

**Directions:** Read the sentence/question/passage first before selecting the letter that corresponds to your answer.

1. Neither of her Oscar awards, however, \_\_\_\_\_ been polished for a long time.

- A. have
- B. is
- C. has
- D. have already

2. By the time the operation ends, Billy \_\_\_\_\_ a total of 1,300 hours for his friend and \_\_\_\_\_ countless outdated magazines in the emergency room waiting area.

- A. will have waited...will have read
- B. have waited...have read
- C. waited...read
- D. will have waited...read

3. Patungo \_\_\_\_\_ ang mga kandidato.

- A. roon
- B. doon
- C. dito
- D. rin

**Questions 4 – 6:** Read the paragraph and then answer the questions that follow it.

**“The Challenge”**

It started when she was in elementary school. Sonia knew that she wanted to be a champion synchronized swimmer. Today’s competition would determine whether she would earn the opportunity to go to the national contest. She performed the required technical routines flawlessly and led the other swimmers going into the free competition, the portion of the program that counted most. This series of choreographed moves performed to music required a couple of qualities. For one particularly difficult element, Sonia had to remain upside down in the water for over half a minute. She could tell by the audience’s thunderous applause when she

emerged from the pool that the performance had gone well. Seconds later the judges confirmed it; Sonia was on her way to the national contest.

4. *This series of choreographed moves performed to music required a couple of qualities?*

Good writers describe the subject using details. How can the underlined words be better written to include exact details?

- A. some abilities that she had to develop
- B. specific physical qualities
- C. special moves
- D. great strength and control

5. Which sentence would not belong in this paragraph?

- A. Sonia had worked hard for many years to get to this point.
- B. The routine had gone smoothly, and Sonia had done even better than she had anticipated.
- C. The cool water always felt wonderful to Sonia; she loved the smell of chlorine.
- D. Her dream, since childhood, was finally coming true.

6. Which of these would be the best topic sentence for this paragraph?

- A. A synchronized swimming team will be sent to the Olympics.
- B. Sonia got a new swimsuit and cap for the competition.
- C. Only a few extremely talented athletes win competitions.
- D. For almost as long as she could remember, Sonia had wanted to go to the Olympics.

**Questions 7 – 21:** *Choose the alternative that best expresses the idea in standard written English and is worded most consistently with the tone of the passage. If you believe the original version is best, then choose "NO CHANGE." There will also be questions about sections of the passage or about the passage as a whole. Read the entire passage before answering any of the questions. For some questions you may need to read beyond the underlined section in order to determine the correct answer.*

### Building the Plaza de Toros

Thousands of tourists from all over the world gather in Seville, Spain each year, two weeks after Easter Holy Week, to witness the La Real Maestranza. La Real Maestranza is part of the Seville Fair, and the Fair (42) originated back in 1847 when (43) it was originally organized as a livestock fair. Of central importance to the festival are the bullfights that took place (44) in the Plaza de Toros, a circular ring on Baratillo Hill.

Construction on the stunning and beautiful (45) Plaza de Toros first begun in 1749 but had not completed (46) for many years after. The inner facade of the plaza (called the Palco del Príncipe or Prince's Box) was completed in 1765, and this box consists of two parts; the (47) access gate through which the successful bullfighters exited (48), and the theater box itself, which was reserved for the exclusive use of not only the Spanish King and Queen, but for (49) other members of the Royal Family. [50]

When monarch Carlos III prohibited bullfighting celebrations in 1786, work halted, and (51) only one-third of the plaza had been completed (52) at the time. The construction of the ring was finally completed in 1881, two thirds (53) were constructed in stone, the rest in wood.

Choosing to redo them in brick, the stone grandstands were replaced between 1914 and 1915 by architect Anival Gonzalez. (54) All the rows were reconstructed with a smoother slope. Ten to twelve rows of shaded seating were constructed as well as fourteen rows in the sun and three rows of barrier. A row of armchairs was built in the superior part of the shaded area, and they (55) were placed in front of the theater boxes. [56]

7.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. which originated
- C. which did originate
- D. and the Fair originated

8.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. in which
- C. after which
- D. as



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9.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. had taken place
- C. did take place
- D. take place

10.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. stunning yet beautiful
- C. beautiful
- D. stunning, however beautiful,

11.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. was began in 1749 and was not completed
- C. had begun in 1749 and had completed
- D. began in 1749 but was not completed

12.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. parts: the
- C. parts, the
- D. parts the

