1. Clara: What happened just now, Mark? You weren’t very kind when you were talking with Ted. What do you have against him? Mark: I just don’t like him at all. Clara: _____ Mark: Well, he has such a mean streak in him! I went to his office to ask him for some help, and he simply turned up his nose at me! I was so angry that I wanted to slap him! He wasn’t like that before he got the job. Now he’s such a snob!

A) Come on, he has always been very kind to the people, hasn’t he?
B) Why? Is there something in particular?
C) You’re totally right. I hate him and his behaviours in the office, too.
D) I know you’re right, and even the mention of his name starts me fuming as well.
E) Be logical. You are his boss and he is to do what is told.

2. Robyn: Has Alan shown up yet? Scottie: No. I believe something could have come up. Robyn: _____ Scottie: I don’t know. I hope it’s nothing serious.

A) He must have been shocked after taking a promotion.
B) Last week his sister was admitted to the hospital.
C) His sister had a car accident last week.
D) I wonder what happened.
E) Oh? Do you think he has really won the lottery?

3. John: _____ Becky: Well, it’s just that she puts lots of make-up on her face. Actually, natural beauty comes from within. John: Ah, I can smell jealousy in the air! Becky: She has nothing that deserves my jealousy. I don’t have to put things on my face and I still look pretty. Don’t you think so?

A) She’s really pretty, isn’t she? Her skin looks so baby smooth!
B) She was one of the most attractive businesswomen I have ever seen. Don’t you think so?
C) Is it the cucumbers that made her look better after such a tiring day?
D) Creams soften the skin, wipe out the roughness, counter-irritation, and build strength and resilience as it is seen on her.
E) After the birth, her skin turned out to be purer than ever.


A) Trust me. I won’t. I’ll keep you posted.
B) All right! I look forward to hearing from you soon
C) Yes. Don’t forget to drop me a line when you settle down.
D) Do you have my address?
E) Well, I have your e-mail address.

5. Rosie: Sorry, I overslept. My clock didn’t go off this morning. Frankie: _____ Rosie: That’s right, even though I did set the alarm last night. Frankie: Your clock never works. Perhaps you should buy a new one.

A) Haven’t you bought that recently?
B) Again?
C) Well, if it doesn’t work again tomorrow, I’ll definitely buy a new one.
D) You are never punctual for the meetings held in the mornings.
E) Did you try to take it to be fixed?

6. Gary: Oh, my God! It’s really hot! I’ve never seen such scorching weather in my life! Sharon: Tell me about it. It’s like the whole world broiling. Gary: _____ Sharon: I hope it’s not going to break into three digits!

A) Oh, look at the thermometer! The temperature has hit 98!
B) I guess we can’t do anything until after dark then.
C) I guess so. What else can we do? You can’t stay in the heat for long!
D) Well, I just hope it’ll level off.
E) Due to the weather, the team is playing badly.

A) No? What if you had lost your job and were offered a super one abroad?
B) Come on, Tim. Doesn’t it sound good?
C) You like your country more than any others, don’t you?
D) In my opinion, you’ve lost your living soul, Patrick.
E) In the past, you were always talking about your dreams about living abroad.

8. Man: Excuse me. Assistant: Yes, sir? Man: _____ Assistant: Yes, we have actually. Over here there is our slim-fit range. I expect that’s what you are looking for, is it?

A) Oh, well, I’ll take this one, then, if I may.
B) I’ve been looking at these shirts over here, but I see you haven’t got any tighter-fitting ones, have you?
C) Yes, thank you. The collars here are wide, aren’t they?
D) Do you sell any pullovers with Xlarge size and in white colour?
E) How much are those bags and blouses?


A) How did you learn English?
B) I would like to learn Spanish.
C) In my opinion, Spanish is much easier than Italian to learn, isn’t it?
D) Can you speak Spanish like a native?
E) They tell me you speak Spanish. Is that right?

