

## TEST (II stage)

I. Read the text about kidfluencers and growing up online. For questions 1 to 6, choose the correct option (A-D).

### Kidfluencers: Growing up online

Scroll through any social media platform and it will not take long to find children unboxing toys, reviewing products, or starring in carefully edited family vlogs. These young content creators, commonly known as “kidfluencers”, attract millions of followers and bring in vast sums of money for brands and families alike. To put it in context, influencer marketing has become a multi-billion-dollar industry, and children are now a cog in that commercial machine.

At first glance, the phenomenon may appear harmless, even inspiring. Supporters argue that child influencers develop confidence, creativity, and business skills at an early age. Some parents insist that their children enjoy making videos and choose to participate willingly. However, beneath the glossy surface lies a far more complex reality. Put simply, many of these children are growing up inside an industry that prioritises profit over protection.

One major concern is the absence of clear regulation. While child actors in traditional media are protected by labour laws, trust funds, and limits on working hours, kidfluencers often fall into a legal grey area. Their “work” takes place at home, under parental supervision, which allows families to bypass regulations designed to safeguard minors. As a result, children may spend long hours filming, rehearsing, and keeping audiences engaged without any formal oversight.

The pressure to remain visible can also be overwhelming. Algorithms reward constant uploads, meaning that taking breaks can quickly translate into declining views and income. Children may feel responsible for maintaining a family’s livelihood, a burden that few adults would willingly accept. Not to mention, negative comments, online harassment, and unrealistic expectations can take a heavy toll on mental and emotional well-being.

Privacy is another casualty of online fame. Moments that would normally remain personal—tantrums, illnesses, embarrassing mistakes—are often broadcast to millions. Once shared, this content is virtually impossible to erase, leaving children with a permanent digital footprint they never consented to creating. At the same time, public visibility can attract inappropriate audiences and online predators, exposing young influencers to risks their parents may struggle to **rein in**.

There is also the issue of hidden advertising. Sponsored content is frequently woven into everyday videos, making it difficult for young viewers to distinguish entertainment from marketing. This brings ethical questions to the fore about manipulation, consumerism, and the exploitation of both child creators and child audiences.

None of this means that every family influencer is acting irresponsibly. Some parents take deliberate steps to limit filming, protect earnings, and prioritise education. Nevertheless, isolated good practice cannot replace systemic safeguards. Governments, platforms, and advertisers must share responsibility for ensuring that children’s rights are not sacrificed for clicks and profits.

To cut a long story short, kidfluencers represent a powerful symbol of how digital culture is evolving faster than the laws meant to regulate it. Until stronger protections are introduced, growing up online will remain a high-stakes experiment—one in which children bear the most substantial risk.

**1. What can we infer from the author's description of kidfluencers in paragraph 1? (0.25p.)**

- A. Kidfluencers are an essential component of a profit-driven system.
- B. Kidfluencers bring in money and unity in the families.
- C. Money is the sole motivator behind kidfluencers' online presence.
- D. Children are the main beneficiaries of the influencer industry.

**2. Why does the author mention that some parents insist their children enjoy making videos in paragraph 2? (0.25p.)**

- A. To acknowledge a common argument before challenging it.
- B. To prove that not everything is about money in kidfluencing.
- C. To imply that parental involvement provides protection to their children.
- D. To argue that family vlogging can be mainly harmless.

**3. According to paragraph 3, why do kidfluencers often fall into a legal grey area? (0.25p.)**

- A. Because children refuse to be treated as professional workers.
- B. Because kidfluencing is not officially recognised as work.
- C. Because their activity is framed as family-based content.
- D. Because labour regulations don't apply if there is parental consent.

**4. The verb *rein in* in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to: (0.25p.)**

- A. predict
- B. control
- C. admit
- D. notice

**5. Why does the author mention hidden advertising in paragraph 6? (0.25p.)**

- A. To explain how kidfluencers deliberately deceive their audiences.
- B. To illustrate how young audiences may be manipulated.
- C. To report the need to ban advertising on social media.
- D. To suggest that children inadvertently sponsor content.

**6. According to paragraph 7, all of the following are true EXCEPT: (0.25p.)**

- A. Most family influencers prioritise profit over their children's well-being.
- B. Individual responsible behaviour is no substitute for wider legal protections.
- C. Responsibility lies in the hands of all actors involved.
- D. Good practice by some families may be key to solving the problem.

**II. Read the text about how AI voice cloning is changing scams. For questions 1 to 6, choose the correct sentence for each gap. There is *one extra sentence* that you do not need to use.**

**7. (0.25p.)**

- A. Most attacks follow a familiar pattern.
- B. Ironically, protections designed to safeguard users can also delay intervention.
- C. Some experts believe the problem is still being underestimated by the general public.
- D. The result is a new kind of scam that doesn't shout or stumble. It sounds normal.

