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MULTIPLE CHOICE   60 ITEMS

Items 1 – 5
Instructions:

1. Read the ads.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Hairdresser Full-time, 40 hours per week (Monday to Saturday) Permanent position **Responsibilities:** Welcoming clients, washing hair, and keeping the salon clean. No previous experience is necessary. For the position, please email at lucysalon@gmail.com	**Representative Customer Service** Job opportunities for high school graduates. Advanced English (B2) Call center experience minimum of six months. **Benefits:** Private medical plan, discounts with affiliated universities and hotels.
Tico Bakeries November 11th, 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM November 12th, 8:00 AM-Noon ***We are hiring:*** Bakers ($20 per hour) Sanitation workers ($15 per hour) Apply here https://www.ticobread.com	**Looking For Food Delivery Service?** Instead of traditional food delivery jobs where your schedule hours aren't flexible, be your boss with *Food to Go*. Download this new app and start making money at your own pace.
Bilingual Manager Advanced English, university background. Availability to work from home for a temporary 6-month position. Apply at https://www.careers.com	**Fitness Instructor** Full-time Work schedule: 40 hours per week, schedule may vary. Education and certification required. Give us a call for more info at 2230 0000.

1) Which position can be done remotely?

   A) Fitness instructor

   B) Bilingual manager

   C) Customer service agent

2) How can the post as a customer service benefit the candidates?
   They can _____.

   A) work remotely

   B) get training in English

   C) have better prices in some places

3) In which position can the applicants have a flexible schedule?
   As a _____.

   A) baker

   B) hairdresser

   C) food delivery worker

4) What is one of the requirements to apply for the position as a bilingual manager?
   It is to _____.

   A) work part-time

   B) work directly with clients

   C) have a high level of English

5) Which of the following positions requires experience?

   A) Baker

   B) Hairdresser

   C) Representative customer service

Items 6 – 10
Instructions:

1. Read the ads.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

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1. Soccer Trainer Wanted

- Do you like soccer?
- Can you teach soccer?
- Can you drive a car?
- Can you organize a group of people?

Yes? Send us an email at jobs@umass.edu-sports

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2. Job at University Sports Café

- Do you like working with people?
- Do you have computer skills?
- Can you cook?
- Can you speak languages?

Yes? Send us an email at jobs@uc.edu-sports

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3. Babysitter Needed

We need a babysitter to look after our two girls aged 4 and 6 after school from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Mondays – Fridays. $50 per hour.

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4. Mexican Restaurant Part-Time Work

We are looking for breakfast and lunchtime staff to work in our restaurant (Weekdays, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
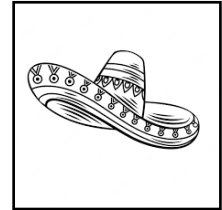
6) What is the purpose of the ads? It is to _____.

    A) attract potential job candidates

    B) give training to current workers

    C) recruit candidates for a company

7) What is one of the requisites to apply for the first ad? It is to _____.

    A) have computer skills

    B) know about football preparation

    C) have experience with soccer teams

8) What type of candidate does the second post require?

    A) A software analyst expert

    B) A candidate able to work part-time

    C) A candidate with computer knowledge

9) Which post offers part-time positions?

    A) 2

    B) 3

    C) 4

10) Which post requires knowledge of computers?

    A) 1

    B) 2

    C) 3

Items 11 – 15
Instructions:

1. Read the posts.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Opinions About Jobs

What Are Your Expectations?

Students worldwide want to share their expectations about their future with other students. We have created this space for you about to finish high school.

Posted by @valemexico: I want to work in a restaurant as a chef. It motivates me to know more about the cuisine of my own country and others. I would like to follow the example of other people who are devoted to this profession. I am passionate about food. Valentina, 16 years old, Mexico.

Posted by @isabela: I would like to help other people in the same way that I want to be helped. I think being a counselor is a rewarding job. Isabel, 17 years, England.

Posted by @englishmichael: What job do I expect to have by the time I am 30? I expect to be a lawyer because I love solving problems and helping people. After I finish high school, I plan to get a job with training, a kind of internship. Michael, 17 years, England.

Posted by @olioli: My dream is to become a professional soccer player. I know it is hard because you have to be disciplined to master the technique. It is not only running behind a ball. Oliver, 17 years, Costa Rica.

Posted by @tama16: What job do I expect to have by the time I am 30? I hope to be an aerospace engineer. To be a professional in this field for a woman seems to be difficult, but it is not. Some great women have made changes in fields like air spacing. Tamar, 16 years, Canada.

