

1. Alan: **I'll take you to the station.**

Peter: _____

Alan: **None at all. It's more or less on my route.**

- A) Well I can't find a taxi anywhere.
- B) Is there time? The train leaves at 7:40.
- C) Thanks, but I'm not going till tomorrow.
- D) Will you really? Are you sure it's no trouble?
- E) Haven't you got anything better to do?

4. Mrs Deane: **Did I see you coming out of an estate agents the other day?**

Mrs Farnley: _____

Mrs Deane: **Why? Don't you like your present house?**

Mrs Farnley: **Yes we do; but we don't like the area. It's so noisy. We want to get something further out.**

- A) Yes, at least you could have done. We are considering buying a new house.
- B) Probably, if it was the one opposite the town hall; Jane works there you know.
- C) Definitely not. I haven't been near one in years.
- D) No, it must have been someone else.
- E) We still haven't sold that place down Bromley Road.

2. Dr. Jones: **When do you think you can get your thesis finished? By mid-November? Alison: Perhaps, but it may take a little longer.**

Dr. Jones: _____

Alison: **Yes, it will certainly be finished by then.**

- A) Well actually there is no rush; we don't want to spoil it at the last minute.
- B) We can let it drag on four months.
- C) What's the trouble? Why can't you get it done by mid-November?
- D) Typing, proof-reading and corrections shouldn't take more than a week.
- E) Well, at the latest, let's say by the end of the year, shall we?

3. Andrew: **Did you watch the party politics debate last night on TV?**

Matthew: **No; I meant to but was called out to the hospital.**

Andrew: _____

Matthew: **Yes, so I hear. Even worse than usual.**

- A) Pity. It really was well done for once.
- B) Well, you didn't miss much. Boring from start to finish.
- C) Bad luck. Quite one of the best in the series.
- D) I recorded it, so you can watch it some time.
- E) Just routine work, I suppose.

5. Wife: **How's the shop's new floor manager?**

Husband: _____

Wife: **What do you mean by that?**

Husband: **He's getting too much gossip and too much advice.**

- A) I've been too busy to take much notice of him.
- B) He'd be fine if given the chance
- C) He doesn't start at work till the beginning of the month.
- D) I think he's going to be good; much better than his predecessor.
- E) Just what we need. Sensible and efficient.

6. Richard: **By the way, what's Bill doing these days? Have you seen him lately?**

Nell: _____

Richard: **Really? What was he doing with them?**

Nell: **He was in their advertising department and seemed to be quite enjoying it.**

- A) Yes. He's just got a job at Ford's. Starts working there next week.
- B) Yes, we meet quite regularly. He'll be graduating next year.
- C) Funnily enough I hadn't seen him for years, but last week he gave me a ring.
- D) Not since we went to his wedding together.
- E) I ran into him a couple of months ago, he was working for Lover Brothers then.

7. Mark: **Who are you going to promote? Pat?**

Janet: **I really haven't decided yet, but I think it will be her.**

Mark: _____

Janet: **Yes, you are right; she does**

- A) Get someone from outside.
- B) She is a nice person, isn't she?
- C) Well, she deserves it, doesn't she?
- D) Pat really doesn't have enough experience.
- E) I hardly know what she really does

8. Danny: **You won't give the order to Rowland, will you?**

Giles: **No. Certainly not.**

Danny . _____ . **The last job they did for us was most unsatisfactory.**

- A) Why do you say that ?
- B) I'm glad to hear you say that.
- C) Why are you so definite about it ?
- D) They're not a bad firm, you know.
- E) Why do you insist on them, then?

9. Ren: **Even if the funds are only sufficient for one bridge, I still think it should be here.**

Steve: _____

Ren: **True. But nothing has ever been done for the villages in this area. We can't go on ignoring them.**

- A) For geological reasons, this is the obvious site
- B) Fine. Then, let's make out a report to that effect.
- C) Very well, when shall we start work on it ?
- D) If we start straight away we may finish before the spring rains come.
- E) Why? More people would benefit from a bridge lower down in the valley.

10. Mr Stearne: **Why are you so annoyed with Helen?**

Miss Langton: _____

Mr Stearne: **Well, that's typical, I've never known her not leave early!**

- A) Quite simply, she thinks she knows everything.
- B) Take a look at the letters she has typed and you'll understand.
- C) For one thing, I don't like the way she dresses
- D) She left early again today even though I specifically asked her not to.
- E) I'm disappointed in her. Perhaps she'll improve presently.

11. David: **How's work going with your house?**

Alec: **Rather slowly, I'm afraid. _____**

David: **But they're doing a good job for you.**

Alec: **Oh yes. They really are.**

- A) I don't think we'll be able to move in for another 3 months.
- B) The workmen don't seem to know what they're doing
- C) The kitchen has already been done
- D) And Jane is very disappointed with what they've done to her kitchen.
- E) And the quality of the work isn't very good.

12. Bob: _____

Mark: **Yes, she is. In fact, she has to**

Bob: **Why? Is the operation a difficult one?**

Mark: **Well, that sort of operation can best be performed there**

- A) Does Miss Marsden really need further treatment?
- B) Has Miss Marsden been your patient for long?
- C) I hear your patient Miss Marsden, is going to Switzerland for the operation.
- D) That patient of yours has phoned to make another appointment to see you.
- E) Is she the kind of nurse you have been looking for

13. Mathers: **Bill's in a bad mood today. What's happened?**

Lawson: **The firm is threatened with a takeover.**

Mathers: _____

Lawson: **No, but it's never been this serious before.**

- A) Who told you that?
- B) Well, it's not the first time.
- C) That is bad news.
- D) I don't believe you.
- E) Well, I can see you're enthusiastic about it.

14. Surgeon: **You now realise that you should have consulted someone earlier, don't you?**

Patient: **I admit I've been negligent, but I really didn't think it was so serious.**

Surgeon: _____

Patient: **Good, that's what I wanted to hear.**

- A) All this time you have been careless.
- B) You must be joking.
- C) Clearly, you've already had several operations.
- D) Even so, we can still treat you.
- E) You were prepared for a very long and rather painful treatment.

15. Paul: **I'm applying for the public relations post.**

Interviewer: _____

Paul: **Well, I've got the right economic training, know two foreign languages and get on well with people.**

- A) Why did you decide to resign from the job?
- B) Have you been involved in the incident?
- C) If we offer you the post, when could you start?
- D) What sort of duties are involved?
- E) What makes you think you can make success of a job of this kind?

16. James: **Have you read that article on cancer yet?**

Steve: _____

James: **Well, I wish you would. I'd like to hear your opinion.**

- A) I gave the report to Brian. It's really well prepared.
- B) Yes, I read it yesterday. Didn't think much of it.
- C) No, I haven't. Should I?
- D) It seemed reasonably sound to me. What about you?
- E) I know many people are suffering from it.

17. Redger: **I hear Peter's not going to Amsterdam Congress. Is that true?**

Nancy: **It is. His wife has to have an operation; so he asked not to be sent.**

Redger: _____

Nancy: **It is still not definite.**

- A) Too bad. Who'll go in his place?
- B) What bad luck! He was looking forward to going.
- C) I wish I were going too.
- D) That's really very unfortunate.
- E) What a pity! I know he is a very gifted man.

18. Peter: **What are you working on?**

Gordon: **The feasibility report concerning the construction of the new railway.**

Peter: _____

Gordon: **No, that one will be constructed in the South of the country.**

- A) The ministry has withdrawn the proposal, hasn't it?
- B) Are you really satisfied with it?
- C) Why is the transportation of goods so important?
- D) May I take a look at the figures?
- E) Do you mean the one to be financed by an international consortium.

19. Hannah: **Did you get to the opening of the exhibition yesterday?**

Paul: _____

Hannah: **Really! Why not?**

Paul: **They are always too crowded. I prefer to wander around at leisure.**

- A) No. I never go to openings.
- B) Yes, I did; but I wished I hadn't.
- C) No. Jane and I plan to go on Saturday.
- D) Of course. But I wasn't very impressed by anything I saw.
- E) Actually, I'm not very fond of the impressionist school of painting.

20. Marry: **I hear your mother is to have an operation.**

Jenny: **Oh, she's already had it. Last Tuesday in fact. We're taking her home tomorrow.**

Marry: _____

Jenny: **Yes, do. She'll be very pleased.**

- A) I didn't realise the situation was so serious.
- B) Simpson is her doctor, isn't he? Does he realise how ill she is?
- C) Then I'll come around to see her in a day or two.
- D) It will be very hard for you. You'd better get someone to help with the housework.
- E) Thank goodness it's no worse. You must be feeling yourself very tired.

21. Patrick: **How did Miss Lowell perform at the interview?**

Brian: **Not at all well. She's too shy and lacks confidence.**

Patrick: _____

Brian: **No. It would be a waste of time. She is quite hopeless.**

- A) Can't you manage without a secretary?
- B) Yes, that's the impression she made on me.
- C) Pity. So now we shall have to advertise for someone else.
- D) That's a relief. I took an instant dislike to her.
- E) But surely we could train her to do the job?

22. Jane: **You are looking worried.**

Peter: **I'm rather. _____**

Jane: **Oh, there's time yet. Most people leave these things till the last minute.**

Peter: **Yes, I suppose they do.**

- A) The lecture last night was really most unsatisfactory.
- B) I've lost my list of the participants.
- C) Very few people have so far registered for the conference.
- D) My mother had to go back to hospital for more tests.
- E) I can't remember whether I turned the gas off when I left the house.

23. Information clerk: **What sort of a hotel are you looking for?**

Mr. Manning: **Well, the situation is important.**

Information clerk: _____

Mr. Manning: **That's right. And reasonably priced.**

- A) What sort of a price were you thinking of?
- B) You want somewhere central, I suppose?
- C) There are several hotels along the High Street you might look at.
- D) Those with a central position are all rather expensive.
- E) Can you afford to stay somewhere near the bus station?

24. Mr. Clayton: **Did you listen to the 10 o'clock news?**

Mrs. Clayton: **Well, just the first few minutes. It was more or less a repeat of the 6 o'clock news.**

Mr. Clayton: _____

Mrs. Clayton: **Oh, I forgot about that. I turned it off before the sports news began.**

- A) Well, what about the match? Who won?
- B) That's not at all unusual.
- C) Well, I listened to that before I left the office.
- D) After all, there wasn't much of interest in that
- E) We need some new speakers. Can you recommend someone?

25. James: **Have you been to the exhibition of Ottoman manuscripts yet?**

Robin: **Yes, last Sunday.**

James: **What did you think of it?**

Robin: _____

- A) Some of my colleagues from the office are interested in Ottoman culture.
- B) Really! I really must find time to see it.
- C) Fascinating! I only wish I could have understood something of it!
- D) Obviously the Ottomans had an efficient administrative system.
- E) By the way, you said it was open till 6 o'clock and they closed the doors at 5 o'clock.

26. Director: **We're being hit badly by the recession.**

Consultant: _____

Director: **Well, what do you suggest?**

Consultant: **Boost the exports.**

- A) I know. And something must be done about it quickly.
- B) Stop worrying! There's nothing we can do.
- C) Yes, everyone is saying the same. Let's reduce the work force.
- D) They should raise the interest rates at once.
- E) I only hope there won't be another general strike.

27. Manager: **The Annual Shareholders' Meeting is coming up. So we must get prepared for it.**

Secretary: **That's true. How, can I help?**

Manager: _____

Secretary: **Of course, that's easy. It will be ready by tomorrow.**

- A) Have the letters of invitation been sent out yet?
- B) We'd better have a board meeting today.
- C) I don't know. But there are likely to be a lot of complaints.
- D) Get the usual statistical information ready for me.
- E) I know many of the employees are expecting a sizeable rise in their wages.

