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Remember to transfer your answers to the attached answer sheet. The answers on this paper will not be marked.

PART 1. - MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST

Choose the right answer for each sentence. Remember that in each case only one answer is correct.

- 1. Phone me when you get . . .**
A to home B home C at home D in home
- 2. I can't find the book . . .**
A nowhere B everywhere C anywhere D somewhere
- 3. I really appreciate your . . . me in hospital.**
A visiting B visit C to visit D to visiting
- 4. . . . are very intelligent.**
A Both them B Both of them C Both they D The both
- 5. Take a drink in case you . . . thirsty.**
A get B will get C would get D got
- 6. I've just finished . . . my shopping.**
A to make B doing C to do D making
- 7. I'm not sure which restaurant . . .**
A to eat on B eating at C to eat at D for eating
- 8. . . . the girls came on the trip.**
A Neither B Nobody of C None of D No one
- 9. Why is there . . . traffic on the streets in February than in May?**



- A less B fewer C few D little
10. He's . . . to know the answer.
A likely B probable C maybe D probably
11. The . . . outside the house said "No Parking"
A advice B signal C label D notice
12. You can fly to London this evening . . . you don't mind changing planes in Paris.
A so far as B except C unless D provided
13. I want . . . immediately.
A that this work is made C that this work is done
B this work made D this work done
14. . . . she is disabled, she plays a lot of sports.
A In spite of the fact that C However
B Despite D Besides
15. I can't agree with you on this subject, . . . hard you may try to convince me.
A though C much
B whatever D however
16. . . . at the moment, I'll go to the shops.
A For it doesn't rain C For it isn't raining
B As it isn't raining D As it doesn't rain
17. I don't know where . . .
A the library to be C be the library.
B is the library. D the library is.
18. When . . . Mr Jones?
A you have met C you met



B you did meet

D did you meet

19. . . . in my company likes the new boss.

A All persons

C Everyone

B All employees

D All people

20. He's lived in London . . .

A for some time

C since a long time ago

B since he is born

D since some time

PART 2. - ERROR CORRECTION

Read the sentences below. In each short extract 21-30, there is one word which should not be there. Find these extra words and write them on the lines provided on the answer sheet.

- 21** For the years women drivers have traditionally been seen as bad drivers.
- 22** However, a survey carried out for the British Broadcasting Corporation, the BBC, seems to be tell a different story.
- 23** According to of the survey, men are more likely to drive too close up to the car in front.
- 24** Men are also more likely to read a map while they are being driving!
- 25** Over three times like as many men as women confess to bad driving habits.
- 26** More men they appear to drive when they are tired and in danger of falling asleep.
- 27** Women stop more at red traffic lights and have fewer of serious accidents.
- 28** Is this due to being traditional female characteristics such as gentleness?
- 29** According to the Royal Automobile Club, things change as men get more older.
- 30** After the age of 30, so they tend to become safer!



PART 3. - SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. You must use between two and five words. Do not change the word given.

Here is an example (0):

Example:

0 My grandmother is too ill to make the journey.

ENOUGH

My grandmother is not well enough to make the journey.

31. I am sure they worked hard on the project.

HAVE

They..... on the project.

32. I can't decide where to go on holiday.

MIND

I can't.....where to go on holiday.

33. I've never spoken to such a rude person.

THE

He is ever spoken to.

34. You shouldn't say bad things about your friends.

RUN

You your friends.

35. "Will I ever see them again?"

WHETHER

He ever see them.

36. If you work faster, you'll finish sooner.

THE

The you'll finish.

37. John and I have received the same amount of job offers.

MANY

I have received John.

38. Airplanes are not as dangerous as they used to be.

THAN

Airplanes they used to be.

39. I don't know all the facts.

AWARE

I all the facts.

40. They decided to cancel the meeting.

OFF

They..... the meeting.



PART 4. – WORD TRANSFORMATION

For questions 41-45 use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. Use the words in BOLD to help you decide on the correct form of your answer. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

0. I am grateful for your valuable help. **VALUE**

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| 41 | A lot of research is being done into the greenhouse effect. | SCIENCE |
| 42 | Winning a gold medal in the Olympics was his greatest | ACHIEVE |
| 43 | There is not much of me winning the lottery. | LIKELY |
| 44 | The shop had an window display. | IMPRESS |
| 45 | John apologised and said he was to go to Janet's party. | ABLE |

PART 5. - READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and match the paragraphs 46-50 to the headings a-e.

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| A | <i>Who 'downshifts'?</i> |
| B | <i>How do people do it?</i> |
| C | <i>What are the pros and cons of doing it?</i> |
| D | <i>Why do people do it?</i> |
| E | <i>What is it?</i> |

Downshifting – A Way of Living

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For the last twenty plus years, many Britons have been working harder and for longer hours than they have at any other time in Britain's history. The pressure is on to make more money and consume more. However, some have been choosing to live on a lower income and to have a simpler, less-materialistic lifestyle. This new trend is called 'downshifting' or 'voluntary simplicity'.

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A recent survey in Britain showed that 25% of people aged between 30 and 59 have downshifted in the last ten years. That is one quarter of the working population. These people come from all walks of life, but share the feeling that something important is missing from their lives – something that money cannot provide.



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All downshiftners have been through a period when they question the purpose of their lives. They feel something is missing. When asked why they decided to make these changes,, the most common answer, over 30%, was that they want to spend 'more time with the family'. Almost one in five people said they want more control over their lives and so lead fuller lives. About 13% want to have 'a healthier lifestyle' while 11% said the main reason was to achieve more balance in their lives.

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People have downshifted in a number of different ways. Most have stopped work (30%), reduced working hours (22%) or changed careers (20%). 10/ of people have taken jobs that pay less money. In fact, the average reduction in salary is a massive 40%. This salary cut normally means a dramatic change in lifestyle to a much simpler way of living.

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Although downshifting is becoming more normal, it is still a radical decision to take and people need to plan the change carefully. If they don't, the dream they had could turn into a nightmare. The most common difficulties people have are financial ones, a lack of mental stimulation and a feeling that they are no longer valued in society. Fortunately, the majority of people are content with their decision. A massive 94% of downshiftners are happy with their choice. 40% don't miss the money, 39% do and 15% say that although they are happy, the loss of money has been very difficult. Incredibly perhaps, only 6% say they are unhappy.