13.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. did exit
- C. are exiting
- D. will exit



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*To God be the glory!*

14.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. not only the Spanish King and Queen, yet for
- C. not only the Spanish King and Queen, but also for
- D. not the Spanish King and Queen, but also for

15. Which of the sentences below does not belong anywhere in the second paragraph?

- A. The bullring is the oldest bullring constructed entirely of stone, because most others were constructed with a combination of stone and brick.
- B. The stands were constructed in two levels of seating of 5 raised rows per level and 136 Tuscan sandstone columns.
- C. Seville's fair is officially known as the April Fair, but in fact, it hasn't always been celebrated entirely in April and once, it even had to be celebrated in May.
- D. The Royal Box has a sloping roof covered in Arabic tiles.

16.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. nevertheless
- C. because
- D. even though

17.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. were completed
- C. will complete
- D. are completed

18.

- A. NO CHANGE
- B. 1881; two thirds
- C. 1881, two thirds,

D. 1881—two thirds

19.

A. NO CHANGE

B. Choosing to redo them in brick, between 1914 and 1915 architect Anival Gonzalez replaced the stone grandstands.

C. Choosing to redo them in brick, architect Anival Gonzalez replaced the stone grandstands between 1914 and 1915.

D. Choosing, between 1914 and 1915, to redo them in brick, architect Anival Gonzalez replaced the stone grandstands.

20.

A. NO CHANGE

B. those

C. these chairs

D. it

21. Which of the following sentences best completes the passage?

A. Today spectators from around the world enjoy watching this traditional Spanish sport in this world-class ring.

B. Between 1729 and 1733 Felipe V stayed in Seville and received support from the Corporation in spite of being French and the first Bourbon king of Spain.

C. More than 12,500 spectators can watch the fight between the torero and the bull in this ring.

D. During the Seville Festival, men and women dress up in their finery, ideally the traditional "traje corto" (short jacket, tight trousers and boots) for men and the "faraloes" or "trajes de flamenca" (flamenco style dress) for women.

**Questions 22 – 29:** Determine which of the following synonyms on the given choices best corresponds to how the underlined word/s were used on each sentence.

22. His stoic attitude earned him the title "man made of stone."

A. active

- B. heavy
- C. hard
- D. indifferent

23. Samuel could not stand the gelid surroundings of the Alpine Mountains.

- A. very cold
- B. very hot
- C. humid
- D. tepid

24. Do not worry about running short of rice because we had a copious harvest last month.

- A. weak
- B. innumerable
- C. depleting
- D. abundant

25. Jojo is suffering from asphyxia. Noxious gases during fire have suffocated him.

- A. an unconscious state
- B. a state of trance
- C. a state of suppression
- D. a state of affliction

26. Her hair was full and lightly curled.

- A. chubby
- B. filled
- C. detailed
- D. thick

27. The judge exculpated the accused for lack of evidence.

- A. proved guilty

- B. exonerated
- C. banished
- D. proved innocent

28. The politician was criticized for his preposterous remarks.

- A. lengthy
- B. witty
- C. absurd
- D. promising

29. Having lived with three old maids, Lucy projects a reticent attitude.

- A. meek
- B. effusive
- C. effulgent
- D. offensive

30. \_\_\_\_\_ ni Aling Nena ang mga pinamalengke dahil sa takot.

- A. Nabitawan
- B. Nabitiwan
- C. Nalaglag
- D. Nabuhos

31. Ang pagbabasa ng mga iba't ibang aklat sa Filipino ay isang mabisang paraan upang lalong \_\_\_\_\_ ang kaalaman ng mag-aaral tungkol sa wika.

- A. malinang
- B. maayos
- C. masinop
- D. masubukan

32. \_\_\_\_\_-Negros ang tagapag-alaga ni Norma.



- A. Taga
- B. Tiga
- C. Mala
- D. Parang

33. Nakipaghuntahan na naman \_\_\_\_\_ ang kasama mo \_\_\_\_\_ sa kabilang ibayo.

- A. raw, roon
- B. raw, doon
- C. daw, roon
- D. daw, doon

34. Mrs. Santos is very happy because her pupil who used to be very vociferous doesn't talk much anymore.

- A. lazy
- B. active
- C. talkative
- D. sleepy

**Questions 35 – 12:** Choose the correct sequence of sentences that will make the paragraph more organized and logical.

35.

(1) Dapat din makita ninuman ang ganda ng buhay para masilayan ang ganda ng daigdig at saka sabihin kung karapat-dapat ba ito sa ating pag-ibig at pagpapakasakit.

