Part One: Expressions (Items 1-15)
Choose the best answer.

1-2  Two employees
Jeff: Why were you late for the budget meeting this morning?
Bill: Sorry, I overslept. 1.
Jeff: Again? Maybe you should buy a new one before 2.

1. 1. My car would not start
2. My alarm clock didn’t go off
3. My laundry did not come on time
4. My budget was minimal

2. 1. you're fired
2. it breaks down
3. you sleep
4. the budget is used up
3-5  Husband and wife

Husband:  What are we going to have for dinner?

Wife:  I’m going to fix some spaghetti.

Husband:  _______3_______. I forgot to buy it last week.

Wife:  Now what should we eat?

Husband:  _______4______

Wife:  Again? I thought you said it’s too expensive to eat out.

Husband:  _______5______!

3.  1. Spaghetti is one of my favorites
    2. Frozen spaghetti is delicious
    3. I’m going out to buy it right now
    4. I’m afraid we’ve run out of spaghetti sauce

4.  1. Eat anything available in the fridge.
    2. Why don’t we eat out tonight?
    3. How about a home-made tuna sandwich?
    4. Anything not too expensive is OK with me.

5.  1. It’s my pleasure
    2. Wait a minute
    3. Not when I’m hungry
    4. The weather is nice
6-8 Two colleagues

Fred: You look tired. What happened?
Paul: _______6______

Fred: Why not? Maybe I can help you.
Paul: Well, _______7______ My boss has given me four projects to do and I still haven’t finished all of them. The deadline is tomorrow.
Fred: _______8_____
Paul: Thanks, but I guess no one can help me but myself.

6. 1. I didn’t sleep a wink last night
   2. Sleeping can be a bit tiring
   3. I went to bed too early
   4. I want to quit my job

7. 1. I can’t make a decision
   2. I appreciated your help
   3. I’m in financial trouble
   4. I’m behind schedule

8. 1. You’ve done your best.
   2. I’m afraid the deadline can’t be extended.
   3. Is there anything I can do to help you?
   4. I’m sure you can help yourself.
9-11  At an appliance store

Shop assistant: Good afternoon. What can I do for you?
Customer: I’d like to return this toaster.
Shop assistant: _______ 9 _______
Customer: The toast doesn’t pop up when it’s done. I want my money back.
Shop assistant: That’s no problem. _______ 10 _______
Customer: No. I think I’ve thrown it away. _______ 11 _______
Shop assistant: I’m sorry. Without a receipt, I cannot refund your money.

9. 1. I’m afraid that’s not our policy.
2. Are you sure you bought it here?
3. What seems to be the problem?
4. I don’t think you can return it.

10. 1. Do you have your receipt?
2. Did we give you a receipt?
3. Your receipt is very important.
4. You have to come again with your receipt.

11. 1. Where can I get a new one?
2. What should I do?
3. You didn’t give me one.
4. I’ll go home and look for it.
12-14 Two friends

Liz: Hi, Kate. How's it going?
Kate: Hmm, things are not going so well.
Liz: 12 You look very unhappy.
Kate: I'm looking for a new flat. 13 They're inconsiderate.
Liz: You mean Sara and Eve? They seem really nice.
Kate: Yes, they are. But they're always chatting and playing loud music.
Liz: Oh, 14 You're welcome to share my flat if you like.

12. 1. What's the matter?
  2. How long have you been sick?
  3. You should have told me.
  4. I haven't heard about that.

13. 1. It's too small for me and my flatmates.
  2. My flatmates don't speak English.
  3. My flatmates are thinking of moving out.
  4. I can't stand living with my flatmates.

14. 1. I love chatting. 2. that's too bad.
  3. they're nice. 4. it's embarrassing.
15 Two friends

Alfred: Let’s eat out, shall we?
Billy: Can’t do. I’m broke.
Alfred: Don’t worry about it. _______ 15 _______.
Billy: Are you sure? You’re so generous!

