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READING COMPREHENSION

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read texts A–E and answer the ten questions below. For each answer, choose one of the sections in the article, A–E. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

A

In early 2004, the rock group Franz Ferdinand got their first big break when their second single 'Take Me Out' reached the British Top 10. A year later, they were collecting awards for the best rock act and the best British band, having gained both critical and popular acclaim for their debut album, and set up their own website. Indeed, Franz Ferdinand and their management attributed their success to more than sharp haircuts, natty outfits and the songs themselves. They believe that while their success was in part due to the tried-and-tested marketing techniques that make a new band – touring the music venues, relying on the build-on of business by word-of-mouth and convincing radio stations to play their stuff – it was also due in no small part to the internet.

B

Ever since the Web became a mass-market phenomenon in the late 1990s, record labels had largely been using it as just another marketing tool. For their biggest acts, they would build hugely expensive sites that acted as little more than moving billboards, leaving everything else to fan sites. Franz Ferdinand were different. They were amongst a new wave of popular bands who used the medium to bridge the gap between themselves and their fans. Groups like Radiohead started the trend, allowing internet users to watch them in the studio and share their innermost thoughts via online diaries. Franz Ferdinand took things a step further. They regularly appeared on their own message boards, chatting indiscriminately to fans and posting diary entries and photos from wherever they were in the world, using their own digital cameras, microphones and laptops. All four group members had access to the site's content-management system, making it easy for them to update it themselves.

C

The diary entries from lead singer Alex Kapranos, by turns amusing and insightful, were written on the road, giving them the quality of a freewheeling blog. Detailing a trip to France, for example: 'We played the amphitheatre in Lyon with PJ Harvey tonight. I split my trousers on stage, but it turned out not to be quite as tragic as it could have been,' he wrote, before going on to explain how a quick change and an extra-long intro to the first song saved his blushes. This 'do-it-yourself' ethic is something that set the new breed of net-aware bands apart from their predecessors, according to Chris Hassell, new media director of DS Emotion, the company behind the site, who explains that what previously 'would have been seen as a bit geeky' was suddenly cool.

D

Hassell, who co-founded DS Emotion, the Leeds-based web design agency, says the band were heavily involved from the beginning. It was bass player Bob Hardy who noticed the work that the agency had done for another band and asked them to get involved. 'They had a very clear idea what the site should be like,' Hassell says, adding that they wanted the look that they had used on their sleeve designs and videos to be reflected in the site. As Alex Kapranos remembers: 'We were delighted with it. We gave them an aesthetic outline and they brought it to life. It was really easy to maintain. Bob was in charge of images and I wrote in the regular diary. I didn't always have access to a PC, but I tried to update it whenever I could.'

E

It wasn't long before the team behind the website was joined by a full-time news editor who regularly talked to all four members of the band, their management and their record label Domino to share ideas. 'We knew we couldn't compete with the fan sites in terms of the sheer amount of information on the band. They were doing that job very well. So we concentrated on things they couldn't do,' Hassell says that the online shop integrated into the site, for example, allowed the band to release material that would otherwise go unheard. By the time the band geared up to record its second album, DS Emotion was also working on a thorough overhaul of the website.

Which section mentions the following?

1. the website giving users exclusive access to certain tracks
2. the shortcomings of some websites featuring other bands
3. a change in the general perception of acceptable website content
4. the pioneers in a new approach to rock band websites
5. the difficulty a band member had in making regular contributions to the site
6. website entries being both thoughtful and entertaining
7. the role of the band's outward appearance in gaining them popularity
8. the website fitting in with the band's established image
9. positive reviews of the band's musical output
10. a band member seeing the potential in a professional relationship

GRAMMAR

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. Only Standard English answers will be accepted.

