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[01-05] Choose one that is either ungrammatical or unacceptable.

01 Conference ① room number one, ② the largest in the firm, ③ was held a prominent center position ④ right behind the ⑤ reception area.

① room number ② the largest ③ was held ④ right behind ⑤ reception area

02 We are asking ① each of you to be alert ② for any unusual signs ③ in any of the dealings ④ on which you are engaged ⑤ on Johnson's behalf.

① each of ② for any ③ in any ④ on which ⑤ on Johnson's

03 Although married Chinese couples will be ① free to have two children — the country technically has a ② two-children policy now — ③ there's little evidence ④ that they will ⑤ want to.

① free to ② two-children ③ there's ④ that they ⑤ want to

04 When I was ① growing up, my friend Bob had a secret stairway in a closet ② leading up to the attic, ③ where I thought was ④ the classiest thing ⑤ ever.

① growing up ② leading ③ where ④ the classiest ⑤ ever

05 The farms disappeared because the farmers ① moved to west, to richer lands in ② places like Illinois and Ohio, or migrated to ③ the burgeoning industrial cities, ④ where earnings were ⑤ more reliable and generous.

① moved to west ② places like ③ the burgeoning ④ where ⑤ more reliable

[06-10] Choose one that is closest in meaning to the underlined expression.

06 In a terse statement yesterday, the company announced that it was closing three of its factories.

① concise ② authentic ③ expedient ④ logical ⑤ abhorrent

07 It took a special, meticulous kind of person to accomplish the undertaking, someone with brains, patience, and nerves of steel.

① lethargic ② respectable ③ propitious ④ deposed ⑤ accurate

08 It proved to be a little out of place, but otherwise he was as immaculate as was his wont.

① mundane ② fashionable ③ blameless ④ restrained ⑤ irritated

09 The men and boys of West Africa have to leave home because the rains have become so fickle, the days measurably hotter, the droughts more frequent, making it impossible to grow enough food on their land.

① scanty ② perpetual ③ voracious ④ capricious ⑤ vulnerable

10 Higher levels of educational attainment are linked to greater income, better health, and elevated levels of employment. Despite this long-held understanding, the existence of such a strong educational bias is rarely addressed head on, though there are numerous studies on gender, ethnicity and age prejudices.

① in public
② immediately
③ in advance
④ under control
⑤ in direct opposition

[11-20] Choose one that is most appropriate for the blank.

11 Researchers around the world began noticing that Indian immigrants were more prone to diabetes in the 1970s. "But nobody knew why," said Dr. Viswan Mohan, a physician and researcher who owns several dozen diabetes centers in India. Scientists searched for genes that predisposed Indians to diabetes, but didn't find them. _____, a growing body of research suggests that Indians' body type — one that is smaller but with more abdominal fat — may be responsible. Being born to a malnourished woman — a common phenomenon in India — may also increase the odds of developing diabetes.

① Instead ② Likewise ③ Moreover ④ Indeed ⑤ Otherwise

12 Got "puppy love" for your pooch? You're not just imagining things. Along with these superpowers all dogs have, man's best friend really does have a special power that makes humans fall in love with him or her. And the secret lies in those darn puppy dog eyes. _____ There's even scientific evidence to back it up. According to a 2015 study published in the journal Science, both dogs and their owners show a boost in oxytocin (the hormone responsible for feelings of love and connection) when the dogs make "puppy eyes" at their owners.

① Positive? ② Great? ③ Popular? ④ Skeptical? ⑤ Perfect?

13 Many prophets of information technology (IT) believe that the next big movement in their field will be the "_____." This, they hope, will connect objects hitherto beyond the reach of IT's tendrils so that, for example, your sofa can buzz your phone to tell you that you have left your wallet behind, or your refrigerator can order your groceries without you having to make a shopping list. That, though, will mean putting chips in your sofa, your wallet and your fridge to enable them to talk to the rest of the world.

① artificial intelligence
② internet of things
③ AlphaGo
④ big data
⑤ driverless vehicle

14 Some measures to protect children from harm are already in place. Some states in America have introduced rules for American football to restrict full-contact sessions in high schools: incidents of concussion have fallen as a result. Although the risks of brain injury in soccer are lower, US Soccer, the governing body for the sport in America, has banned headers for children aged ten and under. _____ No child should be obliged to play full-contact American football, rugby or ice hockey in schools. And for those who do take to the field or rink, schools should do more to reduce the risks.

① Children don't like the rule.
② Nobody cares for the rule.
③ Soccer is not dangerous.
④ That makes sense.
⑤ More should be done.

