



10. The founders of the American meritocracy believe they were destroying a nascent class system and building a fluid, mobile society. In retrospect, this was vainglorious—you can't undermine social rank by setting up an elaborate process of ranking.

[1점]

- ① burgeoning ② full-blown ③ retreating
④ subliminal ⑤ withering

[11-15] Choose the best answer for the blank.

11. Despite the customs officers' abiding efforts, large amounts of drugs are _____ into the country annually. [1.3점]

- ① indicted ② ordained ③ thrived
④ yielded ⑤ smuggled

12. A genetically engineered dietary supplement permanently disabled more than 5,000 Americans with a fatal blood disorder before it was _____ by the Food and Drug Administration. [1.3점]

- ① recalled ② plundered ③ confounded
④ taunted ⑤ coordinated

13. Happiness and misery play a role in evolution only to the extent that they encourage or discourage survival and reproduction. Perhaps it's not surprising, then, that evolution has moulded us to be neither too miserable nor too happy. It enables us to enjoy a momentary rush of pleasant sensations, but these never last for ever. Sooner or later they _____ and give place to unpleasant sensations. [1.3점]

- ① substitute ② subside ③ suspect
④ subsist ⑤ subsidize

14. For now, this is what we know of matter: A handful of types of elementary particles, which vibrate and fluctuate constantly between existence and non-existence and swarm in space even when it seems that there is nothing there, combine together to _____ like letters of a cosmic alphabet to tell the immense history of galaxies, of the innumerable stars, of sunlight, of mountains, woods and fields of grain, of the smiling faces of the young at parties, and of the night sky studded with stars. [1.3점]

- ① infinity ② indifference ③ insolence
④ inception ⑤ indefiniteness

15. If Manhattan is an island defined by its street grid, Barbados is an island where plantations function in much the same way. In Bridgetown, a plaque identifying the spot where a slave cage once sat hangs on the exterior of a bank. Sugar-mill smokestacks and windmills _____ the countryside. The past is present almost everywhere, acknowledged or not. [1.3점]

- ① emphasize ② interrupt ③ punctuate
④ immobilize ⑤ accentuate

[16-17] Choose the best answer for the blank.

16. The notion of the wounded healer, which dates back to antiquity, is in common currency. It means that the therapist's own _____ can paradoxically serve as a source of his healing capacities. [2.7점]

- ① needs and desires
② fitness and well-being
③ composure and equanimity
④ impulse and preoccupation
⑤ suffering and vulnerability

17. When we _____ against a disease, we are injecting a weakened strain of the disease into the body, which is then stimulated to develop antibodies for the disease. [2.7점]

- ① censor ② inoculate ③ afflict
④ grapple ⑤ disseminate

[18-19] Choose the best answer for the blanks.

18. The amount of human intelligence, Elon Musk noted, was _____ (A) _____, because people were not having enough children. Meanwhile, the amount of computer intelligence was going up _____ (B) _____, like Moore's Law on steroids. [2.7점]

- | (A) | | (B) |
|----------------|---|--------------------|
| ① taking off | — | unprecedentedly |
| ② putting off | — | outrageously |
| ③ leveling off | — | exponentially |
| ④ turning off | — | disproportionately |
| ⑤ rounding off | — | alarmingly |

19. When confronting stagflationary shocks, a central bank must (A) its policy stance even as the economy heads toward a recession. The situation today is thus fundamentally different from the global financial crisis or the early months of the pandemic, when central banks could (B) monetary policy aggressively in response to falling aggregate demand and deflationary pressure. The space for fiscal expansion will also be more limited this time, public debts becoming unsustainable. [1.3점]

- | | (A) | | (B) |
|---|---------|---|---------------|
| ① | tighten | — | aggravate |
| ② | ease | — | tighten |
| ③ | tighten | — | differentiate |
| ④ | ease | — | loosen |
| ⑤ | tighten | — | ease |

[20-21] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Whether by accident or unconscious design, 2023 has been the year of the movie wife. In Bradley Cooper’s *Maestro*, Sofia Coppola’s *Priscilla*, even Christopher Nolan’s *Oppenheimer* and Michael Mann’s *Ferrari*—those last two made by male directors who aren’t exactly known for exploring the experiences of women—the movie wife has come barging in from the sidelines in all her glory. She may not be the main character, but she’s _____ about taking up space in the frame.

