1966, he had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a kind of neurological disease that made him unable to use his muscles the same as normal people. Despite his severe physical disabilities, Stephen managed to fulfil his ambitions and significantly contributed to modern science. In 1974, Stephen proposed that black holes emit radiation, which is now known as Hawking radiation, a groundbreaking idea that challenged other existing theories. Being unable to write or speak properly, Stephen had to speak through a portable computer that was **modified** to fit his wheelchair. That computer helped him write lots of books, one of which was "A Brief History of Time" published in 1988, which featured scientific concepts of the universe. Stephen also appeared on lots of TV programmes, explaining complicated concepts to TV viewers in simple ways, which made him popular outside his academic community.

One of the greatest lessons that people can learn from Hawking might be his will to survive. A disabled person diagnosed with ALS was thought to be able to survive another 4 years, but Stephen managed to survive for 55 years, which was beyond doctors' expectations. Some of **them** couldn't explain that miracle. He left lots of thought-provoking quotations, one of which was "My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you from doing well, and don't regret the things it **interferes with**. Don't be disabled in spirit as well as physically." Stephen's legacy will live on for the ages.

44. Which of the following could be the best title for the text?

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| A The Valuable Books of Stephen Hawking | B The Extraordinary Life of Stephen Hawking |
| C The Unusual Disease of Stephen Hawking | D The Unique Contributions of Stephen Hawking |

45. The phrase **realised his dream** in paragraph 2 mostly means _____.
A understood what he desired B overcame his huge obstacle
C obtained what he had always wanted D recognised his hidden talents
46. The word **modified** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to _____.
A adapted B produced C promoted D completed
47. The word **them** in paragraph 4 refers to _____.
A expectations B doctors C lessons D quotations
48. The phrase **interferes with** in paragraph 4 is opposite in meaning to _____.
A supports B prohibits C fails D loses
49. According to the text, Hawking became popular outside his academic community when _____.
A. he obtained a PhD at Cambridge University B. his first book was published
C. he explained complicated concepts on TV D. he survived ALS for 55 years
50. Which of the following can be inferred from the text?
A Stephen was an excellent student at school.
B He wrote books using a computer that he had created.
C He had obtained his PhD before he was diagnosed with ALS.
D He managed to become one of the best students at Oxford University.

---The end---