28. Under-secretary: **We have received reports that the epidemic is spreading in the area.**

Minister: **Then we must take immediate action.**

Under-secretary: _____

Minister: **Yes, do that.**

- A) But we're short of medical staff there.
- B) Then I'll give the orders for doctors and medical supplies to be sent there right away.
- C) It seems the children are suffering most.
- D) We have already flown in adequate supplies of food and blankets.
- E) Who else do you think we could consult?

29. Client: **What are the chances of winning the case?**

Lawyer: _____

Client: **Do you mean the chances are slight?**

Lawyer: **Well, I can't say I'm very hopeful.**

- A) If I were you, I wouldn't let it worry me so much.
- B) So long as nothing surprising happens, all should be well.
- C) The documents we have submitted contain strong evidence in our favour.
- D) Don't worry, I've handled plenty of cases like this.
- E) Well, a lot depends on the testimony of the witnesses.

30. Interviewer: **Have you worked in this kind of job before?**

Candidate: **Yes, once, during my summer vacation.**

Interviewer: _____

Candidate: **No, I haven't, but I do have professional qualifications and enthusiasm.**

- A) So, really you haven't much experience.
- B) In that case you're the sort of person we are looking for.
- C) Tell me about your work background in more detail.
- D) Did you enjoy the work you did?
- E) Then you may know my brother; he was the managing director there.

31. Frank: **I hear you're moving.**

Alec: **Yes, but not for a while yet, unfortunately.**

Frank: _____

Alec: **The house needs a lot of repairs.**

- A) It should be lovely there. I envy you.
- B) Why is that? What's the problem?
- C) Actually I don't care for that part of the country.
- D) How sensible of you. You would have been badly in debt.
- E) Never mind! I'm sure you'll be able to find something more suitable.

32. Alice: **Have you got used to your new job yet?**

Michael: _____

Alice: **Why do you say that?**

Michael: **Well, there have been a few problems.**

- A) Fine. And the pay is far better than I expected.
- B) What were you saying when I arrived?
- C) Yes. Very easily, thanks.
- D) Yes, and I'm enjoying it.
- E) More or less.

33. Paul: **What's in the post today?**

Secretary: _____

Paul: **Oh! What's it about?**

Secretary: **They are asking you to give a lecture at the end of the month.**

- A) There are several letters from various organisations.
- B) There's a letter from the Physics Department of Edinburgh University.
- C) Nothing at all of interest; just leaflets.
- D) There's an invoice from the booksellers.
- E) A number of documents, one of which is a report.

34. Polly: **How about a weekend in Antalya?**

Brian: **Fine. Shall we go on our own or ask Lynn and David to join us?**

Polly: _____

Brian: **Let's go on our own, then.**

- A) Just as you like.
- B) Why not?
- C) We ought to ask Lynn and David.
- D) That's a good idea.
- E) I've already asked them.

35. Patient: **The pain in my stomach still hasn't gone away.**

Doctor: _____

Patient: **Well, I did for a day or two. But it didn't seem to help.**

Doctor: **If you'd done as I'd said then, you'd be feeling a lot better now.**

- A) It will, in time, don't worry.
- B) In that case I'll give you some more medicine.
- C) Have you been taking the medicine as I prescribed?
- D) How long has this been going on?
- E) I should have come to see you earlier.

36. Pam: **Have you heard about the Waltons? Their house was broken into and a lot of things were stolen.**

Molly: **Yes, and it looks as if they aren't covered by their insurance policy.**

Pam: _____

Molly: **So they thought. But apparently they didn't have the kind of lock they required by the insurance company.**

- A) There are a lot of burglaries where they live.
- B) Well, then it serves them right!
- C) I can't believe it.
- D) Really! But I'm sure they said they were properly insured.
- E) The insurance company has been very helpful.

37. Robert: **I have to get my car insurance renewed today.**

James: _____

Robert: **In that case let's go and get them done together.**

James: **Good idea. Let's meet after lunch.**

- A) My father got mine done last week.
- B) Is it overdue?
- C) I can't come with you.
- D) So do I.
- E) Have you really?

38. Mavis: **I hear Steve is looking for another job.**

Roger: **That's right.** _____

Maris: **Don't we all feel like that?**

Roger: **Yes, I suppose we do.**

- A) It will be difficult to replace him.
- B) There's a great deal of unpleasantness in his department.
- C) He can't get on with the manager.
- D) We'll miss him a lot.
- E) He feels he's badly underpaid.

39. Liz: **I missed the Economics class on Monday. Were you there?**

Mary: **Yes I was. Actually, I looked for you.**

Liz: _____

Mary: **Yes. Shall I lend them to you?**

- A) Has the teacher announced the test results?
- B) In fact I wasn't feeling well.
- C) Did you? Did you take notes?
- D) Well, I can read it up in the book.
- E) I had to finish a paper, so I stayed home all day.

40. Christine: **I hear you're going to give a paper at the conference next month.**

John: **Yes, I am; but I haven't finished it yet.**

Christine: _____

John: **Well, yes, it is in a sense; but there are still some figures that need checking.**

- A) I'm sure it's nearly finished; I know you.
- B) As far as I know, no one has.
- C) What can I do to help? Who is typing it?
- D) You seem to have wasted your time on minor details.
- E) Who is chairing your session? Is it definite yet?

41. Stephen: **I'm off to a meeting so don't make any appointments for the afternoon.**

Secretary: _____

Stephen: **In that case call him, and give him my apologies.**

Secretary: **I will do so right away.**

- A) Don't worry, I'll tell the porter.
- B) I know. I've already cancelled your afternoon classes.
- C) Then can James see your client for you?
- D) Very well. But you've already arranged to meet Mr Greene at 3.30.
- E) All right. Does the boss know you're going?

42. Richard: **Do you think our team has any chance of winning?**

Mike: _____

Richard: **And good to watch, also.**

Mike: **Yes, let's hope so.**

- A) The chances are pretty even.
- B) Not much. But it looks like being a tough match.
- C) The other team seems to have serious problems.
- D) Let's wait and see. I'm hopeful.
- E) Some of our players aren't really on form at the moment.

43. Deputy Manager: **Don't you think we can start to slow down on the retrenchment policy?**

Manager: **Why do you say that? You know this is a policy we agreed to follow stringently.**

Deputy Manager: _____

Manager: **Yes but this is a temporary success. Clearly we are soon going to face a severe recession.**

- A) Already there is widespread unrest among the workers over wages.
- B) I share your view that whatever policies we have adopted must be pursued to the end.
- C) True; but the situation has improved and our pre-tax profits have tripled.
- D) In view of the production growth we have achieved we must recruit more personnel to meet this demand.
- E) Not if such a policy causes us to fail behind our competitors in the market.

44. Dr. Hutchinson: **For this operation did you use the new techniques you described in your last article?**

Surgeon: **Yes I did; and I must confess I'm fully satisfied with the results.**

Dr. Hutchinson: **So this looks like a new breakthrough in surgery. Congratulations.**

Surgeon: _____

- A) On the contrary, that particular article aroused a great deal of interest in medical circles.
- B) Don't be so enthusiastic. I'm somewhat disappointed.
- C) As you say, there are still various problems to be solved.
- D) Well, thanks, but there is still scope for further improvements.
- E) Even so, it is time we revised our medical techniques as thoroughly as possible.

45. John: **When is the deadline for bids for the new highway**

Tom: **I don't know exactly, but its probably nearly two months off.**

John: _____

Tom: **True. In that case I think we shouldn't even consider making a bid at all.**

- A) This is a grand project for getting us into the forefront of the industry.
- B) Well that gives us ample time to prepare the feasibility report.
- C) One of the advantages is that we are already familiar with the terrain.
- D) Good. We can easily get everything worked out by then.
- E) Actually that's hardly long enough considering the number of issues involved in the project.

46. Larry: **What is your own reaction to the jury's verdict on the case?**

Kathy: **Well the evidence presented against him at the trial wasn't adequate enough to convict him.**

Larry: _____

Kathy: **No. I have a feeling deep down that he really is guilty.**

- A) No, but you are not convinced of his innocence, are you?
- B) That's right. They should have brought forward more substantial evidence.
- C) True. My own reaction was rather mixed too.
- D) Actually the man must have committed the murder quite unassisted.
- E) How have you reached that conclusion?

47. Robert: **How are the negotiations progressing?**

Malcolm: **On the whole, fairly well; various issues have been settled.**

Robert: _____

Malcolm: **It's too soon yet to be so hopeful.**

- A) The peace talks, then, are doomed to fail.
- B) But that was last week.
- C) I didn't realize they'd be so adamant about their demands.
- D) I think you should have taken a firmer stand.
- E) That's good news; the end's in sight then.

48. Peter: **I hear Mr. Lewis is holding yet another meeting today.**

Tony: **Yes. At 3 o'clock sharp.**

Peter: _____

Tony: **You might be right. But perhaps he just wants to give us more detailed information about it.**

- A) I've no idea about what's on the agenda, have you?
- B) I reckon he's more worried about the takeover than he dares to admit.
- C) Let's hope it won't last more than an hour.
- D) Is it true that the employees are planning to go on a strike.
- E) Are the office staff expected to attend as well?

49. Dr. Ward: **How's that patient of yours doing? Is there any change in his condition yet?**

Dr. Simpson: _____

Dr. Ward: **So you're starting to be hopeful?**

Dr. Simpson: **I wish I could be. But it's too early yet.**

- A) It's the most puzzling case I've had in years
- B) None whatsoever
- C) I think perhaps he's just beginning to respond to treatment.
- D) No, and there seems to be nothing we can do for him.
- E) Oh yes! He's making a remarkable recovery.

50. Andrew: **Apparently, the department can take out subscriptions for three more journals. ____ ?**

Malcolm: **Don't ask me, ask Tony. He's the authority you know.**

Andrew: **I know he is; but his taste is rather too erudite for most of us.**

- A) How can we order them
- B) Have you any suggestions
- C) Which should we cancel
- D) Has your article been accepted
- E) Have the ones we loaned out come back

51. Mrs Smart: **How is Barry getting on in his new job?**

Mrs Palmer: **Well, he doesn't complain, but clearly he finds it very tiring.**

Mrs Smart: ____

Mrs Palmer: **Yes, I suppose you're right.**

- A) Can't his uncle help him to a job in the bank?
- B) Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.
- C) He's only complaining because he wants some sympathy.
- D) That's only natural. He hasn't had time yet to get used to the work.
- E) What's the salary like? Is it worth it?

52. Mary: **You're looking depressed. What's the matter?**

Peter: ____

Marry: **Well, It's only Wednesday today. It will be over by the weekend.**

Peter: **I certainly hope it will.**

- A) It's the weather! I was planning to go camping at the weekend and just look at the rain
- B) Nothing really. I was just wondering what I should do at the weekend
- C) I was just wishing it were Friday today
- D) No, I'm not feeling depressed. I have no reason to
- E) It looks as if I shall have to work overtime for the next month

53. Alan: **Have you read Blake's review of the play in The Times?**

David: **Yes, I have. And I think it's most unfair.**
Alan: ____

David: **Well, that just shows he hasn't understood the least thing about the play.**

- A) Of course it was. That's what one expects of review by Blake
- B) I have too. It will be interesting to see what other critics say
- C) Well, I don't know. In my opinion, it's the best play he's written to date
- D) Do you really? I don't know what he really intends to achieve.
- E) So do I. His comments on the artificiality of the dialogue in particular are quite unacceptable

54. Secretary : **When can you give me the report for typing**

Mr. Baines: ____ ?