- E. Tools that once required advanced technical knowledge are now packaged into user-friendly platforms.
- F. The first time I heard an AI-cloned voice, I didn't realise that's what it was.
- G. Modern voice-cloning systems can generate natural rhythm, realistic pauses, and spontaneous responses.

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At a security conference, the audience was played a call from a supposed kidnapper, followed by a girl's voice begging her father to pay a ransom. The speaker paused and said, "Frightening, right? How could the father have known it wasn't really his daughter?"

The room went quiet.

Advances in artificial intelligence have made it possible to recreate a person's voice from tiny fragments of audio, often scraped from social media, podcasts, or online videos. A handful of seconds can now produce a digital imitation capable of speaking, reacting, and sounding emotional. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ That's what makes it dangerous.

"One of the biggest changes is that scams no longer feel like scams," a cybersecurity researcher told me. "They feel like everyday conversations."

3 \_\_\_\_\_ Unlike traditional fraud calls built around rigid scripts, these calls evolve as the target speaks. It is no longer a monologue. It is a dialogue with someone you know and trust — and that subtle shift changes everything.

The scale of the problem is already substantial. In a McAfee global study of 7,000 adults, roughly one in four respondents said they had been exposed, directly or indirectly, to an AI voice-cloning scam. About four in ten admitted they doubted their ability to accurately discern a real voice from a synthetic one.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ The caller presents a situation that cannot wait: a delayed payment, a frozen account, a legal problem, a family emergency. The story may differ, but the pressure is always the same.

"It's like a psychological shortcut," one fraud analyst explained. "Urgency from a 'reliable' source short-circuits reflection. People don't verify. They comply."

What makes matters worse is that this technology is no longer confined to specialist circles. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ In other words, the gatekeepers have vanished.

Law and regulation, by contrast, move slowly. Some countries have begun drafting rules around AI-generated content, while others are still debating how existing laws should apply. At the same time, privacy regulations can restrict real-time information sharing between banks, telecom companies, and law enforcement. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

So where does that leave the rest of us?

Experts tend to agree there is no single fix. Technology helps. Legislation helps. But broadly speaking, the most effective defence remains an old-fashioned one: awareness and suspicion.

Anyone who pauses when faced with an urgent demand immediately weakens the scammer's position. Anyone who verifies through a second channel buys time. And in this new landscape, time is the one thing scammers cannot afford.

AI may be learning to speak like us. That doesn't mean we have to listen.

**III. Choose the correct option for each gap.**

- 8.** We'd already had many setbacks, then, \_\_\_\_\_, the system crashed just before the deadline. **(0.25p.)**  
A. to put it bluntly  
B. to top it all off  
C. to name but a few  
D. not to put too fine a point on it
- 9.** \_\_\_\_\_, these figures reflect an exceptional period in the company's history. **(0.25p.)**  
A. To give but one example  
B. To put it another way  
C. To put it in context  
D. To my surprise
- 10.** The working conditions were challenging, \_\_\_\_\_; I'm not surprised he resigned. **(0.25p.)**  
A. to say the least  
B. to be precise  
C. to give but one example  
D. not to mention
- 11.** Tom's future at the firm looks uncertain; \_\_\_\_\_, he has been given a final warning. **(0.25p.)**  
A. to name but a few  
B. to put it another way  
C. to give but one example  
D. to say the least
- 12.** Sara has many hobbies—reading, painting, and hiking, \_\_\_\_\_. **(0.25p.)**  
A. not to mention  
B. put it mildly  
C. to name but a few  
D. not to put too fine a point on it
- 13.** The whole project was a disaster, then, \_\_\_\_\_, our team leader was sick. **(0.25p.)**  
A. not to mention  
B. to put it bluntly  
C. to add insult to injury  
D. to be fair
- 14.** The response from management was inadequate, \_\_\_\_\_. **(0.25p.)**  
A. to give but one example  
B. to put it mildly  
C. to name but a few  
D. not to mention
- 15.** He supports many charities; \_\_\_\_\_ he runs a bake sale to raise money for the hospital every year. **(0.25p.)**  
A. to put it bluntly  
B. to put it mildly  
C. to add insult to injury  
D. to give but one example

16. The whole mishap cost us a lot of money, £2596.00, \_\_\_\_\_. (0.25p.)

- A. to give but one example
- B. to say the least
- C. to be fair
- D. to be precise

17. \_\_\_\_\_, learning a new skill is never a waste of time. (0.25p.)

- A. To my mind
- B. To my surprise
- C. To top it all off
- D. To make matters worse

**IV. Complete the text using words from the box. You can use each option ONLY ONCE. 18) (0.25p.)**

**a long story short – but a few – fair – insult to injury – it bluntly – mention – mind – precise – surprise – the least**

To be 1 , the plan sounded good at the beginning, and everyone agreed to try it. And, while I had anticipated problems in the initial stages, to my 2 , the first few days went well, and there weren't many problems. Still, to my 3 , we were not fully prepared for what came next.

