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For questions 1-20, use the comprehension attached to answer the questions and underline the correct option.

1. Which of the following statements is *untrue*?
  - a. Kevin was a fitness enthusiast.
  - b. He found it difficult to climb up the steps that led to the restaurant.
  - c. Tom, on the other hand, found it quite easy.
  - d. Kevin's heart was pounding as he reached the top.
  - e. He thought he would collapse.
  
2. "We made it!" - What is this an example of?
  - a. Metaphor
  - b. Simile
  - c. Exclamation
  - d. Definition
  - e. Protest
  
3. How long have Tom and Kevin been friends for?
  - a. Almost two years
  - b. Just under five years
  - c. Exactly ten years
  - d. About fifteen years
  - e. Nearly twenty years
  
4. Which of the following extracts from the passage suggest(s) that former diners have had a great experience at the restaurant?
  - (i) ...we had both come across a restaurant with rave reviews.
  - (ii) ... I immediately understood why the reviews were so excellent.
  - (iii) ... now that we were up here, I instantly knew it was the right decision.
  - (iv) I didn't have to wonder why this place had become the talk of the town.
  - (v) The sound of laughter nudged me back to reality.
  - a. (i), (ii) and (iii)
  - b. (i), (ii) and (iv)
  - c. (i) and (v)
  - d. (i) and (ii)
  - e. (iv) and (v)
  
5. Why did Kevin secretly regret the choice of restaurant as he walked up the winding path?
  - a. It was an unclean path with litter on the sides.
  - b. He felt like Tom was mocking him as he struggled up the path.
  - c. He found the climb quite gruelling.
  - d. He hadn't heard many good things about the restaurant.
  - e. There were too many steps to climb.
  
6. Which of the following was the restaurant's best feature?
  - a. The décor
  - b. The beautiful views
  - c. The music
  - d. The food
  - e. The chandelier
  
7. Kevin writes "True enough, we were not disappointed". Which of the following best describes what he means by this statement?
  - a. The view from the balcony was beautiful.
  - b. The view from the balcony was not as good as he had expected.
  - c. The view from the balcony was as good as he had hoped to see.
  - d. The reviews had not been truthful about the views, which was very disappointing.
  - e. The surroundings were breath-taking.
  
8. Which of the following word pairs are synonyms of each other?
  - a. breath-taking; surroundings
  - b. sound; laughter
  - c. antique; modern
  - d. ambience; atmosphere
  - e. expensive; professional

9. Which of the following made Kevin think that the customers at the bar area were businessmen and women?
- They all looked extremely tired and worn out after a hard day at the office.
  - They had laptops and briefcases with them.
  - It was quite apparent by their clothing and mannerisms.
  - Tom and Kevin overheard them speaking.
  - All of the above.
10. Kevin writes "We were both ticking a mental list of places we might know him from, but both of our efforts seemed to draw blanks." Which of the following does the phrase "draw blanks" belong to?
- Simile
  - Onomatopoeia
  - Idiom
  - Personification
  - Understatement
11. Which of the following explains the contrast between the main restaurant and the bar area?
- The décor in the main restaurant was old and fading away, whilst the bar area was a newer construction.
  - The main restaurant area was decorated to present the old culture, whilst the bar area was decorated to create a more fun and modern look.
  - The main restaurant was lit up by candles and lamps, whilst the bar area had a lavish antique chandelier.
  - The main restaurant had a very modern look, whilst the bar area was dark and gloomy.
  - Both areas were decorated in a similar fashion, but they were in different locations in the building.
12. How many members did the jazz band have?
- Three
  - Four
  - Five
  - Six
  - Seven
13. Which of the following statements about the band is true?
- When the band was playing, the environment was buzzing with excitement.
  - The band was made up of a keyboardist and saxophonist.
  - The saxophonist was an average player.
  - The keyboardist and saxophonist had an argument.
  - They were making a lot of noise setting up their equipment, which caught the attention of the Tom and Kevin
14. Which of the following adjectives are used to describe the food?
- Mouth watering
  - Sizzling
  - Electric
  - Delectable
  - Wonderful
- All of the above
  - (i) and (iv)
  - (i), (ii), (iii), (v)
  - (i), (ii), (iv)
  - (i), (ii), (v)
15. Which of the following accurately describes the quantity of food ordered by Tom and Kevin?
- Just enough
  - More than enough
  - Not much
  - A little bit of everything
  - Enough to feed the army

