

Part One

Key September 2024

Read the text carefully and choose the correct answer:

Audiogram

The others liked croquet, but Bunny and I didn't – (1) _____ of us ever (2) _____ got the hang of it, and we always sliced at the ball as if we (3) _____ golf. Every now and then, we (4) _____ early enough to go on a picnic. We were always too ambitious – the menu elaborate, the chosen spot distant – and they inevitably ended with all of us reluctant (5) _____ the long walk home. Every time, we (6) _____ around on the grass all afternoon, drinking juice from thermos bottles, until they ran out and we had to (7) _____ towards our private dormitory. No wonder people hate (8) _____ rich.

It was always a memorable occasion if Julian, (9) _____ was our renowned professor, agreed to dine with us. Bunny (10) _____ order all kinds of food from the grocery store and read (11) _____ the cookbooks; flowers came from (12) _____ florist we now regularly hired. I always wondered why (13) _____ such a production of it, always insisting (14) _____ pure perfection. Usually, by the time Julian arrived, we (15) _____ most of our energy. While we (16) _____ to put on our sweetest smiles, the entire event was often a source of stress. At this point, I am unsure (17) _____ anyone remembers (18) _____ a good time during these get-togethers. I suppose there will be (19) _____ people attending them now. If (20) _____ better at the time, the dinners would have been a sweeter memory.

(Adapted from: "The Secret History" by Donna Tartt)

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| 1. A either
B no one
<input checked="" type="radio"/> C neither
D none | 7. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A set up
B set aside
C set off
D set by |
| 2. A quit
B quaint
C quiet
<input checked="" type="radio"/> D quite | 8. A -
B a
C an
<input checked="" type="radio"/> D the |
| 3. A will play
<input checked="" type="radio"/> B were playing
C have been playing
D should play | 9. A which
B whose
<input checked="" type="radio"/> C who
D that |
| 4. A raised
B risen
<input checked="" type="radio"/> C rose
D rising | 10. A should
<input checked="" type="radio"/> B would
C must have
D might have |
| 5. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A to have started
B starting
C to start
D to be started | 11. A on
B up
<input checked="" type="radio"/> C through
D into |
| 6. A lie
B lied
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D laid | 12. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A the
B -
C ours
D a |



13. A had we made
B did we make
C we are made
 D we made
14. A to
 B on
C with
D -
15. A were already spending
B have already spent
C were already spent
 D had already spent
16. A was attempting
B attempt
 C did attempt
D have been attempting
17. A weather
B wetter
 C whether
D whichever
18. A to have
 B to be having
C to have had
D having
19. A none
B less
C much
 D fewer
20. A did we know
B had we known
 C we had known
D we knew

Part Two

Choose the correct answer:

21. He said he _____ the project by last Monday. He still hasn't finished.
A will complete
 B would complete
C is going to complete
D completed
22. I'm looking forward _____ your thoughts. I can't wait _____ to you!
A to hear / talking
B to hearing / talking
 C to hearing / to talk
D to hear / to talk
23. I won't eat the salad unless it _____ fresh ingredients.
A had had
B doesn't have
 C has
D is having
24. He likes to go for a run _____ the morning and attend yoga classes _____ Fridays.
A on / in
B on / at
C at / on
 D in / on
25. His contract was soon _____, so he had to find another job.
A determined
 B terminated
C termed
D deterred
26. A pharmacist's is a shop _____ sells medications, vitamins and similar products.
A where
B who
 C that
D whose

27. I've never been to _____ Lake Como, but I have seen _____ Atlantic Ocean.

- A - / -
 B - / the
C the / -
D the / the

28. The King will soon be succeeded _____ his eldest daughter.

- A with
B -
 C by
D at

29. _____ lovely yard you've got there!

- A What
B How
 C What a
D How a

30. This time next year we will _____ each other for 20 years.

- A have known
B be known
C had known
D have been known

31. I will enjoy _____ in this swimming competition.

- A taking part
B taking place
C to take place
D in taking part

32. They _____ their tents when they _____ a strange noise coming from the forest.

- A are setting up / heard
B had set up / had heard
C were setting up / had heard
 D were setting up / heard

33. _____ the end, the postman found my house _____ the end of the street.

- A At / in
 B In / at
C At / at
D In / in

34. If she knew about the affair, they would _____ up immediately!

- A break
B have broken
C brake
D have braked

35. I'm always _____ the look-out _____ interesting recipes.

- A in / for
B for / to
 C on / for
D to / in

36. Mom, could you _____ me your car this weekend? I'd like to visit my aunt.

- A borrow
B let
C hire
 D lend

37. You _____ have seen Taylor at the city centre. She doesn't live here anymore.

- A mustn't
 B couldn't
C shouldn't
D needn't

38. No sooner _____ the signal _____ they ran for the door.

- A they had seen / then
B had they seen / then
C did they see / than
 D had they seen / than

39. There you are! I _____ for 45 minutes in the rain!

- A will have waited
B had been waiting
C am waiting
 D have been waiting

40. They kindly suggested _____ my engine light again.

- A me to check.
 B that I should check
C me to have checked
D me that I check