(2) Sa taong punong-puno ng hinanakit at pagdurusa, masasabing hindi maganda ang daigdig para sa kanya.

(3) Laging pakaisiping may mga nilikha na itinalaga na handang mabuhay at marunong mabuhay nang di lamang dahil sa kanilang sarili.

(4) Subalit hindi dapat doon matatapos ang lahat.

(5) Dapat bigyang puwang at pagkakataon ang pag-asa para makita ang kahiwagaan ng buhay.

- A. 2-4-5-1-3

- B. 2-5-1-3-4
- C. 2-3-1-4-5
- D. 2-4-5-3-1

36.

- (1) Magaan din ang pag-angat at pagbagsak ng mga paa nito.
- (2) Mula sa kinatatayuan ni Aling Rosa sa tabi ng bintana ay nakita niyang papasok na sa tarangkahan si Amelita.
- (3) Hindi naikubli ng nag-aagaw na dilim at liwanag ang hapung-hapong anyo ni Amelita at ang hapis na mukhang pinalamlam ng pagod.
- (4) Ngunit hindi rin nakubli sa paningin ng matanda na wari ay walang naramdamang pagod o hirap ang anak.
- (5) Tila may kasiyahang walang kahulilip ang imbay ng kanang braso, at ang kaliwa ay may kipkip na aklat at makapal na kwaderno.

- A. 2-3-4-1-5
- B. 2-4-1-3-5
- C. 2-3-1-4-5
- D. 2-5-3-4-1

37.

- (1) An example of job sharing would be for one person to work mornings, and the other to work afternoons.
- (2) The people sharing the job might be two friends, a husband, and wife, or two employees who did not know each other before sharing a job.
- (3) If the job were complex, the two sharers would have to spend some overlap time discussing the job.
- (4) Job sharing is a modified work schedule in which two people share the same job, both usually working half-time.

- A. 1-2-3-4
- B. 4-2-1-3

- C. 4-1-2-3
- D. 1-4-2-3

38.

- (1) To alleviate the struggle of keeping children from attending school, the government, together with the parents, must work hand-in-hand to achieve sustained learning.
- (2) Next, the government will have to devise schemes, apart from the cash transfer, to assist parents in keeping children in school, possibly with the assistance of the private sector and multilateral institutions.
- (3) Adult literacy programs can also be promoted to inculcate the value of continuing education among parents with limited formal schooling.
- (4) Parents will also have to set aside their own funds for their children's kindergarten expenses, in addition to saving up for expenditures in higher grades.
- (5) Micro-lending schemes for education and entrepreneurship can be developed.
- (6) First, providing free kindergarten is laudable but is an additional strain on the limited national appropriation for education.

- A. 2-1-4-3-5-6
- B. 1-6-2-4-3-5
- C. 5-6-4-3-2-1
- D. 1-6-4-2-5-3

39.

- (1) The interior space has been modeled to echo the Thai characteristics of warmth and hospitality, especially more evident nowadays in quaint resorts and provincial guesthouses.
- (2) There are several decorations and framed images that reflect the culture of local hill tribes.
- (3) Starbucks on Langsuan is the first ever community store in Asia and outside of the United States.
- (4) It is difficult to miss this Starbucks from the outside. Amid imposing office buildings and business hotels lies this almost humble looking structure designed in the traditional style of a Thai home.

(5) It is easy to notice its unmistakably Thai roof and gable which might give one the first impression that it was an antique Thai house (if not for that signature Starbucks logo prominently placed on the facade).

- A. 4-5-1-2-3
- B. 3-4-5-1-2
- C. 3-5-1-2-4
- D. 4-3-5-2-1

40.

(1) Ang ilan sa mga ito ay sina Jose Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar at Graciano Lopez-Jaena.

(2) Mababanggit dito si Francisco Baltazar na higit na kilala sa pangalang Francisco Balagtas, si Jose Dela Cruz o Huseng Sisiw na nakilala sa larangan ng panitikan.

(3) Noong ika-19 na dantaon, ang Kilusang Propaganda ay nakilala.

(4) Kakaunti lamang sa mga Pilipino ang namumukadkad ang galing sa sining sa panahon ng mga Espanyol.

(5) Ang kilusang ito ay namayagpag sa larangan ng literatura at pamamahayag.

- A. 4-5-2-3-1
- B. 4-2-3-5-1
- C. 4-1-3-2-5
- D. 4-2-1-3-5