

A. Read the following text then do the tasks below:

A selfie is a self-portrait photograph, typically taken with a digital camera or a smart phone, which may be held in the hand or supported by a selfie stick. Selfies are often shared on social media services such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram. When Marat Dupri bought his camera, he decided he would shoot nice landscape pictures. Feeling it might not have been the most original idea ever, he started to spice things up by climbing up higher and higher structures, using no safety equipment at all. Marat Dupri earned the name of "The sky walker"; and quickly, dozens of people followed his footsteps, trying to get the most incredible views. Then most people began to take dangerous selfies while travelling. They began scaling skyscrapers, cliffs and bridges to capture a photo to remember. Almost everyone has taken out their smart phones to snap a photo of themselves. But many studies showed that when taken in dangerous circumstances, selfies can cause death. This Instagram shot was taken by Angela Nikolau, from Tianjin, China. Some might even say "It's too dangerous". How did she even get there?! This is also one of many pictures snapped by Daniel Lau, one of the world's most well-known photographers. In this photo, the skyscrapers of Hong Kong set the shocking scene.

Choose the correct answer (a, b, c, or d) to complete the following:

(50 marks)

1. Selfies are often published on -----.
- a. newspapers b. streets
- c. skyscrapers d. social media
2. Marat Dupri started to spice things up by -----.
- a. shooting landscape pictures
- b. shooting skyscrapers
- c. climbing up higher structures
- d. sharing his photos on Facebook

B. Read the following text then read the tasks

below:

A poor family was living happily until the son felt severely ill. It was clear from the medical analysis and laboratory tests that he had got a tumour in his head. "Your son's condition is critical. He needs a miracle to survive.", the doctor said. After she had heard the doctor's words the little daughter rushed to the nearest pharmacy with the only pound she had in her money box. "Give me a miracle, please," she said putting the pound on the table. The pharmacist was busy talking to his brother. After a while he replied, "who told you I sell miracles?" She looked helplessly watching in despair. Suddenly the pharmacist's brother kneeled asking her, "tell me, sweetie, why do you need a miracle?" Without thinking, "I don't know, the doctor says my brother needs a miracle for an operation not to die. "Is this pound enough?" "One pound is exactly enough", he answered with a big smile and a tender voice. "Could I see your brother?" This man was Carlton Armstrong, the famous nerve surgeon who performed the operation successfully and took one pound for it. Later, he framed the pound with a sentence below, "This pound is the price of a miracle taken from a girl, on the edge of innocence."

Write true (T) or false (F).

(50 marks)

6. The daughter had only one pound.
- a. True b. False
7. The daughter thought that "a miracle" was a medicine.
- a. True b. False
8. Armstrong was a pharmacist.
- a. True b. False
9. Armstrong took money for the operation.
- a. True b. False
10. Armstrong threw the pound away.
- a. True b. False

3. Selfies taken in dangerous circumstances can lead to -----.
- a. happiness b. death c. safety d. travelling
4. Daniel Lau took a selfie in -----.
- a. Tokyo b. Tianjin c. New York d. Hong Kong
5. "It's too dangerous" refers to -----.
- a. a selfie taken by Marat Dupri b. a selfie taken by Angela Nikolau c. The sky walker d. Instagram

(200 marks) C. Choose the correct answer.

11. Kind, gentle and loving.
a. a miracle b. critical c. surgeon d. tender
12. A doctor who performs operations in a hospital.
a. an operation b. survive c. surgeon d. a pharmacist
13. The state of being not guilty.
a. innocence b. survive c. surgeon d. despair
14. This team needs a ----- to win the match.
a. miracle b. survive c. surgeon d. tender
15. She asked the ----- to prepare the medicine.
a. miracle b. survive c. surgeon d. pharmacist
16. My friend was filled with ----- when he lost his job.
a. innocence b. despair c. surgeon d. tumour
17. The patient felt better after the -----.
a. operation b. survive c. surgeon d. a pharmacist
18. Climbing to the top of something very high and steep
a. benefit b. incredible c. scaling d. skyscrapers
19. Impossible or very difficult to believe
a. benefit b. incredible c. scaling d. skyscrapers
20. to take a photograph of something
a. shoot b. scale c. benefit d. spice up
21. They are too old to play football.
I wish they ----- too old to play football.
a. wasn't b. aren't c. were d. weren't
22. We weren't kind to her before she got sick.
We wish we ----- kind to her before she got sick.
a. hadn't been b. were c. had been d. weren't
23. I didn't graduate from university.

D. Ask about the underlined words in each sentence. (40 marks)

31. Ali: -----?
Sam: I went to the park to walk.
32. Ali: -----?
Sam: The park is big and beautiful.
33. Ali: -----?
Sam: The park is located in Damascus.
34. Ali: -----?
Sam: I go there three times a week.

E. Find the mistake in each sentence. (20 marks)

35. How much pencils do you have?
a b c d
36. I wish I have gone to the party?
a b c d
37. I wish I am taller.
a b c d
38. He wish he could swim.
a b c d

I wish I ----- from university.

- a. had graduated b. graduated
c. have graduated d. hadn't graduated

24. I wasted too much time watching TV.

I wish I ----- too much time watching TV.

- a. didn't waste b. haven't wasted
c. wasted d. hadn't wasted

25. I didn't visit Australia when I was younger.

I wish I ----- Australia when I was younger.

- a. visited b. hadn't visited c. had visited d. visit

26. I didn't learn languages.

I wish I ----- languages.

- a. had learnt b. learnt c. hadn't learnt d. learn

27. I had a boring desk job.

I wish I ----- a boring job.

- a. didn't have b. had had c. hadn't had d.
don't have

28. I didn't have enough time for sport.

I wish I ----- enough time for sport.

- a. hadn't had b. haven't had c. didn't have d.
had had

29. They are too old to play football.

I wish they ----- young to play football.

- a. wasn't b. aren't c. were d. weren't

30. We didn't have fun.

We wish we ----- fun.

- a. hadn't been b. were c. had had d. had