After a week, things started to change. To put 4 , we had too much work and not enough time. Tasks kept piling up. We also had constant emails and meetings, not to 5  several small mistakes that slowed us down. Later that week, to add 6 , the computer system stopped working for a whole day.

To cut 7 , we missed the deadline. The result was disappointing. People were frustrated and tired, and the situation was negative to say 8 . A short review meeting followed. To be 9 , only part of the project was finished, and the experience showed several clear problems—poor planning, weak communication, and lack of time, to name 10 .

**V. Complete each gap using a word from the box. You can use each option ONLY ONCE. 19) (0.25p.)**

**baby shower – call it a night – clubbing – hanging out – hen party – hit the town – letting their hair down – party pooper – reception – turn it down**

As a quiet and shy person, I've never enjoyed crowds. And when it comes to socialising, I prefer **1**  with one or two friends at a time to attending parties and large gatherings.

A few months ago, I received an invitation to my cousin Maria's wedding and the **2**  which followed. Naturally, I wasn't thrilled, but as my sister and aunts were going, I reluctantly agreed to attend.

What I hadn't realised, however, was that I would also be expected to attend Maria's **3**  the week before the wedding. Though I had absolutely no desire to **4**  and go **5** , Maria insisted that I come along and join in the 'fun'.

As a result, I ended up spending over a hundred euros in a nightclub with a bunch of women who had no problem **6**  and drinking far more than they needed. As I don't like alcohol, I quietly sipped my water while Maria and her friends proceeded to get louder and more drunk. By 10 p.m. I'd had enough and decided to **7** , and despite being called a **8** , was relieved to say goodbye and catch a taxi home.

Of course, I was not looking forward to the wedding a week later, and after spending half my week's salary on a wedding present, I wasn't in a great mood. There were many elderly relatives at the reception, most of whom kept asking me why I hadn't settled down and got married too. After sitting through a disgusting meal, between two uncles who had consumed far too much champagne, I promised myself that I would never attend another family party.

My mother has just called to tell me that Maria and her new husband are now expecting their first child. Though I am genuinely happy for them both, if I receive an invitation to her **9** , I shall definitely **10** .

**VI. Match each sentence with a type of crime.**

**arson; burglary; cybercrime; fraud; kidnapping; mugging; murder; robbery; smuggling; shoplifting.**

20. Two men attacked a jogger and stole his wallet and his watch. (0.25p.)

21. A dentist killed his wife using poison. (0.25p.)

22. Two men were caught trying to bring illegal diamonds into the country. (0.25p.)

23. A woman was caught trying to buy a car with someone else's credit card. (0.25p.)

24. A student set fire to his school after failing his exams. (0.25p.)

25. Sam broke into an apartment and stole a television and a laptop. (0.25p.)

26. A young girl was caught stealing a chocolate bar from a shop. (0.25p.)

27. Two teenage bullies were sending threatening messages to a classmate on social media. (0.25p.)

28. Two men forced the president's son into a car and then demanded \$1 million for his safe return. (0.25p.)

29. A man held a gun to a bank teller's head and told him to give him all the money in the safe. (0.25p.)

**VII. Choose the correct option.**

30. Despite her illness, she managed to **put on a brave face/mask**. (0.25p.)
31. At this moment, his life is **hanging by a thread/string** and without urgent treatment he may well die. (0.25p.)
32. The first few days were **touch and stop/go**, but slowly she began to recover. (0.25p.)
33. Many people with mental illness find that it doesn't mean that their career is ruined or that they'll never again be able to **push/pull their weight** at work. (0.25p.)
34. It **makes my blood run cold/hot** to hear my baby cough like that – we need to do more to protect children from this disease. (0.25p.)
35. As a **rule of finger/thumb**, weight loss is generally 75 percent diet and 25 percent exercise. (0.25p.)
36. When they spoke about helping terminally-ill children, it **brought a lump to my throat/neck** and I was close to tears. (0.25p.)
37. Anytime you have a vaccine, you could potentially feel a little **under/below the weather**. (0.25p.)
38. The message that obesity is hazardous to health initially **fell/stuck on deaf ears** and no meaningful action was taken. (0.25p.)
39. There is help available, and I think that you just have to **swallow/chew your pride** and ask for it. (0.25p.)
40. My body hurt when I recently started a workout routine but I couldn't **put my hand/finger on** the problem. (0.25p.)
41. After five nights in hospital, her father is now **on the repair/mend** and back at home. (0.25p.)
42. They are trying to **keep body and soul/spirit together** and are relying on food banks and other charities. (0.25p.)
43. A lot of injectables are given by non-medics with botched results and doctors are left to **pick up the parts/pieces**. (0.25p.)
44. If you need to **recharge your batteries/engine**, make sleep, rest, and relaxation an absolute priority. (0.25p.)
45. Ann had never been pregnant before and thought she had **missed the ship/boat** before she fell pregnant at the age of 40. (0.25p.)
46. In the context of human history, our sedentary lifestyles evolved **in the blink/look of an eye**. (0.25p.)
47. Managing your anger lowers stress and improves your health, so decide how you will behave in challenging situations and find a way to **keep a cold/cool head**. (0.25p.)
48. Working long hours can take its toll on your physical health, so don't ignore the health warnings and continue to **burn the midnight candle/oil** at work. (0.25p.)
49. Taking a stroll during lunchtime on a bright, sunny day is your **best wager/bet** to produce enough vitamin D. (0.25p.)

