

### 3 - Point Questions

1. In which of these words **th** is pronounced differently?

- A) author                                      B) smooth                                      C) other  
D) although                                    E) clothes

2. You barely knew your neighbour, ..... ?

- A) did he                                        B) didn't you                                      C) isn't it  
D) didn't he                                    E) did you

3. Which word is not connected with cars?

- A) boot    B) tyres    C) windscreen  
D) bonnet                                        E) handlebars

4. Which word does **not** collocate with the noun *damage*?

- A) assess                                        B) take    C) cause  
D) repair                                        E) sustain

5. The two of them look so much alike that they often ..... for sisters.



- A) appear                                        B) seem    C) pass  
D) look    E) go

6. **Mary:** James said that ..... word with me.

**Nick:** Yeah, come in and have a seat.

- A) you will want to have a                      B) you can have a                                      C) you had a  
D) you wanted to have a                        E) you will say a

7. After four years of ....., the country's economy is finally looking a lot healthier.

- A) demise  
D) recession
- B) letdown  
E) census
- C) overdraft

8. Tom would rather his sister ..... him before using his computer.



- A) doesn't ask  
D) had asked
- B) didn't ask  
E) will ask
- C) have asked

9. .... people don't care or show any concern about the problems or feelings of others.

- A) Insensible  
D) Senseless
- B) Insensitive  
E) Insensibly
- C) Sensitive

10. .... being the better team, we lost the match.

- A) Despite  
D) Even though
- B) Despite of  
E) In spite
- C) Although

## 4 - Point Questions

Read the text. For each question (11-20), choose the best answer.

## STEPHEN HAWKING

To fellow scientists and millions of science geeks around the world, Stephen Hawking was all one (11) ..... wish for and more: a very gifted translator of the complex mysteries of the universe into engaging, scintillating, readable prose. The fact that he was able to (12) ..... above a crippling condition without allowing it to chip away at his generosity of spirit and sense of humour was nothing (13) ..... of a miracle. When Hawking was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 1963, aged 21, doctors did not expect him to live longer than two more years. But Hawking held (14) ..... for another half a century and did so in style: going for the occasional spin on dance floors in his wheelchair or engaging in wild driving. Stephen Hawking displayed similar levels of quirkiness and originality when it came to his understanding of the universe, stirring (15) ..... debates in scientific circles with his hypotheses about black holes. Hawking's bestselling book, *A Brief History of Time*, stayed on the Sunday Times bestsellers list for an amazing 237 weeks, which (16) ..... it its inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records. Hawking was a (17) ..... kid in the field of physics, perpetually fond of scientific wagers and (18) ..... when he lost them. He will be remembered as a charming eccentric, always (19) ..... controversy and excitedly riding its wave. Above all, Hawking goes down in history as the scientist who perhaps best succeeded in explaining the mysteries of space, time and infinity to the broadest audience. This in itself is a no (20) ..... feat.

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| 11. | A) should  | B) could       | C) must      | D) ought   | E) will    |
| 12. | A) rise    | B) walk        | C) tread     | D) ought   | E) dip     |
| 13. | A) less    | B) more        | C) short     | D) if      | E) big     |
| 14. | A) out     | B) up          | C) down      | D) after   | E) in      |
| 15. | A) heated  | B) hotter      | C) sparkling | D) glowing | E) shiny   |
| 16. | A) made    | B) earned      | C) offered   | D) insured | E) done    |
| 17. | A) smart   | B) whiz        | C) spoiled   | D) cool    | E) good    |
| 18. | A) unaware | B) disaffected | C) uncaring  | D) unfazed | E) excited |

19. A) running      B) soliciting      C) admitting      D) accepting      E) courting

20. A) mean      B) meagre      C) moderate      D) little      E) large

### 5 - Point Questions

21. Which sentence is correct?

- A) Not till I got home I realised my wallet was missing.
- B) Only when you've finished your homework you may go out.
- C) Under no circumstances can we accept credit cards.
- D) Barely attended ten people the talk.
- E) No sooner had she finished her meal when her name was heard.

22. I cannot afford to go on that holiday anymore. My bank account is ..... and my bank manager isn't the most flexible of people.

- A) caught red handed      B) browned off      C) tickled pink
- D) in the black      E) in the red

23. Having ..... her driving test several times, Lisa finally passed at the third attempt.

- A) attended      B) given      C) had
- D) made      E) taken

24. Choose the word that best indicates the meaning of the underlined word.

*He pretends to be nonchalant, but we could see he was nervous.*

- A) strong-willed      B) easy-going      C) narrow-minded
- D) high-spirited      E) quick-witted

25. I wonder if you could give me ..... advice about finding a job.

- A) an      B) a      C) any
- D) many      E) a piece

26. .... he would have signed his name in the corner.

- A) If he would have painted the picture      B) If he paints the picture
- C) If he painted the picture      D) If he shall paint the picture
- E) If he had painted the picture

27. Many of the tribe's customs and rituals are as old as the .....

- A) sea  
D) rocks
- B) hills  
E) earth
- C) wind

28. The trader asked for a high price, but I managed to beat him .....

- A) off  
D) out
- B) back  
E) up
- C) down

29. Which word does not fit in the noun? HAND \_\_\_\_\_

- A) CART  
D) MEN
- B) CUFF  
E) SAW
- C) MAID

30. There are usually at least two ..... of looking at every question.

- A) means  
D) opinions
- B) directions  
E) ways
- C) views

