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I. Reading Section

Read the three restaurant reviews.

Park Inn

The best thing about Park Inn was the service; it was excellent. There was a warm welcome when we arrived and the staff were very helpful all evening. Unfortunately, the food wasn't as good. The menu looked interesting, but the meals were rather <u>tasteless</u>. I ordered a curry which was very mild, and had very little flavour. Then when we had coffee at the end it was far too strong! It's quite a nice room, but having black and white photographs of famous people on the wall is not an original idea. It's not a cheap restaurant and I wasn't happy to pay so much for boring food.

Henry's

This restaurant is very popular with young people and I can see why. It's very stylish and modern, and there's a wide variety of Italian pasta dishes on the menu. The quality of the food was good, but I was a little unhappy with the dessert. I ordered a chocolate cake, but there wasn't any. Then I ordered a cheesecake, but there wasn't any either. Finally, I had to have ice-cream. The service was also quite slow because the restaurant was so crowded, and we got quite hot and tired waiting for our food to arrive. I definitely recommend this restaurant, but only during the week when it's emptier!

Candlelight

I went to Candlelight because I wanted a romantic meal with my wife – what a mistake! The music playing was horrible and very loud too. There were no candles; the place was full of bright, flashing lights! The food was very average, nothing special at all. My wife's chocolate cake was <u>tasty</u>, but I had a lemon <u>tart</u> which was far too sour. Our waitress never noticed when our glasses were empty and we had to wait over half an hour for the bill. It wasn't expensive, but as the food wasn't great I'm glad I didn't have to pay any more.

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Are the statements	true (a)	or false (b)?
Evample The food		

Example: The food wasn't very nice at any of the restaurants.	a. True	b. False
1. The food at Park Inn wasn't very good.	a. True	b. False
2. The service was very slow in all three restaurants.	a. True	b. False
3. The writer liked the decoration in <i>Henry's</i> .	a. True	b. False
4. There were lots of people at <i>Henry's</i> .	a. True	b. False
5. Park Inn is cheaper than Candlelight.	a. True	b. False
6. The writer didn't think that Candlelight was very romantic.	a. True	b. False
7. Not all the desserts in Candlelight are good.	a. True	b. False
8. The food at Candlelight was free.	a. True	b. False

Choose the best meaning (a-d) for the words.

9. tasteless (paragra)	ph one)		
a. ugly	b. cold	c. interesting	d. boring
10. tasty (paragraph	three)	c san Sunddi	
a. nice	b. expensive	c. delicious	d. hot
11. tart (paragraph t	hree)	C Sake	
a. a kind of pie	b. a kind of fish	c. a kind of drink	d. a kind of sauce

No More Flowers

WINNIPEG, Manitoba Thu Nov 18 (Reuters) - A Canadian Football league player says he doesn't want more flowers.

Some fans were sorry for McCallum. They are sending him

Paul McCallum plays in the Saskatchewan Roughriders football league team. He missed a kick in a game. The Saskatchewan Roughriders did not make the Canadian Football League final because he missed the kick.

"...Please stop sending flowers..." McCallum said on CBC television. "My house is turning into a florist's shop."

Police are still looking for the fan who threw the eggs.

Some fans were very angry. One angry fan threw eggs at McCallum's house. A man wants to burn down his house.

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Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

- 12. Why are some fans sending Paul McCallum flowers?
- a. because they think he's attractive.
- c. because they feel sad that people are angry with him.
- b. because he likes flowers. d. because they are angry with him.
- 13. What happened in a football league game?
- a. McCallum got angry
- c. McCallum's team won and went through to the final.
- 14. What does McCallum think of the flowers?
- a. They smell nice.
- c. There are too many.
- 15. What do you think turn into means?

- b. McCallum made a mistake.
- d. A fan threw eggs at McCallum.
- b. They are beautiful
- d. They make him angry.

- d. become

Read the newspaper article.

Woman Too Busy for Free Shopping Spree

MADRID Fri Nov 21 (Reuters) - A woman who won a free shopping spree said she didn't want the prize. She said she was too busy.

When the woman heard that she was the winner of the competition, she said she would have to think about it. She did not come to get her prize.

The Spanish woman won a prize of 6,000 euros (\$7,118) for a three-hour shopping spree. She entered a competition in the city of Murcia in Spain.

