**I. Circle the right alternative given in bold (0.5/10)**

Because we are all **familiar/known** with the modern deck of playing cards, a standard deck of cards seems very "normal" and "traditional" to most of **we/us**. But to people of the past, a deck like this is anything but normal! The reality is that playing cards have **undergone/underwent** a radical transformation since their first beginnings several centuries **ago/before**. Our modern playing cards evolved into a deck of 52 cards with four suits in red and black and with two Jokers by making a journey that took hundreds of years and involved travelling through **much/many** countries. In fact, the most **significance/significant** elements that shaped today's deck were **produced/producing** by the different cultures and countries that playing cards travelled through **with a view/in order** to get to the present day.

We will survey the history of playing cards, **emphasized/emphasizing** in particular the geographic influences that have determined what modern playing cards look like today.

The precise origin of playing cards **continues/continue** to be the subject of debate among scholars, and even the best theories rely more **on/with** speculation than **proof/proven**. There is clear historical **evident/evidence** that playing cards began to appear in Europe in the late 1300s and early 1400s, but how did they **get/got** there? They seem to have come from somewhere in the East, and may have **imported/been imported** to Europe **by/with** gypsies, crusaders, or traders.

Some scholars believe that playing cards **were invented/were inventing** in China. In the manuscript dated 1377, a German monk mentions the **appear/appearance** of playing cards and several different card games that **could be played/could play** with them. In the 1400s playing cards often appear along with dice games in religious sermons as examples of gambling activities that are denounced, and there is clear evidence that a 52 card deck existed and was **using/used** in this time.

II. **Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. (1/10)**

Here is an example (0).

Example: It was the most relaxing holiday I ever had. such

I have never (0) “had such a relaxing” holiday.

1. I find Robert‟s taste in music very hard to tolerate. put up

I find it hard ............................................ ........................... Robert‟s taste in music.

2. I find waiting for buses very boring. get

I ......................................................................................... waiting for buses.

3. It’s very difficult to predict the weather here. tends

The weather ........................................................................... unpredictable here.

4. People say learning lists of words is not a good use of time. waste

Learning lists of words is .................................................................................. of time.

5. Christine complained formally when her course of study was cancelled. made

Christine ...................................................... when her course of study was cancelled.

6. „I find all the advertisements on TV really irritating,‟ said John. nerves

„All the advertisements on TV really ......................................................, ‟ said John.

7. Mark regretted selling his old motorbike. wished

Mark ....................... ..................... his old motorbike.

8. „If you take my advice, Paul,‟ said Lynda, you should buy a personal computer.‟ advised

Lynda...................... a personal computer.

9. Pauline hadn’t expected to see so many people at the concert. surprise

It came .................................. to see many people at the concert.

10. Golf is becoming increasingly popular in Britain. popularity

The...................................................... in Britain.

**III. Which one is true according to the sentences given? (0.5/5)**

1. **Carol, you should not have drunk coffee before going to bed.**

Did Carol drink coffee before going to bed?

1. Yes, she did.
2. No she did not
3. They should not have taken the car without asking for a permission.

Did they take the car?

1. Yes, they did.
2. No, they did not.
3. Lucy needn’t have woken up at 8.00 am.

Did Lucy wake up at 8.00 am?

1. Yes, she did.
2. No, she did not.
3. Lucy did not have to catch the 8.00 am bus to work.

Did she catch the bus?

1. Yes, she did.
2. No, she did not.
3. If we say something was done inadvertently, does it mean we did it on purpose?
4. Yes
5. No
6. The defendant said there was not a grain of truth in the accusations. Did he mean he was wrongly accused?
7. Yes
8. No
9. There was a difference of opinion on the matter. – Does it mean everybody agreed?
10. Yes.
11. No
12. If we say the payment is overdue, does it mean it is just the right time to pay it?
13. Yes
14. No
15. If a person is a divorcee, does it mean he/she was married before?
16. Yes
17. No
18. If I regret not entering the competition does it mean I participated in it?
19. Yes
20. No

Circle the correct alternative (0.5/10)

1.Most of the robots produced worldwide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Japan.