10. Mrs Wetson: Come in, please, Dr Johnson. What is the matter? Dr Johnson: _____ Mrs Wetson: This seems to be impossible these days, Dr Johnson because we have been experiencing hard times owing to the recent economic crisis in the country. Dr Johnson: Oh, I see. But I will be very pleased if you keep my request in mind, sir. I am in terrible need of money.

A) Hey, boss! How about some more money then?
B) I am not happy about my salary here.
C) I have some reasonable ideas to cope with these financial problems we have had lately.
D) Excuse me, Mrs Wetson, I’d like to ask you if I could possibly have a wage rise.
E) May I be off tomorrow, sir? I will take my wife to the hospital.

11. Reporter: You’ve been elected the chairman of the biggest party in history. Isn’t it going to be a bit of a job keeping the backbenchers all happy? Soley: Well I hope not. What we’ve got to do is to reform the Parliamentary process to make sure backbenchers really do play an active part. Reporter: But Mr Beest has told us how he expects them to behave. They are there to do what they are told by the leaders. Soley: _____

A) Now let me just give you examples of what I mean.
B) We want backbenchers to be able to assist in the process of getting the government’s legislation through.
C) Well, what he’s actually said is he wants to be an inclusive leader.
D) What I would hope and this is what our advantage is in having a large majority.
E) I know the leadership will be sympathetic to this sort of thing.
12. Jack: ______ Roger: Well, yes. But writing accurately in any foreign language is difficult, isn’t it? Jack: I don’t think so. I can write easily in Turkish. It’s an easy language to write and read. Roger: Don’t forget that you had great difficulties in learning Turkish.

 A) It was rather disappointing to see you make a lot of mistakes while writing in English.
 B) Reading books and writing essays in a foreign language are fun for most students.
 C) It’s difficult to write faultlessly in English, isn’t it?
 D) To me, the writing process is very difficult to learn in all languages.
 E) It is a difficult but interesting topic to write on, isn’t it?

13. Doctor: How are you feeling today? Patient: I am OK, I just feel a little tired, also stressed. Doctor: ______ Patient: I am not so sure, it may be a lot of things, I can’t quite get to the bottom of it, although what I have found, the more I watch the news the more depressed I become.

 A) What do you think is causing you to become stressed?
 B) What is depressing you on the news?
 C) What kind of stress are you talking about?
 D) You said you’re OK. What makes you tired?
 E) It wouldn’t be a big problem to be exhausted. Don’t you think so?

14. Dr Mazlen: Can you tell about the new parasite you’ve found in a patient with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome? How did you find it? Dr Klapow: I found it deep in his lung cells by chance and I called the new parasite with a provisional name, "the hidden lungworm". Dr Mazlen: ______ Dr Klapow: It definitely is, Roger. It’s very difficult to find.

 A) I hope other people will start looking for it.
 B) In fact, I’ve put together some material that I think can help you.
 C) This parasite is less than a millimetre long.
 D) That’s pretty appropriate in terms of what you say.
 E) You can identify the parasite by its mouthparts.

15. Sam: _____ Tonny: I tried to get a hold of you, but I couldn’t get through. Sam: What time did you call? Tonny: I tried all morning.

 A) Why didn’t you call me yesterday?
 B) As in the briefing, the industry you work in would be a profitable one to be engaged in.
 C) I waited for a whole day to be called by the company I had applied for.
 D) I can’t understand why you couldn’t reach me.
 E) You gave me a ring at a late time yesterday, didn’t you?


 A) Gee! You are really strong-willed.
 B) Again? Didn’t you do the same kind of meal two days ago?
 C) I’m afraid the meat is already rotten.
 D) Sheep require pasturage that could be better used to grow grain for starving millions.
 E) Well, I forgot to put it in the refrigerator.

17. Father: _____ Son: Is that why I can’t have the car except on weekends? Father: It certainly is! You’d never do your homework otherwise. Son: Oh, Dad. That’s just not true. You know I’d study no matter what.