16. Why was Kevin embarrassed when he met Sam?
- He hadn't kept in touch with Sam for fifteen years.
  - His handshake wasn't as firm and strong as Sam's.
  - Sam had forgotten to greet Tom, so Kevin felt awkward.
  - He had noticed Sam earlier, but had ignored him
  - He couldn't remember who Sam was.
17. How did Kevin feel about the reunion?
- He was annoyed that Sam joined them for longer than anticipated.
  - He was jealous at how much Sam had changed over the years.
  - He was delighted that they had met, albeit coincidentally.
  - He was proud of how far Sam had come.
  - He was amused at the coincidence.
18. Which of the following best describes the phrase 'teacher's pet'?
- The class pet.
  - The brightest student in class.
  - The teacher's favourite student.
  - The class monitor.
  - The student that all other students look up to.
19. Which of the following best describes the lesson that Kevin's father tried to teach him?
- You must keep in touch with your friends.
  - Time flies when you're doing what you love.
  - You must always keep your promises.
  - Though life gets busy, you must make time for your loved ones.
  - All of the above.
20. Which of the following was not a contributing factor to the night being one of the most pleasant ones that Kevin had experienced in a while?
- The delicious meal and the beautiful venue.
  - The brilliant service and music.
  - His companions that evening.
  - None of the above.
  - a, b and c

**For questions 21-25, choose the word which means the same or nearly the same as the word in capitals.**

21. I want to **ENHANCE** my understanding of the laws of football.
- a) enjoy      b) imitate      c) play      d) improve      e) practice
22. There has been no attempt to **QUANTIFY** the sums involved.
- a) escape      b) improve      c) multiply      d) value      e) reduce
23. In the whole of human history, no better TV programme has been **BROADCAST**.
- a) shown      b) written      c) widened      d) recorded      e) simplified
24. It is important that all laws are **ALIGNED** with the principles of democracy.
- a) similar      b) consistent      c) written      d) plotted      e) content
25. Why are you **ADAMANT** that you are correct about this point?
- a) insistent      b) permanent      c) wishing      d) delighted      e) proud

For question 26-40, use the cloze passage attached and underline the best word to complete the passage.

Ques	a)	b)	c)	d)	e)
26.	bacteria	virus	condition	illness	disorder
27.	characteristic	overall	common	traditional	familiar
28.	suffering	fortune	deal	nuisance	effort
29.	erases	ejects	weakens	eliminates	contracts
30.	undecided	bashful	vigilant	trustful	careless
31.	usages	manners	habits	capabilities	rules
32.	abundantly	exclusively	intensively	thoroughly	resourcefully
33.	contaminated	injected	neglected	infected	corrupted
34.	explanation	speculation	convenience	expectation	opportunity
35.	contain	accommodate	involve	enclose	consume
36.	essentially	fittingly	adequately	competently	principally
37.	gadget	instrument	apparatus	device	appliance
38.	handled	refined	processed	immobile	defined
39.	frequently	seldom	generally	regularly	as a rule
40.	suppress	alarm	suicide	suffocate	underpower

For questions 41-45, underline the best word which is closest in meaning to the highlighted word.

A Russian sculptor made a giant sculpture of a rooster out of manure in the far **41) region** of Yakutsk in Siberia. He created it to celebrate the Chinese zodiac year. He made the 12-foot high rooster by using a **42) simple** technology. He created a metal frame and then put the manure on the cast. A leg injury **43) hampered** the sculptor's work. This required surgery only a week earlier, so his brothers helped him to finish the piece so that it was ready to be **44) unveiled** on New Year's Eve to welcome in the year 2017. The Chinese zodiac is based on a 12-year cycle with each year relating to an animal. The year of the rooster begins on January 28th. This really seems like quite the **45) maneuver** and many people hope that the artist will continue to release many more pieces like this.