1. Are making b. Make c. Are made d. Made

2. Nowadays, many people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we can domesticate the robots.

a. believe b. are believing c. believes d. are believed

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ jet lag after travelling through different time zones?

a. Had you ever felt b. Have you ever felt c. Have you ever feeled d. Have you ever fallen

4. As soon as you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the plane, try to fall asleep.

a. get; b. will get c. are got d. is getting

5. How many fish \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ last weeks?

a. does your dad catch b. did your dad catch c. did your dad caught d. was your dad caught

6. My next-door neighbor, who\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all his life, is a very interesting person to talk to.

a. has travelled b. had travelled c. has been travelling d. had been travelling

7. Nobody knows for sure how long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to start colonization of Mars.

a. will it take the humankind b. it will take the humankind c. does it take the humankind

d. did it take

8. Doctors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ worried about weight problems if it did not lead to other health problems.

a. did not be b. would not be c. will not be d. had not be

9. If the weather is gloomy, people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sad and depressed.

a. feels, b. felt; c. feel d. would feel

10. I have two brothers. One is Nick \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is Jack.

a. another b. other c. the other d. the another

11. I do not drink sweet tea. I put \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sugar in it.

 a little; b. little c. few d. very few

12. Some people suffer from jet lag \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than the others.

a. Little b. Least c. Less d. Most

13. The results of the questionnaires indicate cats are just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dogs.

a. so smart than b. as smarter as c. as smart as d. smartest than

14. This cloth is not woven from silk threads, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

a. Is it b. Is not it c. Does it d. Does not it

15. Ted apologized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rude.

a. For being so b. Because of be so c. For being such d. For being such a

16. I have to hand in the paper tomorrow. It means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all night long.

a. To work b. Being worked c. Working d. Having worked

17. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the invitation to Bob’s party because he did not invite my brother.

a. Did not accept b. Did not reject c. Did not except d. Had not been accepted

18. If you are allergic to animals, you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that dog.

a. Must not have bought b. Must not have been bought c. Should have bought d. Should not have bought

19. Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cake because she did not have the necessary ingredients.

a. Must have cooked b. Could have cooked c. Could not have been cooked d. Could not cook

20. Some teachers ask their students to work in groups \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they can talk freely.

a. In order b. So that c. For the purpose d. With a view to

21. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of alcohol by people under the age of 21 should be regulated by government.

a. Consumption b. Consuming c. Consumer d. Customer

22. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of individual liberty and violation of human rights are rampant in the developing countries.

a. Suppressing b. Suppression c. Suppress d. Suppressive

23. Price \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ often leads to increase in demand.

a. Reduce b. Reducing c. Reduced d. Reduction

24. Such questions are designed to reveal applicant’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and weaknesses.

a. Strengths b. Strong c. Straight d. Stripes

**IV. Word Formation Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the same line. (1/11)**

**There is an example at the beginning (0). (1 point for each question).**

A MEMO FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR I have to bring a matter to your (0) attention (ATTEND)

Unfortunately we have received a lot of …………..…………… (COMPLAIN) from customers about late ……………….. (DELIVER) of parcels. I have come to the …………… …………………………….(CONCLUDE) that the new system we introduced last month is a complete ………………..………………….. . (FAIL). This seems to be due to a …… …………………………… (COMBINE) of factors, but one of the most important ones is that some………………..……….. (EMPLOY) are not very … ……………………………….(RESPONSE). The union … ………………..(REPRESENT) say it’s not the workers but the (MANAGE) …………… ………….…………………… who are at fault. What is clear is that we have to improve ……… ………………………………. (COMMUNICATE) within the company. Nowadays there’s a lot of ……… ……………………..…. (COMPETE) in the messenger service industry and we can’t afford to be less than the best.

**V. Fill in the gaps with the words given (1/14)**

**total/ to host/ Although/ held/ landmarks/ while/ memorable/**

In 1976, [Montréal](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/montreal/) became the first Canadian city \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Olympic Games. The XXI [Olympiad](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/summer-olympic-games/), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from 17 July to 1 August 1976, included \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_performances from many athletes, including Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci and American decathlete Caitlyn Jenner. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Canada did not win a gold medal at the Games, the Canadian team won 11 medals in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—more than double the number of medals won at each of the previous two Olympic Games. The Olympic facilities, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_costly, became Montréal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and many are still used for training and competition.

**barred / denied/ debt /representing / enormously /permit /expenditures**

At the same time, the province and the city of [Montreal](https://www.britannica.com/place/Montreal) began to commit enormous public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for building projects and amassed a huge [public](https://www.britannica.com/topic/public-debt) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This increasingly alarmed the populace. The [Olympic Games](https://www.britannica.com/sports/Olympic-Games) of 1976, the most visible example of the new expenditures, were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_expensive.

