

## ENGLISH PRACTICE 37

I. Choose one word whose stress pattern is different from the others. (5 pts)

1. A. mathematics B. biology C. experiment D. philosophy
2. A. evolution B. development C. discovery D. philosopher
3. A. another B. energy C. centigrade D. gravity
4. A. evaporate B. temperature C. impossible D. experiment
5. A. gravity B. professor C. pyramid D. remedy

II. Choose the best option to complete each of the sentences.

6. Is an inexperienced civil servant \_\_\_\_\_ to the task of running the company.  
A. capable B. skilled C. eligible D. suited
  7. We \_\_\_\_\_ have been happier in those days.  
A. can't B. couldn't C. might not D. must not
  8. You've lived in the city for most of your life, so \_\_\_\_\_ you're used to the noise.  
A. apparently B. presumably C. allegedly D. predictably
  9. The storm ripped our tent to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. slices B. shreds C. strips D. specks
  10. He \_\_\_\_\_ so much harm on the nation during his regime that it has never fully recovered.  
A. indicted B. inferred C. induced D. inflicted
  11. Hotel rooms must be \_\_\_\_\_ by 10 a. m, but luggage may be left with porters.  
A. vacated B. evacuated C. abandoned D. left
  12. I do not think there is so much as a \_\_\_\_\_ of truth in that rumor.  
A. crumb B. speck C. grain D. pebble
  13. He's not exactly rich but he certainly earns enough money to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. get through B. get by C. get on D. get up
  14. I have very \_\_\_\_\_ feelings about the plan - it might possibly work or it could be a disaster.  
A. certain B. mixed C. doubtful D. troubled
  15. The noise of the typewriter really \_\_\_\_\_ me off. I just couldn't concentrate.  
A. put B. pulled C. set D. took
  16. The sixth time he called me at night was the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. last cause B. last straw C. touch and go D. hot air
  17. All three TV channels provide extensive \_\_\_\_\_ of sporting events.  
A. broadcast B. network C. coverage D. vision
  18. They seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the criticism and just carried on as before.  
A. disinterested B. sensitive C. uncaring D. indifferent
  19. "Shall we go out tonight?" - " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
A. Yes, I can B. Yes, we are C. Yes, we go D. Yes, let's
  20. It's no use \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
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A. crying/ spilt    B. to cry/ spilling    C. crying/ spilling    D. crying/ to spill

21. The strike was \_\_\_\_\_ owing to a last minute agreement with the management.

A. called off    B. broken up    C. set back    D. put down

22. Lindsay's excuses for being late are beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ rather thin.

A. get    B. turn    C. wear    D. go

23. \_\_\_\_\_ the people who come to this club are in their twenties and thirties.

A. By and large    B. Altogether    C. To a degree    D. Virtually

24. My cousin was nervous about being interviewed on television, but she rose to the \_\_\_\_\_ wonderfully.

A. event    B. performance    C. incident    D. occasion

25. The train service has been a \_\_\_\_\_ since they introduced the new schedules.

A. shambles    B. rumpus    C. chaos    D. Fracas

**III. Read the passage below. Use the word given in bold to form a word that fits in the numbered gap.**

**BLACK WIDOW SPIDER**

The black widow spider's notoriety is not without foundation. However, an element of exaggeration has led to certain (26. **CONCEPT**)\_\_\_\_\_ regarding its evil nature.

Firstly, this spider is not as dangerous as is often thought. While it is indeed one of the most (27. **VENOM**)\_\_\_\_\_ species of spider, its venom being fifteen times stronger than that of the prairie rattlesnake, its bite injects such an amount of venom by (28. **COMPARE**)\_\_\_\_\_ that it is unlikely to kill humans. In fact, (29. **FATAL**)\_\_\_\_\_ are rare.

Black widows bite only if they are touched or their web is threatened. Furthermore, only the adult female is poisonous. Those most at risk from the female are the spider's natural prey-insects and male black widow spiders. The latter are vulnerable as the female is (30. **SOLITUDE**)\_\_\_\_\_ by nature, and has been known to kill and eat the male after mating. Such (31. **OCCUR**)\_\_\_\_\_ are rare, but they explain how the spider got its name - and its reputation.

Nevertheless, the (32. **PLEASE**)\_\_\_\_\_ effects of this spider's bite should not be (33. **ESTIMATE**)\_\_\_\_\_, and if you live in a temperate climate and have a fireplace in your home, it is advisable to take (34. **CAUTION**)\_\_\_\_\_. Black widow spiders often inhabit wood piles, so you should wear gloves when handling firewood. Furthermore, since black widow spiders are (35. **RESIST**)\_\_\_\_\_ to many insecticides, you should regularly clean out likely hiding places.

