

## *Use of English (50p)*

### *Grammar/Vocabulary:*

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ at school yesterday.
- a Was you
  - b Were you
  - c Did you
  - d Is you
- 2 Is your family large? \_\_\_\_\_
- a Yes, it is.
  - b Yes, they are.
  - c No, it not.
  - d No, they isn't.
- 3 What \_\_\_\_\_ he want?
- a does
  - b do
  - c have
  - d was
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ do you have dinner?
- a When time
  - b What time
  - c What kind of
  - d What for
- 5 He \_\_\_\_\_ to go home.
- a want
  - b did
  - c didn't want
  - d didn't wanted
- 6 Where \_\_\_\_\_ to school?
- a did you go
  - b went you
  - c did you went
  - d did go
- 7 Latin \_\_\_\_\_ compulsory in Irish schools.
- a used to be
  - b would be
  - c has
  - d has been
- 8 The boy \_\_\_\_\_ cake when his mother came into the room.
- a was eat
  - b eats
  - c was eating
  - d has eating
- 9 There \_\_\_\_\_ milk for my breakfast.
- a isn't some
  - b isn't any
  - c any
  - d —
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ people from Poland went to Scotland in the 20th century.
- a Many of
  - b Many
  - c Some of
  - d —
- 11 There are \_\_\_\_\_ French speakers in Montreal.
- a too much
  - b a lot of
  - c a little
  - d not much
- 12 She \_\_\_\_\_ with her friends on Facebook™ everyday
- a is communicating
  - b communicates
  - c will communicating
  - d —
- 13 More and more people \_\_\_\_\_ divorced every year.
- a are wanting

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- b wanting  
c getting  
d are getting
- 14 Many, but not all, people \_\_\_\_ get married in a church. .  
a want to  
b are wanting to  
c wanting to  
d used to want
- 15 Would you like \_\_\_\_ to the theatre tonight?  
a go  
b to go  
c going  
d to going
- 16 I \_\_\_\_ to Peru on holiday next month.  
a am flying  
b flying  
c am go flying  
d will flying
- 17 Oh! It \_\_\_\_\_. I'll take an umbrella with me.  
a raining  
b will raining  
c rains  
d 's raining
- 18 Do you have any plans for tonight? Yes, we \_\_\_\_ to the cinema.  
a will go  
b going  
c go  
d are going
- 19 I plan to \_\_\_\_ two weeks by the beach.  
a bring  
b spend  
c spending  
d making
- 20 The fast food restaurant was \_\_\_\_ dirty. We didn't eat there.  
a extreme  
b extremely  
c bit  
d very much
- 21 This restaurant is \_\_\_\_ the one over there.  
a traditional  
b traditionaler  
c more traditional than  
d traditionaler than
- 22 My coffee was \_\_\_\_ yours. I almost burned by mouth.  
a hotter than  
b more hot than  
c hotter as  
d as hot
- 23 The \_\_\_\_ coffee in the world comes from indonesia.  
a expensive  
b expensivest  
c more expensive  
d most expensive
- 24 I \_\_\_\_ sushi.  
a eaten  
b have eat  
c have ever eaten  
d have never eaten
- 25 She has \_\_\_\_ finished this week's report.  
a yet  
b already  
c ever  
d never
- 26 I don't think you \_\_\_\_ them.

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- a should to email  
b should email  
c should emailing  
d —
- 27 In the future there \_\_\_\_ cures to the world's worst diseases.
- a might be  
b is going to being  
c will being  
d might have
- 28 The space tourists \_\_\_\_ certainly need to be very fit.
- a won't  
b will  
c —  
d going to
- 29 If my new company is successful, I \_\_\_\_ employ people to help me.
- a will  
b be able to  
c will be able to  
d will able to
- 30 The first reality TV show \_\_\_\_ in Sweden in 1997.
- a showed  
b shown  
c is shown  
d was shown
- 31 The film Avatar was directed \_\_\_\_ James Cameron.
- a by  
b from  
c for  
d with
- 32 I've had my cat \_\_\_\_ 4 years.
- a since  
b for  
c with
- d it
- 33 Her horse is lovely. She \_\_\_\_ it since she was a teenager.
- a had  
b has had  
c had  
d is had
- 34 I've received 33 emails \_\_\_\_ .
- a on Friday  
b yesterday  
c two days ago  
d this week
- 35 How often have you been to the doctor \_\_\_\_\_
- a one year ago?  
b in the last twelve months?  
c yesterday?  
d last week?
- 36 I was saving up \_\_\_\_ a new computer.
- a for buying  
b to buy  
c to buying  
d —
- 37 You \_\_\_\_ wear a suit to work, but you can if you want.
- a must  
b mustn't  
c could  
d don't have to
- 38 I had to \_\_\_\_ a uniform to school when I was younger.
- a have  
b wearing  
c wear  
d having

