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**(1)** Computers are machines that can help us in many ways. But they cannot think nor do things on their own because humans have to feed them with information and tell them what to do with it. They cannot come up with any new information. But they can save much time and work. For example, all the information and the office files can be stored in a computer's "memory". If you need any information from a particular file, the computer would only take seconds to find it. It would take you days or even weeks to go through every file if no computers were used.

**(2)** The first computers were huge and costly. They filled up almost the whole floor of large offices. Later, because of the usefulness and demand for computers in business, scientists soon found ways to produce cheaper and smaller computers. They invented chips which made it possible to store more information in less space.

**(3)** Today, computers are cheaper; \_\_\_\_\_, they are more powerful. They can just be placed on top of an ordinary writing table. They can even be carried from place to place easily. Computers are not only used in offices by companies, but they are also used at home, by families who can afford them.

**(4)** Robots, on the other hand, are not mechanical people. They are computers which perform heavy tasks; for instance, a robot can do the same work for twenty four hours, and yet, it does not complain or get tired. In the United States robots are computers that tell them where to guard and what to do. These robots are programmed to listen for certain noises and signals for help in case of trouble or danger.

**1. Why can't computers think or do things on their own?**

- A. because they have a large memory.
- B. because they need a long time to process information.
- C. Because the information they give is not always accurate.
- D. Because they receive information and instruction from people.**

**2. Choose the best word to complete the sentence.**

“Today, computers are cheaper; \_\_\_\_\_, they are more powerful.”

- A. as a result
- B. because
- C. however**
- D. since

**3. What is true about computers in the past?**

- A. They were huge and cheap.
- B. They were used only at homes.
- C. They were expensive and very large.**
- D. They could be carried from place to place easily.

**4. With reference to the first paragraph, why are computers useful when searching for information?**

**It could get information in seconds.**

**5. Why did scientists invent chips?**

**to store more information in less space**

**6. Complete the following with reference to the last paragraph.**

Robots can perform heavy tasks for long hours without **complaining or getting tired**

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**Choose the correct answer:**

- 1- She always ..... after the kids while I am at work.  
a- **looks**      b- **looking**      c- **looked**      d- **is looking**
- 2- My brother ..... in the university this year.  
a- **studies**      b- **studied**      c- **study**      d- **is studying**
- 3- ..... you and your sister get along?  
a- **Do**      b- **Did**      c- **Does**      d- **Doing**
- 4- We ..... our house next week.  
a- **move**      b- **moved**      c- **moving**      d- **are moving**
- 5- She ..... to ride a bike to school when she was 8.  
a- **used to**      b- **uses to**      c- **is used to**      d- **used**
- 6- I need to concentrate. Don't make ..... , please.  
a. **noise**      b. **tea**      c. **cake**      d. **music**
- 7- I'm really ..... swimming, so I swim everyday.  
a. **in**      b. **up**      c. **to**      d. **into**
- 8- Aisha is crazy ..... geography. She knows all the capital cities of the world.  
a. **about**      b. **at**      c. **in**      d. **of**
- 9- I ..... your tablet yesterday but I didn't like it.  
a. **drive**      b. **used**      c. **broke**      d. **remember**
- 10- It is difficult to ..... from my digital life. I like electronic devices so much.  
a. **live**      b. **take**      c. **control**      d. **disconnect**
- 11- When I was young, I ..... cycling in the park.  
a- **use to go**      b. **used to go**      c- **don't use to**      d- **go**

12- My brother .....use to like baseball, but now he does.  
 a- isn't      b- wasn't      c- didn't      d- doesn't

13- They say that the plane is.....means of transport.  
 a- safest      b- **the safest**      c- safer than      d- as safe as

14- Judo is .....than taekwondo.  
 a- exciting      b- **more exciting**      c- excited      d- the exciting

15- This is the house .....I grew up.  
 a- which      b- **where**      c- that      d- whose

16- You will be late for work.....you leave now.  
 a- if not      b- **unless**      c- before      d- until

17- That is the man ..... I met at the park yesterday.  
 a- whose      b- which      c- **who**      d- where

18- If you .....chicken, we can have something else for dinner.  
 a- like      b- **won't like**      c- will like      d- **don't like**

19- What's the name of the book .....you bought last week?  
 a- whose      b- **which**      c- where      d- who

20- I .....the video at the moment.  
 a- downloading      b- downloads      c- **am downloading**      d. downloaded

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- Choose the correct answer; a, b, c or d.

