

Section A: Comprehension

Read the article and choose the best answer to the question

Arrest over poaching of turtles

- A) Hong Kong police have arrested a man for allegedly offering endangered turtles on social media as conservation authorities confiscated 29 of the reptiles, estimated to be worth a total of HK\$100,000. The 29 recovered reptiles covered six species, including 14 big-headed turtles and three Reeves' turtles, which are native to Hong Kong and classified as critically endangered and endangered, respectively. The others were two yellow-margined box turtles, four Southeast Asian box turtles, two giant Asian pond turtles and four wattle-necked softshell turtles. Yellow-margined and Southeast Asian box turtles are both listed as endangered, while the other two species are critically endangered.
- B) Police Inspector Wong Wing-ho said they received a report last October that the suspect was advertising endangered animals for sale on a private WhatsApp group. The force conducted a months-long investigation before teaming up with the conservation department for the raid on the suspect's home in May. It remained unclear how many people were linked to the chat group. Inspector Wong said the investigation continued and more arrests were possible.
- C) The incident is the third enforcement case this year involving suspected illegal possession of protected wild animals and has prompted biologists to call for a clampdown on the increasingly rampant poaching of freshwater turtles in the city's forests and streams.
- D) "All turtles involved are listed species in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora," said Lau Tak-chuen, an endangered species protection officer for the department. "The big-headed turtle is particularly popular in the pet market because of its peculiar physiology, so it is under immense hunting pressure." Lau added that officials were still tracing the source of the reptiles and eggs. Lau said the group clearly catered to the local market since the language used in the group is Cantonese.
- E) A Lingnan University study in May found that big-headed turtles had vanished from 90 per cent of local research sites. Assistant Professor Sung Yik-hei, who led the project, warned that the local population could be wiped out within three to five years if the city failed to quickly rein in poachers.

F) Sophie le Clue, chief executive of environmental group ADM Capital Foundation, said Hong Kong was the last stronghold for a number of freshwater turtle species that were on the brink of extinction. “Poaching poses a constant threat to local and global biodiversity,” she said. “We commend the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Hong Kong Police Force in their joint efforts in apprehending the criminals involved as a clear demonstration of their commitment to protecting biodiversity.” The foundation earlier co-authored an open letter to the department’s director that called for authorities to put an end to the city’s persistent poaching crisis. The letter also warned that skilled poachers using specialised equipment had become active in Hong Kong since the city fully reopened its borders in February.

1. According to paragraph (A),
 - A. Hong Kong police would officially take away the reptiles from the suspect.
 - B. the man would be charged of selling reptiles on social media.
 - C. the turtles cost HK\$100,000 each.
 - D. all the turtles grow naturally in Hong Kong.

2. The total number of critically endangered turtles confiscated is
 - A. 6
 - B. 17
 - C. 20
 - D. 29

3. Police Inspector Wong Wing-ho mentioned that
 - A. the police would not rule out more arrests.
 - B. it took a long time to arrest the man.
 - C. the police and the conservation department investigated the case for months.
 - D. the police was sure that many people had connection with the private WhatsApp group.

4. What does ‘the third enforcement case’ imply in paragraph (C)?
 - A. There were only 3 cases of selling turtles illegally in this year.
 - B. This was the third time to arrest the suspect selling turtles illegally in this year.
 - C. Illegal possession and the trade of protected wild animals is not serious.
 - D. Poaching of protected wild animals is increasing.

5. What does the underlined phrase, 'the group' in paragraph (D), refer to?
- A. The private WhatsApp group
 - B. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
 - C. The big-headed turtles
 - D. The source of the reptiles and eggs
6. What does the underlined phrase, 'rein in' in paragraph (E), mean?
- A. punish
 - B. control
 - C. please
 - D. ask for help from
7. In paragraph (F), ADM Capital Foundation
- A. complained that Hong Kong was the place where some freshwater turtle species would be extinct.
 - B. did not agree that there was a persistent poaching crisis in Hong Kong.
 - C. praised the joint effort of Hong Kong police and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department in fighting against the crime of poaching.
 - D. warned that the number of skilled poachers had been increasing.
8. Who probably said this: A few years later, say more than 6 years, we may not find big-headed turtles anymore in Hong Kong if they are being hunted immensely.
- A. Police Inspector Wong Wing-ho
 - B. Lau Tak-chuen, an endangered species protection officer
 - C. Assistant Professor Sung Yik-hei
 - D. Sophie le Clue, chief executive of ADM Capital Foundation
9. Which is correct about poaching?
- I. It disturbs biodiversity
 - II. It brings the protected wild animals to extinction
 - III. It is a kind of illegal hunting

The correct combination is

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. II and III
- D. All of them

10. Why are big-headed turtles mentioned most in the article?

- A. They are costly.
- B. They are mostly favored as pets.
- C. They are the only critically endangered turtles in the article.
- D. They can be easily hunted.

