For questions 1-5, read and choose the best answer.

1. (A) Evie should come before 4pm. 
   (B) Gina doesn’t need Evie to bring anything. 
   (C) Gina wants to paint her room tomorrow afternoon.

   Evie, Could you come by tomorrow to help me paint my room? Please bring a brush. I will be home by 4pm.
   Gina

2. (A) There will be no classes tomorrow because of bad weather. 
   (B) Classes will finish earlier than usual tomorrow. 
   (C) Afternoon classes are rescheduled for Saturday.

   Classes finish tomorrow at 5pm because of extreme weather conditions. Parents are asked to pick their children up.

3. (A) You must place your mobile in the locker before entering the swimming pool area. 
   (B) You can keep your mobile with you at all times. 
   (C) You may use your mobile phones in the swimming pool area.

   Customers are reminded that mobiles are forbidden in the sauna and swimming pool areas. Place them in the lockers provided.

4. Mr. Stevens is e-mailing to 
   (A) give suggestions on how to improve the game. 
   (B) Inform students when the finals are taking place. 
   (C) Encourage students to keep up their performance.

   To: 9th graders
   From: Mr. Stevens, P.E. Teacher
   Congrats, everyone, on your performance on the field yesterday! Two more matches and you’ll get to play in the finals. Keep up the good work!

5. (A) Anyone wanting to see the debate competition needs to buy a ticket from Mrs. Anderson. 
   (B) Mrs. Anderson wants to know who is taking part in the debate competition this weekend. 
   (C) Anyone wishing to be part of the debate club needs to tell Mrs. Anderson.

   Anyone wanting to join the debate club should register with Mrs. Anderson by the end of the week. Leave your forms at the front desk.
6. If I ……… you, I wouldn’t go out tonight.
   (A) were (B) am (C) have been

7. Neither Tom ………. Sam will be there tomorrow.
   (A) or (B) and (C) nor

8. The floors are ………. washed.
   (A) being (B) been (C) having

9. It’s not easy to ………. the best choice.
   (A) make (B) take (C) decide

10. You are all ………. wonderful friends.
    (A) such (B) so (C) very

For questions 11-20, choose the correct answer.

11. Mary drives me crazy! She’s ……… about how difficult life is.
    (A) always complains (B) will always complain (C) always complain
        (D) always complaining (E) complained

12. I want to wash my hair. Is there ………… shampoo left?
    (A) much (B) no (C) some (D) many (E) any

13. Mum went to the travel agency to ………. a holiday to Italy.
    (A) rent (B) book (C) go (D) save (E) see

14. During the Stone Age people dwelt in caves. What does dwelt mean?
    (A) hunted (B) grew (C) lived (D) went (E) drew pictures

15. Choose the best answer to complete the proverb: He who laughs …….. laughs best.
    (A) last (B) firstly (C) second (D) least (E) behind
16. We used to have Sunday picnics in a ........ park.
   (A) nearby  (B) nearly  (C) next  (D) close  (E) near

17. The ...... outside the garden says “Private”.
   (A) phrase  (B) notice  (C) signal  (D) label  (E) advice

18. Would you prefer your eggs fries or ....... ?
   (A) spilt  (B) toasted  (C) broken  (D) shaken  (E) poached

19. The two teams decided to ........ a coin to see who would go first.
   (A) dive  (B) grab  (C) toss  (D) seize  (E) roll

20. It was very ........ at night and Peter was fast ........ in bed.
   (A) later/asleep  (B) late/asleep  (C) lately/sleepy
   (D) later/sleeping  (E) lately/asleep

For questions 21- 25 read and choose the best answer.

Gail Gibbons

Gail Gibbons is an American writer and illustrator. When she is asked what it is that she mostly enjoys doing her answer is almost always “I love learning”. It is her curiosity and interest (21) ........ art and science that made her (22) ........ her career. To this day, she has written and illustrated more than 100 books for children. In all her books she (23) ........ children about the world. The topics she has chosen are varied; they range from volcanoes to the animal world. Gibbons does a lot of research before writing a book and in some cases she goes on long trips because she wants to make sure all information (24)

21. 
   (A) at  (B) by  (C) in  (D) to

22. 
   (A) chose  (B) choose  (C) choosing  (D) chosen
23.  
(A) teaches  (B) learns  (C) says  (D) predicts  

24.  
(A) is  (B) are  (C) stay  (D) remain  

25.  
(A) than  (B) so  (C) then  (D) as  

For questions 26-30 read and choose the best answer.

Ben got a summer job painting white stripes down the middle of the motorway. On the first day he did a very good job and painted a stripe a mile long. However, on the second day he only managed to paint half a mile and on the third day he painted even less.

Finally, his boss told him off, “Ben you are slacking off! Each day you paint less and less.” Ben replied, “You’re right. But each day it takes longer and longer to walk back to that bucket.”

26. Where was Ben working?  
(A) On a motorcycle track.  (B) On a pitch.  (C) On an important road.  
(D) On a pavement.  (E) On a tall building.

27. How long is a mile?  
(A) 1.6km  (B) 1km  (C) 0.5km  (D) 0.6km  (E) 3.6km

28. Ben’s boss told him off. This means that he ………… .  
(A) praised Ben  (B) scolded Ben  (C) encouraged Ben  (D) fired Ben  (E) disappointed Ben

(A) Ben wasted the paint  (B) Ben was destroying the motorway  (C) Ben insulted his boss  
(D) Ben was very careless  (E) Ben was not working hard enough

30. Where did Ben need to walk every day?  
(A) To his friends.  (B) To his boss.  (C) To the office.  (D) To the container of paint.  
(E) To the car.