1. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* take place along
   - the Indian territory
   - the Grand Canyon
   - the Mississippi River
   - New England

2. Ernest Hemingway wrote *The Old Man and the Sea*
   - during his stay in Cuba
   - after he received the Nobel prize in literature
   - during his travels in Africa
   - while fighting in the Spanish Civil War

3. Religious songs which originated in the south of the USA are called
   - hip-hop
   - spirituals
   - the blues
   - folk songs

4. Who is the current heir to the British throne?
   - Prince William
   - Prince Harry
   - Prince Charles
   - Prince George

5. Who is the patron saint of England?
   - St. Andrew
   - St. Patrick
   - St. David
   - St. George

6. Which of these American wars took place in the 18th century?
   - The French and Indian War
   - The Mexican War
   - The Spanish American War
   - The Civil War

7. Which of the following groups of words are pronounced with the same sound in the middle?
   - cousin – mug – flood
   - put – wood – must
jug – Jack – joke
clue – toe – shoe

8. My brother got ___ with a host family.
accommodation
accommodation
accomodation
accommodation

9. Which of the following groups of words are pronounced with the same sound at the end (in British English)?
passienger – manager – major
stranger – longer – ringer
major – ranger – hanger
singer – manager – hunger

10. Which of the following pairs of words are spelt correctly?
flu – throught
till – helpfull
mill – meall
fruitful – until

11. Which of these words does not include the sound /i:/?
feel
breath
meal
breathe

12. Don’t wash that sweater in hot water, ____________ it will shrink.
unless
if
moreover
otherwise

13. _____________ the vacation, we had the most wonderful weather imaginable. Sunshine all the way!
Along
Throughout
Moreover
All in all

14. Police arrested a man late last night in connection with the murder. Police expect to charge the ____________ later this morning.
guilty
suspect
condemned
arrested

15. Right, Mrs. Jones. Take these pills twice a day and if the problem ____________ more serious, come back and pay me a visit.
goes
16. When each group of tourists have paid the entrance fee, ______________ them with a picnic hamper and two parasols.
provide
give
lend
give out

17. You are the only person in this company who ______________ access to both the staff phone list and the bank information of every employee. Please remember it is a huge responsibility.
has
takes
opens
sees

18. We all just looked at the bill and then realised that ______________ wasn’t even included! So we had to pay another 15% on top of that! I am never going back to that restaurant.
services
serving
serves
service

19. We got home to find the children ______________ down the marble hallway in their socks.
sliding
skidding
falling
crashing

20. Well, according to the timetable, a bus should be along in ______________ two minutes. But I wouldn’t be surprised if we had to wait another half an hour!
less
below
about
round

21. I managed to do it even though the ______ were against me.
odds
chances
evens
ads

22. It gave me a lot of ______ for thought.
food
drink
evens
23. You _________ the ironing, I would have done it for you.
   hadn’t to do
   needn’t have done
   couldn’t have done
   mustn’t have done

24. We’ll ask the waiter for the bill when you ______ your coffee.
   will finish
   will have finished
   shall finish
   have finished

25. While formerly a member of the sports club, Mr Wheeler ___________ tennis there regularly.
   was used to play
   used to playing
   used to play
   is used to playing

26. __________ the gorilla is carefully protected, it will soon go the way of other extinct species.
   Unless
   As long as
   If
   Therefore

27. Hardly ever __________ get a good job these days without a good education.
   do people
   people might
   people can
   have people

28. That young man still denies __________ the fire behind the school.
   to start
   having been started
   having started
   to starting

29. The Eiffel Tower is still __________ of the man-made structures in the world.
   a very high one
   highest one
   one of the highest
   the higher one

30. By August, __________ in this house for twenty years.
   I am living
   I’m going to live
   I will live
   I’ll have lived


31. They never go skiing and ___________ .
I do neither
I don’t either
I haven’t either
I haven’t too

32. I wish we____________ on the same flight tomorrow.
will travel
were travelling
would travel
had travelled

33. Are you ready, Jenny? It’s high time ____________ . The bus leaves in ten minutes.
we left
for leaving
we are going
we must leave

FESTIVAL LOSES MONEY
34. The company Musicfest ___________ that the two-day concert they organized at the weekend
proposed
described
announced
published

