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1- The car was speeding through the streets but it had to suddenly ----- to a half before heavy traffic.

- 1. flag
- 2. screech
- 3. rummage
- 4. agonize

2- Where there is an earthquake, the ----- waves can be felt hundreds of kilometers away.

- 1. seismic
- 2. incinerating
- 3. ejecting
- 4. rebounded

3- She is filled with ----- . She believes that all bad things happen to her and there is no good in life.

- 1. scenery
- 2. amazement
- 3. conservation
- 4. pessimism

4- I had ----- his knowledge. He knows much more than I thought.

- 1. underestimated
- 2. surrounded
- 3. embarrassed
- 4. accomplished

5- The thief drew his gun out of a hip ----- and fired at the policeman three times.

- 1. gear
- 2. shield
- 3. holster
- 4. bandit

6- Global ----- occurs largely through the ejection of hot ash, causing huge numbers of shooting stars that just incinerate everything.

- 1. observation
- 2. impact
- 3. destruction
- 4. event

7- He showed his ----- for my help by sending me a bunch of flowers. He likes to thank people in this way.

- 1. gratitude
- 2. wonder
- 3. surprise
- 4. irritation

8- No one can ----- what fate has in store for them. No one can tell what will happen to them in future.

- 1. predict
- 2. exchange
- 3. participate
- 4. contribute

9- In order to ----- the right attitude, you must believe that good things happen to you all the time, not just rarely.

- 1. resent
- 2. defuse
- 3. cultivate
- 4. appeal

10- He is the ----- manager in his company. He manages all affairs related to money.

- 1. national
- 2. financial
- 3. political
- 4. educational

11- The doctors had to ----- his injured leg.

- 1. exert
- 2. amputate
- 3. depict
- 4. drain off

12- We should eat foods with essential fatty acids, such as fish and nuts which are important for good -----.

- 1. stretch
- 2. distraction
- 3. breathing
- 4. nutrition

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13-As there was a lot of noise, I just could hear the pilot ----- . He was announcing the time left to reach our destination.

1. peacefully 2. vaguely 3. alternatively 4. perfectly

14-Then,little by little,he began dragging himself along the fence,.....that he would walk.

1. discovered 2. resolved 3. devastated 4. inflicted

15-A woman's brain,is ten to 15 percent smaller than a man's,yet the regions.....to higher cognition.

1. dedicated 2. distributed 3. depressed 4. detected

16-As he was not able to pay his debt, he decided to ----- with bankers to extend his loans.

1. coax 2. witness 3. confess 4. plead

17-It is very difficult to read and listen to something ----- . Very few people can do them at the same time.

1. simultaneously 2. intersectinally 3. diagonally 4. emotionally

18-The most effective startegies for losing weight and keeping it off,consist of reducing calories while.....physical activity.

1. accumulating 2. boosting 3. declining 4. dropping

19-I had a serious ----- with regard to my condition, but the teacher's words took my worries away immediately.

1. concern 2. sympathy 3. fascination 4. soothing

20-I went to a memory class in which I learned about ----- devices, mental formulas for remembering things better.

1. inescapable 2. efficient 3. social 4. mnemonic

21-Antidepressants may work more quickly to.....depression.

1. compel 2. predict 3. dispel 4. accumulate

22-He was a very ----- swimmer. He could swim even in stormy weather and nobody could match his ability.

1. conservative 2. shallow 3. exhausted 4. competent

23-The sea water was so -----that I could not resist the force to jump into it.

1. enticing 2. healing 3. frightening 4. annoying

24- My friend was supposed to ride me home but concerned that I might be -----, I decided to take the bus.

1. grabbing 2. imposing 3. hoisting 4. whizzing

25- If everyone were to walk.....30 minutes a day, we could cut the incidence of many chronic diseases by 30 40 percent.

1. incredibly 2. elaborately 3. variably 4. briskly

26- He has been suffering from ----- sleep deprivation. This problem has been with him for many years.

1. vile 2. effective 3. chronic 4. consequent

27- I faced many difficulties in my education but fortunately I had enough ----- not to give up and achieve all my goals.

1. reconsideration 2. gumption 3. breeding 4. interruption

28- A large group of people ----- to listen to his speech. People had gathered from all over of the city and from all age groups.

1. required 2. resourced 3. assembled 4. astonished

29- One night the winds reged, the clouds burst and a gale force storm.....a fishing boat at sea.

1. exhausted 2. disappeared 3. darted 4. capsized

30- He was a(n).....old man and he was not able to eat by himself. So he decided to live with his son.

1. irritated 2. striking 3. perceptive 4. frail

31- He tried to ----- the glass of milk but as his hand was too weak, he spilled the milk on the floor.

1. absorb 2. receive 3. grasp 4. remain

32- When the firefighters arrived, they found the house ----- in flames. They could not save any part of the house.

