

## Choose the best answer.

Walking into Bangkok's Nightingale shopping mall at Phahurat intersection is like a pleasant step back in time but every item in the mall is real and for sale.

### **UNIQUE SHOP**

Browsing among the decades-old glass counters, visitors can greet the shop owner, Arun Niyomwanich, who is there from 9am to 6pm on a daily basis and still running everything.

On the first floor, you can buy sports equipment, clothing, shoes and lingerie. However, the highlight on the floor is the central counter with a beauty parlour equipped with everything a woman could want in make-up, from face powders of all shades to eye shadow and lipstick.

### **CLASSIC SCHOOL**

The store was most successful in the period after World War II. Nightingale first opened its doors in a one-storey building in the Wang Burapha area in 1930. It changed location twice and in 1966 it offered, for the first time in Thailand, a beauty and hair-styling course.

The beauty school is on the third floor of the building. It has been closed for many years but Arun said that it was once the busiest beauty school in Bangkok.

Everything is still in its original place. There are small beds that customers would stretch out on while they had their hair washed and the sinks above the pillows still have working taps.

### **MUSIC ZONE**

Arun then shows us the second floor and its music section. There are musical instruments that are no longer popular, such as mandolins, accordions and a German music box. "Many foreigners think this place is a museum, but it isn't. All the items are for sale," Arun said.

A highlight on the second floor is an electric guitar, with the sharp signatures of John, Paul, George and Ringo, who made up The Beatles. "My brother imported musical instruments from a British company. When he went there, the company took him to meet the band," she said.

## **FAMILY BACKGROUND**

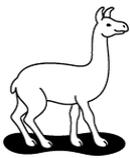
Coming from a family of merchants, Arun's father, an Indian businessman, used to sell jewellery in Bangkok before settling down in Phahurat and opening the first Nightingale store before World War II. His eldest son, Nat Niyomwanich, made the store into a successful business. Arun, the youngest among six siblings, has taken care of the store ever since he passed away.



1. Where is the Nightingale shopping mall located?
  - A. At Phahurat intersection.
  - B. On the first floor.
  - C. In the Wang Burapha area.
  - D. In German.
2. Who runs the Nightingale shopping mall today?
  - A. John, Paul, George and Ringo.
  - B. Nat Niyomwanich.
  - C. Arun Niyomwanich.
  - D. The eldest son.
3. Who first ran the Nightingale shopping mall?
  - A. Arun Niyomwanich.
  - B. Nat Niyomwanich.
  - C. Ms Arun's father.
  - D. George and Ringo.
4. When is Arun at the Nightingale shopping mall?
  - A. The story does not say.
  - B. Before World War II.
  - C. Among World War II.
  - D. From 9 am to 6 pm daily.
5. Which floor sells musical instruments?
  - A. The second floor.
  - B. The first floor.
  - C. The third floor.
  - D. The central counter.
6. Which of the following items cannot be bought on the first floor of the Nightingale shopping mall?
  - A. Make-up.
  - B. A German music box.
  - C. Lingerie.
  - D. Lipstick.



7. When was the most successful period for the store?  
 A. In 1930.  
 B. After World War II.  
 C. Before World War II .  
 D. From 9 am to 6 pm daily.
8. How many storeys did Nightingale have when it first opened?  
 A. The story does not say. B. Three.  
 C. One. D. Seven.
9. Which one is incorrect?  
 A. Arun's brother exported medical instruments to a British company.  
 B. Every item in the mall is real and you can buy it.  
 C. Arun's father was an Indian businessman.  
 D. The beauty school operated on the third floor of the building.
10. What is "lingerie"?  
 A. women's underwear B. musical instrument  
 C. small bed D. mandolin



### The Star Llama <By Jan Mike>

Once there was a young Inca boy. He had no family except for an old llama. Each day the boy and his llama walked many miles, looking for a home. Each night they curled up together and slept. But one starry evening, the old llama died. The boy buried his friend next to an icy stream. Then he sat under a tree and cried. What would he do? He had no family and no home.

The boy cried for a very long time. But there was no one to comfort him. There were only the stars in the sky. Suddenly, the sky filled with bright light. The boy held his breath. He was afraid to move. One bright star fell to the ground. Slowly, the star took the shape of the old llama. She bent her head and drank from the stream. She looked at the boy and smiled. As she jumped back into the sky, bits of llama wool fell. As the Sun began to rise, the boy picked up the soft, warm wool. It glowed in his hands like starlight. He carried the wool to the city and sold it. With the money, he bought a house. He bought two young llamas. He never forgot the star llama. And he was never lonely again.

11. Why does the boy cry when the old llama dies?  
 A. because the old llama is his only family  
 B. because he is always sad  
 C. because he is afraid of the dark  
 D. because he is lost
12. What happened before the old llama died?  
 A. The boy bought two new llamas.  
 B. The old llama fell to the ground in the shape of a star.  
 C. The boy collected the wool and sold it in the city.  
 D. The boy and the llama walked many miles looking for a home.
13. One bright star fell to the ground. What does bright mean?  
 A. old B. shining  
 C. new D. clean
14. What does the boy in the story want?  
 A. a cart B. a horse  
 C. a home D. a new wool shirt
15. What happens at the end of the story?  
 A. The boy cries for a very long time.  
 B. The boy buries the llama next to an icy stream.  
 C. The boy and his llama walk for many miles.  
 D. The boy buys a house and two llamas.