Secretary : **Well; it is, rather**

Mr. Baines : **Then; I'll do my best to get it to you on Thursday**

- A) I put it on your desk an hour ago. Haven't you seen it
- B) How about Friday? Or is that late
- C) It's not very long, is it
- D) Some time next week. Will that give you plenty of time
- E) The first half is ready. Would you like to make a start with it

55. Son: **Has Ankara changed much?**

Father: _____

Son: **Well?**

Father: **Is that there is a whole new Ankara growing up where before there were only fields?**

- A) Yes, the parts I knew have changed almost beyond recognition; but the really surprising thing
- B) True, you really need to see it for yourself; in fact
- C) You won't believe me if I tell you
- D) Well, not the centre so much but once you get to outskirts of the city
- E) Another time I'll take you. I wouldn't be surprised

57. Alison: **How was the exhibition?**

Roger: _____

Alison: **Let me know when that will be and I'll try to join you.**

Roger: **Yes, do. You'll enjoy it.**

- A) Not bad at all. But it's been quite severely criticised in some quarters.
- B) Well worth a visit. In fact I want to go back and look around again at leisure.
- C) Excellent. In fact I even bought two pictures.
- D) Rather disappointing. I'd been warned, but didn't take those warnings seriously.
- E) There's some good work on view. Pat's going again tomorrow.

56. Mrs. Lawson: **You're looking depressed or frustrated or something.**

Mr. Lawson: **It's that big order we've been working so hard on for weeks.**

Mrs. Lawson: **Well? What's happened?**

Mr. Lawson: _____

- A) They've agreed to the terms we offered, so now all is under control.
- B) We've got it. The agreement was signed today.
- C) There are still a few details to settle; but the order, thank goodness, is ours.
- D) All's going fine. The lawyer is drawing up the agreement.
- E) Our rivals have pushed in and got the lot.

58. Mrs. Marlowe: **Did you get a chance to see that house out at Richmond?**

Mr. Marlowe: **Yes. It's light and spacious. Just what we are looking for. But it's in really bad condition.**

Mrs. Marlowe: _____

Mr. Marlowe: **Yes. But the cost would be too expensive.**

- A) Well, can't we get it repaired and done up?
- B) Are there no good points?
- C) Won't they bring the price down?
- D) Is the garden a sizeable one?
- E) Then I'll take a look at it tomorrow.

59. Andy: **What's your programme for the weekend?**

Barbara: _____

Andy: **Really? But you never go to the cinema!**

Barbara: **I know. But this film seems to be one that everyone must see.**

- A) I don't know. But I'd rather like to see a show.
- B) All I've fixed so far is to go shopping with Jane.
- C) I've not really fixed anything yet. But sometime I'm determined to see that film at the capital.
- D) I don't mind. Perhaps we could go and visit my parents.
- E) It doesn't matter so long as I get a chance to relax.

60. Son: **Sales are at an all-time-high at present, so surely we can relax a little now.**

Father: _____

Son: **Which means that whether sales are good or bad we just keep on working.**

Father: **Right. That's exactly what I mean.**

- A) Sales never stay constant. They always go up or down.
- B) I reckon it's my turn to relax, not yours.
- C) Yes, take a day or two off if you want to.
- D) Certainly not. Now we work all to keep them there.
- E) It's up to you. Do you think we can afford to relax?

61. James: **I'll see you at Marray's lecture.**

Nigel: **I'm not sure that I'm going.**

James: _____

Nigel: **Then in that case I will.**

- A) He knows a lot but can't make anything interesting.
- B) What's he lecturing on anyway?
- C) I wouldn't. I didn't feel I had to.
- D) You must. I saw him yesterday and he's expecting us both.
- E) Neither am I. We'll decide tomorrow.

62. Mrs Martin: **I've just been reading an article on cosmetic surgery.**

Mr Martin: **I don't want to hear about it. It's just a waste of money.**

Mrs Martin: _____

Mr Martin: **Perhaps not. But that doesn't affect my opinion.**

- A) Ten years from now you may be more interested.
- B) A lot of people regard it as money well spent.
- C) Not everyone agrees with you there.
- D) Mrs Surton certainly looks years younger.
- E) I'll leave it here and you can read it.

63. Richard: **Are the police still detaining him?**

Malcolm: **Yes, I'm afraid they are. But I just can't believe he'd do a thing like that.**

Richard: _____

Malcolm: **So do I.**

- A) Of course he wouldn't. I just wish we could find a way of helping him.
- B) I'm not sure. I don't really like him.
- C) Why do you say that?
- D) Do you suppose there'll be a trial?
- E) As far as I know there's not much evidence against him.

64. Alan: **Where's your computer? You do have one, don't you?**

Mark: _____

Alan: **Will that take long?**

Mark: **I don't think so; they'll give me a ring when it's ready.**

- A) Yes over there. I was told to take it out of the sun.
- B) No, I've given it to my brother.
- C) Well, I used it so rarely I decided to get rid of it.
- D) Not any longer. I didn't seem able to learn how to use it.
- E) Yes, but at present it's being repaired.

66. Clive: **Can you remember a good restaurant? My usual place is fully booked.**

Graham: _____

Clive: **That's not too important. It is a business lunch. I want somewhere we can talk.**

- A) What sort of a price range do you have in mind?
- B) What's the occasion? A family get together?
- C) Is that where we ate together the other evening?
- D) Have you tried the new fish restaurant on Exeter Road?
- E) I'm afraid I can't help; I so rarely dine out.

65. Mr Wentworthy: **I hope you've kept the afternoon free of appointment.**

Secretary: _____

Mr Wentworthy: **But that cuts right into the afternoon and you know I have next month's schedule to plan out.**

Secretary: **I had no choice. It's the manager who wants to see you.**

- A) Well, you did tell Mr Bainbridge he could leave early.
- B) No, of course I didn't forget.
- C) I thought I had to keep tomorrow free.
- D) Not quite; you will be busy between three thirty and four o'clock.
- E) All callers have been told you are out of town.

67. Mrs Frazer: **I was sorry to hear your mother had been taken ill. How is she doing now?**

Mrs Seymour: **She's much better, thank you. She leaves hospital tomorrow.**

Mrs Frazer: _____

Mrs Seymour: **Yes do. I'm sure she'll be very pleased to see you.**

- A) What has actually been the matter with her?
- B) What a relief that must be to you!
- C) Does she really? Wonderful. Then I'll go and visit her next day.
- D) Is there anything I can do to help you? You will let me know if I can, won't you?
- E) I suppose everyone is telling her to rest and take life easy.

68. Paul: **I see you're reading Trevor's latest novel. What is it like?**

Matthew: **It is not one of his best.**
Paul: _____

Matthew: **And deservedly so.**

- A) That seems to be the general opinion.
- B) I disagree. This is the only one I've really found stimulating.
- C) His characters are all types from the underworld.
- D) He seems to draw much on Agatha Christie.
- E) Usually his characterisation is good but the background is poor.

69. Telephone receptionist: **Bengo Kitchen Equipment. Can I help you?**

Customer: **Yes, there's something wrong with the fridge I bought from you last year.**

Telephone receptionist: _____

Customer: **Thank you very much.**

- A) How long is it since you had it serviced?
- B) Have you kept the guarantee?
- C) Please explain carefully just exactly what the problem is.
- D) Then, I'll put you through to the Servicing Department.
- E) That's strange, there's never been a complaint about them before.

70. Secretary: **Oh! I'm sorry I didn't realise there was a meeting going on here.**

Mr Howard: **Well, actually, it's more or less over. What did you want?**
Secretary: _____

Mr Howard: **That's all right; you can do it right away.**

- A) I was looking for Mr Stevens. I don't suppose you've seen him, have you?
- B) I was just going to check something in one of the files; but I'll come back later.
- C) Nothing really! I just felt like a break.
- D) I was wondering if you needed something to drink.
- E) Someone said the telephone is out of order. Is that so?

71. James: **Let's eat out tonight. Where would you like to go?**

Helen: _____

James: **Good idea ! Which one?**

Helen: **The Japanese one.**

- A) You choose. You eat out more than I do.
- B) Anywhere, so long as the food is good.
- C) Will there be time for a quick snack before the film starts?
- D) Well, certainly not that place you took me to last week!
- E) Shall we try one of those new foreign restaurants Giles was recommending?

72. Alison: **What's the matter? You're looking annoyed?**

Mavis: **I'm feeling annoyed.**

Alison: _____

Mavis: **Well, who do you think? There's only one person who can get me this angry!**

- A) There is no point in telling me! Just forget it!
- B) You get annoyed too easily these days. Try to keep calm.
- C) What's happened now? But perhaps you'd better forget it.
- D) Well, tell me about it. Who has been annoying you?
- E) Well, who doesn't find something to get annoyed about these days?

73. Mary: **You're remarkably patient with Pam! Don't you know she just loves a sympathetic listener?**

Sally: _____

Marry: **I didn't realise that. In what way?**

Sally: **In lots of ways. She's got family problems, money problems and health problems.**

- A) Yes, I suppose she does. But doesn't everyone?
- B) Yes, perhaps I am. But after all she is my niece.
- C) Yes of course I do. But life really has been hard on her.
- D) Why do you say that? You know what she's going through, don't you?
- E) Well, your problems aren't her problems.

74. Interviewer: **To start with, Miss Gibbs, would you like to tell me why you are applying for this post?**

Miss Gibbs: **Well, I've been in my present post now for three years and I feel it is time to make a change.**

Interviewer: _____

Miss Gibbs: **No, I'm not. But in the case of a first job it usually is.**

- A) Are you then saying that 3 years is long enough in any one position?
- B) Are you unhappy in your present job?
- C) Are you experienced in a particular field of the pharmaceutical industry?
- D) Surely there must be some other reasons for your desire for a change.
- E) Do you feel you have enough experience to be successful in a post like this?

75. **One mustn't forget that the West has contributed much to the development of the Third World.**

Mark: _____

Peter: **I suppose you are referring to the fact that the West is benefiting from an ever-expanding market for its goods.**

Mark: **Yes, I certainly am.**

- A) Nor should one forget that the Third World has also put a great deal of effort into its own development.
- B) I still maintain that the reasons for this are philanthropic as well as political.
- C) Yet, remember that in most Third World countries living conditions have got worse over recent decades.
- D) True; but in my opinion the reasons have been largely mercenary.
- E) The rate of development in some of these countries has been disappointing.

76. Amy: **I got the results of the laboratory tests today.**

Brenda: **I am sure they were good.**

Amy: _____

Brenda: **You don't have to. I can see it in your face!**

- A) They certainly were. I shall be able to get my thesis finished within a month.
- B) Yes they were; I can't tell you how relieved I feel.
- C) Well, most of them were. One has to be done again.
- D) More or less what I expected. Just one turned out to be a surprise. I'll have to do a bit more research on that.
- E) They were indeed. We'll eat out tonight and celebrate.

77. Jennifer: **Can you give me some advice on choosing a programme for my Master's degree?**

Sylvia: _____

Jennifer: **What do you mean by that? Money?**

Sylvia: **Well, that too. But more important will be time, energy and effort.**

- A) What's your aim in choosing our university?
- B) Yes; but I need to know how much you are prepared to give.
- C) Most programmes are more or less the same.
- D) Forget it! You're sufficiently well-qualified as you are.
- E) First let me find out whether or not you are serious of purpose.

78. Rupert: **Have you been following developments in Poland recently?**

David: _____

Rupert: **I want to send someone to the conference there on new political developments. Would you be interested?**

David: **I most certainly would.**

- A) Are you referring to the recent parliamentary elections?
- B) No. I've lost interest in what's going on there.
- C) No. Why? Has something of note happened there recently?
- D) No. Keeping up with developments in the Balkans is as much as I can manage these days.
- E) As a matter of fact I have. Why do you ask?

79. Interviewer: **Did you get the overwhelming support of the women in your constituency?**

Newly-Elected Woman Representative: _____

Interviewer: **How do you account for that?**

Newly-Elected Woman Representative: **I suppose the issues I talked about were not of primary concern to them.**

- A) Probably. There are more women than men in the constituency.
- B) I really have no idea.
- C) Yes, I suppose so. But the men voted, too.
- D) Yes, and I have already thanked them.
- E) No, I don't think I did.

