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You have **one hour** to do this test. Read the instructions before each section carefully. Choose the appropriate answer and put an **X clearly** in the corresponding box **ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET...DO NOT WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THIS TEST BOOKLET**. Only one answer is possible. At the end of the test, return your answer sheet **AND** this test booklet. Make sure that you write your name and surname clearly on both.

PART A READING COMPREHENSION

Read the 2 texts and choose the one best answer (A) (B) (C) or (D) to each question. Then, on your answer sheet find the number of the question and mark your answer.

Initiated in Europe during the 1960's the Flexitime system allows employees to choose their work schedules within pre-determined time slots. Generally an organization following the Flexitime system will require employees to work during certain "core hours" daily, for example, from 10am to 3pm but a person may choose to work from 7am to 3pm, from 9am to 5pm, or other hours. While employees are required to work the average 40 hours a week and full staffing is maintained, a flexible schedule can be arranged. This type of arrangement has benefits for both employees and the organization. It provides employees with the flexibility to better accommodate their personal lives with their work schedule and in return the company hopes to increase its workforce's job satisfaction, reducing rates of both turnover and absenteeism.

Benefits for Employees	Benefits for organization
Opportunity to accommodate their own work rhythm	Improve attendance / Reduce absenteeism
Reduce the pressure of always arriving on time	Reduce overtime
Avoid transportation rush hours	Improve job satisfaction
Encourage teamwork to work with different schedules	Improve productivity
Accommodate family responsibilities	
Accommodate educational commitment	

1. What is Flexitime?

- A an employee payment programme
- B a way of reducing employee non-attendance
- C an unconventional management strategy
- D an alternative to vacation

2. Which of the following is not mentioned as a benefit for the organization?

- A fewer absences
- B greater efficiency
- C Improved employee attitudes
- D lower overall costs

3. Which of the following could not be accomplished with Flexitime?

- A attend school while working
- B work only 1½ days a week
- C greater flexibility for family life
- D decrease work related stress

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4. Which of the following is not true about Flexitime?

A it helps companies retain employees

B it allows employees more alternatives in their jobs

C it is not beneficial to organizations

D it gives employees more leeway in their working hours

Said James Baker, CEO, "IC Group identifies customers' needs by conducting focus groups and by undertaking what is essentially anthropological research to see how consumers are actually using their products in the home. We send teams of researchers into the homes of our customers – and those who would like to eventually count among our customers – to observe and listen to them as they go about their household chores. Such firsthand investigations are responsible for innovations such as our Brightness line of cleaning products".

IC Group Named one Of Top 10 Innovative Companies

IC Group has integrated customer input into its product development process more than any other fast moving consumer goods company. *Business News* recently named IC Group as one of the top ten most innovative companies and guess what? More than 35% of the company's innovations are generated externally, mostly from customer feedback. The objective is to reach the point where 50% of innovations come from outside the company by 2012.

5. Why is IC Group being recognized in this article?

A. they have a particularly novel approach to product development

B. they are a fast moving consumer goods company

C. their CEO has been identified by customers

D. they identify customers' needs

6. What is behind the Brightness line of cleaning products?

A. market research

B. *Business News*

C. laboratory work

D. marketing

7. What is IC Group's primary objective?

A. to increase the sales of their products by 50%

B. to increase customer feedback by 50%

C. to integrate 50% of innovations from external sources

D. To increase by 50% the total number of innovations

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19. Unfortunately, the apartment I'm living in is very.....
A crowding B small
C congested D narrow
20. I..... have to wait very long to get the visa.
A wish we don't B wish we not
C hope we not D hope we don't
21. A lot of students still smoke the warning on cigarette packages.
A in spite of B although
C even though D despite of
22. Most of us gold a few years ago, but hindsight is of little value.
A wish we bought B hoped we had bought
C wish we had bought D wish we have bought
23. The terrorists tried to blow up the train but luckily.....
A their efforts turned out to be unsuccessful B it occurred a failure
C it resulted failure D it became to be unsuccessful
24. On, employees reach their peak performance after about two years on the job.
A common B standard
C average D general
25. EPF is said to have the results of all French engineering schools!
A impressive B more impressive
C best impressive D most impressive
26. Their new generator is capable..... the amount of power consumed by their facility by nearly ten percent.
A to lower B of lowering
C of going down D lower
27. It's no use..... cheating. You'll be in the end.
A to cheat/found out B cheating/found out
C to cheat/caught D cheating/catched
28. The school has been growing steadily..... five years.
A for B during
C from D since
29. If I had taken part in my school's initiation weekend, I my door at night.
A would lock B didn't lock
C would have locked D won't lock
30. It is essential that students make progress..... the parameters of time and a limited budget.
A among B about
C within D onto