1. engulfed 2. dreaded 3. dangled 4. dragged

33- Without iron ----- and resolute determination, we will not be able to achieve very difficult goals.

1. persistence 2. destruction 3. cripple 4. amazement

34- He was suffering from a ----- disease. There was nothing doctors could do for him and he had only a few months to live.

1. honorary 2. terminal 3. paramedic 4. dramatic

35- The participants who had been deprived ----- a couple of hours of sleep showed signs of slowed reaction and poor concentration.

1. of 2. from 3. with 4. at

36- You should not ----- at a child to obey you. You should instead use nice language to persuade him or her.

1. confine 2. yell 3. recommend 4. consider

37- This car has a low quality mainly because it is made of ----- materials.

1. inferior 2. qualified 3. leisurely 4. skillfull

38- I would recall the serene sense of security I had when I knew that I could call Information Please and get the right answer.

1. happy and enjoyable 2. nice and new
3. calm and peaceful 4. serious and strange

39- You have to embrace random events that happen to you and see their potential for improving your luck.

1. stand against 2. accept completely
3. predict in advance 4. put to order

40- A state in which you are awake but not really conscious of where you are because you are thinking about something else is called.....

1. trance 2. horror 3. talent 4. miracle

Reading comprehension:

Read the following passage and answer the questions or complete the statements.

"Whatever women do – even just wiggling their thumbs – their neuron activity is more greatly distributed throughout the brain," says Dr. Mark George, a psychiatrist and neurologist at the Medical University of South Carolina.

When a man puts his mind to work, neurons turn on in highly specific areas of the brain. When a woman does, her brain cells light up such a patchwork that the scans look like a night view of a large city. One possible though controversial explanation: the corpus callosum, the bridge of fibers running down the center of the brain, is thicker in females, which may allow more "crosstalk" between the emotional, intuitive right hemisphere and the rational, just-the-facts left. As a result, the female brain may make connections that might not occur to a man. Some call this skill a form of emotional intelligence; others think of it as women's intuition. Yet, at least in some instances, men may be better able to focus intensely. This may explain why my husband can immerse himself in a book or the newspaper while the phone rings and the dog barks. When Dr. Mark George scanned the brains of men and women as they recalled emotional experiences, he found the sexes respond differently to emotions, especially sadness. Though prompted by the same kinds of experiences, melancholy feelings activated neurons in an area eight times larger in women than in men. The way our brains react to sadness may, at least in theory, increase vulnerability to depression, which is twice as common in women as men. The female brain also may detect others' emotions more accurately. Dr. Raquel Gur, a neuropsychiatrist at the University of Pennsylvania, and her husband, psychologist Ruben Gur, did brain scans on volunteers who viewed photographs of actors depicting various emotions. Both sexes knew happiness when they saw it, but the men had a much harder time recognizing sadness in women. "A woman's face had to be really sad for a man to see it," Ruben Gur says.

41- Which of the following might increase our chances of developing depression?

1. The way our brain processes emotions.
2. The way we view sadness and happiness.
3. The way we react to sadness.
4. The way we show emotions toward others.

42- Which of the following is harder for men?

1. To understand the difference between sadness and happiness
2. To have clear brain scan while showing emotions
3. To view pictures of actors showing different emotions
4. To recognize sadness in pictures of women

43- When Did Dr Mark George scan men's and women's brains?

1. When they were resting.
2. When they were given tasks to complete.
3. When they were prompted by the same experiences.
4. When they remembered emotional experiences.

44- In the sentence below, what does the word "melancholy" most probably mean?

Though prompted by the same kinds of experiences, melancholy feelings activated neurons in an area eight times larger in women than in men.

1. strange 2. mad 3. excited 4. sad

45- Which of the following is considered as a man's advantage?

1. Having a stronger intuitive brain 2. Having a thinner corpus callosum
3. Having more intense concentrations 4. Having the chance to read newspapers

46- What is the advantage of thicker corpus callosum?

1. Higher relation between the two hemispheres
2. More emotional responses by women
3. Stronger intuition by the right hemisphere
4. The left hemisphere becoming more objective

47- Which of the following is called a form of emotional intelligence?

1. Having a corpus callosum in women
2. More crosstalk between right and left hemispheres
3. Having more different connections in a man's brain
4. Making rational and intuitive decisions by women

48- What happens when men put their minds to work?

1. They can activate more areas than women.
2. Certain areas of their brains are activated.
3. They can affect how women's brains are activated.
4. Many different areas are activated in their brains.

49- What does the writer think about the claim that corpus callosum is thicker in women?

1. He thinks it is not acceptable. 2. He thinks it is not based on facts.
3. He thinks it might cause arguments. 4. He thinks it has to be studied.

50- Which of the following is a difference between men and women?

1. Women wiggle their fingers faster.
2. In women, neuron activity has a larger distribution in the brain.
3. In men, neuron activity is not distributed in different parts.
4. The female brain does not detect other's emotions more accurately.