15. 1. You can lend me money
    2. The meal is free
    3. You’ll get your paycheck tomorrow
    4. It’s my treat

Part Two: Vocabulary (Items 16-30)

Items 16-25: Meaning in Context

Choose the closest meanings of the underlined words in the following sentences.

16. She became so worried that it took almost an hour to soothe her.
    1. satisfy
    2. comfort
    3. stimulate
    4. restrain

17. Carrying these heavy bags up the stairs presented a considerable challenge.
    1. noticeable
    2. functional
    3. major
    4. sensible
18. The death sentence of the pregnant African woman sparked anger nationwide.
   1. put an end to
   2. took part in
   3. did away with
   4. gave rise to

19. Nearly all the farmers in this arid region are dependent on the country’s annual monsoon.
   1. vast
   2. dry
   3. humid
   4. rainy

20. Cocoa beans from West Africa are transformed into chocolate.
   1. combined
   2. moulded
   3. divided
   4. changed

21. Typically, a succession of experiments are conducted to verify the outcome of organ transplants.
   1. number – appreciate
   2. pattern – clarify
   3. series – confirm
   4. sequence – refute

22. The world’s tuna trade is an amazing hunt; fishing fleets stalk schools of the fish across thousands of miles of ocean with helicopters and sonar.
   1. impressive – follow
   2. awful – visit
   3. ordinary – catch
   4. original – chase
23. My pockets swelled with a refund from the language school, but my budget was still modest.
   1. became bigger – limited  
   2. were full – polite
   3. were designed – small  
   4. appeared big – sufficient

24. Tension headaches occur because of physical or emotional stress placed on the body. However, some say that the most likely cause is contraction of the muscles that cover the skull.
   1. trouble – withdrawal 
   2. emphasis – restriction
   3. pressure – tightening 
   4. prominence – agreement

25. We often become instinctively too worried about threats that aren’t really hazardous while overlooking real dangers.
   1. unknown – monitoring 
   2. predictable – overestimating
   3. dangerous – ignoring 
   4. relevant – considering
Items 26-30: Meaning Recognition

Choose the alternative which has the same meaning as the underlined word in the given sentence.

26. You have to make a deposit of 20% and pay the rest in installments.
   1. The shop requires a deposit of 10 baht for the bottle.
   2. A rich deposit of gold was found on the river bed.
   3. A deposit of a hundred thousand baht is required on your new car.
   4. The deposit of her diamond ring in a bank vault was suggested.

27. She learned about the teaching post from yesterday’s paper.
   1. The dog kept barking as it was chained to the post.
   2. The president appointed her to the post of ambassador.
   3. There’s a check for you in the post.
   4. The guard was punished for deserting his post.

28. The changing course of the river affects the entire village.
   1. I’d like to take a painting course when I retire.
   2. We’ve got to get to the golf course by nine.
   3. To avoid a collision, the plane has to take a different course.
   4. Our main course consists of a fish dish.
29. The local government is encouraging the people to get a free HIV test that promises to yield results in 20 minutes.
   1. I decided to yield to my thirst for a soda.
   2. She bought a plot of land that could yield many tons of corn.
   3. These steel beams are likely to yield under the weight of a vehicle.
   4. The vehicle going downhill must yield to the vehicle travelling uphill.

30. His last shot went 2 meters wide of the goal.
   1. His backhand passing shot was excellent.
   2. The next-door neighbor said he heard only one shot.
   3. My father often enjoyed a shot of brandy after a hard day’s work.
   4. She had no chance of passing the exam; however, she gave it her best shot.
Part Three: Reading (Items 31-45)

Read the following and choose the best answers to the questions that follow.

We provide a power shower so you can stay squeaky clean.

31. What is the purpose of this statement?
   1. To promote clean politics.
   2. To forecast a morning shower.
   3. To advertise facilities in a hotel.
   4. To analyze how to stay in power.

If you want your daughter to eat, sleep and breathe success, may we suggest she eat, sleep and breathe here.

GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING.