20. Choose the best answer for the blank. [1.3점]

- ① reserved ② resultant ③ repulsive
④ regressive ⑤ resolute

21. Choose the best title for the passage. [2.7점]

- ① Roles of Women in Popular Movies
② Rights of Actresses as Movie Wives
③ The Rise of Movie Wives This Year
④ The Year of Awakening Male Directors
⑤ Portrayal of Wives in Box Office Movies

[22-23] Read the passage and answer the questions.

As lay-offs roiled the tech industry in the late 2022, Blind—an online forum for verified but _____ professionals—became the de facto channel for communication amid the tumult. At the time, more than 95% of Twitter employees were among Blind’s 8 million users, whose numbers grew by 2 million last year. Those users, many of whom work in tech, discuss everything from visa issues and mental health to unethical practices, make it a vital platform for industry whistle-blowers. Blind monetizes by summarizing user sentiment and suggesting changes to criticized companies.

22. Choose the best answer for the blank. [1.3점]

- ① disgruntled ② anonymous ③ legitimate
④ scrupulous ⑤ distinguished

23. How does Blind support itself? [2.7점]

- ① by charging membership fees to subscribers
② by soliciting professional advisers and donors
③ by promoting its service to the public online
④ by seeking those who grudge over their jobs
⑤ by selling problems and solutions to companies

[24-25] Read the passage and answer the questions.

When we feel genuinely overwhelmed and anxious because of stress, it’s our body’s way of telling us to recalibrate and rebalance. Nobody is truly limitless. When we heed our internal cues and acknowledge our fallibility, we emerge more focused and healthier overall—and also less stressed and anxious.

Anxiety can be a healthy, helpful emotion that is a constructive aspect of human life. It can foster emotional connection when we convey our vulnerable feelings to others. And in the form of stress, it can serve as an internal barometer to remain balanced and healthy. It’s about time _____.

24. Choose the answer closest in meaning to the underlined word, ‘fallibility’. [1.3점]

- ① disposition to err
② state of indeterminacy
③ propensity to perfection
④ proposition to difference
⑤ penchant for connectivity

25. Choose the best answer for the blank. [2.7점]

- ① we mind our own business
- ② we start putting it to good use
- ③ we endure bad feelings for good
- ④ we are completely free from anxiety
- ⑤ we figure out ways to dismiss anxiety

[26-27] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Educators must be proficient in some special skill. But, in addition to this, there is a general outlook which it is their duty to put before those whom they are instructing. They should exemplify the value of intellect and of the search for knowledge. They should make it clear that what at any time passes for knowledge may, in fact, be erroneous. They should _____ an undogmatic temper, a temper of continual search and not of comfortable certainty. They should try to create an awareness of the world as a whole, and not only of what is near in space and time.

Through the recognition of the likelihood of error, they should make clear the importance of tolerance. They should remind the student that those whom posterity honors have very often been unpopular in their own day; and that, on this ground, social courage is a virtue of supreme importance. Above all, every educator who is engaged in an attempt to make the best of the students to whom he speaks must regard himself as the servant of truth and not of this or that political or sectarian interests.

26. Choose the most appropriate answer for the blank. [1.3점]

- ① inculcate ② preclude ③ eliminate
- ④ eradicate ⑤ mitigate

27. Which is NOT true about educators? [3점]

- ① They should eschew any sectarian interests.
- ② They should hold a macro-vision of the world.
- ③ They should vindicate the search for knowledge.
- ④ They should be convinced of the infallibility in knowledge.
- ⑤ They should present a general perspective to their students.

[28-29] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Surveillance capitalism unilaterally claims human experience as free raw material for translation into behavioral data. Although some of these data are applied to product or service improvement, the rest are declared as a proprietary behavioral surplus, fed into advanced manufacturing processes known as “machine intelligence,” and fabricated into prediction products that anticipate what you will do now, soon, and later. Finally, these prediction products are traded in a new kind of marketplace for behavioral predictions that I call “behavioral futures markets”. Surveillance capitalists have grown immensely wealthy from these trading operations, for many companies are eager to lay bets on our future behavior.