41.	a) province	b) metropolis	c) kingdom	d) sky	e) whole
42.	a) major	b) basic	c) complex	d) genuine	e) scientific
43.	a) helped	b) intellect	c) obstructed	d) cured	e) finished
44.	a) revealed	b) collected	c) enclosed	d) communicated	e) connected
45.	a) dodge	b) movement	c) deceive	d) artifice	e) tactic



## Question 59

- a) "What's for dinner?" asked John as he held his stomach."
- b) "What's for dinner" asked John as he held his stomach.
- c) "What's for dinner?" asked John as he held his stomach.
- d) "What's for dinner asked John" as he held his stomach.
- e) Whats for dinner asked John! as he held his stomach.

## Question 60

- a) Lucy hasn't' seen any birds today, which made her annoyed.
- b) Lucy hasn't seen any birds today. which made her annoyed.
- c) Lucy hasn't seen any birds today, which made her annoyed.
- d) Lucy hasn't seen any birds today, which made her annoyed.
- e) Lucy has'nt seen any birds today, which made her annoyed.

**For questions 61-70, underline the correctly option.**

61. The prefix **aqua** is used in the example-- aquarium. What does the prefix **aqua** mean?

- a) liquid      b) gas      c) water      d) solid      e) ice

62. The prefix **audio** is used in examples-- audiophile and audiometer. What does the prefix **audio** mean?

- a) silence      b) hear      c) ear      d) loud      e) quiet

63. The prefix **anti** is used in examples-- anti-climax and antibacterial. What does the prefix **anti** mean?

- a) unexpected      b) support      c) rebel      d) in favour of      e) against

64. The suffix **ee** is used in examples- absentee and employee. What does the suffix **ee** mean?

- a) a certain worker      b) a person affected by      c) a person not affected by
- d) the level of attendance      e) to work for a firm

65. The suffix **dom** is used in examples- freedom and kingdom. What does the suffix **dom** mean?

- a) lack of power      b) partial control      c) to have the characteristic of
- d) no authority      e) rule of

66. Actors is to company as angels is to

- a) troupe      b) group      c) gang      d) choir      e) host

67. Manager is to manageress as proprietor is to

- a) director      b) proprietors      c) proprietress      d) properties      e) princess

68. Whale is to calf as salmon is to

- a) fish      b) elver      c) grilse      d) dolphin      e) tuna

69. Donkey is to bray as monkey is to

- a) scream      b) gibber      c) laugh      d) chatter      e) screech

70. Abundant is to scarce as income is to

- a) invent      b) expedition      c) outright      d) revenue      e) expenditure

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### A Meal on The Hill

"We made it!" I wanted to shout to the whole world. Not a keen fitness buff, the Herculean effort of climbing up the steep steps had almost defeated me. I felt like a mess, breathless and sticky, with beads of sweat running down the sides of my face and gathering above my upper lip. I looked at my friend Tom, who was watching me with much amusement. He stood there with steady breathing and had barely even broken a sweat. I might have been jealous had I not felt like it was a miracle that I had not collapsed by now. My heart was protesting vehemently by trying to break completely free out of my chest. Tom and I had been friends for almost two decades. We met at school but never lost touch, although I had moved away from the small town where we had grown up. We would often meet up over a hot cuppa or an evening meal to catch up on what we've been up to. In deciding where to meet tonight, we had both come across a restaurant with rave reviews. It was situated in the hillside that was not too far away from either of us and so we decided to give it a try. Although I secretly regretted our choice as we were walking up the steep winding path, now that we were up here, I instantly knew it was the right decision. Walking inside, I immediately understood why the reviews were so excellent. The décor presented a glimpse of the old culture that was fast dying out, candles placed inside ornately decorated bowls projected colourful shadows on the walls and in the centre of the room hung a lavish antique chandelier that was definitely the main attraction inside.