**VIII. Choose the best ending for each of the sentence extracts below from the list underneath:**

**50) (0.25p.)**

1. In 1905, Einstein published the first part of his **theory...**
2. Environmentalists point out that electric cars just **shift...**
3. Most metals **expand...**
4. As a result of the **intense...**
5. Fifty years ago, most smokers were not **aware...**
6. The new grading machine has the **function...**
7. In many universities, there is a coffee bar **adjacent...**
8. After studying for two hours, it becomes difficult to **concentrate...**
9. Some children show a great deal of **maturity...**
10. Sadly, according to government **statistics,...**
11. In the seventeenth century, Galileo **demonstrated...**
12. In the 1980's, the US and Soviet governments made the **crucial...**
13. Politicians often complain that newspapers **distort...**
14. The history of the Americas is usually from seen from the **perspective...**
15. An already difficult operation was **complicated...**

- a. ...of the dangers of smoking.
- b. ...at a young age, while others may continue to be irresponsible.
- c. ...to the library where students can take a break.
- d. ...the pollution problem from the car itself to the electricity station.
- e. ...that all objects (heavy or light) fall at the same speed.
- f. ...heat of the fire, the front half of the train was completely destroyed.
- g. ...what they say so that the readers cannot read the truth.
- h. ...of relativity, which completely changed our ideas of time and space.
- i. ...of the European immigrants, rather than from that of the original inhabitants.
- j. ...on your work and so it is a good idea to take a break.
- k. ...when they are heated.
- l. ...of separating the larger pieces of metal from the smaller pieces.
- m. ...over 30% of marriages end in divorce within five years.
- n. ...decision to reduce the number of atomic weapons.
- o. ...by the fact that the patient had a history of heart disease.

**IX. Read each passage and question carefully, and then choose the best answer to the question based on the passage(s). All questions in this section are multiple-choice with four answer choices. Each question has a single best answer.**

**51)** The Younger Dryas was a period of extreme cooling from 11,700 to 12,900 years ago in the Northern Hemisphere. Some scientists argue that a comet fragment hitting Earth brought about the cooling. Others disagree, partly because there is no known crater from such an impact that dates to the beginning of the period. In 2015, a team led by Kurt Kjær detected a 19-mile-wide crater beneath a glacier in Greenland. The scientists who believe an impact caused the Younger Dryas claim that this discovery supports their view. However, Kjær’s team hasn’t yet been able to determine the age of the crater. Therefore, the team suggests that.....

Which choice most logically completes the text? **(0.25p.)**

- A) it can’t be concluded that the impact that made the crater was connected to the beginning of the Younger Dryas.
- B) it can’t be determined whether a comet fragment could make a crater as large as 19 miles wide.
- C) scientists have ignored the possibility that something other than a comet fragment could have made the crater.
- D) the scientists who believe an impact caused the Younger Dryas have made incorrect assumptions about when the period began.

**52)** In 2016 biological anthropologist Heather F. Smith and her team investigated the evolution of the appendix, an intestinal organ that is present in some mammals, including humans, but is generally thought to have no function. Studying 533 mammal species, the team found that the appendix has emerged independently across multiple lineages in separate instances and, significantly, hasn’t disappeared after emerging in specific lineages. Moreover, the team determined that species with the organ tend to have higher concentrations of lymphoid tissue, which supports immune responses, in the cecum, the organ the appendix is attached to. Therefore, the team hypothesized that the appendix likely.....

Which choice most logically completes the text? **(0.25p.)**

- A) was once present in many nonmammal species but has since disappeared from those lineages.
- B) has been preserved in certain mammal species because it benefits their immune systems.
- C) will emerge in a greater number of mammal species because it may serve a necessary function in the immune system.
- D) produced higher concentrations of lymphoid tissue in mammals in the past than it does currently

**53)** Some ethicists hold that the moral goodness of an individual’s actions depends solely on whether the actions themselves are good, irrespective of the context in which they are carried out. Philosopher L. Sebastian Purcell has shown that surviving works of Aztec (Nahua) philosophy express a very different view. Purcell reveals that these works posit an ethical system in which an individual’s actions are judged in light of how well they accord with the individual’s

role in society and how well they contribute to the community. To the extent that these works are representative of Aztec thought, Purcell’s analysis suggests.....