80. Brian: **Have the police asked for your version of the story yet?**

Peter: **No, not yet. But they did say I should try to avoid discussing the matter.**

Brian: _____

Peter: **Did they really? It all seems extremely serious.**

- A) They've been saying that to everyone, but to no effect.
- B) Well, we do try not to. But it's on everyone's mind.
- C) They told me the same thing.
- D) I gave my version yesterday. But they didn't seem interested.
- E) But that's not easy as they very well know.

81. Mr. Robinson: **What's happened to the phone? I've been trying to get you all afternoon.**

Mrs. Robinson: **It is out of order.**

Mr. Robinson: _____

Mrs. Robinson: **I think all the lines in our neighbourhood are being changed.**

- A) Are you sure?
- B) Do you know why?
- C) Since when?
- D) When did that happen?
- E) Who said so?

82. Andrew: **How was your holiday in Budapest? Did you find it expensive?**

Rogar: _____

Andrew: **Really? I didn't realise you'd even been there before.**

Rogar: **Oh yes. I was stationed there for nearly five years. I only left in 1993.**

- A) It's a most interesting city. You really should see it for yourself.
- B) I suppose it was. But I was there on business, so it was all on the firm.
- C) I was much too busy to do any shopping.
- D) There were some beautiful hand-made articles that you could buy very cheaply.
- E) No. But I know the city well, so I can manage cheaply.

83. Edward: **I hear Jane has had another novel published. Have you read any of the reviews?**

Barry: **No. And frankly I'm not very interested in her any longer.**

Edward: _____

Barry: **That was true five or six years ago, but not any longer.**

- A) I overheard Whitten saying this is her best novel ever.
- B) Why is that? I thought she was generally regarded as quite the most gifted of our younger novelists.
- C) Actually I was planning to include her in my thesis.
- D) Is her work really as erudite as so many of your reviews suggest?
- E) Would you agree that her early work is largely autobiographical but that she is now using more abstract themes.

84. Mable: **Tell us about your holiday. You went to the Galapagos islands, didn't you?**

Ursula: _____

Mable: **What do you mean by that?**

Ursula: **Well, all the wild creatures, the sea lions for instance, were quite without fear and played around our feet.**

- A) That's right. And it was fascinating. The best was the wild life, which was not wild at all.
- B) Yes. They're a group of islands off the coast of Ecuador.
- C) Not really. We sailed past them but didn't stop there to see the wild life.
- D) Alright. I'll tell you about it when I've collected some more information about the wild life there
- E) I had planned to, but in the end the holiday had to be cancelled for various reasons.

85. Michael: **How can a small television company compete against these commercial giants?**

Rupert: _____

Michael: **Go on.**

Rupert: **To start with, it should concentrate on quality, not quantity.**

- A) The figures this month show we're making good progress.
- B) Why not? Since there are so many channels now, there's work for everyone.
- C) It can't. I should have thought that was obvious. It must do something different.
- D) There 's always a market for goods that are reasonably priced.
- E) If you are feeling like that, we can always declare ourselves bankrupt.

86. Andrew: **Well, Miss Claremont is clearly the best qualified of all the applicants.**

Molly: **Yes. I know she is.**

Andrew: **Well? What's worrying you then?**

Molly: _____

- A) How about Miss Blake? She seemed pleasant enough.
- B) I'm afraid she'll disrupt the team spirit we've built up.
- C) She's quite charming. But she's well below average intelligence.
- D) Was our advertisement correctly worded?
- E) The advantages of increased productivity are rapidly becoming apparent.

87. Mary: **Apart from the news and wild-life programmes, what else do you watch on TV?**

Philip: _____

Mary: **I do agree, but occasionally there are some good discussions and some good plays.**

Philip: **Perhaps. But most of the ones I have watched have been very boring.**

- A) I'd no idea you spent so much time watching TV.
- B) Almost nothing. Do you?
- C) Only the plays are worth watching, aren't they?
- D) If it weren't for my mother I'd get rid of our TV.
- E) Actually very little. There's so much rubbish on at present.

88. Jenny: **What are you reading? It's made you annoyed!**

Norman: _____

Jenny: **And presumably nothing is being done about it.**

Norman: **Nothing at all. But two superfluous sports centres are being constructed there.**

- A) I was reading about the new inner city traffic regulations.
- B) Yes, I suppose it does. Actually more sad than annoyed.
- C) True They've just caught some children of twelve taking drugs.
- D) Indeed it has. The number of homeless people in the capital now exceeds 5,000 and continues to increase.
- E) Precisely. It says every effort is being made to ensure that the children's every need is being met.

89. Interviewer: **Tell me, what was it about our advertisement that appealed to you?**

Mr Bingley: _____

Interviewer: **Why is that?**

Mr Bingley: **Because I have a lot of experience behind me and feel I still have a lot to offer; but I don't want full time employment any more.**

- A) Because you aren't asking for experience, just someone who is well-qualified.
- B) Well, the salary is good.
- C) The fact that you are employing people on a part-time basis
- D) I'm not enjoying being retired, so I thought I'd get myself a job again.
- E) The job description is close to what I've been doing for the last five years

90. Reader: **I enjoyed reading your recent book on the Central Asian republics.**

Author: **I am glad to hear that. What is it that makes the book so enjoyable for you?**

Reader: _____

Author: **That is exactly right. I traveled extensively in these republics and observed them carefully.**

- A) I understand writing interestingly about less exotic countries is much harder.
- B) Oh, the details. It's clear you're giving us first-hand information.
- C) Unfortunately, most of the descriptions fail to get beneath the surface of events.
- D) You seem to be somewhat prejudiced against their culture.
- E) I wonder how relevant your arguments are to the social and political realities of these republics.

91. Tony: **We are organizing a seminar next month for company executives.**

Arthur: **Good for you. What is it about?**

Tony: **"Complexity in Business." We see businesses as complex systems, and recent research offers powerful new approaches to make them more robust and competitive.**

Arthur: _____

- A) Some of the topics under discussion are of little interest to practitioners in global finance.
- B) I can't see how most companies will survive the recession. Do you?
- C) I am afraid certain measures will have to be introduced to make the company more efficient.
- D) And also more adaptive to rapidly changing economic environments.
- E) I think more economic research is needed to explain the causes of the current gloom throughout the business world.

92. John: **Have you had a chance to take a look at my article?**

Colleague: **Yes, I have. On the whole, it is fine work, but...**

John: _____

Colleague: **Well, there are one or two discrepancies which need to be removed.**

- A) I knew you would like it. I worked hard on it.
- B) There's something bothering you. Please tell me frankly what it is.
- C) I can see you are much impressed by it.
- D) I don't think you have grasped the core argument in it.
- E) I understand why you look so upset.

93. Receptionist: **Hi, Mr. Sullivan. Good to see you again.**

Customer: **Are you talking to me?**

Receptionist: **Of course, Mr. Sullivan. I'd recognize you anywhere. You haven't changed a bit!**

Customer: _____

- A) When did you get this job? Are you pleased with it?
- B) I may forget names but I never forget a face.
- C) You look exhausted. You must have been working hard recently.
- D) This is my first time here. Is there a place nearby where I can get a map of the town?
- E) I am afraid you must have mistaken me for someone else.

94. Professor: **Gauguin was born in 1848 in Paris, and he was a self-taught artist.**

Student: **Sorry to interrupt you. What do you mean by "he was a self-taught artist"?**

Professor: **I mean he didn't attend an art school for professional training; he began as an amateur painter and developed his own style through practice.**

Student: _____

- A) Which means that for some artists, art school training isn't essential?
- B) You mean that he had a strong longing for the primitive?
- C) That is to say, that he traveled a great deal in his early youth.
- D) That explains why there is nothing individual in his style.
- E) Therefore, his family suffered much hardship while he was away painting in the South Seas.

95. James: **Do you think Miss Shange is really going to resign?**

Peter: _____

James: **Why do you say that?**

Peter: **It's time someone taught the boss a lesson.**

- A) I hardly think so. Everything will be forgotten by next week.
- B) I have no idea. What do you think?
- C) Haven't you heard? She has already resigned.
- D) I'm not quite sure. But, I certainly hope she does.
- E) Anyhow, she's making a lot of fuss about nothing.

96. Alan: **When should we break the news to him?**

Petricia: _____

Alan: **I quite agree, so shall we say this evening?**

Petricia: **Agreed.**

- A) **The sooner, the better in my opinion.**
- B) Well, shall we say sometime tomorrow?
- C) We'd better wait a week or so.
- D) Whenever you think best.
- E) I thought the doctor had already told him.

97. Mr Fuller: **Well, how did the shopping expedition go?**

Mrs Fuller: **Well, we bought some lovely things; but ...**

Mr Fuller: _____

Mrs Fuller: **Yes I'm afraid that's the case**

- A) Then, why do you say "but"?
- B) But what? I suppose you spent more than you intended to; is that it?
- C) Well, then show me everything.
- D) Was there any money left over for a new shirt for me?
- E) You got back quite early considering you went with Mary.

98. Jill: **We're collecting money for the cleaning lady.**

Molly: **Really? Why?**

Jill: _____

Molly: **Oh, how lovely! Yes, of course, we must get a present for him.**

- A) I thought you know. Her husband is back in hospital and they are going to operate on him.
- B) She has been out of work a long while now and really has some bad money problems.
- C) Haven't you heard? Her first grandson was born last week.
- D) Her purse was stolen last week; at least that's what she says.
- E) I really don't know, either. But everyone seems to think we ought to.

99. Anne: **I though Helen and Mary were good friends.**

David: _____

Anne: **What happened then?**

David: **I don't know. But they are hardly on speaking terms now.**

- A) Yes, but Mary is rather a difficult person you know
- B) Well, aren't they?
- C) Oh, they are, but their interests are rather different.
- D) They used to be. But not any longer
- E) They still are, aren't they?

100. Andrew: **Have you read government's new report concerning health and safety legislation?**

James: **Not yet. But I do intend to**

Andrew: _____

James: **I'll let you know. It has certainly aroused a lot of interest.**

- A) I shouldn't bother. There is nothing of interest in it.
- B) In that case I'll give you my copy
- C) It's sort and to the point since it gives a full account of the causes of the problem.
- D) Then what did you think of the distinction made between "risk" and "hazard"?
- E) Yes, you should. I'll be interested to hear what you think about it.

101. Laura: **They are spending awful lot on advertising their new range of hair-care!**

David: _____

Laura: **What? A poor product?**

David: **Yes; very often it does anyhow.**

- A) Really? I hadn't noticed any.
- B) I suppose they need to. There are so many hair-care products.
- C) And you know what excessive advertising usually means, don't you?
- D) Well, they haven't produced a new range for a long time.
- E) They don't need to. Their products are well-known and much appreciated.

102. Andrew: **Why, if inflation is falling, has the Bank of England raised interest rates?**

Gerald: _____

Andrew: **Well, yes; I suppose that makes sense.**

Gerald: **And moreover, the present situation is such as to justify a small rise now.**

- A) I didn't realise it had. We'd better see what "The Financial Times" says about it.
- B) Well, like you I can only make a guess; but it seems to me there is something odd going on.
- C) To tell you the truth, I'm pleased. There'll be a bit more in my bank account by the end of the year.
- D) Oh, it constantly goes up and down without apparently any good reason.
- E) I suppose because it is concerned, not about present day inflation, but about what it will be two years ahead.

103. Martin: **Their latest advertising campaign is scandalous.**

Edward: **Yes. But technically they are within the law.**

Martin: _____

Edward: **So do I. But there's nothing we can do about it.**

- A) I very much doubt it. In fact, I'm all for filing a complaint against them.
- B) We can launch a similar campaign.
- C) Are you quite sure about that?
- D) Still, I regard such tactics as completely unethical.
- E) We must take some action. What do you suggest?