We placed our drinks order and walked over to the balcony that was said to have incredible views of the country. True enough, we were not disappointed. In front of us lay miles and miles of sprawling fields. In the distance we could see a lake, reflecting the light of the setting sun on its still surface. How peaceful and calm it was up here. I took a moment to take in the breath-taking surroundings. Looking down I saw the car park and the narrow path we had to climb to get up here. I laughed out loud, telling Tom how I struggled up that path, but how glad I was now that I had not been deterred by the arduous climb. As I looked back out to the distance, I realised with a thrill of exhilaration, that what I was seeing was definitely proof that my effort had been worthwhile. I didn't have to wonder why this place had become the talk of the town. The sound of laughter nudged me back to reality. Looking around, I saw that the large balcony area was being populated by furniture. Inside the restaurant had got busy and tables were brought out to accommodate those who preferred a meal under the night sky. The ambience was lovely and warm. Lamps replaced electric lighting and the reddish glow of the flames enhanced the atmosphere.

We walked leisurely to a table reserved for us near the bar area, where it was a completely different atmosphere. The lighting was brighter and the décor was colourful and modern. Looking around I saw that the patrons on this side of the restaurant were young businessmen and businesswomen winding down after a labouring day at the office. None of them had briefcases or laptops by their sides, but their expensive suits and professional demeanour were a dead giveaway. One gentleman in particular caught my attention, and I nudged Tom to ask whether he knew him. Tom too looked over at the crowd and nodded, agreeing that he did look extremely familiar. We were both ticking a mental list of places we might know him from, but both of our efforts seemed to draw blanks. We were disturbed by a waitress who had stopped at our table to take our order. Food! We had been so caught up with our surroundings, that the main reason we had ventured up the hill had completely escaped us. After a lengthy discussion, a lot of vacillations and recommendations from our very accommodating waitress, we ordered enough food to feed an army. While we were ordering the food, we had barely noticed a jazz quartet setting up at the front of the restaurant. The music began and the smooth tones of the saxophone filled the air.

I wasn't much of a music expert, but I could tell that the saxophonist was a fine player. His dexterity on the keys was solid and a pleasure to watch. A few people around us walked up to the dance floor as the band started playing some upbeat music. The atmosphere was absolutely electric. We sat at our tables tapping our feet and snapping our fingers to the beat. The keyboardist did a solo on one of the songs, which led to a light musical battle between him and the saxophonist, each of them pushing the other to up their game. The end of that song was greeted with loud cheers and applause from the crowd.

As the band began to play again, our food arrived at the table. The aroma of the food was so mouth-watering that we couldn't wait to make a start. The taste was out of this world, the sizzling hot dish a warm welcome against the cool breeze blowing in through the open doors leading to the balcony. Absolutely delectable! Tom and I both sat there in silence for a few seconds, enjoying the flavour explosion on our taste buds. Tom shook his head in disbelief, as he asked me how we had managed to miss this brilliant place for so long. Of course, the wonderful atmosphere, beautiful scene and the great music, all added to the charm of the meal.

We were halfway through our dinner, when we heard someone clear his throat right beside us. I looked up and the gentleman we had noticed earlier was standing over us by our table. With a big grin on his face he reached out his hand and said "Kevin?". I grabbed his hand in a strong handshake but looked at him with an embarrassed blank stare, as I still couldn't remember where I had seen him before. Suddenly out of nowhere, Tom jumped up and shouted "oh my goodness! Sam Preston! How have you been? Where have you been?" My eyes grew wider and wider as I started to remember our old school friend, whom we haven't met in about fifteen years. Time has been kind to Sam. Once a podgy little boy, today he stands in front of me at more than six feet tall, broad shoulders and chiselled features, almost unrecognisable. "I bet he had no problem walking up that hill", I thought to myself amused. We invited Sam to join us at our table, which he did, saying he would have to re-join his friends soon. What an absolute thrill to be reunited, and what a coincidence this was. We began to reminisce about old times and soon Sam's friends approached him to bid goodbye to him, which is when we realised that he had been with us longer than anticipated. He left the table for a moment and returned and we resumed our conversation. There was so much to catch up on. We all seemed to be talking at once, filling each other in on what we had been up to in the last fifteen years. Tom and I learnt that Sam had moved to Australia soon after school and then moved back a year ago to set up his own business. We joked about how he was always the bright one – the teacher's pet.