11. If there is a mechanical problem, we suggest ____ the manufacturer directly.
A to contact C contacting
B you to contact D you contacting
12. I get along with my brother, but I wish he ____ his clothes lying around the house all the time. It really annoys me.
A hadn't left C shouldn't leave
B wouldn't leave D couldn't leave
13. Do you know how many comedies ____?
A did Shakespeare write C has Shakespeare written
B Shakespeare wrote D has written Shakespeare
14. I'd rather you ____ the bus every day instead of driving.
A were taking C will take
B took D are taking
15. I would like to ____ for me, as I'm an awful cook.
A having my cooking done C have my cooking done
B have done my cooking D having done my cooking
16. Thank you for sharing ____ information on so many topics.
A a such important C so important
B such an important D such important
17. If you are to take the next step and move in with your partner, there are a few things you ____ know before you decide to live together.
A had better to C had better
B would rather D had rather
18. I feel really excited today. This is the first time I ____ ice skating.
A have tried C tried
B am trying D was trying
19. "Are you still going on a trip at the weekend?" "Yes, ____ something else comes up."
A unless C supposing
B as long as D in case
20. You won't get any radio reception while ____ through the tunnel.
A you've driven C you'll be driving
B you'll drive D you're driving

VOCABULARY

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

21. The role of animals in helping people recover from a range of health and emotional problems has long been widely recognized. Now a new survey appears to show that owning a pet can ____ healthy individuals, too.

- A improve
B profit

- C benefit
D contribute

22. Checking our phone frequently can easily become a habit, which some say can distract us from more important things. Others, though, believe that being able to ____ so much new information so quickly makes life far more interesting.

- A obtain
B capture

- C import
D seize

23. Science-fiction films have promised us many exciting gadgets, such as hoverboards, domestic robots or flying cars, to name just a few, but most of these predictions have not come ____ yet.

- A true
B correct

- C right
D exact

24. Graffiti on buildings is illegal. However, graffiti artists are now being encouraged to display their work in galleries, which is ____ people ask themselves whether graffiti, when legal, should be renamed street art.

- A making
B forcing

- C starting
D causing

25. It has long been suspected that lack of sleep can actually lead to illness, particularly in young people. Research ____ students aged 14–19 over a three-week period now appears to confirm this.

- A consisting of
B associating

- C involving
D enclosing

26. Most research now shows that as much as 70 to 80 percent of human interaction may be non-verbal. This kind of communication has been widely studied since ancient times in an ____ to understand people's characters.

- A act
B action

- C approach
D attempt

27. How often do you check your phone? For many of us, our phone is an essential part of everyday life, but apparently we are spending an increasing amount of time checking it for information without being ____ of doing so.

- A sensitive
B conscious

- C sensible
D cautious

28. The Space Age began well over half a century ago, and ever since then the area just ____ the Earth's atmosphere has been filling up with all kinds of man-made objects that have become known as 'space junk'.

- A beyond
B away

- C out
D along

29. When I came home, the children had been playing with my CDs. I was absolutely ____, and I shouted at them.

- A angry
B furious

- C hurt
D upset

30. One thing that has ____ me about life in the UK is how polite people appear to be. If they bump into you by accident, for example, they say 'Sorry' even if it's not their fault.

- A noticed
B hit

- C struck
D beat

ERROR CORRECTION

[each answer worth 2 points]

One of the CAPITALIZED EXPRESSIONS is incorrect. Identify the incorrect expression and mark your answer (A, B, C or D) on the separate answer sheet.

31. My (A) EARLIEST MEMORY is one of incredible trauma. When (B) I WAS FIVE YEARS, my older brother and I crept downstairs (C) ON CHRISTMAS MORNING to light candles on the tree, and his pyjamas (D) CAUGHT FIRE.
32. My (A) 10-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER'S FACE was screwed up with determination recently, when she won a gold medal (B) IN A LONG-DISTANCE RUN against (C) 100 OTHER IN HER AGE GROUP. She is (D) JUST AS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT swimming, gymnastics and football.
33. I started studying medicine, but I never really got into it. The course wasn't (A) WHAT I'D EXPECTED and I (B) TOOK SOME TIME OUT to think about what I really wanted to do. But before (C) I HAD CHANCE TO START a new course, I'd fallen in love and (D) GOT MARRIED.
34. (A) AFTER VISITING the Science Museum, we thought about (B) DOING CAMPING for a few days in the Lake District. We're both (C) KEEN ON HILL WALKING and I know that Jonathan (D) WOULD PREFER TO DO some climbing too.
35. Stress is the result of (A) A STRUGGLE OR BATTLE that you don't have the resources (B) TO COPE WITH. Some stress at work is inevitable – it's an inherent part (C) OF GETTING THINGS DONE, of moving projects on. And, of course, some jobs are (D) MUCH STRESSFUL than others.