104. Jenny: **How was the journey?**

Brian: **Quite pleasant, really. There was a gorgeous sunset.**

Jenny: **"Sunset," did you say? Brian**

Brian: _____

- A) The sun sets later here than in the East.
- B) Yes. I rarely get the chance to see a sunset, so I thoroughly enjoyed watching it
- C) If you want a really good sunset, there have to be some clouds in the sky.
- D) Yes. I find these short days and long nights extremely depressing.
- E) I suppose I did. But I didn't really mean to.

105. Matthew: **Did you go to the theatre last night to see Rod Davis' new play?**

Carol: _____

Matthew: **Why do you say that?**

Carol: **Well, I'd never heard of him before, so I wasn't expecting much.**

- A) Yes I did, And it was surprisingly good.
- B) No, My father suddenly arrived in town, so I spent the evening with him.
- C) Yes. And it was as boring as his previous play!
- D) No. I go tonight. And I'm looking forward to it.
- E) I couldn't go so I gave my ticket to my sister.

106. Adrian: **Are you going to that cocktail party this evening?**

Jennifer: **Yes I am. It will be held in the garden, you know.**

Adrian: _____

Jennifer: **How true! I hadn't thought of that.**

- A) Will you be going by car?
- B) Are Jane and Mary coming too?
- C) The Marsden still haven't decided whether to go or not.
- D) That's nice. We won't be in a room full of smoke.
- E) Let's go together. Can you come for me at 6 o'clock?

107. Peter:

Helen: **He's still living with his parents in Canterbury, isn't he?**

Peter: **I don't think so. The letter I wrote there got returned.**

Helen: **Hmmm. Why don't you e-mail his brother and ask him?**

- A) Do you happen to know what Andrew's home address is?
- B) What do you think about visiting Ralph during the holiday?
- C) So, how did your meeting with your fiancée's parents go?
- D) Did you happen to get a Christmas card from Fran this year?
- E) Would you happen to know when the Canterbury bus leaves?

108. Kathy: **Let me see what you got at the shops.**

Colleen: **Well, I found this lovely painting and this fabulous carpet.**

Kathy:

Colleen: **I haven't decided yet, but I'm sure I'll find somewhere to put them.**

- A) You must be crazy — we haven't got any room for them.
- B) Exactly how much money did you spend on all of this stuff?
- C) They're beautiful, but what are you going to do with them?
- D) Do you think you could show me the shop you got them at?
- E) Oh, I'm sure they will look great in the bedroom.

109. Frannie:

Lonnie: **What made you decide to do such a thing?**

Frannie: **I just couldn't stand the stress any more.**

Lonnie: **Well, I wish you luck finding a new one then.**

- A) I still can't figure out where I want to go for my holiday this summer.
- B) I resigned from my job at the computer shop yesterday afternoon.
- C) Do you think you could help me choose a dress to wear to the party?
- D) I not only overslept this morning, but also missed my ride to work.
- E) The doctor told me I'm going to have to cut down on salt and fat.

110. Charles: **Have you ever seen such a beautiful sunset?**

Dennis:.....

Charles: **I asked you if you'd ever seen such a beautiful sunset.**

Dennis: **I don't think so. I'm sure I'd remember if I had.**

- A) Yes, but this certainly is one of the loveliest I've ever seen.
- B) Actually, I was inside on the phone with Mum when it went down.
- C) What sunset? I think I'd call that a sunrise since it's morning.
- D) I don't like sunsets. Why don't you ask somebody else about it?
- E) Pardon, I wasn't paying attention. What did you just say to me?

111. Cashier: **That comes to twenty-seven pounds and thirty-three pence.**

Jerome: **Can I pay for that with my American Express card?**

Cashier:

Jerome: **Okay, then could you hold on to it for a minute while I run to the bank?**

- A) Sorry, but we are only authorised to accept cash, cheques and Visa.
- B) You're confused. This is the United Kingdom, not the United States.
- C) No problem. Have you got a passport or a driving license I can see?
- D) Of course. We take all major credit cards and even foreign currency.
- E) Are you sure that's your credit card and not one of your wife's?

112. Bill:

Gill: **What made you come up with that idea?**

Bill: **Well, I was just thinking about how miserable he's been since Claire left.**

Gill: **He could be at the office. Why don't I give him a ring right now?**

- A) What did you do with that jewellery we found in your parents' basement?
- B) Do you think that Claire would enjoy meeting your younger brother?
- C) Have you considered asking Cecil to help you start your business?
- D) It's really a shame that Tom's wife left him and took the kids with her.
- E) I think we should have Hank around for dinner some time this week.

113. Marlin : **I've been reading about naval activities during World War I.**

Colin : _____

Marlin : **Quite a lot! Did you know that British submarines sank nearly 1,000 ships in European waters alone?**

Colin : **No I didn't. That's quite an impressive figure.**

- A) Well, are you now an expert in these matters?
- B) Yes, I know that book; I'm not sure how reliable the information is.
- C) If you find it interesting pass it on to me when you've finished.
- D) That's a subject I don't know much about.
- E) Well, what have you learned?

114. Mavis: **How are you getting on with that book? Gertrude Stein is supposed to be difficult to read.**

Pat : **Let's say her style is unusual and you do need to get used to it.**

Mavis : _____

Pat: **Oh certainly. Her ideas are really very interesting and stimulating.**

- A) And how long does that take?
- B) I suppose all good writers have their own individual style.
- C) Well, in the end, is it worth all the effort?
- D) I don't think I'd enjoy her.
- E) Does this special style of hers serve any useful purpose?

115. Mother: **Should I send my little son to his grandmother's house as his brother Richard has the mumps?**

Doctor: _____

Mother: **Why not?**

Doctor: **Because you can't prevent him from getting the infection, you can only postpone it and the older he gets the more serious it is likely to be.**

- A) No, I really do not recommend such a course.
- B) Yes, I think that would be a very good idea.
- C) No I don't. He's probably already caught it anyway.
- D) You might as well let them both have it together.
- E) It's not good to separate children when they are ill. They can be very supportive of each other.

116. Son: **If you were my age, what son of career would you choose?**

Father: **It seems to me that the electronics industry would be an extremely exciting area in which to work.**

Son: _____

Father: **More or less everything. It's behind what's going on in other industries, from aerospace to telecommunications.**

- A) Is it a job for a researcher or a practical person?
- B) Tell me about it.
- C) Then what sort of a degree is required?
- D) Well, What does it involve?
- E) How can I learn more about it?

117. Patrick: **I see the controversy over the use of cameras to stop speeding continues.**

Ben: _____

Patrick: **Well, some people reckon that visible cameras are more effective, others that hidden ones are.**

Ben: **Well, whenever I have been caught it has been by hidden ones.**

- A) I think we need them. There are more cars on the roads these days and more accidents.
- B) Something more than speed control is needed.
- C) Yes, and I expect it will go on doing so. Which side are you on?
- D) That's normal. Nobody wants them!
- E) I wasn't aware of it. What's happening?

118. Alison: **What are you reading?**

Brenda: **An article on tulips. Apparently when a tulip is two-coloured, this is due to a virus disease.**

Alison: _____

Brenda : **So do I.**

- A) Really? How interesting! But actually I prefer the single-coloured ones.
- B) How can they be sure of that?
- C) I find that hard to believe. They are always coming up with preposterous ideas!
- D) I suppose it could be. I've certainly noticed that they aren't as strong as the single-coloured ones.
- E) That's a shame! Because really they are so lovely! Don't you agree?

119. Sally :

- **You know the old houses along the Bosphorus with their softly coloured wooden walls, actually enhance the views.**

Mark :

- **They do indeed! Not like the harsh white concrete ones that ruin so many coastlines.**

Sally : -----

Mark :

- **No, let's not.**

- A) Please don't remind me of them.
- B) Let's make sure it's really safe, shall we?
- C) I'd like to live in a house like that.
- D) You know I could live here. I'll never tire of the view
- E) Oh, don't let's think about them!

120. Gwen :

- **Apparently, Turkish textiles attracted a great deal of attention in Britain as far back as the 16th century.**

Jennifer :

- **I suppose it was the striking designs that attracted people.**

Gwen : -----

Jennifer :

- **Yes, now I remember. The quality of the dyes was way ahead of anything in Europe.**

- A) That, too, of course; but the high quality production techniques were also admired.
- B) Turkish woollen fabrics were known to be extremely soft and strong.
- C) It was through the operas on Turkish themes that Europeans were first introduced to Turkish dress.
- D) The paintings of certain Dutch artists are an important source of information about early Turkish carpet designs.
- E) At that time, many English merchants were trading with Turkey.

121. David :

- **Can you recommend a book on astronomy? Preferably well-illustrated and fairly elementary.**

Shop assistant :

- **Oh certainly. Take a look at this one.**

David : -----

Shop assistant :

- **Yes, indeed. And it's full of practical information too, even on the types of telescopes you can buy.**

- A) You don't regard this as a definitive guide to astronomy, do you?
- B) I think you need to know a fair bit about astronomy before you can follow this!
- C) Astronomy is evolving rapidly so one needs to up-date one's knowledge frequently.
- D) Yes. It's certainly got plenty of fascinating photographs and diagrams and star maps.
- E) I like the look of this. But what else do you have?

122. Wife :

- **Why don't you stop complaining about your partners and set up in business on your own?**

Husband :

- **I'd love to! But it would be hard going for at least three years!**

Wife : -----

Husband :

- **That's a good point. Maybe, we shouldn't put it off any longer.**

- A) I think we'd both be a lot happier. What's worrying you?
- B) What do you mean by that? That we'd be short of money?
- C) I wouldn't mind that at all.
- D) Then let's forget it! We can go on as we are.
- E) We can cope with a bit of hardship now. Ten years hence it might not be so easy.

123. Reg :

- **Have you read this new book on Isaac Newton that everyone's talking about?**

Harry : -----

Reg :

- **Why not?**

Harry :

- **I gather it's not very scholarly and it's rather disparaging of Newton.**

- A) I'm still only half-way through it.
- B) I really didn't know everyone was talking about it!
- C) No, I haven't. And I don't intend to, either.
- D) I'm not surprised. But it won't be popular.
- E) I gather it throws a new light on him; is that so?

124. Alice :

- **Listen to this: "The constraints facing investors today are no more serious than yesterday - just more complex."**

Bruce :

- **Well, what does that mean?**

Alice : -----

Bruce :

- **Yes, it sounds like a typical advert. No meaning but dressed up beautifully in words.**

- A) I thought it would help you to decide how to invest your winnings!
- B) I've no idea; I was just reading a part of a bank advert.
- C) Nothing at all to me. Shall I go on and read some more to you?
- D) I wish I had something to invest.
- E) Why do you ask?

125. Sally :
- **Have you spoken to Bobby's parents yet?**
- Rose :
- **Yes, I have But it wasn't a very satisfactory meeting.**
- Sally : -----
- Rose :
- **Unfortunately not. They seemed determined to put me in the wrong!**
- A) I don't know what else I can suggest.
B) I can believe that They're not very cooperative; are they?
C) That's no surprise. Everyone knows how difficult they are.
D) That's a shame. Bobby needs help.
E) How was that?

126. Ada :
- **Are you an orchid-lover?**
- Sandra : ----
- Ada :
- **I feel the same way about them. I prefer something more natural.**
- Sandra :
- **Yes; and more graceful.**
- A) All I know about them is that they thrive in 60 per cent humidity and die off if it drops below 40 per cent.
B) Yes I am. Orchids are affected usually by air and temperature and draughts.
C) No; but I find the stories about their attributes quite fascinating.
D) Not really. I suppose they are too exotic for my taste. What about you?
E) I certainly am. But I leave the growing of them to the experts.

127. Anna :
- **Are you in favour of what they now call "educational play"?**
- Alan : -----
- Anna :
- **I do agree. A child that dislikes school is not likely ever to be successful there.**
- A) How can children learn all they have to learn if they waste so much time playing?
B) What exactly is that?
C) Yes, I suppose so. As long as it's not overdone.
D) No. I don't believe in letting children have too much of their own way.
E) Yes, I am. It is important to make learning pleasurable.

