

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 31 to 35.

Rachel Carson was born in 1907 in Springdale, Pennsylvania. She studied biology at college and zoology at Johns Hopkins University. In 1936, she was hired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (31) _____ she worked most of her life.

Carson's first book, "Under the Sea Wind", was published in 1941. It received excellent reviews. In that year she also published "The Sea around us", which (32) _____ a fascinating look beneath the ocean's surface. Her imagery and language had a (33) _____ quality. Carson consulted no less than 1,000 printed sources. She had voluminous correspondence and frequent discussions with experts in the field.

In 1962, Carson published "Silent Spring", a book that sparked considerable controversy. It proved how much (34) _____ was done by the uncontrolled, reckless use of insecticides. She detailed how they poison the food supply of animals, kill birds and fish, and contaminate human food. At the time, spokesmen for the chemical industry mounted personal attacks against Carson and issued propaganda to indicate that her findings were faulty. (35) _____, her work was proved by a 1963 report of the President's Science Advisory Committee.

(Source: TOEFL Reading)

- Question 31:** A. where B. that C. whom D. which
Question 32: A. provided B. made C. produced D. put
Question 33: A. poetic B. poetry C. poet D. poem
Question 34: A. good B. harm C. wrong D. right
Question 35: A. However B. Moreover C. Although D. Therefore

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 36 to 42.

The period from the late 1930s to the middle 1940s is known as the Golden Age of comic books. The modern comic book came about in the early 1930s in the United States as a giveaway **premium** to promote the sales of a whole range of household products such as cereal and cleansers. The comic books, which were printed in bright colors to attract the attention of **potential** customers, proved so popular that some publishers decided to produce comic books that would come out on a monthly basis and would sell for a dime each. Though comic strips had been reproduced in publications prior to this time, the Famous Funnies comic book, **which** was started in 1934, marked the first occasion that a serialized book of comics was attempted.

Early comic books reprinted already existing comic strips and comics based on known characters; however, publishers soon began introducing original characters developed specially for comic books. Superman was introduced in Action Comics in 1938, and Batman was introduced a year later. The tremendous success of these superhero comic books led to the development of numerous comic books on a variety of topics, though superhero comic books predominated. Astonishingly, by 1945 approximately 160 different comic books were being published in the United States each month, and 90 percent of U.S children were said to read comic books on a regular basis.

(Source: Preparation Course for the Toefl Test)

- Question 36:** What is the main focus of this passage?
A. The history of comic books B. How to produce comic books
C. Batman D. Superhero comics
- Question 37:** The word "**premium**" is closest in meaning to _____.
A. introduction B. preparation C. publication D. importance
- Question 38:** The word "**potential**" is closest in meaning to _____.
A. continuing B. developing C. able D. possible
- Question 39:** The word "**which**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.
A. comic trips B. the Famous Funnies C. serialized book of comics D. publications
- Question 40:** According to paragraph 2, Batman was introduced in _____.
A. 1938 B. 1939 C. 1940 D. 1945
- Question 41:** According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?
A. The modern comic book came about in the early 1930s in the United States.
B. The comic books were printed in bright colors.
C. Superman was introduced in Action Comics in 1938.
D. The Famous Funnies comic book was the first comic strips.

Question 42: Which of the following was published after Action Comics?

- A. the Famous Funnies B. Superman C. Superhero D. Batman

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 43 to 50.

Life on Earth is in the throes of a new wave of mass extinction, unlike anything since the demise of the dinosaurs. In the last 500 years, 844 species are known to have **died out**, and up to 16,000 others are now known to be threatened. Conservationists argue that humans have an ethical obligation to protect other species. Diversity and natural beauty are highly prized by mankind, and that biodiversity is a vital resource: we rely on ecosystems to provide food, oxygen and natural resources, recycle waste and fertilize soil for agriculture. The total value of services provided to man by nature has been estimated at \$33 trillion annually. Plants and animals are also an essential source of new foods and medicines worldwide. **Preserving** species could help protect us from disease.

Natural disasters and processes were behind the five major mass extinctions in geological history, but the current “sixth extinction” is being caused by the success of one species- humans. The six billion (and counting) people crowding the Earth, are driving out biodiversity in a variety of ways. Humans began to destroy ecosystems a major way about 10,000 years ago with the development of agriculture.

But within the last 100,000 years, the hunting and burning practices of people, along with climate change, drove many large mammals to extinction. However, the most common reason for extinction is habitat loss. Ecosystems from wetlands to prairies and rain forests to coral reefs are being cleared or degraded for crops, cattle, roads and development. Even fragmenting habitats with roads or dams can make **them** more vulnerable.

(Source: Succeed in Cambridge CAE 10 Practice Tests)

Question 43: What is the main focus of this passage?

- A. Our endangered wildlife B. Life on Earth
C. Biodiversity D. Ecosystem

Question 44: The word “**died out**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. destroyed B. used up C. been extinct D. polluted

Question 45: The word “**Preserving**” in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. Destroying B. Conserving C. Continuing D. Keeping

Question 46: According to the passage, the “sixth extinction” is being caused by _____.

- A. roads and dams B. climate change C. development D. human beings

Question 47: According to the reading passage, what is the main reason for extinction?

- A. burning B. climate change C. habitat loss D. hunting

Question 48: The word “**them**” in paragraph 3 refers to _____.

- A. habitats B. rainforests C. roads or dams D. mammals

Question 49: The following are true EXCEPT _____.

- A. Within the last 100,000 years, the hunting and burning practices of people, along with climate change, drove many large mammals to extinction
B. In the last 500 years, 844 species are known to have died out
C. In the last 500 years, up to 16,000 species are now known to be threatened
D. Humans began to destroy ecosystems a major way about 100,000 years ago with the development of agriculture

Question 50: Why do plants and animals play an essential part in our life?

- A. Because they provide us dinosaurs. B. Because they provide us food and medicine.
C. Because they are threatened. D. Because they are natural beauty.

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2	C	27	B
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4	D	29	B
5	C	30	C
6	B	31	A
7	A	32	A
8	D	33	A
9	B	34	B
10	A	35	A
11	B	36	A
12	D	37	D
13	D	38	D
14	C	39	B
15	C	40	B
16	B	41	D
17	C	42	D
18	C	43	A
19	C	44	C
20	D	45	B
21	C	46	D
22	C	47	C
23	A	48	D
24	A	49	D
25	B	50	B

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