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Korig. úspěšnost: 61,9 %  
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Průměrné skóre: 36,9  
Medián skóre: 38,7

Počet úloh: 60  
Max. možné skóre: 60,0  
Max. dosažené skóre: 60,0  
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Min. dosažené skóre: -1,3  
Směr. odchylka skóre: 14,1

# 1. Listening

## Listening 1

You will hear a text which is followed by several tasks. You will be given time to look through the relevant tasks before you listen. You will hear the recording twice. Solve the tasks based solely on the information in the recording.

### QUESTIONS 1–6

#### A code that saves lives

Listen to a story about three men who were rescued from a deserted island.

1.

Where were the sailors from?

- (A) from Australia
- (B) from the United States
- (C) **from a small Pacific island**
- (D) from an abandoned island

2.

The men were reported missing \_\_\_\_\_ after leaving on their journey.

- (A) twenty-three minutes
- (B) **one day**
- (C) three days
- (D) one week

3.

The castaways were discovered after \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) they transmitted a radio call to a rescue helicopter
- (B) they were heard screaming by a pilot of a helicopter
- (C) **the crew or an aircraft spotted huge SOS letters written in the sand**
- (D) they painted their boat blue

4.

The pilot was almost done with his search for the castaways when \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) he lost control of the aircraft
- (B) **he turned the plane and noticed an island**
- (C) he landed on an island
- (D) he ran out of fuel

5.

The day before the three men were taken away from the island, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) they had seen a tourist ship passing by
- (B) they had managed to repair their 7-meter boat
- (C) **they had been delivered supplies by an Australian helicopter**
- (D) they found out that the island was inhabited

6.

According to the recording, what does SOS officially stand for?

- (A) It is an abbreviation for "Save Our Souls".
- (B) It is an abbreviation for "Save Our Ship".
- (C) **It is not an abbreviation for anything.**
- (D) Only the creator of Morse code knew what it stands for.

# 1. Listening

## Listening 2

You will hear a series of short unrelated extracts. There is one task for each extract. You will be given time to read the relevant task before you listen. You will hear each extract twice. Solve the tasks based solely on the information in the recording.

7.

You hear a piece of information about a dog breed – pugs.

In ancient times, how could a pug be obtained by people outside the Far East?

- (A) It had to be trapped in the wild.
- (B) It had to be kidnapped from a palace.
- (C) **It could only be obtained as a present.**
- (D) It could be found hiding on the ships sailing from the Far East.

8.

You hear an interview with an underwater artist, Jason deCaires Taylor.

How does Jason feel about his memory of exploring islands during his childhood?

- (A) He feels disconnected from it.
- (B) He feels resentful about it.
- (C) He doesn't remember much about it.
- (D) **He feels grateful for it.**

9.

You hear Jessi LaRue, a blogger and a writer, talk about her passion for books.

What does Jessi recall from her childhood?

- (A) her creativity being suppressed
- (B) talking to her dad about books
- (C) **her mom reading to her**
- (D) reading to her younger siblings

10.

You hear a story about Robert Tappan Morris.

What did Robert do in 1988?

- (A) He created ARPANET – an early foundation of the Internet.
- (B) **He inadvertently launched a self-replicating computer worm.**
- (C) He permanently damaged 10% of the world's computers.
- (D) He stopped the first self-replicating worm from spreading.

11.

You hear someone talk about the Mars rover.

The Mars rover \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) got trapped in mud in a river delta on Mars
- (B) found an organic molecule on Mars for the first time ever
- (C) **collected intriguing samples of Martian rock containing organic matter**
- (D) found soaked and muddy pieces of rock on Mars

12.

You hear someone talk about a story by Ryunosuke Akutagawa called "In a Bamboo Grove".

According to the speaker, what happens in the story?

- (A) **A samurai testifies regarding his own death through a spirit medium.**
- (B) A samurai's wife is murdered in a bamboo grove.
- (C) A notorious bandit turns into an investigator.
- (D) A samurai is killed by a spirit medium.

## 2. Reading

### Reading 1

Read the following text and solve the tasks based solely on the information in it.

#### QUESTIONS 13–23

#### The Incredible Journey of Sir Ernest Shackleton

*They call him the “Boss” and he is one of the most famed polar explorers in history. Sir Ernest Shackleton is a man whose name is synonymous with Antarctica and his tale is often referred to as “the most remarkable survival story ever told”.*

A 1901 expedition lead by explorer Robert Falcon Scott sparked Shackleton’s lifelong goal of being the first person to reach the South Pole. He was devastated when, in 1911, an expedition by a Norwegian team reached the South Pole before he could.

