

請依下文回答第1題至第5題:

English is the most popular international language. It originated in England, but soon spread to other countries. Today, the countries in which English is spoken can be <u>1</u> into three groups. The first group is <u>2</u> those countries where English is the primary language. These are countries like England, Canada, the United States, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. There are more than 380 million native speakers of English in these countries <u>3</u>. There is a second group of countries that have their own <u>4</u> of English. India, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Kenya are examples of this group. Countries in the third group are China, Russia, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Indonesia, and many Western European countries. Some people calculate the number of speakers in this group to be <u>5</u> one billion, and the number is growing everyday.

- (C)1 (A) counted (B) circulated (C)divided (D) merged
- (A)2 (A) made of (B) contained by (C)set up (D) involved in
- (D)3 (A) as well (B) all (C)average (D) alone
- (B)4 (A) applications (B) varieties (C)evaluations (D) predictions
- (A)5 (A) as many as (B) as much as (C)as soon as (D) as fast as
- (A)6 The squirrel is by nature a very creature, springing about from tree to tree and playing among the leafy branches almost incessantly.

(A) agile (B) crisp (C)slack (D) weary

(A)7 Scholars from more than twenty countries will attend an international on environmental issues to discuss new clean energy projects.

(A) conference (B) emergency (C)objective (D) restriction

(D)8 Guided relaxation helps to deeply calm the mind and body, and it directly prevents reactions that increase distress, and pain.

(A) delight (B) leisure (C)relief (D) tension

(D)9 All users of the facility are required to all their garbage before leaving.

(A) insist on (B) compose (C) impose (D) dispose of

(D)10 More than half of diarrhea deaths in the developing world result from unsafe drinking water, poor of the environment, and unhygienic practices.

(A) emergency (B) ornament (C)terminal (D) sanitation

- (D)11 I have been trying hard to others rather than focusing on what I really want to achieve in my life.(A) compress (B) defend (C)sustain (D) impress
- (C)12 It is a pity the T-shirt of my size is out of now.(A) stork (B) stick (C)stock (D) strike
- (B)13 The coffee stain will on your clothes if you don't remove it immediately.
 - (A) insist (B) persist (C)resist (D) assist
- (C)14 The broke into the house, shone his flashlight around, and opened the safe, only to find there was nothing valuable to steal.
 - (A) calendar (B) magnifier (C)burglar (D) skyscraper
- (D)15 A lasting relationship is built on respect and trust.

(A) neutral (B) natural (C)annual (D) mutual

(A)16 People need to have to enter that area for it is a private property. \checkmark \Re

(A) permission (B) treatment (C)infection (D) enlargement

- (B)17 At Christmas, many houses and gardens are glowing and twinkling in seasonal that is made by hand.(A) declaration (B) decoration (C)definition (D) destination
- (A)18 Encircled by native bush and lake scenes, building materials of the retreat have been carefully chosen to with nature.

(A) blend (B) expand (C)prompt (D) split

(B)19 During the Christmas holiday, the park is always beautifully by lights of various colors.

(A) illustrated (B) illuminated (C)contaminated (D) terminated

(A)20 If you had me about the problem, I you.

(A) would have helped (B) would help (C)might be able to help (D) could possibly help 請依下文回答第21題至第25題:

In a remarkable—if likely controversial—feat, scientists announced today that they have created the first successful human-animal hybrids. The project proves that human cells can be 21 into a non-human organism, survive, and even grow inside a host animal, in this case, pigs. This biomedical advance has long been a dream for scientists hoping to address a critical 22 of donor organs.

Every ten minutes, a person is <u>23</u> the national waiting list for organ transplants. And every day, 22 people on that list die without the organ they need. What if, <u>24</u> relying on a generous donor, you could grow a custom organ inside an animal instead?

That's now one step 25 reality, an international team of researchers led by the Salk Institute reports in the journal *Cell*. The team created what's known scientifically as a chimera: an organism that contains cells from two different species.

(B)21 (A) plugged (B) introduced (C)poured (D) transformed

(C)22 (A) moment (B) statement (C)shortage (D) engagement

(D)23 (A) addicted to (B) prevented from (C)taken from (D) added to

(A)24 (A) rather than (B) not only (C)on account of (D) in addition to

(C)25 (A) apart from (B) other than (C)closer to (D) further against

請依下文回答第26題至第30題:

Many studies have shown that musical training can enhance language skills. However, it was unknown whether music lessons improve general cognitive ability, leading to better language proficiency, or if the effect of music is more specific to language processing. A new study has found that piano lessons have a very specific effect on kindergartners' ability to distinguish different pitches, which translates into an improvement in discriminating between spoken words. However, the piano lessons did not appear to confer any benefit for overall cognitive ability, as measured by IQ, attention span, and working memory.

Previous studies have shown that on average, musicians perform better than nonmusicians on tasks such as reading comprehension, distinguishing speech from background noise, and rapid auditory processing. However, most of these studies have been done by asking people about their past musical training. The MIT researchers wanted to perform a more controlled study in which they could randomly assign children to receive music lessons or not, and then measure the effects. After six months, the researchers tested the children on their ability to discriminate words based on differences in vowels, consonants, or tone (manyMandarin words differ only in tone). Better word discrimination usually corresponds with better phonological awareness — the awareness of the sound structure of words, which is a key component of learning to read. Children who had piano lessons showed a significant advantage over children in the extra reading group in discriminating between words that differ by one consonant. Children in both the piano group and extra reading group performed better than children who received neither intervention when it came to discriminating words based on vowel differences.

(C)26 According to this passage, on which of the following tests were musicians found to perform better?