She said she was "too busy to waste the morning," a spokesman for the competition said.

The runner-up, 28-year-old Piedad Lopez got the prize.

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Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

- 16. What is a spree, do you think?
- a. a shop
- b. some clothes
- c. a shopping trip
- d. a shopping centre

- 17. How long was the shopping spree prize?
- a. Friday 21st November
- b. 6,000 euros
- c. 28
- d. three hours

- 18. Where did she win the prize?
- a. Madrid, Spain
- b. Murcia, Spain
- c. a competition
- d. a Spanish woman
- 19. Why didn't the woman want to go shopping?
- a. because she didn't live in Murcia.
- b. because she didn't enter the competition.
- c. because she hates shopping
- d. because she has many other things that she wants to do

20. What happened to the prize?
a. no one won it
b. the competition was cancelled
c. they gave it to the runner-up
d. it wasn't a very good prize

Read the email and choose the best words to fill in the gaps.

Dear John,	d. writes reduced			
How (Example)	you? I'm fine.	he Lord of the Rings.	than T	
Life here at university is great. Last week I went to a concert (21) I (22) a really interesting girl. (23) name is Lucy. She's studying history. Last night, we (24) out together and I invited her to (25) to the cinema with me next week. I really (26) her.				
We have exams no After the exams, want to practise	I'd like (28)	travel to	ng really hard at Spain. I need to _ it very well!	the moment. relax! I also
Anyway, my phone soon,	e (30) ring	ging! It's prob	ably Lucy! I'll wr	ite to you
Brian				
Example: a. is	b. old	c. are	d. were	
21. a. but	b. to	c. with	d. and	
22. a. dreamed	b. went	c. gave	d. met	
23. a. his	b. your	c. her	d. its	
24. a. drank	b. ate	c. played	d. put	
25. a. see	b. hear	c. watch	d. go	
26. a. like	b. hate	c. would	d. could	
27. a. like	b. hate	c. am	d. was	
28. a. go	b. to	c. have	d. take	
29. a. remember	b. forget	c. believe	d. take	W elle w
30. a. are	b. goes	c. is	d. has	
II. Use of Englis	h Section			
de Pop music is than opera.				
Example: I			hrase (a-e).	boog .
	b. started		d. am starting	
31 you t	taking an exam at the b. are		d. was	
32. I sing (quite well. b. have		d. can	
33. Wes		were on holiday.		S. Wilcon

	ening, Fred goes danci		ed to the prize?	
a. in	b. by	c. of		
35. What	he do?			
a. are	b. be	c. does	d. is	
36. Last night I	to some m	usic.		
a. am listening	b. heard	c. hearing	d. listened	
37. I don't	magazines. It's	boring.		
a. reading	b. writing	c. read	d. writes	
38. I think Star Wars i	isthan T	he Lord of the Rings.		
a. interesting	b. more interesting	c. most interesting	d. interested	
	her homewor			
a. do	b. making	c. doing	d. to make	de the cinema
40. On Saturdays she	usually	TV.		
a. see	b. saw	c. watch	d. watches	
	sportTV.			
a. on	b. at	c. for	d. in	
42. I can				
a. surfing	b. to surf	c. surfed	d. surf	
43. English is				
a. easy	b. easyer	c. easier	d. more easy	
	some cheese in the	ne fridoe		
a. is	b. are		d. being	
			mow d	
	a shirt and tie		d. use	
0				
46. You can go	b. to	c. of	d. on	
a. in				398 . R. See
47. Where	he having the party? b. does	c are	d. is	
48. She often	running with b. plays	c goes	d. does	
	ekend there's an art ex		d. in	
	b. at		8908.d	
50. I	an email to my boss a	at the moment.	d. wrote	
a. am writing	b. write	c. writes	nothone dell	
51. Pop music is	than o	oera.	d. best	
a. good	b. gooder	c. better	u. best	
52. Where	_you go last night?	c finished Lit	d. was	
a. do	b. were	c. did	u. was	
53. Bob invited her	to goa drink.	e the sent Minemore	ed taking an examat, the	
a. on	b. at	c. for	a. in	
54. Cuenca is	than Guay	aquil.	llew ettup gr	
a. cold	b. colder	c. coldder	d. more cold	
55. When	he born?	were on holiday.	_some photos when we'	
a. was	b. were	c. do	d. does	