**IV. Complete each sentence with the correct form of ONE of the two-word verbs.**

bring out	do up	slow down	save up	hang over
mix up	grow up	go with	dress	

up      run for

36. Silence\_\_\_\_\_ the theatre as the audience awaited the opening curtain with expectation and excitement.
37. Having seen a sharp bend ahead, Tim pressed hard on the brake pedal to\_\_\_\_\_.
38. Charles Dickens was born near Portsmouth, Hampshire on 7 February 1812, but relocated to and\_\_\_\_\_ in Camden Town in London.
39. Barack Obama has decided to\_\_\_\_\_ the American presidency in the election that will take place next year.
40. Because I hate\_\_\_\_\_ my shoes, I have bought a pair of shoes without any laces.
41. Sarah wanted to buy some curtains that would\_\_\_\_\_ his furniture, so she had brought a photo of them.
42. Kate had been\_\_\_\_\_ in order to buy a new laptop, but then she decided to use the money on the guitar.
43. Even though two of the bands are dead, a new 'The Beatle' album called Love was recently\_\_\_\_\_.
44. Brendan was worried about having to\_\_\_\_\_ for the boss' retirement dinner as he didn't own any formal clothes.
45. He \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother's phone number with his girlfriend's, which led to some embarrassment for him.

**V. Read the passage and fill in each of the blanks with ONE suitable word.**

True relaxation is most certainly not a matter of flopping down in front of the television with a welcome drink. Nor is it about drifting (46)\_\_\_\_\_ an exhausted sleep. Useful though these responses to tension and over-tiredness (47)\_\_\_\_\_ be, we should distinguish between them and conscious relaxation in (48)\_\_\_\_\_ of quality and effect. (49)\_\_\_\_\_ of the level of tiredness, real relaxation is a state of alert yet at the same time passive awareness, in which our bodies are (50)\_\_\_\_\_ rest while our minds are awake.

Moreover, it is as natural for a healthy person to be relaxed when moving as resting. (51)\_\_\_\_\_ relaxed in action means we bring the appropriate energy to everything we do, so as to have a feeling of healthy tiredness by the end of the day, (52)\_\_\_\_\_ than one of exhaustion. Unfortunately, as a result of living in today's competitive world, we are under constant strain and have difficulty in coping, (53)\_\_\_\_\_ alone nurturing our body's abilities. What needs to be rediscovered is conscious relaxation. With (54)\_\_\_\_\_ in mind we must apply ourselves to understanding stress and the nature of its causes (55)\_\_\_\_\_ deep-seated.

**VI. Read the following passage and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to each question.**

A recent survey of crime statistics shows that we are all more likely to be burgled now than 20 years ago and the police advise everyone to take a few simple precautions to protect their homes.

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The first fact is that burglars and other intruders prefer easy opportunities, like a house which is very obviously empty. This is much less of a challenge than an occupied house, and one which is well-protected. A burglar will wonder if it is worth the bother.

There are some general tips on how to avoid your home becoming another crime statistic. Avoid leaving signs that your house is empty. When you have to go out, leave at least one light on as well as a radio or television, and do not leave any curtains wide open. The sight of your latest music centre or computer is enough to tempt any burglar.

Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place. The first place a burglar will look is under the doormat or in a flower pot and even somewhere more 'imaginative' could soon be uncovered by the intruder. It is much safer to leave a key with a neighbour you can trust. But if your house is in a quiet, **desolate** area be aware that this will be a burglar's dream, so deter any potential criminal from approaching your house by fitting security lights to the outside of your house.

But what could happen if, in spite of the **aforementioned precautions**, a burglar or intruder has decided to target your home. Windows are usually the first point of entry for many intruders. Downstairs windows provide easy access while upstairs windows can be reached with a ladder or by climbing up the drainpipe. Before going to bed you should double-check that all windows and shutters are locked. No matter how small your windows may be, it is surprising what a narrow gap a determined burglar can manage to get through. For extra security, fit window locks to the inside of the window.

What about entry via doors? Your back door and patio doors, which are easily forced open, should have top quality security locks fitted. Even though this is expensive it will be money well spent. Install a burglar alarm if you can afford it as another line of defense against intruders.

A sobering fact is that not all intruders have to break and enter into a property. Why go to the trouble of breaking in if you can just knock and be invited in? Beware of bogus officials or workmen and, particularly if you are elderly, fit a chain and an eye hole so you can **scrutinise** callers at your leisure. When you do have callers never let anybody into your home unless you are absolutely sure they are genuine. Ask to see an identity card, for example.

If you are in the frightening position of waking in the middle of the night and think you can hear an intruder, then on no account should you approach the intruder. It is far better to telephone the police and wait for help.