128. Jane :
- **I don't think we should go to Venice for our holiday this year.**
- Steve :
- **Have you been reading that disturbing article on how Venice is sinking?**
- Jane : -----
- Steve :
- **I know. It's also in danger because sea levels are rising.**
- A) No. Should I?
B) Yes, I have. And it's not simply that Venice is sinking.
C) Yes. But I think it grossly over-emphasizes the danger, don't you?
D) Oh, people have been talking about that for years, but it won't happen, will it?
E) Surely they could do something to save the city!

129. Brian :
- **What is to be learned from the collapse of the viaduct when the tornado hit it?**
- Harry :
- **Perhaps we should simply admit that we can't as yet build major structures capable of resisting tornadoes.**
- Brian : -----
- Harry :
- **I suppose it is. But I believe it's better to be safe than sorry.**
- A) After all, it was an unusually violent tornado.
B) Are you sure that we can't?
C) Aren't you overlooking the fact that the anchor-bolt systems had started to corrode?
D) Perhaps we can develop ways of doing so.
E) Isn't that being rather defeatist?

130. Gail :
- **Pat and Nigel seem set on selling their house here and starting a new life in France.**
- Rachel :
- **Yes, I know. It seems to be quite the fashion now to make a new start.**
- Gail : -----
- Rachel :
- **I'm not sure that it does. In fact, I sometimes wonder about making a new start myself.**
- A) Have you ever thought of making a fresh start?
B) I couldn't possibly dig up my roots and start again
C) I imagine that very many people come to regret the move!
D) True. But it must take a lot of courage.
E) I couldn't do it myself but I sometimes envy those who do.

131. James :
- **Have you been to the Dali exhibition?**
- Rodney : -----
- James :
- **Why is that?**
- Rodney :
- **I don't like being caught up in a crowd when I'm looking at paintings.**
- A) I certainly have. And I hope to go again soon.
B) Not yet. I don't go to such exhibitions till they've been going for some time.
C) I was there at the opening. What about you?
D) Yes. I was surprised at how few large paintings there were.
E) Of course. And it was quite an experience.

132. Clare :
- **What's the matter with you? You're not your usual self!**
- Kate :
- **I know I'm not. This report I'm doing is getting me down.**
- Clare : -----
- Kate :
- **No; thank goodness. But the deadline is near.**
- A) So that's the trouble. Is there still much left to be done?
B) The trouble with you is that you're a perfectionist.
C) When are you expected to hand it in?
D) Would you like me to go over it for you?
E) But it was nearly finished last week, wasn't it?

133. Fred :
- **Have you read this article on the economies of the Middle Eastern countries?**

Mike :

- **No, not yet. Anything interesting in it?**

Fred :-----

Mike :

- **That's to be expected. After all, Iran is the second-largest producer of oil in OPEC.**
- A) Well, Iran's nuclear aims seem to have increased international tension.
- B) To my surprise, 50% of Iran's revenue comes from its oil exports.
- C) Clearly, the global economy is suffering heavily from the current US economic crisis.
- D) Just one point: every day, the world spends around \$5.5 billion at current price levels on crude oil purchases.
- E) It seems that China, India, and Japan have become the primary markets for the Middle East's oil and gas.

134. Steve :
- **According to this latest report on Afghanistan, it's not safe for aid agencies to work there.**

Ken :

- **How come? There is a strong NATO force there to provide security.**

Steve :-----

Ken :

- **So, it seems that the NATO-led attempts to bring peace to this country have already failed.**
- A) You know that the aims of the NATO intervention in this country have been clearly defined.
- B) Indeed, northern Afghanistan remains reasonably peaceful and open to trade.
- C) Sure, but a large part of the country, especially the troublesome southern parts, are controlled by rebel groups.
- D) In fact, for this country to achieve peace and security, there is an urgent need for more foreign involvement.
- E) Actually, several nations have helped to build roads, bridges, and other important facilities

135. Ralph :

- **I've learned that there are many details to learn about the maintenance of home aquariums.**

Dick :-----

Ralph :

- **At first glance, it's true. But do you know that even the decorative materials used in aquariums should be placed properly? Otherwise, for example, they may obstruct the filter pipes.**

Dick :

- **Really? I hadn't thought of that before.**

- A) Yes. For example, fish don't disrupt the cleanliness of the home with messy fur or feathers.
- B) Right; routine maintenance only requires a few minutes of your attention daily, supplemented by an hour or so once a week.
- C) Oh, are there? I've always thought that looking after an aquarium is very easy.
- D) Anyone knows that keeping an aquarium is expensive.
- E) In fact, I am as interested as you are in aquariums.

136. Chris :
- **Did you know that several years ago Luciano Pavarotti released his first solo album of Italian pop songs?**

Robert :
- **No, I didn't. I wonder what other tenors thought of this.**

Chris : -----

Robert :
- **In which case, I suppose opera fans are also accepting the situation.**

- A) Well, at first they were not in favour of it, but now they are doing the same thing themselves!
- B) It was at least 20 years ago that his record company asked him to make this album.
- C) As far as I know, it was the song "Caruso" that made him do it.
- D) He asked three well-known singers to join him, but for some reason they said no.
- E) I don't know. Presumably, they were annoyed.

137. James :
- **How's your philosophy course going?**

Peter :
- **It's hard to say. It certainly requires a lot of effort.**

James : -----

Peter :
- **No. Quite the opposite. In the main, it consists of learning to look at the old and familiar facts in a new and fresh way.**

- A) Which of the great philosophers are you going to study?
- B) But are you enjoying it?
- C) Well, I hope you're finding it interesting!
- D) I might take the course next year.
- E) Why? Are there a lot of facts to learn?

138. Mary :
- **What I look for in an airline company is a punctual take-off and a punctual landing.**

June : -----

Mary :
- **And why not?**

June :
- **Think about it! Something as common as bad weather can lead to delays. Would you care to take off in a hurricane?**

- A) What I look for is flight safety.
- B) But face it; that's not always possible.
- C) For long flights they now provide beds in business class.
- D) However hard they try to please the passengers, I get bored!
- E) You are hard to please, aren't you?

139. Sue :
- **Did you know that there are three types of zip and that each is used in a different way?**
- Jane : -----
- Sue :
- **For instance, chain zips, largely suitable for luggage, have metal teeth and are, therefore, very strong.**
- Jane :
- **I see. I didn't know that.**
- A) As far as I know, there are chain zips, coil zips and concealed zips. Right?
B) What about coil zips? I've read something about them; they are lighter and synthetic.
C) Really? Can you give me an example and say where it can be used?
D) Well, some are ideal for fine fabrics and others are for stronger ones.
E) Does that mean that some of them break easily?

140. Molly :
- **The farmers along the Eastern Black Sea coast are complaining that growing tea is no longer economic. . .**
- Ralph :
- **What do they mean by that?**
- Molly : -----
- Ralph :
- **These days just about everyone is in the same boat.**
- A) Of course, a dry season always affects them badly.
B) They mean they are working hard but not making any profit.
C) I suppose they are really complaining about the prices of fertilizers and insecticides.
D) In the shops, though, tea is really quite expensive.
E) They haven't had a really good crop for several years now.

141. Matthew :
- **Well, what did you think of the last candidate?**
- Richard :
- **He's easily the best of the ones we've interviewed.**
- Matthew :
Richard :
- **Yes, he does. And after all, that's very high on our list of requirements.**
- A) Right. And he really does have a good command of spoken English.
B) Do you think so? I'm not quite sure myself.
C) Undoubtedly. But I had hoped we'd find someone more experienced in field work.
D) And how bad most of them were!
E) Let's give him a try then. We really need someone urgently.

142. Barry :
- **Have you ever heard of the Bridge to Asia organization?**
- Cliff : -----
- Barry :
- **It's asking here for people to help developing countries in Asia by donating back issues of serious journals to help fill the empty library shelves there.**
- Cliff :
- **What an excellent idea! I hope they get a good response.**
- A) It's run by a group of rather peculiar people. Avoid it!
B) Yes. It was closed down two weeks ago, and for a very good reason.
C) Can't say that I have. What does it do?
D) Yes, I have. And I do not want to hear any more about it.
E) The information they give there is not very reliable. Don't take it seriously.

143. Mrs Turner :

- **How did the meeting go?**

Mr Turner : -----

Mrs Turner :

- **And is that due to your clever advertising techniques**

Mr Turner :

- **I suppose it is. To some extent anyway.**

- A) Everyone's rather concerned because we're facing more competition than formerly.
B) Well enough. Actually, there wasn't much to discuss and the chairman wanted to keep it short.
C) It was a waste of time, as usual. There wasn't even anything of importance on the agenda.
D) Fine. Four out of the five new products on the market are really selling well.
E) Remarkably well. It was as if everyone had decided to be as agreeable as possible!

144. Kevin :

- **Why does England import so many milk products? I'm sure she could be self-supporting.**

Jenny : -----

Kevin :

- **Oh. It's a question of you buy from me and I'll buy from you..**

Jenny :

- **Exactly. Agriculture is the world's largest industry and has to conform with the general industrial plan considered desirable.**

- A) Being self-supporting isn't necessarily an advantage.
B) Do you honestly think so? I doubt it.
C) She could I suppose. But people like variety and so foreign cheeses, for instance, are very popular.
D) Of course she could. But actually it might be cheaper to import.
E) Yes, she could. But it's a question of finding markets for her manufactured goods.

145. Susan :

- **Do you know that every year 130 million tonnes of America's trash ends up in landfills?**

Harry :

- **Oh, yes, I certainly do, and more than that.**

Susan : -----

Harry :

- **Well, together all these landfills emit more of the greenhouse gas methane than any other human-related source.**

- A) Is it true that some American building companies use inorganic refuse such as metals in roadbeds and heavy construction?
B) Do you mean engineers have developed an efficient way of dealing with trash?
C) What do you mean exactly? You seem to be implying something.
D) America produces more trash than any other country in the world, doesn't it?
E) Don't you think such a huge volume of trash can be processed to produce electricity?

146. Mark :

- **I see the servicemen who were ordered to stand on the decks of their frigates during hydrogen-bomb tests in the Pacific some 10 years ago, are going to court about it.**

Jason : -----

Mark :

- **That their life expectancy has been reduced and that there is an unusually high rate of genetic disorders among their children.**

Jason :

- **Well, if it is true, I certainly hope they win the case.**

- A) That's interesting. What do they claim?
B) I can't remember the incident at all.
C) People are always looking for easy ways to get money.
D) Well, I suppose they may have a case.
E) It won't be easy to prove, that's for sure.

147. Bill :

- **As a firm, we are doing our best for fuel improvement.**

Bob :

- **Indeed, we must develop new technologies to reduce the environmental impact of gasoline and diesel.**

Bill : -----

Bob :

- **Yes, of course. Also you know we have already developed an innovative formula designed to help reduce fuel consumption.**

- A) Have other firms been investing in long-term solutions like hydrogen fuel?
- B) Can you tell me how we can produce fuels from lots of different sources in order to meet the growing demand?
- C) Don't you think the solution is a combination of cleaner fuels and cleaner engines?
- D) How can we produce lead-free and low-sulphur fuels?
- E) Is the burning of coal and gas for lighting, heating, and cooking one of the causes of local air pollution?

148. Malcolm :

- **I believe a great deal of research needs to be made of Martin Luther King and his ideas.**

Jacob :

- **I fully agree with you, since he was the preeminent figure in the civil rights movements started by blacks in the United States during the 1960s.**

Malcolm : -----

Jacob:

- **On the contrary. Fundamentally, he aspired to a fully integrated nation of all the Americans.**

- A) Before King, various civil rights groups in America had started to organize boycotts and demonstrations to condemn racial discrimination against blacks in all walks of life.
- B) Unfortunately, his inspiring career as a defender of civil rights in America was tragically ended by assassination in 1968.
- C) In fact, civil rights laws passed under President Lyndon B. Johnson in the 1960s did bring American blacks some measure of equality with regard to voting rights.
- D) Yes, of course. Yet, he's been accused of seeking complete independence from white society.
- E) As you know, the civil rights movements of the 1960s in America clearly showed the chasm between the egalitarian promises of American democracy and the real inequalities at the core of American social and political life.