28. Choose the answer closest in meaning to the underlined word, ‘proprietary’. [1.3점]

- ① conjoint ② mutual ③ public
- ④ exclusive ⑤ communal

29. Which is NOT true about surveillance capitalism? [3점]

- ① It turns human experience into predictive data.
- ② It compels companies to be keen on prediction products.
- ③ It is predicated on consumers’ behaviors for future marketing.
- ④ Its marketing relies on correct analyses of all existing data.
- ⑤ It produces wealthy individuals who sell surplus behavioral data.

[30-31] Read the passage and answer the questions.

Acupuncture combined with deep learning and artificial intelligence rehabilitation robots is also the hotspot of future research. The existing clinical research on acupuncture revolves around acupuncture methods such as Electro-acupuncture and dry needling and focuses on the rehabilitation of stroke sequelae, mainly by manual manipulation and supplemented by tools. In case of another emergency like the pandemic in the future, combining material technology with engineering to explore the development of acupuncture robots of artificial intelligence may contribute to rehabilitating neurological and motor functions in patients with post-stroke sequelae. Currently, there are upper limb exoskeleton robots, including the design and development of remote rehabilitation robots. The acupuncture robots will be equipped with various sensors, such as mechanical and electrical sensors, to reduce the pain of needle injections. Furthermore, the design included a study protocol for acupoint positioning, mechanical stimulation, and detection of deqi, for which strategies have been developed.

*deqi: needle sensation or response, sequelae: after-effect

30. Choose the best title for the passage. [2.7점]

- ① Incorporation of Various Sensors & Protocols into Acupuncture Robots
- ② Post-Stroke Rehab Innovation in Acupuncture via AI & Material Tech
- ③ Review of Current Research on Acupuncture & Robots
- ④ Fastest Ways to Reduce Post-stroke Effects of Acupuncture
- ⑤ Clinical Focus on Stroke Rehabilitation in Acupuncture

31. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage? [3점]

- ① Acupuncture robots are in use for remote treatment.
- ② Acupuncture robots are versatile in treating all post-effects of treatment.
- ③ Using robots in acupuncture has not been fully accepted in general.
- ④ More research on AI rehab robots can help reduce patients' pain during and after acupuncture treatment.
- ⑤ Stroke rehabilitation through current acupuncture methods is done manually and ineffectively.

[32-33] Read the passage and answer the questions.

For Mary Anne Hitt, policy and advocacy is at the core of the climate crisis. Her experience with the Sierra Club, Appalachian Voices, and now with Climate Imperative highlights that changing climate policy allows women to change the world. In her essay "Beyond Coal", she recounts her experience as director of Beyond Coal, a campaign by Sierra Club to eliminate fossil fuels, and promotes a full transition to renewable and sustainable energy. In her time on the campaign, over 300 coal plants were retired. As a woman from West Virginia, she understood that this was a difficult transition for governments and individuals to make because some families have built their lives on the coal industry.

Her argument in her essay and behind the Beyond Coal was that coal is, "simply _____ in the twenty-first century." Coal plants are almost always placed in low-income, minority communities where they do not have access to the health care they need in order to combat the effect of the coal emissions. The coal plants were uneconomic and unprofitable compared to renewable alternatives. By educating individuals and governments about the harmful effects of these plants and the economic, social, and long-term benefits they would see from retiring or transitioning the plants to renewable energy. Again, this example shows how a feminist climate leader made an extremely influential change in the climate movement, and how women can be an integral part of the movement.

32. Choose the best answer for the blank. [2.7점]

- ① defensible ② unremitting ③ unrelenting
- ④ untenable ⑤ indisputable

33. Which is NOT true about Mary Anne Hitt? [3점]

- ① She had a strong commitment to using policy and advocacy in addressing the climate crisis.
- ② She showcased the impact of strategic initiatives, which resulted in closing down coal plants.
- ③ She highlighted adverse effects of coal on marginalized communities' health and environment.
- ④ She modeled how women's engagement in climate policy can drive significant global change.
- ⑤ She demonstrated the superiority of feminist leadership in climate action in the future.

[34-35] Read the passage and answer the questions.