(A) IQ tests. (B) Working memory tests.

(C)Reading comprehension tests. (D) Word discrimination tests.

(A)27 According to this passage, which of the following words is closest in meaning to "confer"?

(A) Award. (B) Enhance. (C)Decrease. (D) Refuse.

(B)28 What is the tone of the author?

(A) Ironic. (B) Objective. (C)Emotional. (D) Pessimistic.

(B)29 Where is this passage most likely to appear?

(A) A fashion magazine. (B) A research paper. (C)A health report. (D) A speech manual.

(D)30 Which of the following is the best title of this passage?

(A) Music and Cognitive Ability. (B) Piano Lessons and Language Classes.

(C)Child Development and Language Learning. (D) Music and Language Learning.

- (A)31 Many fraternities have impossible initiation traditions, such as drinking amount of alcohol in ten minutes.(A) enormous (B) mischievous (C)humorous (D) ambiguous
- (A)32 John is doing sit-ups to strengthen the six-pack muscles in his .(A) abdomen (B) arms (C)chest (D) legs
- (A)33 Jenny accidentally her Barbie's hair into white while trying to remove the stain from its black hair.(A) bleached (B) fractured (C)kindled (D) scrambled
- (D)34 Great minds set up a of sustainable development for the future generations to follow.(A) fraud (B) fragment (C)patent (D) paradigm
- (B)35 Mr. Morgan strongly of his daughter's marriage to a divorced man and refused to attend their wedding.(A) conceived (B) disapproved (C) bewared (D) consisted
- (D)36 Taipei 101 has become a well-known of Taipei, and possibly of the entire Taiwan.(A) catastrophe (B) milestone (C)phenomenon (D) landmark
- (D)37 If one day there were no oil or electricity anymore, what would human beings?(A) stem from (B) attend to (C)originate from (D) become of
- (C)38 Nowadays both husband and wife have to share chores, such as cooking and cleaning.(A) democratic (B) automatic (C)domestic (D) dynamic
- (B)39 The college graduate against his parents and refuses to do the job as they wish.(A) retreats (B) rebels (C)survives (D) reduces
- (C)40 Mother pinched her nose in when she smelled the rotten fish.(A) disaster (B) disguise (C)disgust (D) discovery
- (D)41 The projector is very convenient because it can be used in different rooms.

(A) passive (B) prompt (C)partial (D) portable

請依下文回答第42題至第46題:

Because we are living longer than ever, more psychologists and social workers have begun to study ways of caregiving to improve care of the elderly. They have found that all caregivers share a common characteristic: they all feel that they can do the job better than anyone else. Social workers interviewed caregivers to find out why they took on the responsibility of caring for an elderly, dependent relative. They discovered three basic reasons. Many caregivers believed that they had an obligation to help their relatives. Some stated that helping others made them feel more useful. Others hoped that by helping someone now, they would deserve care when they became old and dependent. When people care for an elderly relative, they often do not use available community services, such as adult day-care centers. If the caregivers are adult children, they are more likely to use such services, especially because they often have jobs and other responsibilities. In contrast, a spouse, usually the wife, is much less likely to use support services or to put the dependent person in a nursing home. Social workers discovered that the wife normally tries to take care of her husband herself as long as she can in order not to use up their life savings. Researchers have found that caring for the elderly can be a very positive experience. However, even when caregiving is satisfying, it is hard work. One consideration is to ask parents what they want before they become sick or dependent. Perhaps they prefer going into a nursing home, so they can select one in advance. On the other hand, they may want to live with their adult children. Caregivers must also learn to be assertive and ask for help from others, especially siblings. Brothers and sisters are often willing to help, but they may not know what to do. We can expect to live longer lives than ever before. Caring for the elderly and being taken care of can be a mutually satisfying experience for everyone involved. (D)42 According to the passage, what is the shared feature of all caregivers?

(A) They feel they have no way but to accept the job.

(B) They think the elderly will appreciate what they do.

(C)They feel they can do the job without any difficulty.

(D) They believe they can do the job better than anyone else.

(D)43 Which is one of the reasons why the caregivers took on the responsibility of caring for an elderly?

(A) Helping others made them feel more needy and dependent.

(B) They had been encouraged by social workers to help an elderly.

(C)They had a sense of accomplishment when helping their relative.

(D) By helping someone now, they would deserve care when they became old.

(A)44 According to the passage, why are adult children more likely to use services from adult day-care centers?

(A) Because they often have jobs. (B) Because they are irresponsible.

(C)Because they want to save money. (D) Because community services are better.

(B)45 What does the word siblings refer to in "Caregivers must also learn to be assertive and ask for help from others, especially siblings?"

(A) Husband and wife. (B) Brothers and sisters.

(C)Spouse and relatives. (D) Friends and neighbors.

(A)46 What is the best title for this passage?

(A) Care of the Elderly. (B) Satisfied Caregivers.

(C)Family Responsibilities. (D) Findings by Psychologists.

- (B)47 The painkiller gives you only relief of your toothache; you should go to a dentist for proper treatment.(A) persistent (B) temporary (C)hospitable (D) conventional
- (B)48 In many Asian countries, speaking about death on the New Year Day is , because people believe it may bring bad luck for the entire year.

(A) concealed (B) prohibited (C)rejected (D) suspended

(A)49 Since job interviews are formal occasions, it is important that we dress ; for men, for example, suit and tie is a must.

(A) accordingly (B) functionally (C)eventually (D) thoroughly

(D)50 After receiving a bomb warning, the security guards checked every corner of the football stadium but did not find devices.

(A) dynamic (B) admirable (C)permanent (D) explosive



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