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**REMEMBER**

Don't let what you  
cannot do interfere  
with what you can  
do.

بنك أسئلة الوحدة الثانية متقدم 2008**Question One:** Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

1. Malek crossed the Plaça de Catalunya in the intense heat of the afternoon. The city square was teeming with tourists and locals and he found the noise startling. Back home in the countryside, life moved at a gentle pace. On any given day, he never saw more than a handful of people. When Malek had announced his intention to leave his home state for the first time and travel alone to Barcelona, everyone tried to talk him out of it, but he was determined. It was a dream since childhood to visit the great football stadium, Camp Nou. And now, in his early 20s, he was making it happen.

The underlined pronoun “It” refers to ...

- a) travel alone to Barcelona
- b) childhood
- c) to visit the great football stadium
- d) the Plaça de Catalunya

2. In the interest of safety, he stood back from the track, but it was a poor choice of spot. Inadvertently, he was blocking the path of commuters milling around the platform, bolting this way and that, colliding, heads down, wordless. With some effort, Malek dragged himself towards the wall, and waited there.

Why did Malek have a poor choice of spot?

- a) Because he was blocking the path of commuters advertently
- b) Because he was not blocking the path of commuters inadvertently
- c) Because he was blocking the path of commuters inadvertently
- d) Because he was blocking the path of the train inadvertently

3. Malek was swept along with the crowds and eventually fell into step with those heading in the same direction. As they descended the stairs to the tunnel, their footsteps echoed. Malek was relieved to reach the platform at last.

The word which means “went down” is ...

- a) crowds
- b) descended
- c) stairs
- d) platform

4. Malek slowly made his way across to the underground station and checked to find the platform for the Green Line. He checked his phone for the eighth time to confirm the route: northbound to a stop called Les Corts, then walk about ten minutes to the stadium. Amplified by the enclosed space, the commotion of Plaça de Catalunya was nothing compared to the clamour in the underground.

Why did Malek check his phone eight times?

- a) to unconfirm the route
- b) to walk about ten minutes to the stadium
- c) to make sure he is on the right direction
- d) to make his way across to underground



5. If Malek thought the platform was cramped, the carriage seemed worse. Every seat was taken, as well as every square inch of standing room. Those who could reach overhead and grasp the handrail to steady themselves were lucky. Many, including Malek, struggled to keep their balance with nothing at all to hold onto. Unaccustomed to the motion, Malek faltered once or twice, then stood firm and stabilised himself.

What is the type of the underlined reference device “Those”?

- a) indefinite pronoun      b) object pronoun
- c) determiner              d) demonstrative pronoun

6. The journey continued. Malek was now in the rhythm of it, the same routine at one station and then another as people got on and off the train, dispersing on the platform or settling into some corner of the carriage. Three stops from Les Corts, the old man and woman stood up to leave.

What is the type of the underlined reference device “another”?

- a) determiner              b) demonstrative pronoun
- c) indefinite pronoun      d) object pronoun

7. Everyone’s furious about the increase in car parking fees. We’re all in the same ..... – we have no other option.

- a) boat      b) ship      c) canoe      d) yacht

8. As soon as the train arrived, the crowd ..... forward to try and get on it as quickly as possible.

- a) milling around      b) steer clear of      c) lurched      d) stumbling

9. We’re going for a quick ..... to London at the weekend.

- a) staggered      b) getaway      c) brag about      d) lurch

10. I’m terrible when I’m reading – I often ..... to the end of a chapter to see what happens.

- a) parked      b) ridding      c) jump      d) swept with people

11. My brother and I lifted up the sofa with some difficulty and ..... across the room with it. It was far heavier than we expected.