More than 6,000 athletes competed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_92 countries. Twenty-six countries, mostly from Africa, chose to [boycott](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/boycott) the Games when the [International Olympic Committee](https://www.britannica.com/topic/International-Olympic-Committee) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their request to ban [New Zealand](https://www.britannica.com/place/New-Zealand), whose national rugby team had recently toured [South Africa](https://www.britannica.com/place/South-Africa), which had been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from Olympic competition since 1964 because of its government’s [apartheid](https://www.britannica.com/topic/apartheid) policies. [Taiwan](https://www.britannica.com/place/Taiwan) also [boycotted](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/boycotted), when Canada, which officially recognized the [People’s Republic of China](https://www.britannica.com/place/China), would not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Taiwan to

**Fill in the gaps with the sentences taken out of the text (1/9)**

a. and turned into slaves

b. endurance, courage and self-control

c. being too smart or too fit

d. make fools of themselves in public

e. been possible without

f. to military service

g. how an adult Spartan should never act, as self-control was a prized trait

h. who were outnumbered by the Helots

i. including one’s family

All healthy male Spartan citizens participated in the compulsory state-sponsored education system, the Agoge, which emphasized obedience, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Spartan men devoted their lives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and lived communally well into adulthood. A Spartan was taught that loyalty to the state came before everything else, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Helots, whose name means “captives,” were fellow Greeks, originally from Laconia and Messenia, who had been conquered by the Spartans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Spartans’ way of life would not have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Helots, who handled all the day-to-day tasks and unskilled labor required to keep society functioning: They were farmers, domestic servants, nurses and military attendants.

Spartans, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, often treated them brutally and oppressively in an effort to prevent uprisings. Spartans would humiliate the Helots by doing such things as forcing them to get debilitatingly drunk on wine and then \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (This practice was also intended to demonstrate to young people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.) Methods of mistreatment could be far more extreme: Spartans were allowed to kill Helots for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, among other reasons.

**VII. Join the sentence halves: (1/8)**

1. Education can be thought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Education is designed to guide children in learning a culture, molding their behaviour in the ways of [adulthood](https://www.britannica.com/science/adulthood) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The term education is applied to primitive cultures only in the sense of [enculturation](https://www.britannica.com/topic/enculturation), \_\_\_\_.

4. The ancient [Mayan calendar](https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mayan-calendar) was a great accomplishment demonstrating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The [Incas](https://www.britannica.com/topic/Inca) did not possess a written or recorded [language](https://www.britannica.com/topic/language) as \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Inca education was divided into two distinct categories: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. The Indo-European-speaking peoples who entered [India](https://www.britannica.com/place/India) in the 2nd millennium BCE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. By the 1st century CE an emperor became personally interested and sent a mission to [India](https://www.britannica.com/place/India) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. *the extraordinary*[*degree*](https://www.britannica.com/topic/degree-education)*of knowledge of*[*astronomy*](https://www.britannica.com/science/astronomy)*and mathematics possessed by the tribe.*

*b. far as is known*

*c. of as the transmission of the values and accumulated knowledge of a society*

*d. to seek more knowledge and bring back Buddhist literature*

*e. which is the process of cultural transmission*

*f. and directing them toward their eventual role in society*

*g. established large-scale settlements and founded powerful kingdoms*

*h.*[*vocational education*](https://www.britannica.com/topic/vocational-education)*for common Incas and highly formalized training for the nobility.*

**READING**

For questions 1 – 7, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D. (1/7)

Lisa Tyler was weary after a long, hard day at the pottery factory where she works. But as she approached her home in the English city of Stoke-on-Trent, her heart lightened; soon she would be having a nice cup of tea, putting her feet up and watching Friends, her favourite TV series. But first, she needed to change out of her work clothes and **pick up** her three-year-old son from his grandmother’s house nearby.

As Lisa walked up her garden path, she noticed a light flashing on and off in an upstairs bedroom. A shiver went down her back. What if it was a burglar? Quietly, she crept round to the back of the house to see if there was any sign of a break-in. Sure enough, a window was open and someone’s coat was hanging on the gatepost!

Well, 26-year-old Lisa didn’t fancy coming face to face with a burglar, so she ran to a neighbour’s house and rang the police. But as she sat waiting for the police to arrive, Lisa’s curiosity got the better of her and she decided to go back and see what was going on. That’s when she saw a leg coming out of the downstairs front window. It was a man climbing out. Lisa gasped in shock. The burglar was carrying her portable television!

At this point, Lisa **saw red**. She didn’t have many possessions and she’d saved long and hard to buy that set. Besides, nobody was going to stop her watching Friends.

„Oh, no you don’t,” - she muttered under her breath, as the fury swelled inside her.

Without even stopping to think, she tore across the garden and started shouting at the burglar. „Give me my TV - drop it now!‟ she screamed.

Ignoring her, the man fled across the garden. So Lisa threw herself at him and successfully rugbytackled him to the ground. The burglar struggled to escape, but Lisa hung on like the best kind of guard dog despite being punched and kicked. As she looked up, she realized that she recognized the burglar’s face. She was so surprised that she lost her grip and burglar got away, leaving the TV behind in the garden.