Hours later, I looked around to see that most of the patrons had left and the ones remaining were trickling out. The band was also winding down and we knew it was time to leave. We exchanged numbers, promising each other to keep in touch and meet again soon for a lengthy catch up. I left hoping that we really would keep our promise. My father always told me that time flies when you're having fun, but you should always slow it down and make time for the people who matter to you the most. We settled the bill and began to descend the hill. I must say that going down the hill was a far more pleasant experience than going up it! We reached the bottom and parted ways as we walked to our respective cars. Driving home, I felt at peace with myself and the world. I had enjoyed the meal in its beautiful setting and the panoramic views. The music, brilliant service and most definitely the great company had all come together in making this one of the best nights out I had had in a very long time.

### Food Poisoning

Food-borne disease is probably the most prevalent (26)\_\_\_\_\_ in most countries after the (27)\_\_\_\_\_ cold. For most, food poisoning means several days of gastrointestinal upset. For others, mainly babies, the elderly and those with weak immune systems, complications such as dehydration can mean death. This (28)\_\_\_\_\_ can easily be prevented. "Proper food handling reduces or (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the risks of food poisoning," say experts. While most of us have grown (30)\_\_\_\_\_ of chemicals and additives in food, a far greater threat, say scientists, is from food-borne bacteria. But experts say our kitchen (31)\_\_\_\_\_ have become sloppy. Many of present-day cooks either don't remember or were never taught basic rules of hygiene. By following the guide lines given below you can avoid the risk of food poisoning in your home:

1. Cook all meat and poultry (32)\_\_\_\_\_. Any raw meat in your home could be (33)\_\_\_\_\_ with dangerous bacteria, so treat it all with caution. As chickens and turkeys are plucked, butchered and packaged, there is ample (34)\_\_\_\_\_ for them to come into contact with bacteria. The only defence is cooking them in an oven set no lower than 165 degrees Celsius. It is always best to use a meat thermometer, which should register 85 degrees in the inner thigh. After stuffing the bird before cooking, make sure the temperature reaches 75 degrees in the centre of the stuffing. Do not mistake dark grill marks or charred skin as signs that the bird is finished when barbecuing. Beef, pork and lamb also should be cooked with care. Steaks and roasts may more safely remain pink in the centre of larger cuts since it is cleaner on the inside. This should also be cooked to 75 degrees all the way through because mince is mixed and handled and may (35)\_\_\_\_\_ bacteria throughout. Always remember to store fresh eggs in a refrigerator and use within three to five weeks of purchase.

2. Many cases of food-borne illness can be traced to food handlers who haven't washed their hands (36)\_\_\_\_\_. For instance, parents can get bacteria from meat on their hands and then contaminate their babies' bottles. (The greatest incidence of salmonella infections is in babies under 12 months old.) You can leave a trail of salmonella that can live on surfaces such as doorknobs for weeks with bacteria on your hands.

3. Make sure hot foods stay hot and cold foods cold.

4. When in doubt throw it out.

5. Know your (37)\_\_\_\_\_ limits.

6. Be careful with convenience foods. Canned goods and improperly (38)\_\_\_\_\_ home-preserved foods also pose a risk: botulism. This poisoning occurs far less (39)\_\_\_\_\_ than other kinds of food-borne illness but is far more deadly. If this illness is untreated, a victim may (40)\_\_\_\_\_. Toss out any commercial tins that are severely dented, showing signs of rust or leakage, or that are bulging at the top or bottom, which is a sure sign of bacteria growing inside.

People are taking dangerous shortcuts in the kitchen due to the fast pace of life today. Remember germs are everywhere. It is up to you to keep them at bay.