32. This is an advertisement for a
   1. live-in baby sitter
   2. boarding school for girls
   3. new sleeping aid
   4. medication for girls
Passage 1

Looking to get off the map? Mongolia is your answer. With the lowest population density of any sovereign nation in the world and an estimated 250 sunny days per year, the landlocked country is known as “The Land of Blue Skies.” Here, long stretches of road reveal vast empty spaces and an occasional nomadic herder, which still forms the basis of living for many of the less than 3 million native Mongolians.

The people are justly proud of their heritage and history, having controlled an empire that once spread as far as Eastern Europe and China. Today, a tourist in Mongolia can spend time hiking, horseback riding, fishing, munching on mutton and drinking airag, the fermented mare’s milk that is the national drink. The highlight of any trip to Mongolia will be the great outdoors and encounters with the hospitable locals who still care for it.

33. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
   1. Mongolia has no access to the sea.
   2. Outdoorsy people will love Mongolia.
   3. Most Mongolians work in offices in big cities.
   4. Mongolians are friendly people who love the outdoors.

34. The phrase “munching on” means
   1. eating
   2. feeding
   3. raising
   4. selling
35. What is the main purpose of this passage?
   1. To create a sense of pride among Mongolians.
   2. To give an example of colonial expansion.
   3. To convince people to move to Mongolia.
   4. To promote tourism to Mongolia.

Passage 2

Health drink, shredded sweet, woven mat, biofuel - is there anything a coconut can't become? Humans have used this versatile palm-tree "nut" for half a million years, by one estimate. Even so, coconuts remain refreshingly cutting-edge.

Take their appeal as an energy source. This year, Tokelau, a trio of South Pacific atolls, aims to generate all of its power with solar energy and coconut oil. It joins other coconut-rich places - including Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, and Vanuatu - that have blended or modified coconut oil to run things like ships, trucks, and official vehicles.

On the health front, electrolyte-packed coconut water has been making waves in the US and Brazil, where packaged consumption doubled from 2005 to 2010. Call it an upscale version of a hydrating drink long enjoyed straight from the shell.
36. Which of the following best describes the idea in the first sentence?
   1. The coconut is a plant with many uses.
   2. Coconut juice is one of the healthiest drinks.
   3. Coconut is an important component in making biofuel.
   4. Coconut can be processed to run various types of vehicles.

37. Why is Tokelau mentioned in the passage?
   1. It consists of 3 tropical coral atolls.
   2. It has plans to use coconut oil as a fuel source.
   3. It plans to run ships with other wealthy nations.
   4. It is acquiring new technology for modifying coconut oil.

38. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
   1. Coconuts are a relatively new source of energy.
   2. Coconut oil in its purest form can be used as fuel for vehicles.
   3. Packaged coconut water has become increasingly popular in the US.
   4. “Shell” in the last sentence has the same meaning as “shell” in “eggshell.”
Passage 3

On a warm summer's evening in a Madrid park, about 30 diners enjoy an open-air meal of sautéed vegetables and mixed salad - all fresh from the waste bin. It's **junk food**, quite literally. To fight waste, this group of environmentalists occasionally gathers for a "junk food" dining experience, open to the whole neighborhood.

The previous evening, dragging their shopping carts, they searched through the waste bins of food shops on the hunt for discarded ingredients that are still good to eat. After a useless first hour, they **finally hit pay dirt** in a rubbish container outside a fruit and vegetable store. "It's a good haul. Most of it's in good condition," said 50-year-old Txomin Calvo.

The dinners began in 2010 when the group wanted to do something about the amount of good food going to waste. "To make it more than just a protest, we use it to give free food to people in difficulty," Mr. Calvo said. The timing is right for Spain, which is in a deepening recession and suffering a financial crisis. One in four people in the workforce is unemployed, and 21.8% of the population was living below the poverty line in 2011.

The environmentalists are on a mission to stop wastage. In Spain, the equivalent of 163 kg of food per person is thrown out every year. Across the European Union the wastage is even higher at 179 kg. "The aim is to try to promote moderate, responsible consumption. We don't have unlimited resources and we have to share with those who need it more," said Miguel Carreno, another member of the group.
In May 2011, a UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) report said too many shopkeepers and consumers were throwing out food that was perfectly fit to eat because of excessive attention to outside appearance.