1. ..... is moving the boat on the surface of water.
 

a. Sailing      b. Scuba diving      c. Skydiving      d. hiking
2. Hamad ..... care of his little brothers while his parents were out.
 

a. take      b. takes      c. took      d. taking
3. ..... is Sarah's hobby. She likes to have the money other people use.
 

a. Blogging      b. Coin collecting      c. Model car making      d. Jewellery making
4. Jassim is the ..... boy in our class.
 

a. short      b-shortest      c. shorter      d. as short
5. Khalid is a/an ..... man. He has lots of friends who like him.
 

a. outgoing      b. selfish      c. quick-tempered      d. bossy
6. My father ..... to London last week.
 

a. travel      b. travels      c. is travelling      d. travelled
7. Water ..... at 100 degrees Celsius.
 

a. boil      b. boils      c. is boiling      d. boiling
8. Hamad and Salim are interested in both hiking ..... camping.
 

a. or      b. and      c. but      d. so
9. Laila was very ..... that she won the first place in the competition.
 

a. right      b. stubborn      c. proud      d. easy-going
10. I have many chores to ..... ! I need to clean the bathroom, the kitchen, hoover and change all the beds.
 

a. make      b. do      c. making      d. doing

11. We ..... Qatar National Museum last year.

a. visit      b. visits      c. visited      d. visiting

12. His favorite recreations are golf and playing .....

a. liter      b. scrabble      c. inventor      d. kilogram

13. Machines take their name from their .....

a. book      b. inventor      c. kilogram      d. destination

14. The distance between Paris and London is 344 .....

a. litre      b. kilometer      c. sign      d. tournament

15. I have been living ..... this village for 2 years.

a. between      b. in      c. from      d. next

16. The ..... is open to amateurs as well as professionals.

a. distance      b. calm down      c. tournament      d. sight

17. The book ..... I had given to him was well-known.

a. who      b. which      c. whose      d. where

18. Twin Towers in Malaysia are ..... than Al-Shola Tower in Qatar.

a. tall      b-tallest      c. taller      d. as tall

19. I will stay in bed If I ..... well tomorrow. tonight.

a. forget it!      b. not feel      c. don't feel      d. doesn't feel

20. If you ..... by plane, it ..... take 2 hours.

a. went /will      b. go/will      c. have gone / will      d. go / would

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**• Choose the correct answer; a, b, c or d.**

1. A ..... person is a person who cares about others.  
a. confident      b. stubborn      c. kind      d. selfish
2. A ..... person is a person who always tells others what to do.  
a. easy-going      b. bossy      c. stubborn      d. confident
3. A ..... person is a person who doesn't think about other people's feelings or needs.  
a. active      b. outgoing      c. selfish      d. quick-tempered
4. I'm very ..... that I won second place in the competition.  
a. lazy      b. proud      c. selfish      d. helpful
5. I use electronic ..... every day.  
a. skills      b. plastic      c. places      d. devices
6. Yesterday, we ..... to Dan's house.  
a- go      b- went      c- goes      d- going
7. We ..... very upset when we lost our mobiles.  
a- was      b- are      c- did      d- were
8. She didn't ..... to fight in the class.  
a- used      b- using to      c- uses      d- use
9. Ali ..... to his grandpa's house this weekend.  
a- went      b- go      c- goes      d- is going
10. Salim is the ..... who always teaches me the technique of judo  
a- teacher      b- instructor      c- nurse      d- driver

**Rewrite the sentences below using the word between brackets.**

1. Ahmad is a bus driver. He drives our bus to school. ( who )

**Ahmad is a bus driver who drives our bus to school.**

2. I like riding horse. It has a long tail. ( which )

**I like riding the horse which has a long tail.**

3. Martial arts are less interesting than tennis. ( more )

**Tennis is more interesting than martial arts.**

4. It rains today. I take my umbrella. ( if )

**If it rains today, I will take my umbrella.**

5. I get a driving license. I don't drive any car. ( unless )

**Unless I get a driving license, I won't drive any car.**

6. Watching action films is less exciting than watching football matches . ( more )

**Watching football matches is more exciting than watching action films.**

7. You have to take a course in order to improve your English. ( if )

**If you take a course, you will improve your English.**

8. When I was in Turkey, I visited museums. ( used to )

**When I was in Turkey, I used to visit museums.**

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**Write a paragraph up to 10 sentences describing a place you visited.**

**Talk about the sights you saw and the activities you did.**

**(write the name of the place you visited) is a good place to live in. There**

**ae many nice places to visit in (write the name of the place you visited) The**

**city center is in the heart of the city. There are many fancy**

**shops and restaurants in the city center. You can shop the**

**best brands, and you can eat the best food. The city has**

**many main roads. These streets take you to the city center**

**and to every place in the city. There is a big sports club**

**where young men do sports. It is a wonderful place.**

**Write a blog post up to 10 sentences presenting yourself. Try to include the following elements in your writing.**

- ✓ Personal information
- ✓ What sports you play
- ✓ What hobbies you have got
- ✓ What interests you have got

**Hello, my name is Hamad. I am 14 years old and I have a lot of interests. I am really into sports and photography. I am crazy about photography. I love taking pictures. My dad bought me a professional camera when I was 9 years. I used to take beautiful and fantastic pictures. Now I am trying to improve my skills. Sports weren't my thing, but now I'm really into sports especially volleyball. At the weekends, I go to the club and play volleyball because I find it really fun. Please feel free to say what you think of my blog.**