Which choice most logically completes the text? **(0.25p.)**

- A) the Aztecs would have disputed the idea that the morality of an individual’s actions can be assessed by appealing to standards of behavior that are independent of the individual’s social circumstances.
- B) the Aztecs would not have accepted the notion that the morality of an individual’s actions can be fairly evaluated by people who do not live in the same society as that individual.
- C) actions by members of Aztec society who contributed a great deal to their community could be judged as morally good even if those actions were inconsistent with behaviors the Aztecs regarded as good in all contexts.
- D) similar actions performed by people in different social roles in Aztec society would have been regarded as morally equivalent unless those actions led to different outcomes for the community.

**54)** In 1986, conceptual artist Sophie Calle asked twenty-three people, all of whom had been born without sight, to describe “their image of beauty” in rich detail. Calle paired excerpts of these conversations with photographs—both of interviewees and the items they..... to powerful effect in her exhibition *The Blind*.

Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English? **(0.25p.)**

- A) described, from hair to grass to sculptures
- B) described, from hair to grass to sculptures—
- C) described—from hair to grass to sculptures,
- D) described: from hair to grass to sculptures

**55)** According to Duverger’s law, countries with single-ballot majoritarian elections for single-member districts tend to polarize into two-party systems, wherein dueling political parties consistently dominate the political system..... countries with proportional-representation electoral systems tend to support multi-partyism, under which power gets distributed among many political parties. Which choice completes the text with the most logical transition? **(0.25p.)**

- A) Subsequently,
- B) Conversely,
- C) For instance,
- D) In other words

**X. Choose the correct transition words to complete these sentences.**

**56)** The company faced many challenges this year. \_\_\_\_\_, they failed to make a profit. **(0.25p.)**

- A. Above all
- B. For example
- C. On the other hand
- D. As a result

**57) The team worked hard; \_\_\_\_\_, they didn't succeed. (0.25p.)**

- A. therefore
- B. thus
- C. however
- D. consequently

**58) He didn't study for the test. \_\_\_\_\_ he failed to pass. (0.25p.)**

- A. Above all,
- B. Consequently,
- C. For example,
- D. First,

**59) She loves reading books; \_\_\_\_\_, she dislikes watching movies. (0.25p.)**

- A. on the other hand
- B. moreover
- C. finally
- D. actually

**60) The project isn't due until the day after tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_, we need to finalize our plans tonight just in case. (0.25p.)**

- A. First
- B. Nevertheless
- C. For example
- D. Indeed

**61) Many people think the exam is easy, but \_\_\_\_\_, it is one of the hardest tests to pass. (0.25p.)**

- A. in fact
- B. nevertheless
- C. thus
- D. therefore.

**62) The course covers grammar and vocabulary. \_\_\_\_\_, it includes speaking practice. (0.25p.)**

- A. On the other hand
- B. In addition
- C. Nevertheless
- D. Therefore

**63) He hit traffic and was very late. \_\_\_\_\_, he missed the critical meeting. (0.25p.)**

- A. Indeed
- B. As a result
- C. Above all
- D. Finally

64)\_\_\_\_\_ we must check we have all the parts, then we can begin the assembly. (0.25p.)

- A.First
- B.Consequently
- C.On the other hand
- D.Namely

65) The company focuses on three main areas, \_\_\_\_, sustainability, innovation, and customer satisfaction. (0.25p.)

- A.in addition
- B.in short
- C.above all
- D.namely

**XI.Complete the text with the words from the box.**

66) (0.25p.)

considerably fewer – grow steadily – overall – overtaking – reached – rise – sharply – steady growth

1900		2000		2025	
1. Mandarin	472	1. Mandarin	743	1. English	1500
2. Spanish	315	2. English	633	2. Mandarin	1100
3. English	270	3. Spanish	407	3. Spanish	610
4. Hindi	234	4. Hindi	395	4. Hindi	560
5. Russian	112	5. French	176	5. Arabic	332

Most spoken languages by number of speakers (native and non-native, in millions)

The table shows the five most spoken languages in the world in 1900, 2000 and 2025, with figures given in millions of speakers. Each list is ranked according to the total number of native and non-native speakers.

1 , all major languages except Russian show an upward trend, with English experiencing the most significant 2 . Mandarin and Spanish also 3  across the period, while French drops out of the top five after 2000 and is replaced by Arabic, whose numbers increase more rapidly in the early twenty-first century.

In 1900, Mandarin had the highest number of speakers at 472 million, while Spanish and English had 4 . Between 1900 and 2000, all three languages increased 5 : English more than doubled, climbing from 270 to 633 million, and Spanish also rose substantially. Hindi followed a similar upward trend, growing from 234 to 395 million.