Nevertheless, Shackleton didn’t give up his dream of reaching the South Pole, and, in 1914, he embarked on a journey aboard his famed ship *Endurance* with a crew of 27 men. However, the expedition did not go as planned and, in January of 1915, the ship became trapped in ice. For ten months the vessel drifted with the sea ice. **(A)** Eventually, the increased pressure of the ice against the ship caused a leak, so the difficult decision was made to abandon ship. Shortly afterwards, the vessel was crushed and sank.

Isolated on a drifting pack of ice, the men marched westward to where they thought they would find the nearest land. Hauling their lifeboats across the frozen landscape, the men were forced into the small crafts due to the thinning ice, camping on large ice floes to rest. After 497 days travelling across rough, frozen seas, they made their landfall on Elephant Island, setting up camp in a place they called Point Wild, after Frank Wild, a member of their party who had scouted the location. **(B)**

With food nearly gone and stranded far from civilization and any chance of ship encounters, Shackleton realized that the chances of rescue were slim and devised a plan. He and five of his crew undertook a mission to cross almost 800 miles of rough seas to get to the island of South Georgia, in the hope of reaching an inhabited whaling station. **(C)** The journey took 16 days across one of the stormiest stretches of ocean in the world, becoming what is one of the most astonishing small boat journeys in history.

Landing on the southern side of their destination, their journey was not over. Shackleton and his crew members needed to cross the mountainous island in order to reach the whaling station on the northern side. **(D)** Against all odds, Shackleton and his men reached the whaling station.

Resting for only three days, Shackleton and his men organized for whaling boats to rescue the remaining crew members. Four months after having left Elephant Island, Shackleton and his expedition team were reunited. What is even more remarkable is that not a single member of Shackleton’s team perished or got lost.

13.

Shackleton and his men had to abandon their ship called *Endurance* because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) they had reached their final destination
- (B) they ran out of food supplies
- (C) **it couldn’t sustain the ice pressure**
- (D) it was seized by a Norwegian team

14.

After leaving *Endurance*, Shackleton and his crew \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) left their lifeboats behind and marched back home
- (B) **dragged their lifeboats across the ice**
- (C) landed on an unknown piece of land within 16 days
- (D) landed near an abandoned whaling station

15.

After being stranded on Elephant Island without enough food supplies, Shackleton \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) lost all hope and decided not to seek help
- (B) **took a small crew and set out on a journey to another island**
- (C) devised a plan to build a new ship that would take them home
- (D) discovered a whaling station on the other side of the island

16.

After the whaling boats arrived on Elephant Island, the rescue party found out that the rest of Shackleton’s crew \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) was unreachable due to thick ice
- (B) was nowhere to be found
- (C) **had all survived**
- (D) had built their own ship in the meantime

## 2. Reading

17.

The word “abandon” in the third paragraph of the text is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) leave
- (B) destroy
- (C) sink
- (D) repair

18.

The word “scouted” in the fourth paragraph of the text is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) overlooked
- (B) named
- (C) explored
- (D) improved

19.

The word “stretches” in the fifth paragraph of the text is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) waves
- (B) vessels
- (C) areas
- (D) conditions

20.

Look at the four letters (A) to (D) in the text. These indicate where the following sentence could be added to the text.

*This journey would be difficult for any seasoned mountaineer with proper gear, but Shackleton and his five men had nothing and were forced to stick nails in their boots to serve as climbing irons.*

Where would the sentence best fit?

- (A) (A)
- (B) (B)
- (C) (C)
- (D) (D)

21.

Which two of the following statements about the journey from Elephant Island to South Georgia are true?

- 1) Only Shackleton and five of his men undertook the journey.
- 2) The men who undertook the journey had to return due to adverse weather conditions.
- 3) It took more than two weeks to reach the island of South Georgia.
- 4) The boat used for the journey was destroyed before reaching the final destination.

- (A) 1 and 3
- (B) 2 and 3
- (C) 2 and 4
- (D) 3 and 4

22.

Which two of the following statements about Elephant Island are true?

- 1) It takes 16 days to cross the island.
- 2) One location on the island was named Point Wild by Shackleton and his men.
- 3) The island is far from the nearest civilization.
- 4) There is a whaling station on the northern side of the island.

- (A) 1 and 3
- (B) 1 and 4
- (C) 2 and 3
- (D) 3 and 4

23.

Which of the following statements best summarizes the character and actions of Ernest Shackleton as portrayed in the story?

- (A) Shackleton was willing to sacrifice his men to achieve his lifelong goal of reaching the South Pole.
- (B) **Despite various natural adversities and extreme weather conditions, Shackleton was able to lead all his men to safety.**
- (C) Shackleton did everything he could to stay in Antarctica for as long as possible.
- (D) Because he couldn't reach the South Pole, Shackleton at least wanted to set a permanent camping site on Elephant Island.