15 "Let's Uber." Few companies offer something so popular that their name becomes a verb. But that is one of the many achievements of Uber, a company founded in 2009 which is now the world's most valuable startup, worth around $70 billion. But Uber's ambitions extend much further: using self-driving vehicles, it wants to make ride-hailing so cheap and convenient that people forgo car ownership altogether. Not satisfied with shaking up the $100-billion-a-year taxi business, it has its eye on the far bigger market for personal transport, worth as much as $10 trillion a year globally. _____ Companies big and small have recognized the transformative potential of electric, self-driving cars, summoned on demand. Technology firms including Apple, Google and Tesla are investing heavily in autonomous vehicles.

① Uber is getting bigger and bigger.
② That was a mistake.
③ Uber is not alone in this ambition.
④ That's not the way it goes.
⑤ Uber doesn't stop there.

16 It's the time of year to switch your phone off, put the kettle on, grab a blanket and get between the covers — of a good book that is. But _____ 2018 promises a plenty of treats for lovers of fiction and non-fiction alike, with everything from twisty thrillers to big-hearted stories of friendship. Here's a selection of some of the books from big names — and hotly-anticipated debut writers — that you'll be seeing on the shelves this year.

① when to start to write?
② what to choose?
③ what makes you uneasy?
④ how to find diverse voices?
⑤ how do you set foot in a bookstore?

17 In 2009, a research team from Stanford, led by Clifford Nass, compared heavy versus light media multitaskers in a series of tests. Nass thought the heavier multitaskers would be better at organizing and storing information and have superior memories, but it turned out that _____. When the groups were shown configurations of coloured shapes and asked to remember their positions and ignore others, the multitaskers couldn't do it. They were constantly distracted and their ability to switch between tasks, filter irrelevant information and remember what they had seen was worse than the lighter multitaskers.

① they did a good job
② they were at a loss
③ the opposite was true
④ all finally failed
⑤ something was wrong

18 When you are shopping for juicy strawberries or fresh greens, you may not stop at the frozen food aisle. Frozen fruit and vegetables often don't look the part once defrosted, and you may think that the freezing process depletes them of some nutritious value. Nothing is as good for you as fresh — right? On the other hand, frozen is often cheaper and is there all year round. And fresh is a relative term; fruit and vegetables can _____, sit in stores or wait in your fridge for some weeks. But can you get the same nutritional benefit from your frozen?

① be in good company
② go along well
③ get out of use
④ be in transit
⑤ be easily eatable

19 The best exercise is one that you enjoy and will do. But otherwise, it's probably running. Running is cheap, easy (as in you go out of your house and just do it) and you can't fake it — it's always energetic. Even a jog counts as moderately vigorous exercise. _____, you need run for only half the time to get the same benefits as other sports. Angelique Brellenthin, of the department of kinesiology at Iowa State University, says it takes 105 minutes of walking to yield the same benefits as a 25-minute run.

① If you want to speed up your running
② For running on soft surfaces
③ With good running shoes
④ In order to avoid knee pain
⑤ If you are time poor

20 Earlier this month, Facebook announced it would be using facial recognition to let users know every time a photo of them had been uploaded to the site. Such a feature would be extremely useful to one man — public-relations professional Jonathan Hirshon, who has managed to _____ for the past 20 years. He has more than 3,000 friends on Facebook and regularly updates his profile with personal information — where he is going on holiday, what he has cooked for dinner and the state of his health. But what he has never shared on the social network, or anywhere else online, is a picture of himself. It is, he said, his way of "screaming my privacy to the world".

① share a picture of himself on social media
② stay anonymous online
③ keep a secret of himself
④ leave traces of himself online
⑤ control any kind of information

[21-50] Read the following passages and answer the questions.

[21-22] 167 words

Climate change is not equally felt across the globe, and neither are its longer term consequences. According to United Nations data, nearly 64 million "persons of concern" whose numbers have tripled since 2005 are suffering from climate turmoil. The correlation is striking. Climate change is a threat multiplier: it contributes to economic and political instability and also worsens the effects. It propels sudden-onset disasters like floods and storms and slow-onset disasters like drought and desertification; those disasters contribute to failed crops, famine and overcrowded urban centers; those crises inflame political unrest and worsen the impacts of war, which leads to even more displacement. There is an internationally recognized legal definition for "_____", but there is no formal reckoning of how many have left their homes because climate change has made their lives or livelihoods untenable. In a 2010 Gallup World Poll, though, about 12 percent of respondents — representing a total of 500 million adults — said severe environmental problems would require them to move within the next five years.

21 Which of the following is most appropriate for the blank?

① economic drifters
② climate outsiders
③ ecological settlers
④ temporary refugees
⑤ environmental migrants

22 According to the above passage, climate displacement is becoming one of the world's most powerful _____ forces.

① regional ② international ③ communal ④ geopolitical ⑤ ecological

[23-24] 210 words

Mummy cases in ancient Egypt were the boxes that fit between the mummy and the coffin. They were elaborately decorated with a variety of religious pictures and images. And they were made of cartonnage, a lightweight material made from waste papyrus which was used by ancient Egyptians for shopping lists or tax returns. The cartonnage material allowed the case to be molded closely to the outline of the mummy. The scraps of papyrus which were more than 2,000 years old were also a wonderful material to paint and write on. The writing on them was often obscured by the paste and plaster that held the mummy cases together.

