

YDS 2006

Rome's great amphitheatre, the Colosseum, was commissioned by the Emperor Vespasian in 72 A.D. It was used for deadly gladiatorial combats and wild animal fights. (23) ---- were staged, free of charge, by the emperor and wealthy citizens. It was built with a very practical design (24) ---- 80 entrances allowing easy access for 55 thousand (25) ----. Excavations in the 19th century (26) ---- a network of rooms under the arena, from which animals (27) ----.

23.

- A) Others
- B) Any
- C) These
- D) The rest
- E) Of which

24.

- A) with
- B) for
- C) from
- D) out of
- E) to

25.

- A) crowds
- B) inhabitants
- C) invaders
- D) spectators
- E) population

26.

- A) supported
- B) disturbed
- C) compared
- D) claimed
- E) exposed

27.

- A) to have been released
- B) to be released
- C) will have been released
- D) could be released
- E) must be released

Over the last five years or so, the science of climate change has been firmly established. There is a general (28) ---- among leading scientists that we are now (29) ---- a major global warming problem. Over the last hundred years or so temperatures (30) ---- by about 0.8°C, and we can attribute (31) ---- of this to increased emissions of carbon dioxide (32) ---- this has all happened after we started to burn fossil fuels.

28.

- A) condition
- B) permission
- C) agreement
- D) refusal
- E) intention

29.

- A) forced to
- B) faced with
- C) pulled up
- D) turned up
- E) found out

30.

- A) have risen
- B) had risen
- C) are rising
- D) would have risen
- E) will be rising

31.

- A) more
- B) much
- C) many
- D) the most
- E) any

32.

- A) as if
- B) though
- C) because
- D) unless
- E) when

YDS 2005

Two years ago China joined the World Trade Organization and tariffs began to drop and the country began to grow richer. (23) — Beijing hosts the 2008 Olympic Games, the people of the world (24). — a city and a country that has been transformed. China is now (25) — the largest economies in the world and it is becoming a (26) — trading partner (27) — the US.

23.

- A) Until B) When C) Unless
D) As if E) Once

24.

- A) would find B) has found C) will find
D) is finding E) finds

25.

- A) one of B) almost C) any of
D) either E) even

26.

- A) particular B) significant
C) narrow-minded D) persuasive
E) self-conscious

27.

- A) to B) by C) of
D) from E) against

The authors of *Goodbye* are two sisters and they are Korean Americans. The book tells the story of a young Korean girl who (28) — to say 'goodbye' to the neighbourhood (29) — she has grown up. The family has decided to move to the US in search of (30) — life. But the girl feels (31) — to leave and has almost no desire to start a new life. It's a perfect cross-cultural story for an (32)— globalized world.

28.

- A) would struggle B) was struggling
C) had struggled D) struggled
E) is struggling

29.

- A) that B) in which C) how
D) from which E) there

30.

- A) test B) as good as C) better
D) a better E) a best

31.

- A) peaceful B) eager C) reluctant
D) liable E) decisive

32.

- A) increasingly B) indifferently C) enduringly
D) improbably E) unlikely

YDS 2004

Japan has a large number of great artists. Of all the artists of Japan, the one Westerners probably like and (23) ---- best is Hokusai. He was a (24) ----, unpredictable man who lived in as many as a hundred different houses and changed his name (25) ---- 30 times. Hokusai never painted in one period or style (26) ---- very long at a time; he never seemed to stop (27) ---- after something new.

23.

- A) disturb B) discover C) allow
D) suspect E) understand

24.

- A) determined B) restless C) reliable
D) consistent E) sensible

25.

- A) greatest B) the least C) at best
D) mostly E) at least

26.

- A) through B) at C) for
D) with E) over

27.

- A) to have been chased B) chasing
C) having chased D) to chase
E) being chased

The etymology of the word .chocolate. may remain (28) ---- and open to debate even today; but there can be no real doubt that the ancient Aztec civilization lies at the origin of chocolate. The god Quetzalcoatl, gardener of paradise, was respected (29) ---- guardian of the cacao tree, purveyor of both strength and wealth. The seeds, or beans, were used as a form of currency, valid (30) ---- for the purchase of everyday items and for the payment of tribute money to the king. It was the spectacle of monkeys sucking the refreshing juices around the beans that first (31) ---- men the idea of tasting them. From there, it was a short step to consuming the beans (32) ----.

28.

- A) regular B) indifferent C) faithful
D) uncertain E) suitable

29.

- A) just B) even C) like
D) for E) as

30.

- A) not only B) either C) both
D) as if E) more

31.

- A) having given B) gave
C) had given D) to have given
E) has given

32.

- A) themselves B) as theirs
C) itself D) by them
E) for them

YDS 2003

In 1912, a German called Wegener declared that all the continents of the world had once been joined together and were now drifting around like giant rafts. His (23) ---- attracted very little interest. In 1915, he published a book on continental drift. No one took it (24) ----. But (25) ---- the early 1960s, geologists (26) ---- to realize that molten rock was seeping up from under the oceans and pushing the continents further away from (27) ---- at around two and a half centimetres a year.

23.

- A) ability B) invention C) comprehension
D) concern E) claim

24.

- A) deliberately B) sensibly C) fairly
D) regrettably E) seriously

25.

- A) under B) by C) over
D) at E) from

26.

- A) are beginning B) have begun
C) were beginning D) begin
E) would begin

27.

- A) another B) each other C) the others
D) one other E) any other

The Romantic Age in England was part of a movement that affected all the countries of the Western World. The forms of romanticism were (28) ---- many and varied that it is difficult to speak of the movement as a whole. It tended to align (29) ---- with the humanitarian spirit of the democratic revolutionaries. (30) ----, romantics were not always democrats and democrats were not always revolutionaries. Perhaps the (31) ---- thing to say is that romanticism represented an attempt (32) ---- the wonder of the world.

28.

- A) so B) as C) both
D) neither E) thus

29.

- A) others B) them C) each
D) itself E) themselves

30.

- A) Even so B) Since C) Accordingly
D) In case E) On the contrary

31.

- A) safe B) safest C) safety
D) safely E) safer

32.

- A) having rediscovered B) rediscovering
C) to rediscover D) to have rediscovered
E) on rediscovering

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23. C	23.	23. E	23. E
24. A	24.	24. B	24. E
25. D	25.	25. E	25. B
26. E	26.	26. C	26. C
27. D	27.	27. B	27. B
28. C	28.	28. D	28. A
29. B	29.	29. E	29. D
30. A	30.	30. C	30. A
31. B	31.	31. B	31. B
32. C	32.	32. A	32. C