The strong economic pressures to adopt the most efficient systems mean that humans are incentivized to cede more and more power to AI systems that cannot be controlled, putting us on a pathway toward being supplanted as the earth's dominant species. There are no easy solutions to our (A). A possible starting point would be to address the remarkable lack of regulation of the AI industry, which currently operates with little (B), much of the research taking place in the dark. The problem, however, is that competition within and between nations pushes against any common-sense safety measures. As the race toward powerful AI systems quickens, corporations and governments are increasingly incentivized to reach the finish line first. The future of humanity is closely intertwined with the progression of AI. It is thus a disturbing realization that natural selection may have more sway over it than we do. But as of now, we are still in command. It is time to take this threat seriously. Once we hand over control, we will not get it back.

34. What is the author's attitude toward AI? [2.7점]
- ① resigned ② apprehensive ③ celebratory
④ restive ⑤ maudlin

35. Choose the best answer for (A) and (B), respectively. [2.7점]

- | (A) | | (B) |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| ① predicament | — | oversight |
| ② feat | — | consideration |
| ③ dilemma | — | autonomy |
| ④ evasion | — | procedure |
| ⑤ inertia | — | motivation |

[36-38] Read the passage and answer the questions.

The ethics of care, which has extended to moral inquiries in diverse spheres, private and public, including education, child care, health service, politics and global civility, was originally conceived as a feminist psychological theory. (①) Carol Gilligan first vindicated the care perspective as an alternative, but equally legitimate form of moral reasoning obscured by masculine liberal justice traditions. (②) Virginia Held argues that the ethics of care is a moral theory distinct from the established moral approaches such as Kantian ethics or utilitarianism. (③) Unlike the dominant moral theories, the ethics of care emphasizes care as a key moral value that forms the foundation of interpersonal relation and social institution. (④) The ethics of care considers the human condition fundamentally _____. (⑤) It presupposes the relational self as ontologically and epistemologically basic. It thus presents a critique of traditional liberalism, which espouses the concept of a rational, autonomous and self-sufficient individual.

36. Choose the best place to insert the following sentence. [2.7점]

Subsequent theorists took a cue from and further developed the polemic.

37. Choose the best answer for the blank. [1.3점]

- ① exclusive ② egocentric ③ interdependent
④ antagonistic ⑤ instrumental

38. Which is NOT true about care ethics? [3점]

- ① It concerns a range of fields, private and public.
② It stemmed from a feminist moral theory.
③ It is opposed to traditional moral approaches.
④ It accentuates justice as a prime moral value.
⑤ It calls into question traditional liberalism.

[39-41] Read the passage and answer the questions.

It is true that Lincoln did not seek immediate abolition: Neither was he a radical egalitarian. (①) He was, rather, a gradual emancipationist who wanted to compensate slave owners. (②) The antislavery Lincoln was born in, and came to lead, a nation in which anti-Black prejudice was a fact of life. (③) There was hardly a mighty current of sentiment in the land to emancipate the enslaved and extend citizenship to the newly freed in a Promised Land of radical and civil equality. (④) He did not waver from a morally informed insistence that slavery be put on a path to “ultimate extinction.” (⑤) He maintained this position to his political detriment throughout the 1850s—he won no major office between a single term in the U.S. House and his election to the presidency in 1860. _____, he refused to retreat from his antislavery commitment during the crisis over secession in 1860~61—a time when a purely political man might have done—and he stood by emancipation after 1862, declining to give in to pressure for a negotiated peace with the Confederacy in order to end a devastating war. He campaigned on an abolitionist constitutional amendment in 1864.

39. Choose the best place to insert the following sentence. [3점]

Yet to depict Lincoln as only a reluctant warrior against slavery fails to do him justice.

40. Choose the best answer for the blank. [2.7점]

- ① Vitally ② Marginally ③ Relatedly
④ Nominally ⑤ Abruptly

41. Which is NOT true about Lincoln? [3점]

- ① Lincoln initially did not advocate for immediate abolition but rather leaned toward a gradual emancipationist approach.
② Though not a radical abolitionist, Lincoln was against the expansion of slavery and insisted on its ultimate extinction.
③ Despite political setbacks due to his anti-slavery stance, he was able to hold major offices but refused to compromise for political gains.
④ Lincoln resisted pressure for a negotiated peace and fought for emancipation during his 1864 campaign.
⑤ Lincoln’s stance on slavery evolved from his moral convictions and unwavering commitment to the gradual abolition.

[42-44] Read the passage and answer the questions.