Posted by @supriyain: I think that the purpose of today´s education is lost. We are running after grades, tests, and ranks. I think that students are not only the future but also the present. It is only if they are happy and hopeful in the present that their future will be happy and bright. That is why I want to study psychology; it is still a good option. Supriya, 17 years, India.

11) What is the purpose of the posts? It is to _____.

    A) talk about future careers

    B) describe students' high schools

    C) give an opinion about popular jobs in some countries

12) Who is most likely to read the posts?

    A) Parents

    B) Professionals

    C) High school students

13) Who wants to study Law?

    A) @isabela

    B) @supriyan

    C) @englishmichael

14) Who would like to help others in the future?

    A) @olioli

    B) @isabela

    C) @tama16

15) What does @supriyain think about today's education?
It _____.

    A) focuses on grades and ranks

    B) worries about students present

    C) prepares students for their future

Items 16 – 20
Instructions:

1. Read the movie review.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Movie Review

Did You Already Watch Kung Fu Panda?

By Claudia Puig

Though occasionally visually inventive, Kung Fu Panda is a disappointment when it comes to matters of simple black-and-white script. It did not call my attention at any time. I expected something different.

The story centers on the enthusiastic, if clumsy Po (Jack Black), a kung fu fan. Po's job is to work in his family's noodle shop. When he is accidentally chosen as the kung fu master who will fulfill an ancient prophecy.

Despite the panda voiced by Black, the humorous moments are few. The supporting characters include a tiger voiced by Angelina Jolie, a crane played by David Cross, Lucy Liu as a viper, and Jackie Chan as an agile monkey.

Sure, the message to believe in yourself is a valuable, if often heard, one for young audiences. But it could have played out more creatively.

Perhaps the most interesting character is Master Shifu, charmingly voiced by Dustin Hoffman. He whips Po into shape and reveals his character. One sequence on a swinging wooden bridge is a visual treat, especially when seen in IMAX. But the film's climax doesn't show the fate of the bad guy. This lack of clarity might have more to do with plans for a sequel than bad storytelling.

16) What is the movie about? It _____.

    A)   is about a fighter who has to fulfill a prophecy

    B)   is about a group of animal friends who are kung fu fighters

    C)   talks about a panda that by mistake becomes a kung fu fighter

17) What does the expression "simple black and white script" mean?
    The _____.

    A)   script was creative

    B)   story was not interesting

    C)   story had an unexpected plot

18) What does the reviewer think about the movie?

    A)   She did not like the cast.

    B)   It was not what she expected.

    C)   The climax was what she loved the most.

19) Which character does the reviewer consider interesting?

    A)   The tiger

    B)   Master Shifu

    C)   Kun Fu Panda

20) What is one of the themes presented in the movie?

    A)   Believing in oneself

    B)   The value of creativity

    C)   Making dreams come true

Items 21 – 25
Instructions:

1. Read the movie review and the comments.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Black Panther

Genre: Action, Adventure, Fantasy

Original Language: English

Director: Ryan Coogler

Producer: Kevin Feige

Writer: Ryan Coogler, Joe Robert Cole

Runtime: 2h 14m

Production Co: Walt Disney Pictures

After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's bravery as king and as Black Panther is tested when he faces a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda at risk. The young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to secure the safety of his people.

Critic Comments

Joan García: It is possibly one of the best films of its kind. I especially liked the development of all the characters, and the visual elements are excellent. Acting and writing are top-notch here as well.

Keith Carlington: Black Panther is not just a cultural statement. A terrific film that energizes a genre. Not many movies can say that. I must say that what makes it different is that most of its cast is black.

Brenda Neil: I caught Black Panther again and my opinion of the film is unchanged. It is a well-made action film, but it is nothing special. The movie has relevant ideas, but it is not the groundbreaking film that I expected.

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21)   What is the movie about? It is about a _____.

   A)   king who protects his nation

   B)   king who does not have enemies in his nation

   C)   nation whose just two people have superpowers

22)   What does Joan suggest about the movie? It is _____.

   A)   not a good movie

   B)   an excellent movie of its kind

   C)   not as good as other movies of its kind

23)   What is different about the cast of the movie?

   A)   The cast is mostly black.

   B)   The protogonists are white.

   C)   The whole cast has superpowers.

24)   What does Brenda think about the movie? She _____.

   A)   does not like the movie at all

   B)   thinks it is an excellent movie

   C)   expected something different about the movie

25)   Who directed the movie?

