

**3 - Point Questions**

Read the text below and answer questions 1-5:

"I was taking my driving test for the third time. I had been asked to drive in heavy traffic and had done so successfully. After having been instructed to drive out of town, I began to acquire confidence. Sure I had passed, I was almost beginning to enjoy my test. The examiner must have been pleased with my performance because he smiled and said, "Just one more thing, Mr. Eames. Let us suppose that a dog suddenly crosses the road in front of you. As soon as I tap on the window, I want you to stop the car immediately." I continued driving and after some time the examiner tapped loudly. Though the sound could be heard clearly, it took me a long time to react. I suddenly pressed the brake pedal hard and we were both thrown forward. The examiner looked at me sadly. "Mr. Eames," he said in a mournful voice, "you have just killed that dog!"



1. Mr. Eames felt confident because .....

- A) the examiner didn't smile
- B) he had driven out of town
- C) he was sure he was not going to fail the test
- D) he had driven in heavy traffic
- E) the examiner tapped him on the shoulder

2. Mr. Eames was being tested.

The examiner was .....

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| A) being testing him | B) been testing him | C) testing him |
| D) tested him        | E) being tested him |                |

3. *The examiner must have been pleased.* What does this sentence mean?

- A) The examiner had to be pleasing.
- B) The examiner was possibly pleased.
- C) The examiner was certainly pleased.
- D) The examiner should be pleased.
- E) The examiner wasn't pleased.

4. Let us suppose that a dog suddenly crosses the road. Just imagine it ..... !

- A) happen                      B) happening                      C) had been happening  
D) will have happened      E) happened

5. Find a synonym for the underlined word: *The examiner spoke in a mournful voice.*

- A) sad                              B) pitiful                              C) mocking  
D) cheerful                      E) angry

6. Match the words to the definitions:

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| 1. salary  | a. payment for a professional service                    |
| 2. fine    | b. money a retired person receives                       |
| 3. fee     | c. money paid every month for work                       |
| 4. income  | d. money required to be paid as a penalty for an offence |
| 5. pension | e. all the money a person makes and has to pay tax on    |

- A) 1a/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5c      B) 1c/ 2d/ 3a/ 4e/ 5b      C) 1d/ 2e/ 3a/ 4b/ 5c  
D) 1b/ 2c/ 3d/ 4a/ 5e      E) 1c/ 2d/ 3b/ 4e/ 5a

7. The second full moon in a calendar month is called a ... .



- A) blue moon                      B) red moon                      C) black moon  
D) white moon                      E) yellow moon

8. ... her inexperience, she gave an impressive performance.

- A) Because of                      B) However                      C) Since  
D) In spite of                      E) Due to

9. A very powerful engine ... .

- A) sizzles                      B) roars                      C) rattles  
D) jingles                      E) creaks

10. The film we watched last night *gave Jack the jitters*. How did it make him feel?

- A) nervous                      B) happy                      C) sad  
D) depressed                      E) confused

### 4 - Point Questions

Read the following text and answer questions 11-15:

Our manager was headstrong. Of that there could be no doubt. He was also rather intolerant of anyone who dared to oppose him, confronting them with sarcasm and cutting comments whenever they questioned his decisions. I was subjected to the occasional tongue-lashing too, but I found the experience invigorating. I also saw it as a challenge to try and find out why he engaged in these verbal assaults. As I delved into his life through a combination of office gossip and a little simple detective work, I discovered that his parents had been very domineering. As a child he was constantly nagged at home and nothing he did seemed to meet with his parents' approval.



11. The manager was headstrong. What does this mean?

- A) The manager was determined to do only what he wanted.  
B) The manager was determined to annoy everyone.  
C) The manager was always questioning the writer's ideas.  
D) The manager was always confronting his employees.  
E) The manager was determined to hire the writer.

12. *I was subjected to the occasional tongue-lashing* means that the writer was ... .

- A) always opposed                      B) sometimes invigorated  
C) seldom flattered                      D) sometimes angrily spoken to  
E) occasionally praised

13. How did the writer feel about the manager?

- A) He was reluctant to speak with the manager.
- B) He totally disliked the manager's cutting comments.
- C) He was really angry with the manager's domineering attitude.
- D) He was really upset by the manager's sarcasm.
- E) He wanted to find an explanation for the manager's behaviour.