 A) I have taken the car to the mechanic due to an engine problem.
 B) If you were my age, wouldn’t you study harder to be in a better post?
 C) The results you get in the exams not only let me down also led me to take serious measures for the sake of our future.
 D) We might as well let both the children do it all together.
 E) I still think teenagers should spend more time studying and less time driving around.
18. Operator: Pacific Bell. May I help you? David: Yes. I’d like to set up a telephone service as soon as possible, please. Operator: ____ David: No. This is new.

A) Really? How interesting! Have you been using this line for a long time?
B) All right. I’ll connect you with our customer service department. Please hold.
C) Do you presently have service?
D) Have you tried our company’s latest services which were offered you recently?
E) Are you one of those looking for a new number that suits?


George: Come on. Don’t beat about the bush. Just tell me what’s on your mind.

A) Well, there is a matter that has occupied my mind for a long time.
B) Why don’t we have a meeting to talk about the recent problems occurred in the company?
C) Forget about the reception we were invited for. OK?
D) I do not know how to start, but your behaviour towards the employees really annoys me.
E) Hmm…nothing, really. Hey! Nice weather, isn’t it?

20. Donald: Let’s eat out, shall we? Debra: ____ Donald: Don’t worry about it. It’s my treat. Debra: You’re sure? You’re so generous!

A) You know I have just moved here, so I am unfamiliar with the places.
B) Alright, let’s do it! But… the neighbours next door will call in tonight.
C) I’m broke. I’ve gone through my paycheck for the week already.
D) It would be great, but I really have to finish the project until tomorrow.
E) That’s a very good idea, but I should take my little brother with me if it won’t be a problem

21. Man: Can I help you? Woman: I would like to open an account in your bank Man: Well, we have several different kinds of accounts: checking accounts, saving accounts and money market accounts. Woman: ____ Man: I can help you with that. First, you need to fill out a form, and then I need to see some identification. That’s all. Woman: That sounds easy enough. Thanks for your help.

A) As far as I see, you need to see a piece of identification.
B) Could you give me an application form?
C) The type I am interested in is a checking account.
D) I’ve heard that it is less profitable to open a savings account.
E) I also want to make use of your online service.

22. Jack: What did you think of Mike when I first introduced him to you. Jane: ____ Jack: Well I don’t think so. He does everything in his power to be kind to his around. Jane: Right! I may have misunderstood him.

A) Yes, he was a smart person, actually.
B) He couldn’t have been more unfriendly.
C) No one else should have been more polite than him
D) When I first saw him I realized that I hadn’t had an intimate friend before.
E) What does he do for a living?

23. Mary: Tell me, what was the reason which caused that giant quarrel between you and Sally? Philip: ____ Mary: Why is that? Philip: Because I always need to warn her not to poke her nose into whatever I do. Yet, she is constantly doing that.

A) Well, she has begun becoming unbearable these days.
B) Because she gave my car to our son without my permission
C) It is hard to find her at home. She visits her parents too much.
D) She suddenly started shouting and always insults me without any reason.
E) She is not the one on the first days of our wedding.

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24. Derek: I have been told that there are several good restaurants around here. Do you advise any? Marcia: There used to be two, yet one of them has just been closed down. Derek: What about the other? Marcia: ______

A) There is one more except those two in the corner.
B) Neither of the others is the one you are looking for.
C) Just at the end of this street. Go and enjoy the service.
D) You can also go to that one. The service is excellent there too.
E) It isn’t at all you want to go and enjoy.

25. Joseph: No sooner had you left the office than you had a telephone call, but she didn’t leave any message. Bolivia: ______ Joseph: Well, it may have been Mrs Jane, but I am not sure anyway. Now I blame myself for not having asked her name. Bolivia: No need to sorry! That is all right.

A) You are constantly doing that. Why don’t you ask names?
B) Didn’t she leave any message for me?
C) Oh, that is perfect, I had been expecting a call from her.
D) It was an important call for me. Who did she sound like?
E) Had you informed me, I would have called her right away.
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