   A)   Kevin Feige

   B)   Walt Disney

   C)   Ryan Coogler

Items 26 – 30
Instructions:

1. Read the movie review.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Movie Review
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris

- **Genre:** Comedy, Drama

- **Runtime:** 1h 55m

- **Rating:** ☆☆☆☆

- **Director:** Anthony Fabian

Everything starts in the city of London where a housekeeper, Ada Harris, falls totally in love with a Dior dress. So, she decides that she wants to have one of her own. Ada Harris (the main character) sets her eyes on an attractive Dior dress in one of the houses she works at, as a housekeeper. It is not a piece of luxury fashion she can afford, but Ada is determined to have it for herself, even if it means working hard to buy herself a ticket to Paris and shop for her dream dress.

After she works and takes a chance at games to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she gets on an adventure to Paris. However, landing in Paris with lots of cash is not enough to own such a desired piece of designer fashion. It is a pleasure that is reserved only for the rich and the famous. When Ada shows up uninvited at the Dior Center of Operations in Paris, she sets off a chain of unexpected events.

American director Anthony Fabian transports us into Ada's world quite brilliantly from the very first scene. The movie was shot in different locations in London, Paris, and Budapest. It is a world where no good effort goes without consequences. English actress Lesley Manville makes it so easy for us to root for Ada, who dreams bigger than her means and goes all out for strangers without expecting anything in return.

Manville's interpretation is so authentic and charming that she makes us live every emotion of her character. *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris* proves that it is never too late to follow one's dreams, and Mrs. Harris's dream came true. In addition, in following your dreams, you might just change your life and the lives of everyone around you.

26) What is Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris about? It _____.

    A)   tells the story of a fashion designer

    B)   is about the beginning of Christian Dior

    C)   tells the story of a housekeeper who wants to own a designer dress

27) Where does the story begin? In _____

    A)   Paris

    B)   London

    C)   America

28) What is Mrs. Harris' dream? It is to _____.

    A)   move to Paris

    B)   meet Christian Dior

    C)   buy a designer dress

29) What does the expression "It is never too late to follow your dreams " mean?

    A)   Dreams are not for everybody.

    B)   Dreams can come true at any time.

    C)   Doing the same actions will not change your life.

30) Who is the target audience for this film? People who like _____.

    A)   history movies

    B)   biographical documentaries

    C)   movies based on real events

Items 31 – 35
Instructions:

1. Read the blog.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

My blog

My life

By Sussie Adams

Recently I had the opportunity to travel to one of the most beautiful countries in the Americas. With stunning Pacific and Caribbean coastlines, mountains, volcanoes, waterfalls, lakes, and islands, Costa Rica is an environment-friendly country committed to preserving natural resources.

Costa Ricans, or *Ticos* as they call themselves, tend to be proud, friendly, and diverse people who enjoy sharing their culture and social activities with newcomers. It is the place of *pura vida* (pure life), a contagious attitude of living life to the fullest. *Ticos* are happy and easygoing people, always ready to have fun or laugh at a good joke.

They place great importance on friendship and loyalty towards their friends and family. Family is the basic element of society. Many young adults live with their parents until they get married, and even then, they will try to remain close to their parents. Mealtimes are often filled with passionate conversations on various subjects and may be stretched for weekend lunches. Sharing among extended family members is deeply appreciated.

Masculine and feminine roles are clearly defined in Costa Rican society, which sometimes includes *machismo* (the idea that men have more authority than women do). However, the increasingly active participation of women in politics and economic activities has enormously contributed to the development of society.

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31) What is Sussie doing in her blog?

    A) Describing her last trip to Costa Rica.

    B) Describing Costa Ricans' cultural traits.

    C) Mentioning tourist places to go in Costa Rica.

32) How does Sussie start her blog? By _____.

    A) describing the way Costa Ricans are

    B) describing the places where she stayed

    C) mentioning the natural beauties of Costa Rica

33) Which of the following sentences is true about Costa Rican culture?

    A) Costa Ricans are open to foreigners.

    B) The *machismo* is strongly present today.

    C) Costa Ricans are reserved when sharing their culture.

34) Which aspect is considered fundamental in Costa Rican society?

    A) Education

    B) Friendship

    C) The family

35) What cultural pattern has changed among men and women?

    A) Women are more active in political issues.

    B) Women are now the center of Costa Rican culture.

    C) The *machismo* culture has increased considerably.

Items 36 – 40
Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Osa Conservation

Founded in 2003, Osa Conservation is a nonprofit organization dedicated mainly to protecting the globally significant biodiversity of the Osa Peninsula.