16. "I have been to that bar."  
 He told me that he \_\_\_\_\_ to that bar.  
 A. is being B. had been  
 C. will have been D. would have been
17. My sister gave everyone a piece of cake. -->  
 I had my sister \_\_\_\_\_ everyone a piece of cake.  
 A. give B. gave  
 C. has given D. will give
18. Does your tooth still hurt?  
 Yes, I have to get a dentist \_\_\_\_\_ soon.  
 A. look at it B. to get it looked at  
 C. to look at it D. to get it looks at
19. He will never speak to me again if he \_\_\_\_\_ what happened.  
 A. is finding out B. would find out  
 C. finds out D. will have found out



20. VICTORIA: "Leave me alone!"  
Victoria told her friend \_\_\_\_\_ alone.  
A. leaves her alone                      B. to leave her alone  
C. leaving her alone                      D. was leaving her alone
21. You've spoken with her, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. hadn't you                              B. didn't you  
C. haven't you                              D. wouldn't you
22. Nagoya is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ city.  
A. Japan modern                          B. modern Japan  
C. Japanese modern                      D. modern Japanese
23. Out of all the students, Frank studied \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
but got the best grade.  
A. the least                                  B. less  
C. fewer                                      D. little
24. I'm tired. I need to ask for \_ responsibilities.  
A. Little                                      B. Few  
C. Less                                        D. Fewer
25. The neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ flowers I used to water  
moved away.  
A. whose                                      B. who  
C. where                                      D. what
26. I live around here.  
I live in \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood.  
A. a    B. an  
C. the    D. no article
27. Q: \_\_\_\_\_ does your father smoke?  
A: About two cigarettes a day.  
A. How many                              B. How much  
C. How well                                D. How often
28. I have to go \_\_\_\_\_ work in about ten minutes.  
A. to    B. by  
C. at     D. on
29. Don't be cruel \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
A. by    B. to  
C. on     D. at
30. I didn't see \_\_\_\_\_ at the supermarket.  
A. on them                                  B. with them  
C. to them                                  D. them
31. Albert Einstein wasn't successful at school and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Graham Bell.  
A. either                                      B. nor did  
C. so did                                      D. neither
32. Your homework should be done before class.  
A. You had done your homework before class.  
B. You were doing your homework before class.  
C. You should do your homework before class.  
D. You have done your homework before class.

33. If the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ absent tomorrow,  
the class \_\_\_\_\_ .  
A. is / will be cancelled  
B. is / will cancel  
C. will be / will be cancelled  
D. will be / will cancel
34. What time do you \_\_\_\_\_ everyday?  
A. have woken up                          B. have to wake up  
C. must woken up                          D. must wake up
35. Do you know \_\_\_\_\_? I myself have no idea.  
A. how many years the earth is  
B. how long the earth is  
C. how old the earth is  
D. how much time has been the earth
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36. \_\_\_\_\_ is a language, but Portugal is a country.  
A. Portugese                                B. Portugs  
C. Portugalese                              D. Portuguese
37. My desk has a \_\_\_\_\_ for storing clothes and  
stationeries.  
A. drawer                                    B. container  
C. cupboard                                D. chair
38. My father has two brothers, so I have two \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. nephews                                B. brothers  
C. fathers                                  D. uncles
39. Fortnight means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. a day                                        B. four days  
C. forty days                                D. two weeks
40. \_\_\_\_\_ means regular and habitual way of  
working or doing things.  
A. Lifestyle                                B. Daylife  
C. Routine                                  D. Boring
41. Bangkok is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ cities in  
the world.  
A. polluted                                B. fresh air  
C. beautiful                                D. lively
42. An outer covering containing a measured  
amount of medicine is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Medicine                                B. Tablet  
C. Pill                                        D. Capsule
43. \_\_\_\_\_ is to shut loudly and with force.  
A. slame                                      B. slam  
C. slume                                      D. slum



44. Lonely, worried and \_\_\_\_ are negative feelings.

- A. cheerful
- B. excited
- C. nervous
- D. pleased

45. Which has the same meaning as **reliable**?

- A. intelligent
- B. unbelievable
- C. not true
- D. believable



46. Anne: Do you know the new girl in the mailroom?

Richard: No, but I think she's Cathy's friend.

Anne: We should ask Cathy to introduce us at lunch.

Question: What department is the new girl in?

- A. The mailroom
- B. Cathy's department
- C. The reception area
- D. Lunch room

47. Ron: Do you think the business conference went well?

Sarah: Yes, but next year I think the planners should include more about global technology.

Ron: I agree. We should know more about that.

Question: What area does Sarah want to include in next year's conference?

- A. Technology around the world
- B. The environment
- C. Technology and modern business
- D. The business conference

48. Harry: What time does your flight leave?

Deb: Our departure is scheduled for 7:45 in the morning. Could you take me to the airport?

Harry: Sure. We'll have to leave the city at about 5 o'clock then.

Deb: Sounds good.

Question: What time does Deb's flight leave?

- A. 5 am
- B. 5 pm
- C. 7:45 am
- D. 7:45 pm

49. Axel: Do you know anything about Thai cuisine?

Caroline: Yes, I love Thai food. Why?

Axel: My in-laws are taking my wife and me out to a Thai restaurant tonight. They really like that kind of food.

Question: Who is going for dinner at the Thai restaurant?

- A. Axel, his wife and her parents
- B. Axel, his wife and his parents
- C. Axel and his wife
- D. Axels' parents and his wife's parents

50. Jane: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

Bruce: Oh, there must have been at least 150 people there. The reception hall was really big, and it was nearly full of guests. We had a great time.

Jane: That's great.

Question: How many people were at Brad's wedding?

- A. 150 people
- B. Exactly 150 people
- C. Fewer than 150 people
- D. A minimum of 150 people

# Good Luck