CULTURE

[each answer worth 1 point]

Choose the best answer – A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

36. Tom Stoppard, Peter Shaffer and Noël Coward are

- A famous British playwrights.
- B famous British novelists.
- C famous British film directors.
- D famous British actors.

37. What happens if Queen Elizabeth II dies?

- A Prince Charles will automatically succeed his mother as monarch.
- B Prince Philip will automatically succeed his wife as monarch.
- C Prince Harry will automatically succeed his grandmother as monarch.
- D Prince William will automatically succeed his grandmother as monarch.

38. One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest is a novel by

- A William Faulkner.
- B Ken Kesey.
- C Jack Kerouac.
- D Philip Roth.

39. Which city is not correctly matched with its state?

- A Boston – Pennsylvania
- B New Orleans – Louisiana
- C Chicago – Illinois
- D Miami – Florida

40. Which statement is not true about The Bohemian Rhapsody movie?

- A Rami Malek won the Oscar for the best actor for his role as Freddie Mercury.
- B An exact replica of the Live Aid stage for use in the movie was created.
- C Director Brian Singer was fired and Ridley Scott was hired to complete the film.
- D Sacha Baron Cohen was initially chosen to play Freddie Mercury.

41. Which of these cannot be found on the British Isles?

- A Hadrian's Wall
- B Mount Rushmore
- C Lake District
- D Ben Nevis

42. Why did President Trump initiate the shutdown in December 2018?

- A The President was denied additional funds from Congress to cover healthcare expenses.
- B The Democrats wanted to take control of the House of Representatives.
- C U.S. Congress did not allow the President to dismiss so many federal workers.
- D U.S. Congress refused to fund the Mexican border wall.

43. Which group contains only the country capitals?

- A New York, Montreal, Melbourne, London
- B Wellington, Canberra, Dublin, Ottawa
- C London, Washington, Sydney, Dublin
- D Ottawa, Auckland, Canberra, London

44. Which American president attended the Yalta conference in Crimea in February 1945?

- A Harry S. Truman
- B Woodrow Wilson
- C Franklin D. Roosevelt
- D Dwight D. Eisenhower

45. Who were the two rulers of England during Shakespeare's time?

- A Elizabeth I and James I
- B Charles I and Jane
- C Richard III and Edward VI
- D Henry VIII and Mary I

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read the text below and then decide which expression best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Drunk driving

Four million motorists will drink and drive over the festive period (46) _____ high-profile campaigns urging them against it, new research suggests. The research, by a national car insurance company, also (47) _____ alarming ignorance of the effects of alcohol. Three million believe leaving the windows open while they drive will (48) _____ them sober up and at least 600,000 think that chewing gum will foil a breath test. One million car drivers actually admitted they would climb behind the wheel this Christmas even if they were over the limit. More than thirteen million people have been in a car with a driver they (49) _____ of having drunk too much, but just two million have taken the keys and driven themselves.

Of the four million who will drink and drive over the festive period, almost half of these admit it's because they don't want to pay for taxis or can't be (50) _____ to wait for public transport. A spokesman for the insurance company said: "Drivers should seriously (51) _____ the need to take the car before heading out for a Christmas drink. If they do end up drinking alcohol and have the car with them, they must find an (52) _____ form of transport to get home."

The research showed 500,000 drivers will hit the road (53) _____ of how much alcohol they have (54) _____. A further 100,000 drivers will (55) _____ off home after downing between four and five pints of beer, despite the fact that they have experienced some kind of accident while driving under the influence of alcohol.

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| 46. | A despite | B otherwise | C although | D instead |
| 47. | A tells | B invents | C reveals | D obscures |
| 48. | A cause | B lead | C succeed | D help |
| 49. | A suspected | B distrusted | C considered | D convinced |
| 50. | A disturbed | B suggested | C bothered | D cared |
| 51. | A regard | B think | C consider | D consult |
| 52. | A assorted | B altered | C alternative | D optional |
| 53. | A regardless | B irregardless | C however | D nonetheless |
| 54. | A soaked | B purchased | C consumed | D blown |
| 55. | A get | B leave | C set | D make |