## 2. Reading

### Reading 2

Answer the following questions using only the information given in or implied by the text.

24.

The occupation of a court enforcement officer is incompatible with other income-generating activities, except for the management of one's own property. Additionally, a court enforcement officer is allowed to do research, publish, teach, do art, as well as provide expertise, for a consideration.

Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text with certainty?

- (A) Professional opportunities of a court enforcement officer are restricted to teaching.
- (B) An expert is allowed to perform the activity of a court enforcement officer, but only free of charge.
- (C) A court enforcement officer is allowed to do various other activities for a consideration, but only one activity at a time.
- (D) **A court enforcement officer is allowed to be remunerated for teaching.**

25.

An unbiased observer of Israel often finds it baffling that communities of Jewish immigrants from a variety of countries can together form a single state that looks like a strong and confident country on the outside. But the truth is that the population of Israel is quite diverse and has a hard time finding its identity. Despite this fact, young confident Israelis are ready to speak about a typical Israeli lifestyle; this is, however, a confusing motley collection of Western European, Eastern European, and Arabic cultural traditions and customs with an admixture of American consumerism.

Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text with certainty?

- (A) Israeli lifestyle is mainly defined by the views of young and confident Israelis.
- (B) Conservative Jewish traditions have the most important role in the everyday life of Israelis.
- (C) **The population of Israel is somewhat heterogeneous despite constituting a single state.**
- (D) An unbiased observer of Israel lacks information to understand the complicated system of local government.

26.

Nowadays, fresh plants are no longer used for medical purposes. Plants are first subjected to preservation processes and then used in their preserved form.

Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text with certainty?

- (A) Nowadays, plants are no longer used for medical purposes.
- (B) Medicinal herbs are nowadays preserved in cans.
- (C) Fresh plants are often used in medicine.
- (D) **Nowadays, when used for medical purposes, plants are in their preserved form.**

27.

For a long time, marijuana users were self-sufficient. However, growing repressive measures taken against marijuana growers and the popularity of marijuana among young people have led to a gradual establishment of an illegal marijuana market. And where there is an illegal market, there is organised crime.

Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text with certainty?

- (A) **The popularity of marijuana among young people has contributed to the emergence of an illegal marijuana market.**
- (B) Due to growing repressive measures, it is safer to grow marijuana at home than to buy it at an illegal market.
- (C) The growing repressive measures have led to the increase in the popularity of marijuana among young people.
- (D) The establishment of an illegal marijuana market inevitably led to the implementation of stricter repressive measures.

### 3. Use of English

#### Multiple choice cloze

Fill in the numbered gaps in the following short texts with the most suitable word or phrase from the options offered.

#### QUESTIONS 28–35

##### Migraine and coffee

Migraine is a common condition, affecting more than 37 million people in the United States and up to 148 million people worldwide. And (28) evidence even suggests that migraine prevalence might be increasing globally. According to the WHO, migraine is approximately (29) common in women as in men.

Often, the primary migraine symptom is a moderate to severe headache, and 85% of people with migraine headaches experience throbbing pain. For around 60% of people, the pain is one-sided, and about 80% of people experience nausea and 30% vomiting. In addition, almost everyone with migraine has increased sensitivity (30) light and sound.

There are a lot of myths associated with migraine. The most common one is that caffeine, a stimulant found for example in coffee, causes migraine. It does not, but it can be a trigger for some people. Coffee and migraine have a complex relationship. According to some doctors, (31) use of caffeine can trigger migraine. (32), caffeine, in general, can help with headaches, including migraine headaches. In addition, some people find that drinking coffee at the (33) of an attack lowers the intensity and can help (34) some of the pain.

Currently, there is no cure (35) migraine, but carefully chosen medicines certainly can help.

28.

- (A) some
- (B) lot of
- (C) an
- (D) many

29.

- (A) much more
- (B) not as
- (C) twice more
- (D) twice as

30.

- (A) of
- (B) on
- (C) to
- (D) with

31.

- (A) abusive
- (B) accessible
- (C) excessive
- (D) extraordinary

32.

- (A) Although
- (B) Despite
- (C) Even though
- (D) However

33.

- (A) onset
- (B) inset
- (C) offset
- (D) income

34.

- (A) sharpen
- (B) enhance
- (C) disappear
- (D) alleviate

35.

- (A) towards
- (B) for
- (C) off
- (D) on

### 3. Use of English

#### QUESTIONS 36–43

##### A vegan diet

A vegan diet is strictly plant-based, (36) fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, seeds, and other plant-derived foods. Those who follow this diet avoid (37) all animal products, including meat, dairy, and eggs. For some, being vegan is a dietary choice, while for others, it is a lifestyle choice. Many people choose a vegan diet because they feel it is better for the planet.