By the time the police and her father arrived, Lisa was in tears. ‟I can’t believe you were so foolish, Lisa,' scolded her father. „You could have been killed.‟

„I know, but at least he didn’t get my TV,‟ she replied.

Lisa later remembered the name of the burglar, who had been in the same year as her at school. He was later caught and jailed for 15 months after admitting burglary and assault. In May last year, Lisa was given a Certificate of Appreciation by Staffordshire Police, for her „outstanding courage and public action‟. But in the future she intends to leave household security to a new member of her family, Chan, who is real guard dog.

1. How was Lisa feeling as she walked home from work?

A tired

B anxious

C depressed

D relieved

2. What does „pick up‟ mean in line 4?

A contact

B visit

C collect

D check

3. What first led Lisa to think there was a burglar in her house?

A Something had been broken.

B Something had been left outside.

C Something was in the wrong place.

D Something was moving inside.

4. Why didn‟t Lisa wait in her neighbor's until the police arrived?

A She was worried about losing her television.

B She wanted to know what was happening.

C She noticed something from her neighbor's window.

D She realised that the burglar was leaving.

5. What does „Lisa saw red‟ (line 15) mean?

A She got impatient.

B She felt frightened.

C She got angry.

D She felt brave.

6. What happened when Lisa shouted at the burglar?

A He tried to explain why he was there.

B He fell over as he ran towards her.

C He pretended not to have heard her.

D He dropped the TV and attacked her.

7. What did Lisa‟s father do when he arrived?

A He told her off.

B He comforted her.

C He praised her.

D He argued with her.

Bottom of Form

**Read the job adverts and answer the questions below the text (write corresponding letter. Sometimes NONE is the answer) (1/14)**

**A**

**IT Recruitment Officer**

We are looking for recent graduates who would like to work with some of the most important companies in the digital industry. This post is based in Dubai.  Once you have received training on our computer system, you will be responsible for:

- liaising with recruiters to create job descriptions

- advertising jobs

- sourcing possible candidates

- updating the database

We are looking for someone with passion, drive and commitment.  Recruitment Resourcers must be able to work under pressure and be self-motivated and people-focused. These qualities will help you progress within the company.  Recruitment Resourcers who are willing to learn can train to become Account Managers and Account Directors.

- Competitive basic salary plus commission

**B**

**Logistics Associate**

Our company is looking for someone to work in the sales and customer service department to

ensure that customers have a professional service from the moment they place an order until they receive their shipment. The job is for 27 hours per week. Hours are negotiable. Opportunities for overtime are likely.

Your responsibilities will include:

- placing and processing orders

- keeping accurate records

- processing returns and refunds

- The successful candidate will:

- be educated to degree level

- be able to work efficiently and to deadlines in a high pressured environment

- have good IT skills

- Candidates should have experience in business logistics, purchasing and supply management or operations management.

**C**

**Insurance Telesales**

Do you have previous sales experience? Are you available from January 6th until the end of March?
We are currently looking for someone to deal with insurance renewals sales. The role will involve calling existing customers and asking them if they intend to renew their policy, and if necessary, discuss how we can keep them as a customer. The role is a 3-month fixed term contract. The hours of work will be 8:45am until 5pm Monday to Friday. We are looking for a hard worker who is computer literate and has a good telephone manner.

**D**

**Data Analyst**

As a Data Analyst you will join a team that analyses research data for anomalies and presents findings to people within and outside the company. A graduate with an eye for detail and a love of working with figures would be ideal. Confident communications skills are also vital. If you enjoy problem solving, have an investigative and enquiring mind, have a good knowledge of word processing and spreadsheet software, and excellent numerical skills, this could be a great career opportunity for you.A great benefits package is available including health cover and gym membership.

**E**

**Project Assistant**

Reporting to the Project Manager, you will undertake property surveys, site inspections and attend site meetings to ensure that work undertaken by our contractors is being carried out properly. You must have initiative, as you will be required to work on your own. It is essential that you have your own transportation. An allowance will be provided. Candidates should have: Good keyboard and IT skills, an organised and methodical approach, good written and verbal communication skills.

REQUIREMENTS
\* Minimum 2-year Construction related qualification.

\* Minimum of two year's relevant experience or transferrable skills from a relevant background.

1. *Which job(s):*

1. requires applicants to have their own car?  

2. does not require applicants to have IT skills?  

3. is temporary?  

4. is part-time?  

5. is located abroad?  

6. offers people the chance of promotion? 

7. is suitable for a mathematician?  

8. requires the employee to work alone? 

9. does not involve working with people?  

10. gives employees the opportunity to earn more by making sales? 

11. gives employees the opportunity to earn more by working extra hours? 

12. requires experience in the building trade? 

13. offers perks? 

14. requires the employee to make presentations? 