149. Winston :

- **What does the term “global village” really mean?**

Stanley :

- **Oh, well, it is essentially related to the global flow of information.**

Winston : -----

Stanley :

- **Alright, I will try. Beginning in the 1990s, increasingly sophisticated computers have brought people into instant communication over the internet with each other across continents in new cultural and political settings, and this has had a great impact on the everyday lives of men and women around the world.**

- A) In other words, are you suggesting that advances in electronic technologies have provided new worldwide platforms and connections for commercial interests?
- B) Do you mean the wide-ranging effects of information technologies on political struggles around the globe?
- C) Are you saying that electronic systems and devices designed to create, store and share information have become more powerful and accessible?
- D) Are you claiming that embattled ethnic minorities have found worldwide audiences through on-line campaign sites?
- E) What does that exactly mean? Can you be more specific?

150. John :

- **The economic rather than political aspect of European colonialism has always interested me.**

Francis :

- **I know. It is clear from most of the papers you have presented so far. So you think that colonial exploitation in the past was the major source of Europe’s economic prosperity.**

John : -----

Francis :

- **Agreed. Indeed, it is impossible to imagine this prosperity without them.**

- A) Actually, Britain’s American colonies had no significant mineral wealth and, therefore, they turned to agriculture.
- B) Moreover, as far as I am concerned, the Spanish colonial economy was dominated by mining.
- C) On the other hand, the Portuguese government allowed only Portuguese merchants to trade with their own colonies.
- D) Absolutely. For instance, Europe’s growing wealth in the eighteenth century was simply the result of its colonial possessions.
- E) To compete with the British, the French government encouraged the development of sugar-producing colonies in the West Indies.

151. Robert :
- **Did you know that the first recorded Olympic Games took place in the Valley of Olympia in Greece in 776 B.C.?**

Ted :

- **No, I didn't. But I know that in antiquity they were held at four-year intervals.**

Robert : -----

Ted :

- **Then, boxing, wrestling, and many other sports must have been added over time.**

- A) I wonder to what extent the modern Olympic Games were driven by economics and politics.
- B) Do you think the goals of modern olympism as stated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) are still valid?
- C) The ancient Greeks believed that human life was completely controlled by the gods
- D) True. Unfortunately, they were abolished by the Roman emperor Theodosius I in 394 A.D. Interestingly, the first Olympics contained only one event: the foot race.
- E) As you know, many cities in the world compete with each other for the honour and prestige of hosting the Olympic Games.

152. Jack :
- **In the British empire, India was the first colony to win its independence soon after World War II, wasn't it?**

Robin :

- **Yes, it was. Actually, the extraordinary Indian nationalist Mahatma Gandhi had been at work in India since the 1920s and had pioneered anticolonial ideas.**

Jack : -----

Robin :

- **Principally, his strategy was nonviolent noncooperation. So he urged the Indian people to withdraw from the imperial economy and develop their own means of resistance such as going on strike, refusing to pay taxes, or boycotting British goods.**

- A) In the face of colonial domination, how did he set about the anticolonial movement for the independence of India?
- B) Gandhi's strategy for independence provided a model for many liberation struggles in other colonies.
- C) Hadn't he already led a nonviolent campaign for the political rights of the Indian community in South Africa between 1894 and 1914?
- D) By 1947 Gandhi had gained such widespread support that the British found it impossible to continue in power in India.
- E) Yet, in June 1947, British India was partitioned into the nations of India and Pakistan, and the process of partition brought brutal religious and ethnic warfare.

153. Stephen :
- **By the way, what does the term “hydrologic cycle” mean? Can you explain it?**

Martin :
- **Basicly it means that water cycles from the oceans and land to the atmosphere, and then back to the oceans, and land. It is a complex cycle, which provides us with a renewable supply of purified water on land.**

Stephen : -----

Martin:
- **Certainly, and also an important one. As you might expect, forests release substantial amounts of moisture into the atmosphere by transpiration, which then falls as precipitation.**

- A) When a forest is burned or cut down, how is the climate of the region affected?
- B) Do you think forests influence an area’s climate?
- C) Do forests play a role in this cycle?
- D) How does transpiration by trees influence the local temperature of forests?
- E) What are the factors that determine climate?

154. Harry :
- **It is true that, in the nineteenth century, Britain and France were Europe’s two great overseas empires.**

Charles :
- **Why do you think so? Besides them, there were other colonial powers in Europe that also owned territories overseas.**

Harry : -----

Charles :
- **I see what you mean. In other words, the Germans were reluctant to engage in a colonial enterprise. Right?**

- A) The new political and economic relationships between colonies and dependent states on the one hand and the colonizing power on the other ran both ways, bringing changes to both sides.
- B) The convergence of technology, money, and politics involved in the construction of the Suez Canal represents the interplay of economics and empire in late nineteenth-century Europe.
- C) The years from 1870 to 1914 brought both rapid industrialization throughout the West and the stunningly rapid expansion of Western power abroad.
- D) In terms of colonial power politics, they counted little. As for Germany, which was the strongest emerging power inside Europe, its governments did not believe that colonization overseas would yield economic and political advantages. So, Germany was not a colonial empire.
- E) The nineteenth-century empires developed against the backdrop of economic and political changes such as industrialization, liberal revolutions, and the rise of nation-states, which transformed Europe and European imperialism.

155. John :
- **Good morning, Christine. By the way, have you seen this article on North Korea?**
Christine:- **I've just come to the office. You know mornings are always a rush. Tell me what the main argument is.**

John : -----

Christine :
- **Besides that, there may also be other hidden reasons such as the provision of nuclear to international terrorist groups. Weapons**

- A) Let me tell you this: historically, at the end of World War II, the Soviet Union occupied the northern part of the Korean peninsula, while the Americans held the south.
- B) You know that, after the loss in 1991 of Soviet patronage, the isolated North Korean government faced a very serious economic disaster, with verified reports of local starvation in some regions of the country.
- C) It emphasizes that the North Korean government has pursued the development of a nuclear arsenal not for self-defence, but as a bargaining chip against Japan and the United States.
- D) As you may recall, in June 1950, the communist North Korean troops attacked across the border that divided the Korean peninsula and crushed resistance in the south.
- E) Agreed. Yet Japan and the Western states have always feared that North Korea may be secretly helping Iran and other rogue states to develop nuclear weapons.

156. Terence :
- **It is a fact that the overseas maritime explorations in the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries improved our knowledge of geography tremendously.**

Jim :

- **Well, we all know it. Why do you bring it up?**

Terence : -----

Jim :

- **Naturally, the same view was held by the Church and also the crusaders.**

- A) Ancient geographers divided the earth into five climatic zones that are still recognized today.
- B) Actually, in antiquity, geography owed most of its development to the Hellenistic astronomer Eratosthenes.
- C) The amazing thing is that, by means of sundials placed some hundreds of miles apart, the astronomer Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the earth.
- D) For the simple reason that the world was understood differently and wrongly in the Middle Ages. For instance, medieval geographers regarded Jerusalem as the centre of the earth.
- E) In fact, it was the Hellenistic astronomer and geographer Eratosthenes that first suggested the possibility of reaching eastern Asia by sailing west.

157. George :
- **Recently I have been much interested in the social history of the marketplace in medieval England, on which I plan to write a book.**

Juliet :

- **The social history of the marketplace? It is rather a dull subject, isn't it?**

George : -----

Juliet :

- **Really? Then I take back what I've just said. I'll be keenly interested in what you write about it.**

- A) Well, in a way, yes. In the past and today, the marketplace was just a site for the buying and selling of commodities.
- B) On the contrary. In fact, the heart of the matter is that the marketplace served as a place to socialize and a forum for interaction among people from all walks of life.
- C) At first glance, it would seem that there are many differences between the marketplaces of the past and the marketplaces of today.
- D) Unfortunately, the stock and commodities exchanges and malls have none of the spirit of the traditional marketplace.
- E) Exactly. It is hard to define the purpose and goal of the marketplace not only in England but also in the rest of Europe.

158. Fred :
- **I have been doing some research for a paper on the emergence of fascism in Italy. There is a vast amount of material that I have to consult. A tough job.**

Colleague :

- **I agree. Not an easy one. You know, like many European nations, Italy emerged from World War I at a heavy cost, but surely there were various causes for the rise of fascism in the country.**

Fred : -----

Colleague :

- **I am sure, as I gather from what you are saying, your paper will provide us with a full account of how Italy turned to fascism.**

- A) Under Mussolini, the Italian economy was placed under the management of twenty-two corporations, each responsible for a major industrial enterprise.
- B) In fact, I will mainly focus on how Italy was divided into a prosperous industrialized north and a poor agrarian south.
- C) To tell you the truth, World War I had cost Italy nearly seven hundred thousand lives and over \$15 billion.
- D) In my opinion, you are mistaken when you claim that the Italian fascist movement depended heavily on Mussolini's leadership.
- E) Undoubtedly. Among them can be mentioned political corruption, weaknesses of parliamentary democracy, high inflation, rising unemployment, and nationwide strikes.

159. Harry :
- **Today, at the conference, two professors were involved in a fierce debate about the Marshall Plan. They really got on each other's nerves.**

Janet :
- **Sorry, dear. I know nothing about the Marshall Plan. You must first tell me about it.**

Harry : -----

Janet :
- **I see. Since it was certainly to the benefit of Europe, I can't understand why the two professors should quarrel about it.**

- A) As far as I am concerned, among the most striking aspects of World War II's aftermath was the speed with which Germany was reintegrated into Europe.
- B) Indeed, the United States countered the expansion of Soviet power and kept communist movements based in Europe.
- C) It was an American programme that started in 1948 and provided \$13 billion in aid for the industrial redevelopment and economic recovery of Europe.
- D) The American government forced certain terms on the countries participating in the Marshall Plan such as decontrol of prices, restraints on wages, and balanced budgets.
- E) On the other hand, the Soviets viewed the Marshall Plan as the United States' deliberate intervention in Europe's affairs and, therefore, strongly objected to it.

160. Sue :
- **I've just read Freud's The Interpretation of Dreams. It was really fascinating.**

Marion :
- **That's a book I've always meant to read. What does Freud say?**

Sue : -----

Marion :
- **So, I should keep a dream diary and try and see what they mean.**

- A) Like other psychologists, he believes the dreams themselves are actually meaningless.
- B) He maintains that an average person sleeps six hours a day.
- C) He believes that our dreams are important and can reveal what we unconsciously desire.
- D) That dreams are simply the result of Random electrical impulses in the brain.
- E) He suggests that we should not waste our time trying to interpret dreams.

161. Mary :
- **More and more people are becoming concerned about the environment. So, how "green" would you say you are?**

Tim :
- **Well, I try and do some simple things to lessen my impact on the environment.**

Mary : -----

Tim :
- **Let me think, when I go on holiday, I try and choose a hotel that's located near public transportation.**

- A) People should use public transport, shouldn't they?
- B) Do you think that will really make any difference?
- C) Can you give me any specific examples?
- D) Have you stopped travelling abroad?
- E) So, don't you travel by plane anymore?

162. Sam : -----

Pete :

- **Is that another example of fruit produced by genetic engineering?**

Sam :

- **Actually, it's not. It's a hybrid fruit, produced by crossbreeding – there's a difference between the processes involved.**

Pete :

- **I thought they were basically the same thing.**

- A) Most fruits like bananas have been grown using chemical pesticides.
- B) Genetic engineering is really moving forward these days.
- C) I read that scientists are looking into enhancing the disease-fighting power of oranges.
- D) There are enormous nutritional benefits to eating genetically enhanced fruit.
- E) I've just had an aprium – it's a combination of an apricot and a plum.