- a) parked      b) staggered      c) get their fair share      d) forged ahead

12. Please ensure you have all your belongings before ..... from the bus.

- a) plain sailing      b) backpedal      c) alighting      d) leave mark

13. What ..... might you have to overcome to be successful in your chosen career?

- a) overcome      b) outcry      c) hurdles      d) driving force



14. The weather was really windy, and the ferry ..... from side to side.  
 a) fly      b) plain sailing      c) clear      d) lurched

15. I was late this morning and I ..... down the road to catch the bus with a few seconds to spare.  
 a) flew      b) steer clear      c) overcome hurdles      d) strode

16. It's a good idea to steer ..... of making any financial commitment until you know more details.  
 a) clean      b) neat      c) clear      d) tidied

17. The increase in airline taxes is ..... and should definitely not be implemented.  
 a) breakthrough      b) unjustified      c) outlook      d) cutbacks

18. The football coach has been ..... the team hard recently, so they can start to win again.  
 a) outlook      b) stumbled      c) driving      d) blindingly

19. Avoid the websites listed below if you do not want to be taken for a .....  
 a) drive      b) journey      c) ride      d) picnic

20. After six months in the new city, she finally began to ..... and feel at home.  
 a) dispersing      b) find her footing      c) wobble off      d) colliding

21. The cancellation of the main festival had a ..... on hotel bookings throughout the region.  
 a) stagger      b) knock-on effect      c) get their fair share      d) steer clear

22. Due to a sudden cramp, the runner had to ..... the track.  
 a) striding up      b) outlay      c) hobble off      d) drive up the wall

23. Unaccustomed to the motion, Malek ..... once or twice, then stood firm and stabilised himself.  
 a) setback      b) thundered past      c) outset      d) faltered

24. After a few moments, the soldiers ..... behind their commander.  
 a) fell into step      b) outcry      c) outset      d) parking

25. The dog ..... its owner toward the park entrance yesterday.  
 a) outlook      b) fundamentally      c) dragged      d) descends

26. The bus lurched ..... unexpectedly, causing several standing passengers to lose their balance.  
 a) outlook      b) between      c) in      d) forward

27. Do you think you would enjoy travelling at breakneck .....?  
 a) knock-on effect      b) stagger      c) speed      d) outset



28. His rude behavior towards the staff was completely.....  
 a) improve    b) inexcusable    c) blindingly    d) cutbacks

29. Malek wondered how they might navigate their way to the doors, but astonishingly they ..... and the carriage emptied slightly before filling up with new passengers.  
 a) colliding    b) outcry    c) forged ahead    d) cutbacks

30. The whole process of delivery was fundamentally....., resulting in my new phone taking two months to arrive.  
 a) flawed    b) outcome    c) justify    d) breakthrough

31. It ..... a mountain bike I wanted, not a road bike.  
 a) has    b) were    c) had be    d) was

32. Only when a passing driver waved at me to stop ..... I realise I had a flat tyre.  
 a) does    b) had    c) did    d) has

33. ..... I can't understand is the cost of space research.  
 a) It    b) The city    c) The day    d) What

34. .... happy was she that she thought she would never stop smiling.  
 a) Little    b) Under no circumstances    c) Rarely    d) So

35. Such ..... that they started to feel scared.  
 a) the great was speed    b) the great speed was  
 c) the was great speed    d) was the great speed

36. ..... that unites the group is a passion for cars.  
 a) What    b) The only thing    c) It    d) The person

37. Never ..... such an exciting event.  
 a) before I had seen    b) had I seen before  
 c) before had I seen    d) before did I seen

38. .... I wanted to do was go home and sleep!  
 a) All    b) The place    c) It    d) The country

39. What makes me excited is the speed.  
 The correct grammatical function of the above sentence is...  
 a) to emphasise the pronoun    b) to emphasise the verb  
 c) to emphasise the subject    d) to emphasise the object.

40. What you can expect is good food, fast cars and great roads.  
 The correct grammatical function of the above sentence is...  
 a) to emphasise the subject    b) to emphasise the object  
 c) to emphasise the verb    d) to emphasise the pronoun.



**41. Not once did he feel sorry for himself.**

The correct grammatical function of the above sentence is...

- a) to make dramatic emphasis
- b) to emphasise the auxiliary verb
- c) to emphasise the verb
- d) to emphasise the subject.

**42. What they finally did was to decide to go on vacation.**

The correct grammatical function of the above sentence is...