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- 39 Cecilia knows someone \_\_\_\_ went to the carnival in Rio de Janeiro.
- a who
  - b which
  - c she
  - d where
- 40 Oxfam is a charity \_\_\_\_ tries to find lasting solutions to poverty.
- a who
  - b which
  - c it
  - d —
  - e logged
- 41 Mr Greaves had always been an ..... man
- a exciting
  - b excited
  - c excitement
- 42 who should never have had a ..... position.
- a management
  - b managing
  - c managerial
- 43 His bad temper was only just .....
- a bear
  - b born
  - c bearing
- 44 and there was often a ..... to tell him to sit down and relax.
- a temptation
  - b tempting
  - c tempted
- 45 His office was chaotic with papers everywhere and had ..... no order to it.
- a absolutely  
b absolute  
c absolutant
- 46 Once he went to a..... (confer) in Paris
- a conference
  - b confront
  - c confer
- 47 and on his ..... at the hotel
- a arrived
  - b arriving
  - c arrival
- 48 he ..... forgot who he worked for
- a completed
  - b completely
  - c complete
- 49 when the ..... asked him.
- a receive
  - b receptionist
  - c receiver
- 50 When he tried to help he was a hindrance although his ..... were always good.
- a intended
  - b intention
  - c intend

### ***Reading: (10p)***

#### **Steve Cummins talks about starting his own business**

I'd worked for the company for almost ten years. They were good employers and the money wasn't that bad. They trusted in my ability and always left me to get on with my work. And I

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shared an office and met some lovely people, so I certainly wasn't unhappy there.

But I just couldn't stop wondering how better my life would be if I had my own business and could make my own decisions. And so one year ago this week I left my job.

We don't have a spare room at home, so the kitchen table has been my office. It was difficult to begin with, but I soon got used to working in this way. I started by visiting small businesses in the area to see if I could interest them in my services. My proudest moment was making my first sale, a website for a local cake shop. Soon after, I started getting calls from other people asking for help with websites of their own and I found myself getting quite busy.

Of course, there have been challenges. I'm not earning quite as much as before but it's enough. I don't have to pay for transport to work anymore so that means I'm not spending quite so much. My biggest problem has been managing my time. There's no boss to tell me what to do and I'm sometimes a little lazy. I have this rule that work stops on a Friday afternoon so I can spend time with the family at weekends, so I need to pay more attention to this.

So, I wouldn't say it's been easy, but I don't regret my decision at all. I've enjoyed being my own boss and I'm quite hopeful about the future. During the next 12 months I plan to rent some office space as I'd like to be able to separate work from my home life. I'm going to need to earn more money to pay for it but I think it will help me to

focus on my work.

1 Why did Steve leave his job?

- A He didn't like attending meetings.
- B He wanted more control of his work.
- C He had a great idea for a product.
- D He wanted to earn more money.

2 Steve's greatest pleasure so far has been

- A getting his first customer.
- B not having to drive to work.
- C having his own office.
- D not having to answer the telephone.

3 What does Steve say is the most difficult about working for himself?

- A working hard enough
- B not having a regular salary
- C feeling lonely
- D working at the weekend

4 In the next year, Steve thinks

- A he will get an office job.
- B he will earn less money.
- C he might not need to work in his kitchen.
- D there will be much more competition.

5 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A In this article, Steve Cummins explains the problems of starting your own business and dealing with difficult customers.
- B Steve Cummins made a big decision last year to leave his job. Read on to find out about the ups and downs of being your own boss.
- C Thinking of starting your own business? Steve Cummins did just that and now wishes he had done it sooner.

D Steve Cummins explains below how he dealt with not enjoying his job by leaving his employer and starting his own business.

### *Writing: (20p)*

1 Some people have no interest in current affairs *however* / *while* others love to learn.

2 *While* / *Despite* some readers enjoy sensationalist journalism, there are those who do not.

3 *Although* / *However* celebrity scandals can be damaging initially, most stars recover quite quickly.

4 I don't have time to read a daily paper. *Despite* / *However*, I do listen to the radio.

5 Jana refused to sell her story *although* / *despite* being offered a lot of money.

6 A lot of people would like to be famous *however* / *although* they know the drawbacks.

7 *Skilfully* / *Highly* directed by Stephen Frears, the film captures the mood perfectly.

8 The lead roles were *harshly* / *sensitively* acted by the young stars.

9 The film was *convincingly* / *heavily* criticised for its special effects.

10 *Widely* / *Poignantly* praised, the film went on to win eight Oscars.