Activists also want to reform the law: shopkeepers are barred from donating out-of-date food and people who rummage through the bins in Madrid risk a fine. But for now, they just want to expand their protest with more diners. "We would like this initiative to spread to every district," they said.

39. The phrase "junk food" used in the article refers to food that
   1. is gathered from the waste bin  2. is wasted in a year
   3. is past its expiry date  4. has little nutritional value

40. The park dinners are
   1. restricted to 30 people  2. invitation only
   3. for anyone in the area  4. for environmentalists only

41. The clause "they finally hit pay dirt..." means "
   1. they gave up their search after one hour
   2. they found a large quantity of vegetables
   3. they received very little money for what they found
   4. their hands got dirty from searching through the bin
42. By hosting these dinners, this group of environmentalists wants to

1. promote unity among the locals
2. alert the public to the health risks of fattening junk food
3. raise public awareness about the high wastage of food
4. demonstrate against environmental damage caused by farmers

43. The author of the article specifically mentions the effects of the euro crisis to explain

1. why the financial crisis spread to Spain
2. how the free dinners were first organized
3. how this protest can help people hit by the recession
4. why the poor have to search for food in a rubbish container

44. According to the FAO, what is the main cause of the problem that these activists are trying to address?

1. Spain has an overabundance of fruits and vegetables.
2. People do not like the food they are served in restaurants.
3. A large number of Spaniards are unemployed and in need of money.
4. Consumers do not want to buy produce that does not look good.

45. The word "barred" means

1. prevented  2. saved  3. freed  4. separated
Part Four: Structure and Writing (Items 46-60)

Choose the underlined part that is grammatically wrong.

46. My parents (1) financially supported me (2) during I finished high school, but when I was at university I had to get (3) a loan and (4) work part time.

47. My (1) biological teacher gave me such a difficult (2) assignment that I couldn’t do it (3) myself. I had to ask my brother (4) for help.

48. The boy cried and screamed (1) painfully when he (2) stung by the bee. He was (3) immediately taken to hospital for (4) medical treatment.

49. Nowadays, there are murderers (1) in prisons all over the world. (2) Most of them (3) would rather spend their lives in prison (4) to die.

50. (1) If Thomas Alva Edison (2) gave up after (3) his failures, he would not have found a way (4) to invent the lightbulb.

51. (1) Despite of a lot of obstacles, Steve Jobs finally established Apple in 1976. The company has made a huge profit although (2) its products are more (3) costly than (4) those of its competitors.
52. One of the largest (1) industries in America (2) is the advertising industry, (3) which spends (4) billion of dollars each year.

53. (1) In order to cut down on (2) expenses, the manager suggested (3) to use less paper in the office by circulating (4) information via email.

54. For some people, (1) moving to a new country can be a very (2) excited experience (3) as they need to learn to (4) adjust to a totally different culture.

55. (1) A research carried out by a successful psychologist (2) showed that boys seemed to play in large groups; (3) however, girls preferred to play in (4) smaller groups.
Items 56-60
Select FIVE out of six choices [S1-S6] and put them in an appropriate sequence to form a meaningful paragraph. **ONE of these choices will NOT be used.**

[S1] Current news that usually attracts millions of viewers includes state funerals, presidents' speeches, natural disasters, and election results as they are happening.

[S2] In the same way, adults, too, can get education from programs on television, as well as information about important events and current news.

[S3] Preschoolers learn colors, numbers, and letters from public television programs like *Sesame Street* that use animation and puppets to make learning fun.

[S4] One of the greatest benefits of television is educational.

[S5] As shown, there is no doubt that television can be educationally beneficial for all ages.

[S6] For older children, science shows, like *Fun with Nature*, go on location to analyze everything from volcanoes to rocket launches.

56. Which sentence comes **first**?
57. Which sentence comes **second**?
58. Which sentence comes **third**?
59. Which sentence comes **fourth**?
60. Which sentence comes **last**?