- a) to emphasise the object
- b) to emphasise the verb
- c) to emphasise the subject
- d) to emphasise the pronoun.

**43. I meant to give the present to Rani, not Rania.**

The sentence which emphasises the underlined words is .....

- a) The thing which I meant to give to Rani, not Rania was the present.
- b) It was Rania who I meant to give the present to not Rani.
- c) The person who I meant to give the present to was Rania, not Rani.
- d) It was Rani who I meant to give the present to not Rania.

**44. The driving examiner was extremely strict. Very few students passed first time.**

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) So strict the driving was examiner that very few students passed first time.
- b) So strict was the driving examiner that very few students passed first time.
- c) Little was the driving examiner that very few students passed first time.
- d) Not only was the driving examiner that very few students passed first time.



**45. I know everything about the course apart from the start date.**

The sentence which emphasises the underlined words is .....

- a) The only thing which I know about the course is the start date.
- b) It was the start date that I don't know about the course.
- c) The only thing which I don't know about the course is the start date.
- d) The person who know everything about the course apart from the start date is me.

**46. We had just set off for Dubai when the car broke down.**

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) No sooner we had set off for Dubai than the car broke down.
- b) Not only had we set off for Dubai than the car broke down.
- c) No sooner have we set off for Dubai than the car broke down.
- d) No sooner had we set off for Dubai than the car broke down.

**47.Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory in Iraq.**

The sentence which emphasises the underlined words is .....

- a) The country who Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory was Iraq.
- b) The person where Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory was Iraq.
- c) The country where Jabir ibn Hayyan did his research in a laboratory was Iraq.
- d) It was Jabir ibn Hayyan who did his research in a laboratory in Iraq.

**48.We had just set off for Oman when the journey was cancelled.**

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) No sooner had we set off for Oman than the journey is cancelled.
- b) Rarely had we set off for Oman than the journey was cancelled.
- c) No sooner have we set off for Oman than the journey was cancelled.
- d) No sooner had we set off for Oman than the journey was cancelled.

**49.Jordan was given an award in health tourism in 2014 CE.**

The sentence which emphasises the underlined words is .....

- a) It was Jordan that was given an award in health tourism in 2014 CE.
- b) The country which was given an award in health tourism in 2014 CE was Jordan.
- c) The year when Jordan was given an award in health tourism was 2014.
- d) It was an award in health tourism that Jordan was given in 2014 CE.

**50.The cyclist was definitely not to blame for the accident.**

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) In no way is the cyclist to blame for the accident.
- b) In no way the cyclist was to blame for the accident.
- c) Under circumstances was the cyclist to blame for the accident.
- d) In no way was the cyclist to blame for the accident.

**51.Saif didn't realise he'd won the race until he got out of the car.**

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) Only after did Saif realise that he'd won the race, he had got out of the car.
- b) Rarely he had got out of the car did Saif realise that he'd won the race.
- c) Only after he had got out of the car do Saif realise that he'd won the race.
- d) Only after he had got out of the car did Saif realise that he'd won the race.



52. Ali was a very talented driver and won every race he entered for two years.

The sentence that has the correct negative inversion of the one above is ....

- a) Such was a talented driver Ali that he won every race he entered for two years.
- b) Such a talented driver was Ali that he won every race he enters for two years.
- c) Such a talented driver was Ali that he won every race he entered for two years.
- d) Very a talented driver was Ali that he won every race he entered for two years.

53. We need to check the insurance cover for winter sports before we book.

The sentence which emphasises the underlined words is .....

- a) What we need to check before we book was the insurance coverage for winter sports.
- b) It is the insurance coverage that need we to check before we book for winter sports.
- c) What we need to check before we book is the insurance coverage for winter sports.
- d) The person who need to check the insurance cover for winter sports before we book is us.

54. The sentence that has been written correctly is:

- a) At no time haven't I ever had a problem with my passport.
- b) Not once do he feel sorry for himself.
- c) So strict was the driving examiner that very few students passed first time.
- d) Little does he know that the plane was already boarding.

55. Not an apology from anyone.

The formal equivalent for the previous phrase is .....