If you have lived in one house from birth to maturity, you will find the house (a) your psyche. The house where I spent most of my younger years was unusually beautiful. Not just aesthetically pleasing; much more than that. The architect’s artistic standard was very high. Everything around us indoors, every surface and area, was nobly proportioned, handsome and generous in material and workmanship. A house, so (b) planned and intended to give pleasure, must have an influence on a person living in it, and most of all, on a child, because for a child the house is pretty much the world.

- (A) Such daily experience will have the same power over the mind as music or poetry.
(B) If that world has been deliberately made beautiful, a familiarity with and expectation of beauty, on the human scale and in human terms, may develop in a child.
(C) To a child living in it, the experience of the presence of a house is permanent and inclusive.
(D) But the experience of music or poetry is brief and occasional.

42. Choose the best answer for (a). [2.7점]

- ① disillusioned with ② incompatible with
③ detached from ④ fraught with
⑤ entangled with

43. Choose the best answer for (b). [1.3점]

- ① temporarily ② carefully ③ hazardingly
④ arbitrarily ⑤ indolently

44. Put the sentences above into a logical order.

[3점]

- ① (A)-(C)-(D)-(B)
② (B)-(A)-(D)-(C)
③ (B)-(D)-(C)-(A)
④ (C)-(B)-(D)-(A)
⑤ (B)-(A)-(C)-(D)

[45-47] Read the passage and answer the questions.

In 1828, Nikolai Gogol set off for St. Petersburg, the capital of Czarist Russia. Failing at first to find employment there, he embezzled his mother's mortgage payment to finance a trip to Germany. Afterwards, he obtained a bureaucratic position, which he soon left. In 1836, he published a comic play satirizing the Russian bureaucracy, which caused such a scandal that he left Russia to live in Rome for six years. In Italy he wrote his most famous novel, *Dead Souls*. He also became increasingly religious with his piety turning morbid. Obsessed with his own sinfulness, he burnt his manuscripts and starved himself. Gogol is the _____ figure of modern Russian fiction, who proved immensely influential on later writers. Discarding the conventions of eighteenth-century literature, he presented a bleakly comic vision of everyday life. Critics often credit his stories for introducing the antihero in modern literature - a type of protagonist utterly lacking in heroic qualities like courage, strength or idealism.

45. Which is closest in meaning to the underlined word, 'embezzled'? [1.3점]

- ① repaid ② swapped ③ compensated
④ accumulated ⑤ misappropriated

46. Choose the best answer for the blank. [2.7점]

- ① seminal ② elusive ③ eccentric
④ repulsive ⑤ affected

47. Which is NOT true about Gogol? [3점]

- ① He lived in exile abroad.
② He became a religious fanatic.
③ He depicted ordinary people with their foibles.

④ He departed from eighteenth-century literature.

⑤ He made an enduring career with a bureaucratic job.

[48-50] Read the passage and answer the questions.

In Poland, an unexpected surge of voters has ousted a populist coalition government in favor of a pro-E.U. party, which won the most parliamentary seats. Once in place, the new government will work on making the changes its leaders have promised, and the E.U. has called for. In particular, it will move to restore the political independence of the judiciary and media _____ E.U. rules. These reforms, in turn, will help Poland access as much as possible of the €35 billion that Poland can claim as the funds which the E.U. set aside for member states to help with pandemic recovery. The E.U. withheld that money from the previous government in response to its bid to bring judges and journalists under government control. For the past several years, a populist government in Warsaw has boosted its popularity by demonizing the union, its rules on democracy, and its social policy. It has turned state-media outlets into a tool of government propaganda and stacked the country's courts with political cronies.

48. Choose the best answer for the blank. [2.7점]

- ① at odds with ② on account of ③ in want of
④ in line with ⑤ in lieu of

49. Which is closest in meaning to the underlined word, 'ousted'? [1.3점]

- ① ushered ② triggered ③ incited
④ enticed ⑤ expelled

50. Which is NOT true regarding Poland? [3점]

- ① The voters have brought about a political shift.
② The new government will go against the E.U. rules on democracy.
③ A source of division between Poland and the E.U. is now on its way out.
④ The previous populist government has exploited state media for self-serving aims.
⑤ The E.U. has strategically withheld the funds for Poland to pressure Poland's government for change.