35. attracted far fewer fans than they had ________ .
expected
warned
prepared
waited

36. They had __________ to raise £20,000 for charity but
cared
trusted
believed
hoped

37. Chris Powel, the finance director, __________ that they had actually lost money.
expressed
offered
admitted
insisted

38. He __________ the bad weather but also claimed
suggested
blamed
accused
charged
39. that the local newspaper had not ______ the festival as they had promised.
promoted
propagated
graduated
prohibited

40. He ______ the fact that one act was cancelled at the last minute
apologized
disapproved
regretted
accused

41. but he ______ that another well-known performer had only played for ten minutes
because of a dispute over pay.
refused
denied
opposed
protested

42. He ______ to fans to attend the next one-day concert which will take place in
September.
denied
demanded
threatened
appealed

READING

You are going to read an article in which four people comment on a book they have read recently.
For questions 43 - 50 choose from the people A-D. The people may be chosen more than once.

A
Sundance by Teresa Wilson

Kerry: I really don't know why this book is so popular. I mean, I suppose it is going to appeal to young
girls who want danger and romance, but I found this book really tedious. For a start, the characters
were really unconvincing. The author went out of her way to add lots of details about the characters,
but I found these details really pointless. I thought that some of the facts she presented about the
main characters would become significant in some way later in the novel, but they didn't. They
were just worthless bits of information. I also was disappointed that, although this book is meant to
be about kids at high school, the writer seems to have no recollection at all about what it's like to be
17. The main character thought and acted like a 32-year old. It just wasn't believable. I'm not saying
Teresa Wilson is a bad writer. She can obviously string words together and come up with a story
that is appealing to a large number of people, but she lacks anything original. There is no flair. It
just uses the same sort of language as you can see in many other mediocre novels.

B
Wild Ways by Margery Emerson
Liz:
I have to say that I won't forget this book for a long time. I was hooked from the very first chapter. The devastating story affected me so much that I don't know if I'll ever feel the same again. I was close to tears on several occasions. I've got images in my brain now that I don't think will ever leave me. It's incredibly well-researched and, although it is fiction, is based on shocking real-life events. I learned an awful lot about things that went on that I never knew before. Margaret Emerson has a brilliant way with words and I really felt real empathy towards the characters, although I was sometimes irritated by the choices they made. However, the parallel story, the part that is set in the present, is not quite so good. I found myself just flicking through that part so that I could get back to 1940s Paris.

C
Orchid by Henry Rathbone

Imogen:
This is a delightful novel full of wonderful imagery which paints a remarkable picture of life in a distant time and a far-away place. If you're looking to learn about Eastern culture in great detail, then this is probably not the book for you, as the writer skims over most of the more complicated aspects of the country's etiquette. The historical aspects are also not covered in much depth. However, I wonder whether this was the writer's intention. By doing this, he symbolises the superficiality of the girl's life. She, like the book, is beautiful and eager to please, but remains too distant from us, the readers, to teach us much. Although I loved the book and read it in one sitting, the ending was a bit of a disappointment. A story which involves so much turmoil, in a place where the future is uncertain, should not have a happy-ever-after fairy-tale ending.

D
High Hills by Mary Holland

Hannah:
I read this book for a literature class. I know it's a classic, and I did try to like it, but I just didn't get into it. I kept persevering, hoping that I'd start to enjoy it, but no such luck. The famous scene out on the moors was definitely the best bit of the book, but even that I found ridiculous when it is clearly supposed to be passionate. As I approached the end of the book, I figured there must be some kind of moral to the story, something that I would learn from the experience of trudging through seven hundred long pages, but there was nothing worthwhile. I don't know why the literary world sees this book as such a masterpiece. The characters are portrayed as being intelligent, but they do such stupid things! And as for it being a love story - marrying someone you don't love and then being abused by them - that doesn't spell love to me.

43. Which one was set in an Oriental country?
A
B
C
D

44. Which one finished in an unrealistic way?
A
B
C
D
45. Which one had characters that the reader could sympathise with?
A
B
C
D

46. Which one is well-known and was written a long time ago?
A
B
C
D

47. Which one contained two stories?
A
B
C
D

48. Which one was not set in the past?
A
B
C
D

49. Which one was historically accurate?
A
B
C
D

50. Which one made the reader cry?
A
B
C
D