We protect Osa's natural ecosystems by:

- creating biological corridors for local wildlife
- managing and protecting the Osa National Wildlife Refuge
- building successful models for private conservation
- restoring damaged and degraded ecosystems

Our Projects

Sea Turtle: Our sea turtle conservation program monitors the nesting activity, predation rates, and hatching success of these incredible species. Our staff and volunteers gather important population and reproductive data and deter poachers who collect turtle eggs for consumption or sale.

Camera Trap: In 2013, the National University (UNA) and Osa Conservation created the Camera Trap Network for the Osa Peninsula. This initiative, now the largest camera trap array in Costa Rica, is composed of NGOs, hotels, eco-lodges, and private landowners who are willing to contribute to the research and conservation of the wild cats and their prey in the Osa Peninsula.

Forest Restoration: We provide oversight of the Osa National Wildlife Refuge (ONWR) and actively protect and manage a 1,400-acre reserve along the Esquinas River which includes forest and mangrove habitats, essential to many migratory birds and other wildlife.

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36) What is the main objective of the organization? It is to _____.

    A)   protect ecosystems around the globe

    B)   help people create local corridors for pets

    C)   educate the communities along the Osa Peninsula

37) What is one of the purposes of the Sea Turtle project? It is to _____.

    A)   identify the prey of the turtles

    B)   collect information about the species

    C)   trade with turtle eggs in a sustainable way

38) What project works in association with another institution?

    A)   The Sea Turtle

    B)   The Camera Trap

    C)   The Forest Restoration

39) What does the project Camera Trap consist of? It consists of _____.

    A)   taking pictures of wild animals

    B)   studying and protecting wild cats and their prey

    C)   identifying the areas where wild cats live and feed

40) In which way does the organization protect the local wildlife?
It _____.

    A)   has installed cameras all over the park

    B)   works on the restoration of damaged habitats

    C)   collects information about endangered wildlife

Items 41 – 45
Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

Inspire yourself!

Explore different ideas to turn your dreams into reality. On Pinterest, the possibilities are endless. For example, curate your autumn wardrobe. Fall for new seasonal recipes. Make a visual shopping list. Create a life you love. Pinterest is the place to explore inspiration, and it is available in different languages.

You can:

- discover new ideas.
- save what inspires you.
- shop based on your taste.
- learn from creators.

Ratings and Reviews

Sara Peyton, November 22, 2022: Honestly, I love Pinterest. It is so good and has so many different things. Recipes, book and movie recommendations, cozy pictures. There is one slight problem, whenever I click on a picture of something, almost every single time, hundreds of similar pictures show up.

Tamara Smith, November 12, 2022: I enjoy using the app. It is very good for searching for references and getting inspiration and ideas. I have been a Pinterest user for many years; it rarely disappoints me. However, I switched to a new phone not so long ago and for some reason, it does not open here. It is just endlessly loading the start menu. It still works on my other devices but does not work on the new one. I probably need to update it.

Jacky Morales, November 10, 2022: I enjoy Pinterest. It is beneficial for project ideas. It is quite easy to store my ideas into categories for future reference, but sometimes the website is hard to navigate once I start exploring. There is so much information presented, that it is easy for me to become distracted from my original search. However, that is the fun of Pinterest.

41) Who would the application be useful for?

   A)   People who want to shop wisely.

   B)   A person who sells different items.

   C)   A person who plans to decorate their house.

42) What is the application for? It is to _____.

   A)   share personal pictures with others

   B)   interact with others about different ideas

   C)   collect and find ideas about different topics

43) What does Sara think about the app?

   A)   She likes it.

   B)   She does not use it.

   C)   It has many problems.

44) What problem has Tamara found recently with the app?

   A)   It is hard to navigate.

   B)   It does not run on her new phone.

   C)   She does not like the latest update.

45) What negative aspects about the app does Jacky write in her post?
    It _____.

   A)   is hard to find information

   B)   does not have enough information for users

   C)   is easy to get distracted because of the amount of information

Items 46 – 50
Instructions:

1. Read the passage.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

What Is Wearable Technology?

Wearable technology, or "wearables", is the name for the type of electronic devices people can wear as accessories, implanted in their clothing, or even in their bodies. Wearables are hands-free gadgets with microprocessors and a connection to the Internet.

Wearables have existed for hundreds of years. Pocket watches, which later became wristwatches, or glasses were some of the first examples in the history of wearable technology. People wore them to have a more comfortable life, and they still do. Glasses help you see, and watches give you helpful information. However, modern wearable devices are more complicated. They are electronic and use the Internet to collect, store and send information.

The first popular electronic wearable technology was fitness trackers which became popular in the 2010s. They monitor people's hearts and movements and help them keep fit. Now, wearable technology helps people stay healthy in new ways. For example, the *ITBra* is a patch that women wear inside their bras, and it checks for breast cancer. *SmartSleep* is a soft headband, that helps people to sleep better. It collects information about people's sleep patterns, gives advice, and makes sounds to help people fall asleep.