56. Tigers are	than n	nonkeys.			
a. danger	b. dangerous	c. dan	gerouser	d. more dange	erous
57. How many cousin	ns	you got?			
a. has		c. do		d. does	
58you li	ike anything to	drink?			
	b. have		ıld	d. do	The name of the TV ga
59. Bill Gates is					Who's my soul wate?
a. rich				d. poorest	
			b jazz musi	- Poolog	
60. That flat is really a. big	h biger	c higo	ror	d more big	
				d. more big	
61. What time does ha. have breakfast				d. breakfasts	
	THE RESERVE	st C. Diea	Klast	u. Dieakiasis	Linda and
62. Where	_ they from?			1.1	
a. is	b. are	c. do		d. does	
What is the opposite			a amenter	d domanara	
			c. empty		
63. big	a. large	b. great	c. enormous	d. small	
64. slow		b. tall			
65. go out			c. stay in c. often		THe thought it was gre
67. lose	a. miss	b. take			the weather was good
b. Felse	omiT a				
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Which word is differ			c oper	SALIT DOOR	d. thrillers
Example: a. rap			c. oper		the did exercise every
68. a. uncle	b. brot	her			d. father
69. a. toast 70. a. French	b. tea b. Polis	ch	c. coffe		d. juice d. Mexican
71. a. socks	b. jean		c. boot		d. trainers
72. a bath	b. a sh		c. a co		d. a washbasin
					the father and mother
A (1					
Are these sentences example: He sayed to		' '			ect <u>b. incorrect</u>
73. I haven't any cats	or dogs.			a. corre	ect b. incorrect
74. I love play basket	ball.			a. corre	ect b. incorrect
75. She's fifteen years	s old.			a. corre	ect b. incorrect
76. I'd like a cheese b	urger and chip	s, please.		a. corre	ect b. incorrect
77. There's some chee	ese.		b. 9.30apri	a. corre	ect b. incorrect
78. He practises spor	t every day.			a. corre	ect b. incorrect
79. I don't have any h	prothers or siste	ers.		a. corre	ect b. incorrect
80. How many furnit	ure is there?			a. corre	ect b. incorrect

III. Listening Section and sec

Listen to four people on a TV game show. Three men want to invite Linda on a date. Choose the best answers (a, b or c).

81. The name of the TV game show is	Skin	
a. Who's my soul mate?	b. Who's my mate?	c. Who's my date?
82. John likes		riber teither d
a. classical music	b. jazz music	c. rock music
83. Linda doesn't like a. pop and rock music	h jogg on duration :	meter stigled of
	b. jazz and rock music ame kind of films.	c. classical and jazz music
a. Bill	b. John	c. Tony
85. Linda likes talk shows and game shows	ws, but Bill likes	amon veni
a. news programmes	b. westerns	c. documentaries
Tistant T	The same and	
Listen to Jason and Barbara talk about t	heir vacations. Are the sent	ences true or false?
86. Jason went to San Pedro.		a. True b. False
87. He thought it was great.		a. True b. False
88. The weather was good.	b sivays c often	a. True b. False
89. Barbara didn't go away on vacation.	C be day	a. True b. False
90. She didn't have a very good time.		a. True b. False
91. She did exercise every day.		a. True b. False
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Listen to the Steven's family planning a	family day out Change the	891.d Jacot .
	ranny day out. Choose the	best answers (a, b or c).
92. Who doesn't want to go to the beach? a. the father and mother	h the father and	des d disd
93. The mother says that they can	b. the father and son	c. the mother and son
a. go shopping in London	b. go to museums in Lond	on c. go to Regent's Park
94. What can't you do in Regent's Park?		or go to regent stark
a. go swimming	b. go to concerts	c. go to the theatre
95. The father doesn't want to go to Chess a. it's too expensive	ington because b. it's far away	c. he went there last week
96. What time does Jason have to be at the	station?	rd like a cheese burger and chi
a. 9am	b. 9.30am	c. 9.45am
Listen to the conversation in a shop. Are	the sentences true or false?	
97. The shop doesn't have any bottles of w		a. True b. False
98. The man buys a £20 phone card.	en Coldder	Saradt at animinent second and the
99. He asks for three stamps for Europe.		
100. It costs £28.70 in total.		a. True b. False
		a. True b. False