I. READING

Mount Everest and K2 (Chogori) are believed to be the two highest mountains in the world, but they are very different. Everest is the highest point on Earth (8848 m). It was climbed for the first time in 1953 by the New Zealander Edmund Hillary and the Nepalese Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. Since then thousands of people have stood on the summit. You don't need to be a professional climber - every year many people are taken to the top by guides. But in recent years this popularity has begun to cause problems. Since 1953 thousands of tons of rubbish have been left at the foot of the mountain, and a lot of people think that Everest is ruined by the number of visitors.

K2 (8611 m) in the Karakoram is said to be the most dangerous mountain in the world, and it hasn't been climbed as often as Everest has. It was climbed for the first time in July 1954 by the Italian mountaineers Achille Compagnoni and Lino Lacedelli. The next successful expedition reached the summit 23 years later. Every year small numbers of mountaineers try to reach the top, but not many succeed - some of the worst Himalayan accidents in the last twenty years happened on the mountain, and many lives were lost.

The first woman who could climb K2 was Wanda Rutkiewicz from Poland in 1986. Tourist expeditions started going to Everest in the 1980s, and the number of visitors has risen since then, but they don't go to K2.

(Adapted from L.J. Soars 'New Headway' - Oxford University Press)

   a) isn't as high as   b) is 237 metres higher than
   c) is much higher than   d) is as high as

2. Who was the first mountaineer to climb K2?
   a) Wanda Rutkiewicz   b) Edmund Hillary
   c) Tenzing Norgay   d) Lino Lacedelli

3. Mountaineers reached Mount Everest for the first time ............... .
   a) 23 years after K2   b) a year earlier than K2
   c) in 1986   d) in 1954

4. The first woman on the summit of K2 was ............ .
   a) Nepalese   b) Polish
   c) Italian   d) New Zealander

5. Choose the sentence that isn't true.
   a) A lot of rubbish has been left by tourists at the foot of Mount Everest.
   b) Chogori is the other name of K2.
   c) A lot of tourist expeditions go to K2 every year.
   d) Some of the most tragic accidents in the last twenty years happened on K2.

6. The second successful expedition reached the top of K2 in ............... .
   a) 1953   b) 1954   c) 1977   d) 1986

II. COMMUNICATION ACTIVITY

7. It's very hot in here. ..........................
   a) Do you mind if I open the window?
   b) Do you want to open the window?
   c) Would you like if I opened the window?
   d) Would you like to open the window?

8. A: This exercise is so difficult!
   B: ..................................
   a) I'm pleased.
   b) Welcome.
   c) Bless you!
   d) Not at all. Don't mention it.

9. A: Hello?
   B: Hi. It's Jack here. Is Charlotte at home, please?
   A: Yes, she is. ....................
   a) Can I have a message?
   b) I'll get her for you.
   c) I'll call for her.
   d) Can I give her a massage?

10. A: Thank you very much indeed.
    B: ..........................
    a) I'm pleased.
    b) Welcome.
    c) Bless you!
    d) Not at all. Don't mention it.

11. A: Do you know what to get our mum for her birthday?
    B: No, I don't.
    A: ............................... getting her a gold necklace?
    a) Let's
    b) Why not
    c) What about
    d) I'd rather

12. A: I feel terrible. I've had an awful headache since Sunday.
    B: ..................... go to the doctor immediately.
    a) Let me
    b) You should
    c) You can
    d) You have to

13. Choose the correct sentence:
   a) The sea was so rough that everybody was sick on the ferry.
   b) Everybody was so sick on the ferry that the sea was rough.
   c) The sea was such rough that everybody was sick on the ferry.
   d) The sea was rough that everybody was so sick on the ferry.
26. Roger fell and hurt himself. He was playing rugby.
a) during c) while
b) before d) as soon as

18. The tragic tsunami which hit the coast of South Asia 2 years ago was caused by an undersea:
   a) avalanche b) earthquake c) eruption d) flood

19. Match the holidays with their seasons of the year.
   1. American Independence Day  A. autumn
   2. Easter Sunday   B. winter
   3. Thanksgiving Day   C. spring
   4. Boxing Day   D. summer
   a) 1 - D; 2 - C; 3 - A; 4 - B
   b) 1 - D; 2 - A; 3 - B; 4 - C
   c) 1 - C; 2 - D; 3 - B; 4 - A
   d) 1 - A; 2 - B; 3 - D; 4 - C

20. Choose the odd word in each group:
   mall department store
   inch litre
   electrician pharmacy
   stubborn straight
   sensitive sociable
   a) pharmacy; galloon; straight
   b) mall; pint; stubborn
   c) electrician; inch; straight
   d) electrician; pint; sensitive

IV. GRAMMAR
21. We had an exciting evening.
a) so c) such
b) such an d) so an

22. I haven't seen Jane since we both left secondary school.
a) (1) haven't seen; (2) left
b) (1) didn't see; (2) left
b) (1) didn't see; (2) have left
d) (1) haven't seen; (2) have left

23. This is the girl whose name I can't remember.
a) which b) who's c) who d) whose

24. She is studying Spanish for over two years, but she has made very little progress so far.
a) (1) is studying; (2) have made
b) (1) has been learning; (2) has made
c) (1) was learning; (2) made
d) (1) is studying; (2) didn't make

25. If I had a bit more luck, I would win a lot of money at the lottery.
a) (1) will have; (2) might win
b) (1) have; (2) would win
c) (1) had; (2) would win
d) (1) has had; (2) will win

26. Roger fell and hurt himself. He was playing rugby.
a) during b) before c) while d) as soon as

27. Everything depends on the weather.
a) on b) with c) at d) of

28. We play football in the afternoon unless it rains.
a) (1) will play; (2) rains
b) (1) will play; (2) will rain
c) (1) play; (2) doesn't rain
d) (1) will play; (2) won't rain

29. It wasn't allowed to smoke in Polish schools.
a) mustn't b) isn't c) lets to d) shouldn't allowed to

30. My father can't stand driving in the town during the rush hours.
a) drive b) to drive c) drove d) driving