By 2025, English 6  the highest figure at around 1.5 billion speakers, 7  Mandarin, which also shows a considerable rise to roughly 1.1 billion. Spanish continues its 8 , increasing to about 610 million, while Arabic records a noticeable rise compared with earlier periods.

**XII. Choose the correct words and phrases from the box to complete this photo description.**

67) (0.25p.)



**along – appears – as if – dark – in the background – in the middle – might – quietly – round – seem**

This picture shows three women sitting at an outdoor café, surrounded by bicycles and greenery. They 1  to be enjoying a casual moment while using their smartphones.

In the foreground, there is a 2  metal table, with one of the women leaning back in her chair. She has long, 3  hair and is checking her phone while resting her legs on a long flower box filled with plants that separates the café from the street. She looks relaxed, and her outfit suggests she 4  have been cycling. Next to the table, resting against the planter, there are two parked bicycles.

5  of the picture, two other women are seated, both absorbed in their phones. One of them 6  to be younger, so I think they might be a mother and her daughter. They are seated close together, possibly having tea or coffee while 7  scrolling through their devices.

8 , there is a large stone building with what seem to be two shops, one in each top corner of the picture. A few pedestrians are walking 9  the sidewalk, and a man in a blue jacket is looking towards the camera.

I love this picture because it shows people relaxing in nice, peaceful setting, but it looks 10  they are not really aware of their surroundings.

**XIII. Read the sentences, then choose the correct explanation.**

**68. While James was talking on the phone, I went quietly into the basement. (0.25p.)**

- A. James talked on the phone. Then I went into the basement.
- B. I went into the basement. Then James talked on the phone.
- C. I went into the basement, and James talked on the phone at the same time.

**69. When I got home, Jack had cooked dinner. (0.25p.)**

- A. Jack cooked dinner. Then I got home.
- B. I got home. Then Jack cooked dinner.
- C. I got home, and Jack cooked dinner at the same time.

**70. Tom and Kerry were leaving when I arrived. (0.25p.)**

- A. Tom and Kerry left. Then I arrived.
- B. I arrived. Then Tom and Kerry left.
- C. I arrived and Tom and Kerry left at the same time.

**71. Paul put away the shopping and phoned his mother. (0.25p.)**

- A. Paul put away the shopping. Then he phoned his mother.
- B. Paul phoned his mother. Then he put away the shopping.
- C. Paul put away the shopping and phoned his mother at the same time.

**72. While we were hiking, it started to rain. (0.25p.)**

- A. It started to rain. Then we went hiking.
- B. We went hiking and returned. Then it started to rain.
- C. We went hiking and it started to rain at the same time.

**XIV. Match the 12 words in Column I with the definitions in Column II.**

**73) (0.25p.)**

**Column I**

- 1. opt
- 2. quantity
- 3. misfortune
- 4. nourish
- 5. appeal
- 6. harsh

**Column II**

- a. attraction
- b. miserable
- c. one who cannot break a habit
- d. realizing
- e. small barrel
- f. cautious

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|-------------|---|
| 7. addict   | g. keep away from                         |
| 8. keg      | h. rough to the touch, taste, eye, or ear |
| 9. wretched | i. amount                                 |
| 10. wary    | j. choose or favor                        |
| 11. avoid   | k. bad luck                               |
| 12. aware   | l. make or keep alive and well with food  |

**XV. In Column I are ten words. Match them correctly with their *opposite* meanings in Column II.**

**74) (0.25p.)**

**Column I**

1. ingenious
2. nourish
3. commence
4. hazy
5. slender
6. expand
7. misfortune
8. harsh
9. migrate
10. pedestrian

**Column II**

- a. starve
- b. make smaller
- c. stupid
- d. thick
- e. good luck
- f. clear
- g. driver
- h. stay at home
- i. smooth
- j. finish

**XVI. For questions 1–8, read the text below and look at the word given in capitals after each line with a gap. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

**75) (0.25p.)**

**The Psychology of Decision-Making**

Decision-making is a complex process influenced by both rational and emotional factors. People often rely on (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to guide their choices, even when data suggests otherwise. **INTUIT** This can lead to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ outcomes, as biases cloud judgment. **PREDICT** Psychologists study how (3) \_\_\_\_\_ affects decisions, revealing that stress impairs logical thinking. **ANXIOUS** In high-stakes situations, individuals may exhibit (4) \_\_\_\_\_ behavior, opting for familiar options over innovative ones. **CONSERVE** To improve decision-making, training in critical thinking is essential, fostering greater (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and clarity. **AWARE** Organizations are increasingly adopting (6) \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to minimize errors in corporate settings. **SYSTEM** However, the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of human error remains a challenge, as no method is foolproof. **AVOID** Ultimately, understanding these dynamics can lead to more (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and effective choices in daily life. **INFORM**

**XVII. You are going to read four reviews of a historical novel. For questions 1–10, choose from the reviews (A–D). The reviews may be chosen more than once.**

**76) (0.25p.)**

## Opinions about "Quantum Horizon"

### A. Alex

The film's visual effects are groundbreaking, immersing viewers in a futuristic world with seamless CGI. The plot, however, feels derivative, echoing classic sci-fi tropes without fresh twists. Acting is solid, especially the lead's portrayal of moral dilemma. It's a spectacle best enjoyed on the big screen, though the script's predictability disappoints.