- a) At no time we were offered an apology.
- b) At no time were we offer an apology.
- c) At no time did we offered an apology.
- d) At no time were we offered an apology.



56. Finally, to our utter disbelief

The informal equivalent for the previous phrase is .....

- a) It didn't arrive on time.      b) The next thing that went wrong was
- c) You know that                      d) To top it all

57. One of the sentences is true about how to make a good decision:

- a) get some same perspectives      b) gather irrelevant information
- c) ask no one for their views      d) make a list of options, consider the pros and cons

**58.I'm in two minds here.**

The function of the previous phrase is .....

- a) Considering alternatives      b) Giving preferences
- c) emphasising a subject      d) emphasising an object

**59.There are a lot of points in favour of ...**

The function of the previous phrase is .....

- a) emphasising an object      b) Giving preferences
- c) emphasising a subject      d) Considering alternatives

**60.I woke my sister up when I came home and, while still half asleep, she ..... out of her bedroom and asked me where I had been.....**

- a) shuffled / ?      b) shuffled / .      c) shufled / ?      d) shufled / .

**61.One of the following sentences is true:**

- a) “What clefts” usually focus on information in the first clause.
- b) “What clefts” usually focus on information in the second clause.



**Question Two:** Read the following text carefully and then answer all the questions that follow. Your answers should be based on the text.

Malek looked across at the Metro map above a window and counted the stops until Les Corts, even though he had already counted them umpteen times. The train chugged along and he was pleased to find his footing and feel anchored. He began to relax into the journey, giving himself licence to look around and take in his surroundings. Most people were scrolling up and down their phone screens, many wearing headphones or ear buds. Malek noticed an older couple who were sitting down facing him. They reminded him of his grandparents back on the farm. The old man was reading a novel while his wife sat serenely, a soft expression on her face. Unexpectedly, the man glanced up at Malek and caught his eye. Malek was embarrassed, worried it might seem as if he had been staring. But the man nodded politely and Malek nodded back, blushing a little.

The journey continued. Malek was now in the rhythm of it, the same routine at one station and then another as people got on and off the train, dispersing on the platform or settling into some corner of the carriage. Three stops from Les Corts, the old man and woman stood up to leave. As they passed Malek, they smiled at him. He desperately wanted to say something, to make some friendly comment, but he was strangely lost for words. Then the doors closed and they were gone. Malek turned and saw that the old man had forgotten his book. It was still on the seat.

- 1) What does the underlined pronoun “it” refer to?
- 2) Find a word in the text which means “spreading out”.
- 3) Quote the sentence which shows that the old man forgot his book.
- 4) The writer states that people on board the train were doing several things. Mention two of them.
- 5) How did the author describe the old man’s wife?
- 6) ‘Fill your life with experiences, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show.’ Think of this statement, and in two sentences, explain your point of view.



**Question Three:** You travel regularly to school by train and have a monthly pass. Recently, there have been a lot of cancellations and delays to the services, and the trains that do run are always very crowded. Write an email of complaint to the director of the railway company explaining the problem and how it has affected you. In your complaint, ask for a discount on your next pass in recognition of the poor service.

**Good Luck**

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Answers:Question One:

1. c	2. c	3. b	4. c	5. d
6. a	7. a	8. c	9. b	10. c
11. b	12. c	13. c	14. d	15. a
16. c	17. b	18. c	19. c	20. b
21. b	22. c	23. d	24. a	25. c
26. d	27. c	28. b	29. c	30. a
31. d	32. c	33. d	34. d	35. d
36. b	37. c	38. a	39. c	40. b
41. a	42. b	43. d	44. b	45. c
46. d	47. c	48. d	49. c	50. d
51. d	52. c	53. c	54. c	55. d
56. d	57. d	58. b	59. d	60. b
61. b				

Question Two:

1. The journey
2. dispersing
3. Malek turned and saw that the old man had forgotten his book.
4. a) Most people were scrolling up and down their phone screens  
b) Many wearing headphones or ear buds.
5. his wife sat serenely, a soft expression on her face.
6. student's answer

Question Three: student's answer



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