14. How did the writer find out the reason for the manager's verbal assaults?

- A) He hired a private detective.
- B) He asked the manager's parents.
- C) He asked the manager.
- D) He worked more at the office.
- E) He listened to some rumours.

15. To *nag* means:

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| A) to please | B) to envy   | C) to annoy |
| D) to ignore | E) to admire |             |

16. Which of the following words is **not** both a verb and a noun?

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| A) duck | B) elbow | C) deny |
| D) slip | E) flood |         |

17. ... a number of people in my life who have helped me achieve my goals.

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| A) There were      | B) They were | C) They have been |
| D) There have been | E) There was |                   |

18. I have to decide ... I want the job by next week.

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| A) whereas | B) weather        | C) in case |
| D) unless  | E) whether or not |            |

19. Match the animal-related phrases on the left with their definitions on the right.

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| 1. a lame duck  | a. a person who keeps his ideas or skills a secret |
| 2. a night owl  | b. a person who is used in an experiment           |
| 3. a dark horse | c. a weak and unsuccessful person                  |
| 4. a guinea pig | d. a person who is controlled by someone else      |
| 5. a lapdog     | e. a person who stays up late                      |

- A) 1d/ 2e/ 3a/ 4b/ 5c      B) 1c/ 2e/ 3a/ 4b/ 5d      C) 1b/ 2e/ 3d/ 4c/ 5a  
 D) 1c/ 2d/ 3e/ 4b/ 5a      E) 1b/ 2d/ 3e/ 4c/ 5a

20. Gas power plants and imported electric power satisfy the ... demand of the winter period.

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| A) pique | B) peek | C) pick |
| D) pack  | E) peak |         |

### 5 - Point Questions

21. Choose the missing words for the following sentence:  
 "... had they locked the door ... the enemy showed up."

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| A) No sooner / when | B) Scarcely / but | C) No sooner / so |
| D) Barely / when    | E) Hardly / than  |                   |

22. The road is closed to traffic until ... notice.



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| A) further      | B) farther      | C) far |
| D) the farthest | E) the furthest |        |

23. Match the verbs with the correct preposition:

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| 1. insist   | a. to    |
| 2. account  | b. with  |
| 3. succeed  | c. about |
| 4. object   | d. on    |
| 5. complain | e. for   |
| 6. comply   | f. in    |

A) 1f/ 2e/ 3d/ 4a/ 5b/ 6c

B) 1d/ 2c/ 3f/ 4b/ 5e/ 6a

C) 1d/ 2e/ 3f/ 4a/ 5c/ 6b

D) 1d/ 2e/ 3f/ 4b/ 5c/ 6a

E) 1c/ 2e/ 3f/ 4b/ 5a/ 6d

24. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A) We knew anything about the test paper.
- B) They told us much lies about their grades.
- C) Shut the door when you came in!
- D) Nobody will be there when you are arriving.
- E) I have just admitted the truth.

25. If Jane ... home a bit earlier this morning she ... the 10:00 train to London.



- A) had left/ won't have missed
- C) had left/ wouldn't have missed
- E) left/ wouldn't have missed

- B) left/ wouldn't miss
- D) has left/ won't have missed

26. What can you keep, break, eat and be as good as?

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| A) your breath  | B) gold        | C) your word |
| D) your promise | E) your tongue |              |

27. It would be ... to spend all the money you've won and not to save any.

- A) insensible                      B) insensitive                      C) sensitive  
D) sensible                          E) senseless

28. Which of the following words does not describe a way of laughing?

- A) chortle                              B) snicker                              C) cackle  
D) wail                                  E) giggle

29. Jill organized the whole exhibition, but in the end her colleague Jennifer *stole her thunder*. What did Jennifer do?

- A) She stole from the exhibition.                      B) She took the credit.  
C) She stole some money.                              D) She wrote a negative report.  
E) She destroyed the exhibition.

30. Look at the following notice:



Which word is missing?

- A) above                              B) under                              C) at  
D) in                                      E) on