### B. Brooke

This movie excels in exploring philosophical questions about time and reality, prompting deep reflection. The soundtrack complements the narrative, building tension masterfully. Pacing is uneven, with slow exposition dragging before the action ramps up. Despite minor flaws, it's intellectually stimulating for fans of thoughtful sci-fi.

### C. Chris

Character relationships drive the story, adding emotional weight to the high-stakes adventure. Diversity in the cast is commendable, representing various backgrounds authentically. Some dialogue comes off as clunky, hindering immersion. Overall, it's entertaining, with thrilling sequences that keep you engaged.

### D. Dana

The director's vision shines through innovative cinematography, capturing vast space vistas stunningly. Themes of human resilience resonate, but the ending leaves too many loose ends. Production values are high, justifying the budget. A worthwhile watch, though it could have delved deeper into subplots.

#### 1. Which person praises the film's special effects?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 2. Which person criticizes the resolution of the story?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 3. Which person highlights the music's role?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 4. Which person mentions representation positively?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 5. Which person notes uneven rhythm in storytelling?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 6. Which person complains about familiar elements?

A. Alex   B. Brooke   C. Chris   D. Dana

#### 7. Which person appreciates the philosophical depth?

A. Alex B. Brooke C. Chris D. Dana

**8. Which person values the interpersonal dynamics?**

A. Alex B. Brooke C. Chris D. Dana

**9. Which person discusses awkward lines?**

A. Alex B. Brooke C. Chris D. Dana

**10. Which person commends the filming techniques?**

A. Alex B. Brooke C. Chris D. Dana

**XVIII. You are going to read four reviews of a historical novel. For questions 1–10, choose from the reviews (A–D). The reviews may be chosen more than once.**

**77) (0.25p.)**

### **Opinions about Online Learning**

**A. Ivy**

Online platforms democratize education, providing access to courses from top universities worldwide. Interactivity through forums fosters global discussions, enriching perspectives. Technical glitches can disrupt sessions, frustrating learners. Flexibility suits working professionals, allowing self-paced study.

**B. Jack**

Gamification elements make learning engaging, with badges and leaderboards motivating students. Data analytics track progress, enabling personalized feedback. Privacy concerns arise from data collection practices. It bridges gaps in remote areas, overcoming geographical barriers.

**C. Kara**

Virtual reality simulations offer immersive experiences, like historical recreations for history classes. Collaboration tools support group projects across distances. Screen fatigue is a drawback, affecting concentration. Inclusivity for disabled learners improves with adaptive technologies.

**D. Liam**

MOOCs offer free resources, lowering financial hurdles to knowledge. Peer assessments build critical thinking skills. Cheating risks in exams necessitate proctoring software. The format encourages lifelong learning, appealing to all ages.

**1. Which person mentions rewards systems for motivation?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**2. Which person highlights no-cost educational materials?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**3. Which person discusses connectivity issues?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**4. Which person praises worldwide course availability?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**5. Which person notes potential for dishonesty?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**6. Which person appreciates aids for special needs?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**7. Which person warns about eye strain?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**8. Which person values monitoring for tailored advice?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**9. Which person emphasizes team work remotely?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**10. Which person promotes continuous education?**

A. Ivy B. Jack C. Kara D. Liam

**XIX For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap. In the separate answer sheet, mark the appropriate answer (A, B, C or D).**

**78) (0.25p.)**

### **Symphony Hall Set to Break Records**

World-renowned Macklesville Symphony Hall is set for a record \$15 million redevelopment amidst complaints from community groups. The existing symphony hall was constructed only twenty years ago and at a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ of the cost of the new proposals. However, the council has passed the new plans (2)\_\_\_\_\_ that the initiative to build a new hall will not only see a growth of interest in classical music and the arts in general, especially from younger audiences, but also serve as a recognition (3)\_\_\_\_\_ what is now the second-best orchestra in the country. However, complaints have arisen because of a lack of (4)\_\_\_\_\_ regarding the plans. Local groups feel like their views have fallen on deaf ears and have even called this a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ misuse of public funds that cannot be justified in the current economic climate. In response, the council has insisted that a large proportion of the money for the new hall comes from private (6)\_\_\_\_\_, although they declined to state exact amounts. Further to this, the council sees its contribution as an investment towards the regeneration of the inner city, as well as an (7)\_\_\_\_\_ part of their ‘Vision for Macklesville’ ten-year plan. Despite these (8)\_\_\_\_\_, there is no stopping the plans, with building work commencing in the start of October and continuing until next spring.