However, not all wearables are about health. Some are used for protection or to find the place you want to go, and some are just for fun. For example, you can buy smart jewelry. These rings and necklaces can change color to match clothes or make-up, or they can send the police an alert if you are in danger.

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46) What is a characteristic of a wearable device? It _____.

    A)   uses basic technology

    B)   uses wireless technology

    C)   does not require an Internet connection

47) What is the purpose of wearables? It is to _____.

    A)   make people's lives comfortable

    B)   have easy access to the Internet

    C)   encourage people to have a healthy lifestyle

48) Which is one of the first wearables to appear?

    A)   Smart jewelers

    B)   Fitness trackers

    C)   Wearables to monitor cancer

49) What is one function of today's wearable devices?

    A)   Collecting information

    B)   Monitoring people's lives

    C)   Keeping people connected

50) Which wearable can help users detect breast cancer?

    A)   ITBra

    B)   SmartSleep

    C)   Fitness track

Items 51 – 55
Instructions:

1. Read the information.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

How to use Twitter

Step 1: Log In

Go to www.twitter.com or download the app on your phone and sign up to create a new account. The *"Full name"* that you provide will be your display name.

Step 2: Authentication

Enter your phone number. This is a form of authentication that will help in case you ever lose access to your account.

Step 3: Security

Pick a password and make it secure.

Step 4: Set Up Your Profile

Choose your profile name. This is how other users will see you on Twitter. We suggest keeping it short, so it is memorable.

Step 5: Understand the Twitter Lingo

# Hashtags	↑↲ Retweets	@ Mentions
Hashtags are a great way to tap into conversations happening on Twitter. Hashtags make your posts easier to find.	You can retweet content you see on Twitter by simply clicking the button below the text. Once you start tweeting, you will soon be hoping that people retweet your content.	When someone talks to you on Twitter, or talks about you, it is called a mention. Mentions are one of the most effective ways to measure the presence of your brand on the network.

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51) What is the next step after going to www.twitter.com? It is to _____.

    A)   personalize the security

    B)   enter the phone number

    C)   mention someone in posts

52) What is the third step? It is to _____.

    A)   create a username

    B)   create a safe password

    C)   add the telephone number

53) What is the aim of hashtags? The aim is to _____.

    A)   mute a conversation

    B)   make content simple to reach

    C)   increase the presence on Twitter

54) What is the benefit of mentioning someone on Twitter? It _____.

    A)   increases followers

    B)   promotes your brand

    C)   shares useful content

55) What does the application allow users to do? To _____.

    A)   keep a secret profile

    B)   retweet other people's posts

    C)   use the application without an account

Items 56 – 60
Instructions:

1. Read the emails.
2. Choose the appropriate option to answer each question.
3. Mark the correct letter A, B, or C on your answer sheet.

From: alejandra22@gmail.com
To: camisoto@gmail.com
Subject: Some help

Hi Camila! I hope you are fine.
I am about to finish high school and I have many plans running through my head. I am not quite sure yet. I am writing to you because I need some advice. You know, I do not have any clue what to do. You know that my dream is to study education, but I am not sure about what field. I like Spanish and English, but I have to decide. I do not know where to study either. My mother told me that it is also a good idea to study engineering. What do you suggest? What did you consider before going to college and studying Law?
Best regards,
Alejandra.

From: camisoto@gmail.com
To: alejandra22@gmail.com
Subject: Some help

Nice to hear about you, my friend.
I understand you perfectly because I experienced something very similar before going to college. I can tell you that you must first explore different options. I mean, you do not need to go straight to college. You may take a break, or you can also find a job to get some experience. You may explore different options; this is what I did. I tell you something, I never thought about studying Law. At first, I wanted to study Biology, but after an internship in a lawyer's office, I changed my mind.
Best regards,
Camila

56) Why did Alejandra write to her friend? To _____.

   A)   get some advice

   B)   talk about her plans

   C)   give some suggestions

57) What does Alejandra want to do after finishing high school? She _____.

   A)   is not clear yet

   B)   wants to get a job

   C)   wants to go straight to college

58) Which major does Alejandra want to study?

   A)   Law

   B)   Education

   C)   Engineering

59) What did Camila do before starting a career? She _____.

   A)   took a break

   B)   went straight to college

   C)   gained some experience

60) What is Camila's advice for her friend? To _____.

   A)   study law at college

   B)   choose the career she likes

   C)   explore different options before going to college

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