**Writing skills**

***I. Rewrite the following sentences so that the second sentence means the same as the first one.***

1. Knowing English is very useful. => It ……………………………………………………….

2. It started to snow at 5 o’clock. => It ……………………………………………………….

3. Nam is taller than Hung. => Hung …………………………………………………..

4. When did you go to bed last night? => What ……………………………………………..?

5. What time does Nam have to leave? => Do you know ……………………………………..?

6. Doing morning exercises is good. => It………………………………………………………..

7. This book is very boring and so is that one. => This book is as………………………………….

8. Will it be necessary for me to sleep under a net? => Shall I have to………………………….?

9. I last read a book on September 20th. => I haven’t …………………………………………

10. It is not as warm in Canada as it is in Mexico. => Mexico ……………………………………

11.An began to be interested in healthy eating 3 years ago.

=> An has been………………………………

12. I feel sick if I eat too much ice- cream. => Eating ……………………………………………

13. I have never seen that play before . => It’s ………………………………………………………

14. They are watching my father’s new car. => My father’s new car………………………………..

15. I am sorry, Hoa isn’t coming with us. => I wish…………………………………………………

16. It is such a heavy book that I can’t lift it. => The book …………………………………………..

17. The farmers spread the trees each week. => The trees ………………………………………….

18. The sun is much hotter than the moon. => The moon isn’t………………………………………

19. You can’t read more quickly than I can. => I can’t ………………………………………………

20. Thank you for helping me . => It was kind ……………………………………………………

21. Staying at home would be better than going out tonight.

=> I’d rather ……………………………

22. Mrs. Ha told Ba to carry those books back home. => Mrs. Ha had………………………………

23. You can’t understand these things because you are very young.

=> You are not………………………

14. I have so much to do today. => I wish ……………………………………………

25. Tom is a playwright as well as an actor. => Tom is not only …………………………………

26. They did not finish the kitchen on Mon day. => The kitchen ……………………………………..

27. The last time I saw Lan was at Tam’s birthday party. => I ……………………………………

28. What did he tell you? => I need to know …………………………

29. Where did they go on holiday? => Do you know …………………………………?

30. Where is the dentist’s office? => Could you tell me …………………………….?

31. How many people are there in our school? => We want to know …………………………….?

32. This shirt is too dirty for me to wear. => This shirt ………………………………………

33. Boiling an egg is not difficult. => It ………………………………………………

34. The ancient Egyptians built the pyramids . => The pyramids……………………………………

35. Cairo is hotter than London. => London isn’t……………………………………

36. It’ s two years since I was last in Ha noi. => I have not ………………………………………

37. She is overweight because she eats too much meat.

=> If she ……………………………………

38. That road is so narrow that cars can not park here. (too) …………………………………….

39. Ba is both talented and handsome. (not only….but also…)

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40. I don’t know any thing about her family. (wish)

…………………………………………………………..

41. I advise you to wear a coat when you go out. (had better)

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42. Do you have a cheaper pen than that one? (cheapest)

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43. I saw Linda last on New Year’s Day. (since)

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44. Hoa prefers to play ping pong. (would rather)

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45. I don’t like to watch TV. (dislike)

……………………………………………………………….

46. “I have visited this beauty spot many times.” said my father.

=> My father told me……………………

47. People say that he is a famous singer. => It ……………………………………

48. The police man does not run so fast as the thief.

=> The thief ………………………………………..

49. This boy is very stupid. I can’t teach him math (too) …………………………………………

50. The novel is very interesting. => We ………………………………………………

***II.*** ***Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to choose the sentence which is closest in meaning to the given one.***

**Question 1.** “Would you like to come to my birthday party, Sara?” asked Frederic.

A. Frederic invited Sara to his birthday party.

1. Frederic asked if Sara was able to come to his birthday party.
2. Frederic asked Sara if she likes his birthday party or not.
3. Frederic reminded Sara of his coming birthday party.

**Question 2.** The last person who leaves the room must turn off the lights.

A. The last person to leave the room must turn off the lights.

1. The last person to turn off the lights must leave the room.
2. The last person to be left the room must turn off the lights.
3. The last person leave the room must turn off the lights.