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Section B: Error Identification

Your task is to identify which part of the question (as underlined) contains a language error.

11. Filled with amazingly lifelike wax figures, Madame Tussauds Hong Kong has been showcasing waxworks in 2000.
- A. Filled
 - B. lifelike
 - C. showcasing
 - D. in
12. Success comes from the disability to reorient yourself to radically new circumstances.
- A. Success
 - B. disability
 - C. reorient
 - D. radically
13. Hong Kong Police strive to upholding the rule of law, maintain law and order, and safeguard and protect the lives and properties of all residents equally, regardless of their ethnicity.
- A. upholding
 - B. protect
 - C. properties
 - D. regardless
14. The rapid advancement of smartphone technology, coupled with easy internet access, has essentially lead to excessive screen time among children.
- A. rapid
 - B. coupled
 - C. lead
 - D. screen
15. I would rather take care of my own kids than let nobody I do not know raise them.
- A. rather
 - B. own
 - C. nobody
 - D. raise

Section C: Sentence Completion

Your task is to choose an option that can appropriately be inserted in the blank.

16. The vision of Hong Kong Police is to maintain Hong Kong as one of the safest and _____ stable societies in the world.
- A. many
 - B. much
 - C. more
 - D. most
17. I _____ to go to swim in this beach when I was at primary school.
- A. used to
 - B. were
 - C. had better
 - D. would
18. _____ honest man has recently opened _____ unique shop selling film posters.
- A. An, an
 - B. An, a
 - C. A, an
 - D. A, a
19. _____ his disappointment, Paul failed his examination.
- A. In
 - B. Out of
 - C. To
 - D. Beyond
20. My grandmother eats very little each meal and goes to bed early, _____ is her secret to longevity.
- A. why
 - B. what
 - C. which
 - D. when

21. The _____ of the ocean liner applauded when the new captain came on board.
- A. crew
 - B. staff
 - C. team
 - D. audience
22. Many customers come to this restaurant for _____ dessert.
- A. it's
 - B. its
 - C. their
 - D. her
23. Mary will visit her grandma tomorrow, _____ she ?
- A. does
 - B. doesn't
 - C. will
 - D. won't
24. _____ you come tomorrow, you will probably get a chance to talk to our boss.
- A. If
 - B. Unless
 - C. Because
 - D. Although
25. School Liaison Officers in Police Community Relation Office _____ visit schools and give talks to the students on crime prevention.
- A. never
 - B. always
 - C. ever
 - D. frequently
26. A policeman should do his duty and _____ orders.
- A. carry on
 - B. carry out
 - C. go on
 - D. go out

27. As _____ as I know, they will not take the risk.
- A. soon
 - B. long
 - C. far
 - D. many
28. A new hostel _____ in due course to accommodate more overseas students.
- A. is being built
 - B. will be built
 - C. has been built
 - D. was built
29. _____ by curiosity, Tom decided to go inside the haunted house.
- A. Drive
 - B. Driving
 - C. Drove
 - D. Driven
30. _____ a bit short-tempered, Susan is a nice girl.
- A. Beside
 - B. In addition to
 - C. Apart from
 - D. Not only
31. It _____ out that Hong Kong Police is the primary law enforcement, investigative agency.
- A. must be pointed
 - B. must point
 - C. may be pointed
 - D. may point
32. David has made up his _____ to become a policeman after completing his study.
- A. heart
 - B. mind
 - C. brain
 - D. head

33. There is _____ milk on the table. Please serve by yourself.
- A. a few
 - B. few
 - C. a little
 - D. little
34. _____, the Administrative Officer grade is a general management grade that was introduced by the British.
- A. Amazingly
 - B. Ironically
 - C. Hesitatingly
 - D. Historically
35. Paul _____ to work on Saturdays and Sundays.
- A. need not go
 - B. needs not go
 - C. do not need to go
 - D. does not need go

Section D: Paragraph Improvement

Your task is to read the two passages and choose the best option for the questions followed.

Passage 1

A) 1. I don't like their bites, the buzzing around my ears, the scratches, and the swelling. 2. They ruin my summers every year. 3. However, I am like a magnet for those insects. 4. I hate mosquitoes!

B) Last summer, I went camping with my friends. At first, I enjoyed having barbecue with them, but soon I found that I covered with dozens of red welts and had terrible swelling, _____ the itch! One of my friends had tried to put some insect repellent sprays onto my skin, but it proved to be not effective. In fact, the spray smelled awesome and it might even contain toxic chemicals.

C) _____, I decided to leave the camp. The mosquitoes completely broke my vacation.

36. Which of the following is the correct sequence for the four sentences in paragraph

(A)?