163. Adam :

- **Do you agree with the scientists who claim that life on earth will soon come to an end?**

Gail :

- **Yes, I do. We use our resources in such an extravagant way nowadays that it is only a matter of time before they are depleted.**

Adam : -----

Gail :

- **Well, only if we are more careful from now on.**

- A) Do you think it is possible for us to extend the time that we have left?
- B) Does that mean we are living our last days on earth?
- C) Shouldn't we pay more attention to what environmentalists say regarding this matter?
- D) The movie 2012 was about the approaching end of the world, wasn't it?
- E) Are we going to be able to use the resources found on other planets in the near future?

164. Peter :

- **I've just been to the European Festival Science on Stage.**

Alison :

- **Yes, I heard about it. There was a lot of talk about young people, wasn't there?**

Peter :

- **There was, especially on how to ensure that in the future we have enough scientists.**

Alison : -----

Peter :

- **That's exactly what I think too. Children are our future.**

- A) There's no problem. We'll always have enough people who want to be scientists.

- B) Personally, I don't think it has anything to do with age.

- C) There has really been a decrease in the number of young scientists.

- D) Yes, it's all to do with education. Science teachers need to inspire young people.

- E) I think scientists are really lucky. They're doing a job that they love.

165. Jack :
- **I never knew you were an urban explorer. Is that what you were doing at the weekend?**

Sam :
- **Yes, I've been doing it for about a year now.**

Jack : -----

Sam :
- **I just love the thrill of exploring, especially in the abandoned tunnels under the streets.**

- A) It sounds like a thrilling experience. Is it scary?
B) How long have you been exploring such places?
C) Is it just something to do at the weekend?
D) In your opinion, which is the best city to go urban exploring?
E) So you explore old forgotten places in our cities. Why do you do it?

166. Sally :
- **What did you learn in school today?**

Bob :
- **Apparently, when the universe was only a few minutes old, the only element was hydrogen.**

Sally : -----

Bob :
- **Well, they were formed later.**

- A) How can scientists know that?
B) Do you know why?
C) Where did it come from?
D) Really? What about the other elements?
E) That's amazing! What do you think?

167. Bahar :
- **Instead of simply looking at the posters of astronauts, children are now playing with toy models of the International Space Station.**

Erdem :
- **So what? Isn't that obvious?**

Bahar : -----

Erdem :
- **What difference does it make, anyway?**

Bahar :
- **You can interact with them, and get familiar with space concepts.**

- A) Toy models of space stations are recently made of plastic material.
B) Unfortunately, space expeditions have slowed down in recent years.
C) Interestingly, children nowadays tend to be more creative.
D) Our childhood was much simpler and we were happier.
E) Well, we could only dream of such educational toys when we were young.

168. İpek :
- **What do you think about 'the Human Brain Project'?**

Handan : -----

İpek :
- **You're right. Scientists want to build a completely simulated human brain, but what about the obligations to the mind that has been created?**

Handan :
- **Yes, imagine a scenario where a brain has been created that has memories and is really human-like, but then the scientists decide to switch it off.**

- A) I agree that it's a unique opportunity for us to learn how the brain really works.
- B) I think it has taken scientists far too long to come up with this idea.
- C) I don't really know enough about it. But I'm sure there must be some serious ethical considerations.
- D) I'm not very certain, as I haven't read much about it. What's your opinion?
- E) I'd really like to know more about it before I say anything about the morality of the issue.

169. Dave :
- **What can you tell me about camping in Australia's Walkabout Park? It says here that you are surrounded by 180 different species of animals. Isn't that dangerous?**

Travel Agent :
- **Not at all. The animals are quite used to people, and at night you sleep in special animal-proof tents.**

Dave : -----

Travel Agent :
- **Oh, there's a lot to do. There are evening barbecues, and during the day you can visit ancient Aboriginal sites.**

- A) So apart from the animals, what else is special about the park?
- B) Maybe that isn't such a good idea. My wife is afraid of animals.
- C) Sounds interesting. When is the best time to visit?
- D) What about showers and cooking facilities? My wife is fussy about things like that.
- E) We'd actually prefer to visit an area that offers more shopping and dining possibilities.

170. Jane :
- **A study I've recently read about claims that 65% of mothers and 70% of fathers exhibited a preference for one of their children. You've got two. Which one is your favourite?**

Anna :
- **I don't have a favourite child! And I don't think any parent could say they have a favourite.**

Jane : -----

Anna :
- **That's ridiculous! Don't believe everything you read in magazines.**

- A) But do you treat your older child differently than your younger one?
- B) I suppose you're right. I've got only one daughter, so I can't really say.
- C) So you're saying that you love your son more than your daughter. Any reason why?
- D) You're doing exactly what the study claims. You're refusing to admit you favour one child over the other.
- E) What about you? I suppose you have a favourite child. Is it your son or your daughter?

171. Timur :
- **Do you know the difference between the use of barbecues and conventional gas cooking?**

Levent : -----

Timur :
- **What can be done to reduce this?**

Levent :
- **I think we should use gas over barbecue as it contributes to an increase in smog levels.**

- A) Burning charcoal releases carbon monoxide into the air much more than cooking with gas does.
- B) Well, actually, both are good ways of cooking, but barbecues take longer to prepare.
- C) Gas cooking is far more efficient than using a barbecue, as you can adjust the heat according to your needs.
- D) Unfortunately, both are harmful and cause damage to the environment.
- E) Gas appears to be more dangerous as there is a high risk of explosion.

172. Jale :
- **Here is an article about how people react in emergencies. Researchers say that when more people are around, it reduces the chances of actually being helped.**

Adnan : -----

- Jale :
- **Apparently, onlookers provide a model for action. If they are docile and disinterested, the situation may seem less serious.**

Adnan :

- **I think if there is only one bystander, your chance of being helped increases, as he will think he must help immediately.**

- A) Is an individual aware that others are present?
- B) How did they carry out that research?
- C) Do they offer any explanation as to why this happens?
- D) Is this finding true for all cultures?
- E) Who were the participants in this research?

173. Child :
- **What is that little animal?**

Father :

- **That little tiny lizard?**

Child :

- **You call it a lizard? Does it bite? Is it poisonous?**

Father : -----

- A) Shall I catch it for you?
- B) I have caught many of them.
- C) Certainly not: it's quite harmless.
- D) A lovely little thing, isn't it?
- E) Would you like to hold it?

174. Lee :
- **Do you know about the Iron Age hair gel found on the head of a 2,300-year-old body discovered in Ireland?**

Ron :

- **Yes. I read that the body was found with its hair gelled unusually high above the head. Also, chemical analysis by scientists shows that the hair gel was made of a vegetable oil mixed with a resin probably imported from France or Spain.**

Lee : -----

Ron :

- **Well, the body has been preserved incredibly well in a peat bog because the bacteria that decompose flesh can't survive in that oxygen-free environment. Even fingerprints can be seen.**

- A) I can say that it's a bit like a Mohican style. Do you know what it is made of?
- B) It seems our ancestors were not so primitive that they didn't like to take care of themselves.
- C) I think this indicates he was a wealthy member of Irish society; do you agree?
- D) Oh, that's interesting. But how do they know so much about the gel and the body?
- E) These findings must be important. But what can we learn from them?

175. Mary :
- **The other day I was reading an interesting article on “the Black Death.”**
- Tony :
- **You mean the terrible plague that devastated Europe in the 14th century?**
- Mary : -----
- Tony :
- **Also throughout villages, towns and cities. As a result, the population of Europe was cut nearly in half.**
- A) Right. I didn't know that its effects were worst in confined places like hospitals, prisons, and monasteries.
- B) According to a contemporary account, the city of Florence lost 96,000 people between March and October of 1348.
- C) European men and women were convinced that the plague had been sent as a divine punishment.
- D) However, as one learns from the article, the plague did not last long, but actually began to dissipate by 1351.
- E) I feel that more study must be made of the social and political impact the plague had on medieval Europe in general.

176. Oğuz :
- **What a relief, I've finally submitted my PhD thesis! I can officially have the 'Dr.' title now.**
- Arda :
- **Great! Will that grant you any advantages in your workplace?**
- Oğuz : -----
- Arda :
- **That shouldn't be a cause of concern for you, as you can always get around that social problem.**
- A) I'm so exhausted, and I don't want to hear anything related to academic works.
- B) My chances of getting a promotion there are slim to none; why have I wasted so much time!
- C) The title itself won't do much, but I'll definitely feel more motivated.
- D) Since I've achieved what I've wanted, I shouldn't be concerned about any of that paperwork.
- E) Plenty, but I'm worried about the jealousy my colleagues will have

177. Richard :
- **I've tried really hard to enjoy black and white movies, yet I still don't see what people find in them.**

Stacy : -----

Richard :
- **Do you mean that people should watch a movie for what it is and not for how it is seen to the eye?**

Stacy :
- **Yes, that's exactly what I mean.**

- A) It's obvious that current technology has contributed a lot to the visual quality of movies.
- B) I suppose it's more about the content of the movie than the way it is presented to the audience.
- C) High definition movies are so realistic that it feels as if you were actually taking part in the movie.
- D) But it's the harmony of different colours in movies that make them seem more appealing
- E) I don't pay much attention to when a movie was produced, but it is the cast that usually captivates me.

178. Steve :
- **How come this new employee gets a raise in salary and I don't?**

David :
- **He might be new, but he's already outperformed you in every area. That's why.**

Steve :
- **OK! What am I supposed to do to get a raise, then?**

David : -----

- A) I promise you'll get a promotion if you keep up the good work.
- B) He only received a small raise last month.
- C) Employees are expected to work very hard.
- D) You may lack the necessary skills, but you put a lot of effort into your work.
- E) Well, work as hard as he does and then you might get one too.

179. Emre :
- **What's so funny that you've been laughing now for hours?**

Figen :
- **I was just remembering a friend of mine who owns a shoe shop. He was very upset because he realized that many customers were trying to squeeze their feet into shoes that were too small, and were ruining his shoes.**

Emre : -----

- Figen :
- **Even so, I just can't help laughing.**
 - A) That must have been quite an experience for him. Now he won't let anyone try on different sizes.
 - B) Doesn't the salesman have any rights? He should be able to fill out some kind of complaint form.
 - C) Being a frequent shoe-buyer myself, I don't know where your friend's store is.
 - D) Perhaps he should start selling other things. This way, he won't have to deal with those customers anymore.
 - E) I don't find it amusing whatsoever. The customers should have been more careful with what they were doing.

180. Teacher :
- **Your son has adapted quite well socially. He's had no problems making friends. Also, he's quite a leader among them.**

Parent :
- **I'm glad to hear that. What about his class work?**

Teacher : -----

- Parent :
- **He's never been very good at sitting still and focusing.**
 - A) His math skills are very good, but he needs to work harder on his language skills.
 - B) He enjoys group work, probably because he likes to socialize so much.
 - C) I think he needs a private tutor to help him with the more difficult subjects.
 - D) I really enjoy having him in class because he's such a good example to others.
 - E) He has the ability but he seems to lack the concentration to do the work.

181. Lecturer :

- **As the division of labour has become more specialized, it is no longer possible for skills to be passed down within the family.**

Student :

- **What could be the consequences of such a thing in modern life?**

Lecturer :

- **For one thing, it has increased the importance of education in all societies to a great extent.**

Student : -----

Lecturer :

- **Absolutely!**

- A) Then, you're implying that this should signal the end of centuries of adopting parents' professions.
- B) That explains why some social norms had to be internalized in society along with a number of other rules.
- C) In line with that, individualism gained popularity over collectivism, and self-centrism was promoted by the media.
- D) But, we should be dealing with the equality of opportunity that the current educational system provides.
- E) As a matter of fact, the distinction between the educated and uneducated is far greater than was thought.