**Question 3.** If you practise harder you will have better results.

A. The harder you practise, the best results you will have.

1. The more hardly you practise, the better results you will have.
2. The hardest you practise, the most results you will have.
3. The harder you practise, the better results you will have.

**Question 4**. I‟m sure Luisa was very disappointed when she failed the exam.

A. Luisa must be very disappointed when she failed the exam.

1. Luisa must have been very disappointed when she failed the exam.
2. Luisa may be very disappointed when she failed the exam.
3. Luisa could have been very disappointed when she failed the exam.

**Question 5**. “You had better see a doctor if the sore throat does not clear up.” she said to me.

A. She reminded me of seeing a doctor if the sore throat did not clear up.

1. She ordered me to see a doctor if the sore throat did not clear up.
2. She insisted that I see a doctor unless the sore throat did not clear up.
3. She suggested that I see a doctor if the sore throat did not clear up.

**Question 6**. Without her teacher’s advice, she would never have written such a good essay.

A. Her teacher advised him and she didn't write a good essay.

1. Her teacher didn't advise her and she didn't write a good essay.
2. She wrote a good essay as her teacher gave her some advice.
3. If her teacher didn't advise her, she wouldn’t write such a good essay.

**Question 7.** The situation was so embarrassing that she did not know what to do.

A. So embarrassing was the situation that she did not know what to do.

1. It was such an embarrassing situation; however, she did not know what to do.
2. So embarrassing the situation was that she did not know what to do.
3. She did not know what to do, though it was not an embarrassing situation.

**Question 8:** It is expected that tax increases will be announced in tomorrow‟s budget statement.

1. Tax increases are expected to be announced in tomorrow‟s budget statement.
2. It is expected that people will announce in tomorrow budget tax increases.
3. In tomorrow‟s budget statement tax increases are expected to announce.
4. Hope that they will announce tax increases in tomorrow‟s budget statement.

**Question 9.** Fiona has been typing the report for an hour.

A. It took Fiona an hour to type the report.

1. It is an hour since Fiona started typing the report.
2. Fiona finished the report an hour ago.
3. Fiona will finish typing the report in an hour.

**Question 10.** I can’t do the test because it is too difficult.

1. If the test isn’t too difficult, I can do it.
2. If the test weren’t too difficult, I could do it.
3. If the test weren’t too difficult, I can do it.
4. If the test hadn’t been too difficult, I could do it.

**Question 11.** The children couldn't go swimming because the sea was too rough.

A. The sea was too rough for the children to go swimming.

1. The sea was rough enough for the children to swim in.
2. The sea was too rough to the children's swimming.
3. The children were not calm enough to swim in the sea.

**Question 12.** No one has seen Linda since the day of the party.

A. Linda has not been seen since the day of the party.

1. Linda is nowhere to be seen at the party.
2. The party is going on without Linda.
3. No one has seen Linda for ages.

**Question 13.** He talked about nothing except the weather.

A. He talked about everything including weather.

1. His sole topic of conversation was the weather.
2. He had nothing to say about the weather.
3. He said he had no interest in the weather.

**Question 14.** He doesn’t study hard, so he can fail the exam.

* 1. If he studies hard, he won’t fail the exam.
  2. If ha didn’t study hard, he wouldn’t fail the exam.
  3. If he studied hard, he wouldn’t fail the exam.
  4. If he hadn’t studied hard, he wouldn’t have failed the exam.

**Question 15:** It is possible that the fire in the ship was started by a bomb.

A. They say that a bomb started the fire in the ship.

* + 1. The fire in the ship might have been started by a bomb.
    2. It shall be said the fire in the ship had been started by a bomb.
    3. The fire in the ship is known to have been started by a bomb.

**Question 16:** Neil always forgets his wife’s birthday.

* + 1. At no time Neil remembers his wife’s birthday.
    2. Neil never remembers his wife’s birthday.
    3. Neil sometimes remembers his wife’s birthday.
    4. Neil remembers his wife’s birthday all the time.