- A. 3→1→2→4
- B. 1→2→4→3
- C. 4→1→3→2
- D. 2→3→4→1

37. In the second sentence in paragraph (B), the word, 'was', is best to be inserted

- A. Between 'I' and 'enjoyed'.
- B. Between 'enjoyed' and 'having'.
- C. Between 'I' and 'found'.
- D. Between 'I' and 'covered'.

38. Which phrase is best to be inserted in the blank in paragraph (B)?

- A. not to mention
- B. thanks to
- C. with regards to
- D. including

39. Which word can replace the underlined word, 'put', in paragraph (B) in terms of meaning and tone?
- A. comply
 - B. apply
 - C. scatter
 - D. appeal
40. Which of the underlined word/words in paragraph (B) is/are incorrect and how should it/they be corrected?
- A. 'awesome' is incorrect and the correct word is 'awful'.
 - B. 'contain' is incorrect and the correct word is 'contact'.
 - C. 'awesome' is incorrect and the correct word is 'awful' and 'contain' is incorrect and the correct word is 'contact'.
 - D. Both two words, 'awesome' and 'contain', are correct.
41. Which is best to be inserted in the blank for the opening sentence in paragraph (C)?
- A. However
 - B. Therefore
 - C. As a result
 - D. Moreover
42. Which word is best to replace the underlined word, 'broke', in paragraph (C)?
- A. destroyed
 - B. terminated
 - C. deferred
 - D. spoiled

Passage 2

A) To be a police dog, it must be loyal, intelligent and highly _____. Very often, Police Dog Unit purchases dogs from Hong Kong or overseas. Then the dog is trained at the Police Dog Unit Headquarters at Sha Ling in the North District, _____ there is a medical centre for police dogs, indoor training area and an outdoor training pitch. The extensive ground allows all police dogs to undergo the most widest possible range of the latest training. Now, more than 100 police dogs are in active service.

B) Dogs of the Hong Kong Police Force perform a variety of tasks, including drugs and explosion detection, recovering evidence at crime scenes and tracking for suspects or missing persons. Each dog will go with a handler who has to care and train his dog to ensure it is healthy, happy and can go on the duties effectively. The handler and the dog _____ conduct patrols to help detect and prevent crime.

C) Usually the dog handler and the dog has a close relationship. Hence, when the dog has to retire, the dog handler often applies to take it back and keep it as a pet. At his home, he may keep another dog or a cat.

43. Which word is best to be inserted in the blank in the first sentence in paragraph (A)?

- A. obedient
- B. confidential
- C. aggressive
- D. active

44. Which word is best to be inserted in the blank in the second sentence in paragraph (A)?

- A. when
- B. which
- C. what
- D. where

45. Which of the following word should be deleted in the underlined sentence in paragraph (A) to make it grammatically correct?

- A. extensive
- B. all
- C. most
- D. latest

46. Which of the following can replace the underlined word, 'Now', in paragraph (A)?
- A. Presently
 - B. At present
 - C. At this moment
 - D. Immediately
47. Which of the underlined word/words in paragraph (B) is/are incorrect and how should it/they be corrected?
- A. 'explosion' is incorrect and the correct word is 'explosives'.
 - B. 'evidence' is incorrect and the correct word is 'evidences'.
 - C. 'explosion' is incorrect and the correct word is 'explosives' and 'evidence' is incorrect and the correct word is 'evidences'
 - D. Both two words are correct.
48. The underlined phrasal verb, 'go on', in paragraph (B) is incorrect. Which of the following is more appropriate?
- A. put forward
 - B. carry on
 - C. put up with
 - D. carry out
49. Which word is best to be inserted in the blank in paragraph (B)?
- A. always
 - B. seldom
 - C. sometimes
 - D. never
50. Which statement should be removed to improve the overall unity of the passage?
- A. Very often, Police Dog Unit purchases dogs from Hong Kong or overseas.
 - B. Now, more than 100 police dogs are in active service.
 - C. Usually the dog handler and the dog has a close relationship.
 - D. At his home, he may keep another dog or a cat.

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KEY (Test 3)

Section A: Comprehension Passage 1

Total: 20 marks (2 marks @)

1. B	2. C	3. A	4. D	5. A
6. B	7. C	8. C	9. D	10. B

Section B: Error Identification

Total: 10 marks (2 marks @)

11. D	12. B	13. A	14. C	15. C
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Section C: Sentence Completion

Total: 40 marks (2 marks @)

16. D	17. A	18. B	19. C	20. C
21. A	22. B	23. D	24. A	25. D
26. B	27. C	28. B	29. D	30. C
31. A	32. B	33. C	34. D	35. A

Section D: Paragraph Improvement

Total: 30 marks (2 marks @)

36. C	37. D	38. A	39. B	40. A
41. C	42. D	43. A	44. D	45. C
46. B	47. A	48. D	49. C	50. D