56. A well-protected house\_\_\_\_\_.

A. is less likely to be burgled.  
most criminals.

B. is regarded as a challenge by

C. is a lot of bother to maintain.

D. is very unlikely to be burgled.

57. According to the writer, we should\_\_\_\_\_.

A. avoid leaving our house empty.

B. only go out when we have to.

C. always keep the curtains closed.

D. give the impression that our house is occupied when we go out.

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58. The writer thinks that hiding a key under a doormat or flower pot\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. is predictable. B. is useful.  
 C. is imaginative. D. is where you always find a spare key.
59. What word best replaces “**desolate**” in paragraph 4?  
 A. isolated B. populous C. dissatisfying D. depressing
60. The phrase “**aforementioned precautions**” in paragraph 5 refers to steps that\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. will tell a burglar if your house is empty or not.  
 B. are the most important precautions to take to make your home safe.  
 C. will stop a potential burglar.  
 D. will not stop an intruder if he has decided to try and enter your home.
61. Gaining entry to a house through a small window\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. is surprisingly difficult.  
 B. is not as difficult as people think.  
 C. is less likely to happen than gaining entry through a door.  
 D. is tried only by very determined burglars.
62. According to the writer, window locks, security locks and burglar alarms\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. cost a lot of money but are worth it. B. are good value for money.  
 C. are luxury items. D. are absolutely essential items.
63. The writer argues that fitting a chain and an eye hole\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. will prevent your home being burgled.  
 B. avoids you having to invite people into your home.  
 C. is only necessary for elderly people.  
 D. gives you time to check if the visitor is genuine.
64. What word best replaces “**scrutinise**” in paragraph 7?  
 A. glance B. gaze C. search D. examine
65. The best title for the text is\_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. Increasing household crime. B. Protecting your home from intruders.  
 C. Burglary statistics. D. What to do if a burglar breaks into your home.

**VII. Complete each of the sentences so that it has similar meaning to the given one, using the word given in bold. Do NOT change the form of the word given.**

66. They will try John for murder at the High Court next week.

(**trial**)

→ John\_\_\_\_\_.

67. How do our sales compare with those of other firms?

(**relation**)

→ How do\_\_\_\_\_.

68. The number of accidents has gone down steadily since the speed limit was imposed. (**decline**)

→ There has\_\_\_\_\_.

69. This new record is certain to sell a lot of copies.

(**doubt**)

→ There is \_\_\_\_\_.

70. I certainly won't change my mind about resigning.

(**question**)

→ My changing \_\_\_\_\_.

### **VIII. Writing an essay.**

***"Recycling is saving up our lives".***

What do you think of that matter? Write an essay of about 280- 300 words to support your points.

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## Keys – practice 37

### I. (5pts) 1 point/correct answer.

1. A      2. A      3. A      4. B      5. B

### II. (20pts) 1 point/correct answer.

6. D      7. B      8. B      9. B      10. C      11. A      12. C      13. C      14. B      15. A  
16. B      17. C      18. D      19. D      20. A      21. A      22. C      23. A      24. D      25. A

### III. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

26. *misconception*      28. *comparison*      30. *solitary*      32. *unpleasant*      34. *precautions*  
27. *venomous*      29. *fatalities*      31. *occurrences*      33. *underestimated*      35. *resistant*

### IV. (15pts) 1.5 point/correct answer.

36. *hung over*      38. *grew up*      40. *doing up*      42. *saving up*      44. *dress up*  
37. *slow down*      39. *run for*      41. *go with*      43. *brought out*      45. *mixed up*

### V. (10pts) 1 point/correct answer.

46. *into*      48. *terms*      50. *at*      52. *rather*      54. *this/that*  
47. *might/may/can*      49. *regardless/irrespective*      51. *Being*      53. *let*      55. *how*

### VI. (15pts) 1.5 point/correct answer.

56. A      57. D      58. A      59. A      60. C      61. B      62. A      63. D      64. D      65. B

### VII. (10pts) 2 points/correct answer.

- 66. – John will *stand trial* murder at the High Court next week.
- 67. – How do *our sales* stand in relation to those of other firms?
- 68. – There has *been a steady decline* in the number of accidents since the speed limit was imposed.
- 69. – There is *no doubt that this new record* will sell a lot of copies.
- 70. – My *changing my mind about resigning* is out of question.

### VIII. (15pts) Students' own answers

**Content:** accounts for 50% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 50% for the **content**, the candidates should provide all main ideas and details as appropriate.

**Language:** accounts for 30% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 30% for **language**, the candidates should use variety of vocabulary and structures appropriate to the level of English language high school students.

**Presentation:** accounts for 20% of the total mark. To be given the maximum of 20% for **presentation**, the candidates should write with coherence, cohesion and can use appropriate styles and linking devices