

I. READING

The Ancient Egyptians were the first people to build really tall buildings. The Great Pyramid at Giza was built to honour Pharaoh Cheops. 100 thousand men worked for 20 years to build the Great Pyramid. It was 146 metres high, and for more than four thousand years it was the world's tallest building.

Then, in the late 1800s, the first modern skyscrapers were built. Two important developments made skyscrapers possible. Firstly, the use of new materials like steel and concrete and, secondly, the introduction of the elevator in 1857.

Most of the first skyscrapers were built in Chicago and New York. The Empire State Building in New York was finished in 1931. It is 381 metres high, and it has 102 floors and 73 elevators. It was the tallest building in the world for 42 years. The twin towers of the World Trade Center, which opened in 1973, were taller than the Empire State Building. Terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center on 11th September 2001. The tallest building in the USA is the Willis Tower in Chicago. It is 442 metres high and has 108 floors.

Today, the highest skyscrapers in the world are in Asia. The Petronas Twin Towers in Malaysia were completed in 1988. They are 452 metres tall and have 88 storeys each. They are linked by a skybridge at the 41st storey. In 2004, the Taipei 101 building in Taiwan became the tallest in the world at an amazing 508 metres.

The Dubai Tower was opened in 2010. It is 829 metres high and has 160 floors.

Japan is looking at plans for skyscraper cities in huge buildings over 1500 metres high.

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1. The first skyscrapers were built in

- ☐ A) Egypt ☒ Б) the USA
☐ B) Asia ☒ Г) New York

2. People could build a skyscraper that is high.

- ☒ A) more than 8 hundred metres
☐ Б) more than a kilometre
☐ B) 1500 metres
☐ Г) over 1,5 kilometres

3. You can see in the picture.



- ☐ A) the World Trade Center
☐ Б) the Dubai Tower
☒ B) the Petronas Twin Towers
☐ Г) the Taipei 101

4. men built the Great Pyramid of Giza.

- ☐ A) 146 ☐ Б) 4,000
☒ B) 100,000 ☐ Г) 1,500

5. Choose true sentences.

- ☒ A) The Dubai Tower is the tallest skyscraper in the world.
☒ Б) The Empire State Building is much older than the Taipei 101.
☒ B) Elevators were introduced in the nineteenth century.
☒ Г) The Empire State Building is the tallest skyscraper in New York.

6. has over a hundred floors.

- ☐ A) The Petronas Twin Tower
☒ Б) The Empire State Building
☐ B) The World Trade Center
☒ Г) The Willis Tower

7. A metal used for making skyscrapers is called

- ☐ A) concrete ☐ Б) elevator
☒ B) steel ☐ Г) clay

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: Could you do me a favour?

B:

- ☒ A) Of course. ☒ Б) Yes, certainly.
☐ B) Here you are. ☐ Г) You're welcome.

9. A: What would you like to do this evening?

B:

- ☐ A) Mind your own business.
☒ Б) I feel like playing 'Angry birds'.
☒ B) I'd rather watch a film on TV.
☒ Г) I fancy playing computer games.

10. A:

B: I'm very tired. I didn't sleep well at night.

- ☐ A) Why weren't you hungry?
☐ Б) What did you do last night?
☐ B) What time did you come back home last night?
☒ Г) What's the matter with you?

11. A: I'm very sorry for breaking your mug.

B:

- ☒ A) Never mind.
☒ Б) It's OK.
☐ B) It's my pleasure.
☒ Г) It doesn't matter.

12. A: Could you pass me the butter, please?

B:

- ☐ A) Please. ☐ Б) Why not?
☒ B) Here you are. ☐ Г) Not at all.

13. A: Would you like something to eat?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, I do.
☐ Б) Fine, thanks.
☒ B) Yes, please.
☒ Г) No, thanks. I'm not hungry.

14. A: Can I have a doughnut, please?

B:

- ☒ A) Certainly, anything else?
☐ Б) I don't like doughnuts.
☐ Б) I'd like the bill, please.
☐ Г) How much is it?

III. VOCABULARY

15. Jenny has got Her glands are swollen and she can't eat.

- ☐ A) food poisoning ☐ Б) a runny nose
☒ B) a sore throat ☐ Г) a rash

16. My parents love eating seafood, so they ordered for lunch today.

- ☐ A) turkey ☒ Б) prawns
☐ B) cabbage ☒ Г) fried cod

17. We don't have to carry all these goods. Let's use

- ☐ A) a checkout
☒ Б) a trolley
☐ B) bargain
☐ Г) a trailer



18. Match the opposite adjectives.

1. blunt	A. generous
2. mean	B. enormous
3. tiny	C. sociable
4. shy	D. sharp

- ☒ A) 1 - D; 2 - A; 3 - B; 4 - C
☐ Б) 1 - C; 2 - D; 3 - A; 4 - B
☐ B) 1 - B; 2 - C; 3 - D; 4 - A
☐ Г) 1 - A; 2 - B; 3 - D; 4 - C

19. A piece of money made of metal is called

- ☐ A) cash ☐ Б) a note
☐ B) a loan ☒ Г) a coin

20. Helen's grandmother often from headaches and sleeplessness.

- ☐ A) heals ☒ Б) suffers
☐ B) cures ☐ Г) treats

IV. GRAMMAR

21. Jack can't go out this afternoon. He's his little brother.

- ☒ A) taking care of ☐ Б) looking up
☐ B) getting over ☒ Г) looking after

22. Mike and Tom football at this time yesterday.

- ☐ A) was playing ☐ Б) played
☒ B) were playing ☐ Г) have played

23. I some Russian while I was in Moscow on holiday last summer.

- ☐ A) learning ☒ Б) learnt
☒ B) learned ☐ Г) was learning

24. The children behaved (1) and played (2) in their room.

- ☐ A) (1) good; (2) quietly
☐ Б) (1) goodly; (2) quiet
☐ B) (1) goodly; (2) quietly
☒ Г) (1) well; (2) quietly

25. Western Europe is Siberia.

- ☒ A) warmer than ☒ Б) not as cold as
☐ B) not as colder than ☒ Г) much warmer than

26. Wait a moment, Tom. I (1) what you (2) about.

- ☐ A) (1) don't understand; (2) talk
☐ Б) (1) am not understanding; (2) are talking
☒ B) (1) don't understand; (2) are talking
☐ Г) (1) am not understanding; (2) talk

27. Ivan is bilingual. He English and Russian.

- ☒ A) speaks ☐ Б) is speaking
☒ B) can speak ☒ Г) is able to speak

28. Tina is keen (1) geography but she isn't interested (2) chemistry very much.

- ☒ A) (1) on; (2) in ☐ Б) (1) at; (2) of
☐ B) (1) at; (2) in ☐ Г) (1) of; (2) at

29. We are going to visit our grandparents weekend.

- ☐ A) last ☐ Б) in
☒ B) next ☒ Г) at the

30. I wrote Claire an email last Sunday, but she yet.

- ☐ A) didn't answer it ☒ Б) hasn't replied
☐ B) wasn't reply ☐ Г) don't answered it