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. A fragment   | B proportion    | C fraction    | D breadth      |
| 2. A pleading   | B implying      | C referring   | D citing       |
| 3. A for        | B to            | C with        | D in           |
| 4. A conjecture | B contention    | C controversy | D consultation |
| 5. A laudable   | B flagrant      | C shrouded    | D chronic      |
| 6. A delegates  | B brokers       | C subscribers | D donors       |
| 7. A operative  | B indispensable | C applicable  | D effectual    |
| 8. A commotions | B brawls        | C disputes    | D contrasts    |

**XX. Match the pairs with opposite meaning.**

**79) (0.25p.)**

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. all       | A) foot      |
| 2. above     | B) winter    |
| 3. after     | C) leg       |
| 4. back      | D) hello     |
| 5. because   | E) before    |
| 6. head      | F) beginning |
| 7. summer    | G) sky       |
| 8. arm       | H) tail      |
| 9. inside    | I) below     |
| 10. early    | J) front     |
| 11. end      | K) why       |
| 12. future   | L) outside   |
| 13. good-bye | M) past      |
| 14. ground   | N) late      |
| 15. top      | O) none      |

**XXI. Match the words.**

**80) (0.25p.)**

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| 1. marvellous | A) ordinary  |
| 2. nervous    | B) trained   |
| 3. particular | C) special   |
| 4. private    | D) wonderful |
| 5. different  | E) uneasy    |
| 6. skilled    | F) gloomy    |
| 7. idle       | G) lazy      |
| 8. strange    | H) personal  |
| 9. dark       | I) various   |
| 10. usual     | J) unusual   |

## TEST (II stage)

### KEYS

#### I.

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

#### II.

7)

1F

2 D

3 G

4 A

5 E

6 B

#### III.

8. B. 9 C. 10. A. 11. B. 12.C. 13. C. 14. B. 15. D. 16. D. 17A.

#### IV.

18)

1 fair; 2 surprise; 3 mind; 4 it bluntly; 5 mention; 6 insult to injury; 7 a long story hort;  
8 the least; 9 precise; 10 but a few.

#### V.

19)

1. hanging out; 2. Reception; 3. hen party; 4. hit the town; 5. clubbing; 6. letting their  
hair down; 7. call it a night; 8. party pooper; 9. baby shower; 10. turn it down

#### VI.

20. mugging; 21. murder; 22. smuggling; 23. fraud; 24. arson; 25. burglary; 26. shoplifting;  
27. cybercrime; 28. kidnapping; 29. robbery.

#### VII.

30. face 31. thread 32. go 33. pull 34. cold 35. thumb, 36. throat 37. under 38. fell  
39.swallow 40. finger 41. mend 42. soul 43. pieces 44. batteries 45. boat 46. blink 47.cool 48.  
oil 49. bet

#### VIII.

50)

1. h, 2. d, 3. k, 4. f, 5. a, 6. l, 7. c, 8. j, 9. b, 10. m, 11. e, 12. n, 13. g, 14. I, 15. O

#### IX.

51 A 52 B 53 A 54 B 55 B

#### X.

56 D. 57 C. 58 B. 59 A. 60 B. 61 A. 62 B. 63 B. 64 A 65 D.

#### XI.

66)

1 overall; 2 rise; 3 grow steadily; 4 considerably fewer; 5 sharply; 6 reached; 7 overtaking;  
8 steady growth

#### XII.

67)

1 seem; 2 round; 3 dark; 4 might; 5 In the middle; 6 appears; 7 quietly; 8 In the  
background; 9 along; 10 as if

#### XIII.

**68.C. 69. A. 70.C. 71. A. 72.C.**

**XIV.**

**73)**

**1. j 2. I 3. k 4. I 5. a 6. h 7. c 8. e 9. b 10. f 11. G 12. d**

**XV.**

**74)**

**1. c 2. a 3. j 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. e 8. i 9. h 10. G**

**XVI.**

**75)**

**1. intuition; 2. unpredictable; 3. anxiety; 4. conservative; 5. awareness; 6. systematic; 7. unavailability; 8. informed**

**XVII.**

**76)**

**1. A; 2. D; 3. B; 4. C; 5. B; 6. A; 7. B; 8. C; 9. C; 10. D**

**XVIII.**

**77)**

**1. B, 2. D 3. A 4. A 5. D 6. C 7. C 8. B 9. C 10. D**

**XIX**

**78)**

**1 C fraction 5 B flagrant 2 D citing 6 D donors 3 A for 7 B indispensable 4 D consultation 8 C disputes**

**XX.**

**79)**

**10; 2I; 3E; 4J; 5K; 6A; 7B; 8C; 9L; 10N;  
11F; 12M; 13D; 14G; 15H**

**XXI.**

**80) 1D; 2E; 3C; 4H; 5I; 6B; 7G; 8J; 9F; 10A**