There is increased concern in the environmental community about the impact of livestock farming on climate change, because it requires large amounts of land, water and energy. (38), the farming of plants requires fewer resources, so it is a more sustainable alternative. And cows produce more greenhouse gasses than plants do, (39) leads some to believe that going vegan helps to reduce the risk of global warming.

The health benefits of a vegan diet are obvious. It tends to include plenty of fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts, and seeds. Eating a variety of these foods provides a wide range of important vitamins, minerals, healthy fats, and protein. A large-scale 2019 study has linked a higher (40) of plant-based foods with a reduced risk of heart disease and death (41) adults.

People following this diet should, however, take care to get key (42) that people usually consume in animal products, such as iron, protein, calcium, vitamin B-12, and vitamin D. That is why vegans need to plan their meals carefully to avoid nutritional (43).

36.

- (A) consisting
- (B) **comprising**
- (C) associated
- (D) made up

37.

- (A) **eating**
- (B) eat
- (C) to eat
- (D) don't eat

38.

- (A) In comparing
- (B) Comparable
- (C) By comparing
- (D) **By comparison**

39.

- (A) **which**
- (B) what
- (C) whom
- (D) whose

40.

- (A) input
- (B) **intake**
- (C) insight
- (D) income

41.

- (A) **in**
- (B) with
- (C) by
- (D) at

42.

- (A) nutritious
- (B) diets
- (C) **nutrients**
- (D) additives

43.

- (A) detentions
- (B) **deficiencies**
- (C) violations
- (D) effects



### 3. Use of English

#### Grammar and Vocabulary

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences with the most suitable word or phrase from the options offered.

44.

Jane needs to learn some coping mechanisms that will help her curb her temper and emotional fluctuations – otherwise, she will lose all her friends.

In the context of the sentence above, the word “curb” is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) increase
- (B) understand
- (C) fake
- (D) **control**

45.

His watch stopped, so he decided to take it apart to see if he could get it working again.

In the context of the sentence above, the expression “take it apart” is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) fix it
- (B) **dismantle it**
- (C) have it repaired
- (D) polish it

46.

When I first met John’s mother, we had a bad argument about politics – we did not \_\_\_\_\_ at first.

- (A) **hit it off**
- (B) see it off
- (C) set it off
- (D) make it off

47.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the fifties, my grandmother does not understand the current young generation and their problems.

- (A) By grown up
- (B) Being grown up
- (C) **Having grown up**
- (D) Been grown up

48.

There was so much to do before the conference started on July 1st that we were working around the \_\_\_\_\_ in the last week of June.

- (A) hours
- (B) time
- (C) **clock**
- (D) week

49.

I lived in Britain for several years, so I \_\_\_\_\_ on the left side of the road.

- (A) used to drove
- (B) **was used to driving**
- (C) was used to drive
- (D) used to driving

50.

Michael planned a secret birthday party for Nora \_\_\_\_\_ make her feel special and appreciated on her big day.

- (A) **so as to**
- (B) due to
- (C) so that
- (D) because of

51.

You should be grateful – if \_\_\_\_\_, you would have nowhere to live.

- (A) **it wasn’t for me**
- (B) it shouldn’t be for it
- (C) it wouldn’t be for me
- (D) I wouldn’t be for it

52.

You have to \_\_\_\_\_ lightly when discussing such a sensitive issue – you don’t want to insult anyone.

- (A) **tread**
- (B) treat
- (C) threat
- (D) trait

### 3. Use of English

#### Word formation

Use the word in brackets at the end of each sentence to form a new word that fits the gap. Write only one word in each gap. **Please write neatly in capital letters. Illegible answers will be considered to be incorrect.**

Please note that only words listed in either Cambridge Dictionary (<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/>) or Oxford English Dictionary (<https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/>) or Webster's Dictionary (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/>), which are not marked as archaic or obsolete, will be accepted as correct answers.

Example: The Mona Lisa is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ paintings in the world. (FAME)

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53.

When he was caught **misbehaving**, he was made to stand in the corner of the classroom. (BEHAVE)

54.

All people should be treated respectfully, regardless of their gender, nationality or religious **persuasion**, **persuasions**. (PERSUADE)

55.

During a job interview, people are often asked tricky questions such as "what are your **weaknesses**"? (WEAK)

56.

Her extravagant behaviour is likely just a teenage phase, an act of **defiance** against social norms. (DEFY)

57.

I need to use a special lotion to **soften** the rough skin. (SOFT)

58.

The level of noise in this place is **intolerable** – I cannot focus at all! I need to find a quieter place immediately. (TOLERATE)

59.

People who come to a job interview completely **unprepared**, knowing nothing about the company, don't make a very good impression. (PREPARE)

60.

Non-fiction is a **factual** account of a person, place, or event. (FACT)

**END OF THE TEST**

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