**Question 17.** “If I were you, I would take a break.”, Tom said to Daisy.

A. Tom told Daisy he would have taken a break if he had been her.

* + 1. Tom advised Daisy he would take a break if he were her.
    2. Tom advised Daisy to take a break.
    3. Tom advised Daisy to take a break if he were her.

**Question 18.** John wishes he had remembered to send Mary a Christmas card.

A. John regrets to send Mary a Christmas card.

* 1. John regrets forgetting not to send Mary a Christmas card.
  2. John regrets not remembering sending Mary a Christmas card.
  3. John regrets forgetting to send Mary a Christmas card.

**Question 19:** In spite of his poverty, he led a devoted life to the revolutionary cause.

A. He could not devote his life to the revolutionary cause because of his poverty.

* + 1. If he had not been so poor, he could have devoted his life to the revolutionary cause.
    2. Poor as he was, he led a devoted life to the revolutionary cause.
    3. He led a devoted life to the revolutionary cause, but he was so poor.

**Question 20:** I thought I shouldn’t have stayed at home yesterday.

A. I regretted staying at home yesterday. B. I regretted for staying at home yesterday.

C. I regret for staying at home yesterday. D. I regret to stay at home yesterday.

**Question 21.** The soccer team knew they lost the match. They soon started to blame each other.

* + 1. Not only did the soccer team lose the match but they blamed each other as well.
    2. No sooner had the soccer team started to blame each other than they knew they lost the match.
    3. As soon as they blamed each other, the soccer team knew they lost the match.
    4. Hardly had the soccer team known they lost the match when they started to blame each other.

**Question 22.** Lucy always reminds me of my youngest sister.

* + 1. My youngest sister’s name is Lucy.
    2. I always think of Lucy, my youngest sister.
    3. Whenever I see Lucy, I think of my youngest sister.
    4. It is Lucy who is my youngest sister.

**Question 23.** They had such a fierce dog that nobody would visit them.

* 1. So fierce was their dog that nobody would visit them.
  2. Their dog was fierce enough for anybody to visit them.
  3. If their dog weren’t fierce, somebody would visit them.
  4. So fierce a dog did they had that nobody would visit them.

**Question 24.** They are my two sisters. They aren’t teachers like me.

A. They are my two sisters, that are teachers like me.

* 1. They are my two sisters, neither of whom are teachers like me.
  2. They are my two sisters, both of those are teachers like me.
  3. Unlike me, neither of my two sisters aren’t teachers.

**Question 25** “Why don’t you participate in the volunteer work in summer?" said Sophie.

A. Sophie suggested my participating in the volunteer work in summer.

* 1. Sophie made me participate in the volunteer work in summer.
  2. Sophie asked me why not participate in the volunteer work in summer.
  3. Sophie suggested me to participate in the volunteer work in summer.

**Question 26:** John is studying hard.He doesn’t want to fail the exam.

1. John is studying hard in order not to fail the next exam.
2. John is studying hard in order that he not fail the next exam.
3. John is studying hard so as to fail the next exam.
4. John is studying hard in order to not to fail the next exam.

**Question 27.** Jane refused to attend his birthday party, which made him feel sad.

A. Jane made him sad despite her refusal to attend his birthday party.

* 1. Jane refused to attend his birthday party because it made him sad.
  2. Jane’s refusal to attend his birthday party made him feel sad.
  3. Jane, whom made him feel sad, refused to attend his birthday party.

**Question 28:** When the unemployment rate is high, the crime rate is usually also high.

A. The unemployment rate and the crime rate are both higher.

1. The higher the unemployment rate is, the higher the crime rate is.
2. The unemployment rate is as high as the crime rate.

D The high rate of unemployment depends on the high rate of crime.

**Question 29:** I wish you hadn't said that.

A.I wish you not to say that. B.If only you didn't say that.

1. I hope you will not say that. D. It would be nice if you hadn’t said that.

**Question 30:** “You're always making terrible mistakes”, said the teacher.

1. The teacher asked his students why they always made terrible mistakes.
2. The teacher realized that his students always made terrible mistakes.
3. The teacher complained about his students making terrible mistakes.
4. The teacher made his students not always make terrible mistakes.