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31. Philips has most of its TV production to overseas contractors.
A subsidized B outsourced
C cancelled D outweighed
32. Can you give me any on how to study more efficiently?
A informations B advices
C advice D work
33. Nutritionists believe that diet affects how physically and emotionally.
A we feel B do we feel
C we felt D we might have felt
34. The 1983 Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to Barbara McClintock for her..... with maize.
A experiences B researches
C experiments D searches
35. As soon as time, I'm planning on sending a message to my sister.
A I'll have B I'd have
C I have D I'm having
36. Networking devices known..... 'routers' may be the key to the digitally-wired home.
A like/control B as/controlling
C as/control D like/controlling.
37. I've applied for an internship, and I'm looking forward to the company soon!
A hear from B reading
C read D hearing from
38. You..... call your mother or she'll worry about you.
A had better B had rather
C would rather D preferred
39. a student works,he is to graduate on time.
A Harder/more likely B The harder/the more likely
C The hardest/the likeliest D Hard/likely
40. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was approximately 1,000,000 times as powerfulthe Hiroshima bomb.
A as B than
C that D so
41. She to go to Mumbai tomorrow, but her flight was cancelled.
A would B will
C was D should
42. turned out to be completely wrong.
A What you said me B What did you tell me
C That you said D What you told me

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43. the violinist not been so absent-minded, he wouldn't have left his violin on the train.
A Were B If
C Had D Except for
44. students are used long hours.
A Most/to study B The most/to studying
C The most/to study D Most/to studying
45. have one of the most generous state pension in the world.
A French/systems B The French/system
C French people/system D The French/systems
46. the outline of my talk on the board?
A I write B Shall I write
C Ought I write D I'm writing
47. In the 1970's, AC/DC gave some concerts on a TV show..... name was *Countdown*.
A who B whose
C which D that
48. No one knows when.....
A will occur the next major flood B will happen the next major drought
C the next major storm will occur D occurred the last major mudslide
49. Isaac Asimov..... in 1919.
A is being born B is born
C has been born D was born
50. We spent the eveningon television.
A looking a serie B to watch a series
C watching a series D seeing a serie
51. The term 'supernova' wasin the 1930s by a scientist called Fritz Zwicky.
A triggered B coined
C harvested D bound
52. Not only to see me, but he stayed all evening!
A he came B he has come
C did he come D was he come
53.the Maorithe European settlers built large cities near Milford Sound, New Zealand.
A Not/or B Neither/neither
C Nor/nor D Neither/nor
54. The rods inside nuclear reactors must be cooled in order to prevent a.....
A hijacking B toll
C survey D meltdown

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55. You can't blame that me.

- A at
- C for

- B of
- D on

56. If you want to meet your deadline, you should probably hire.....

- A assistant
- C an assistant

- B the assistant
- D a assistant

57. you mind if Iwithout you?

- A Do....went
- C Wouldgo

- B Dogo
- D Wouldwould go

58. After I.....you ten dollars, I will.....you just five dollars more.

- A give.....owe
- C will give.....owe

- B will give.....be owing
- D give.....owing

59. Yesterday Ito call you several times, but the line was always busy.

- A try
- C tried

- B have tried
- D was trying

60. The law requires that the tax paid by the end of the month.

- A is
- C must

- B be
- D might be

PART C

SYNONYMS

Choose the word or phrase which would best keep the same meaning of the original sentence if substituted for the underlined word.

61. The head of the organization is keen to restart the talks.

- A determined
- C inclined

- B eager
- D worried

62. The company was set up in January 2011.

- A funded
- C founded

- B settled
- D set down

63. Following shareholder pressure, the chief executive stepped down.

- A resigned
- B retired
- C was dismissed
- D failed

64. He did not remember telling his assistant about the meeting.

- A recall
- B remind
- C call back
- D reminder

65. Attempts to accelerate the timetable for negotiations were opposed.

- A accentuate
- C stress

- B speed up
- D draw up

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66. The government has introduced a selection of measures to attract teachers.
A an arrangement B slice C range D herd
67. They were congratulated on their outstanding success.
A exceptional B obvious
C isolated D overt
68. Cell phones are criticized for two reasons: accidents and concerns about radiation.
A twice B jointly C twofold D on two grounds
69. This novel approach to learning helps to attract students.
A literary B new
C fictional D romantic
70. Awards have been won by a diverse group of companies.
A Bonuses B prices
C rewards D honors

PART D PHRASAL VERBS

Choose the phrasal **verb** which best suits the meaning ~~the meaning~~ of the sentence and put an X in the corresponding box on your answer sheet.

- 71) The team spent some time in preparation for the match.
a) running away b) warming up c) doing in d) winning through
- 72) Suddenly a taxi..... and an important looking official got out.
a) drew up b) called by c) leveled out d) stopped out
- 73) As business was bad they had tosome of their staff.
a) put down b) lay off c) take on d) hang up
- 74) If my working conditions don't improve, I'll have tomy notice.
a) give up b) fire off c) hand in d) give out
- 75) We're looking for someone who can with the rest of the team.
a) get up b) fit in c) act up d) work off
- 76) Derek was so angry at the news that hethe phone and rushed out of the room.
a) called up b) hung down c) slammed down d) rang off

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77) What do the initials GRDF.....?

- a) build up b) stand for c) take over d) turn out

78) Suddenly the fire alarm

- a) went off b) set off c) shot off d) got off

79) It is important tothe lights when you are not in a room.

- a) turn up b) switch back c) switch off d) turn around

80) Why do theytalking about money all the time?

- a) keep on b) side with c) keep at d) side on

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Marhaba Hola