The new technology gives Egyptologists access to the real story of Ancient Egypt, according to Prof Adam Gibson of University College London, who led the project. His research team can now see what is underneath by scanning mummy cases with different kinds of light which makes the inks glow. "Because the waste papyrus was used to make prestige objects, they have been preserved for 2,000 years," he said. "And so these masks constitute one of the best libraries we have of waste papyrus that would otherwise have been thrown away so it includes information about these individual people and their everyday lives."

23 According to the passage, which of the following is NOT correct?

① Mummy cases were made from scraps of waste papyrus.
② Mummy cases were carefully decorated with religious elements.
③ Mummy cases provide information about everyday lives of ancient Egyptians.
④ The papyrus was used for recording shopping lists in ancient Egypt.
⑤ The body of the deceased was wrapped by waste papyrus.

24 Prof Adam Gibson's project team discovered writing on the waste papyrus by using a(n) _____.

① scanner ② robot ③ AI ④ 3-D printer ⑤ simulator

[25-26] 135 words

A "biological annihilation" of wildlife in recent decades means a sixth mass extinction in Earth's history is under way and is more severe than previously feared, according to research. Scientists analyzed both common and rare species and found billions of regional or local populations have been lost. They blame human overpopulation and overconsumption for the crisis and warn that it threatens the survival of human civilization, with just a short window of time in which to act.

Previous studies have shown species are becoming extinct at a significantly faster rate than for millions of years before, but even so extinctions remain relatively rare giving the impression of _____. The new work instead takes a broader view, assessing many common species which are losing populations all over the world as their ranges shrink, but remain present elsewhere.

25 According to the passage, which of the following is NOT correct about "a sixth mass extinction"?

① It is partly caused by human overpopulation.
② It is in progress, but its speed becomes slower.
③ It is seriously happening all over the world.
④ It endangers the continuation of human civilization.
⑤ It means a disappearance of regional bio-species from the earth.

26 Which of the following is most appropriate for the blank?

① a gradual loss of biodiversity
② a sudden disappearance of species
③ a whole extinction of human race
④ a partial end of biological types
⑤ an enduring continuity of biological variety

[27-28] 249 words

In 2017, the smartphone turned 10 years old; that means that gradually science is catching up, and new research is emerging about its world-changing impact. Having a computer in the palm of our hands has given us access to each other's lives — and an insight into our own lives — that was totally unprecedented before the internet. Many people may no longer even remember a time before social media. But is it making us any happier?

There's been a lot of talk recently that social media has a negative impact on our mental health, and you might be looking at the beginning of the new year as an opportunity for digital detoxing. The early studies suggest that, as well as making us more connected than ever before and giving us exhilarating hits of dopamine, social media usage is associated with symptoms of depression, anxiety and loneliness in some people.

Social networking giant Facebook responded to these concerns in a blogpost last month, claiming that it's down to how you use social media rather than social media itself being inherently bad. That's true — many technologies have the capacity to cause harm _____. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't interrogate the design and impacts of social media in its current form. Indeed, Mark Zuckerberg has hinted that this will be a goal for Facebook in 2018: this week, he wrote that one of his challenges in the year ahead will be "making sure that time spent on Facebook is time well spent."

27 Which of the following is most appropriate for the blank?

① by absorbing our concentration too much
② depending on the frequency of their use
③ if used improperly
④ for our ignorance of their intricacies
⑤ if managed strictly

28 The best topic of the passage would be _____.

① the most effective way to use social media
② the impact of social media on our mental well-being
③ the usefulness of social media
④ the radical innovation of the smartphone
⑤ the rapid change that social media brings to our life

[29-30] 204 words

The political economist Benjamin Friedman once compared modern Western society to a stable bicycle whose wheels are kept spinning by economic growth. Should that forward-propelling motion slow or cease, the pillars that define our society — democracy, individual liberties, social tolerance and more — would begin to teeter. Our world would become an increasingly ugly place, one defined by a scramble over limited resources and a rejection of anyone outside of our immediate group. Should we find no way to get the wheels back in motion, we'd eventually face total societal collapse.

Such collapses have occurred many times in human history, and no civilization, no matter how seemingly great, is immune to the vulnerabilities that may lead a society to its end. Regardless of how well things are going in the present moment, the situation can always change. Putting aside species-ending events like an asteroid strike, nuclear winter or deadly pandemic, history tells us that it's usually a plethora of factors that contribute to collapse. What are they, and which, if any, have already begun to surface? It should come as no surprise that humanity is currently on an unsustainable and uncertain path — but just how close are we to reaching the point of no return?

29 According to the passage, which one does NOT lead our world to its collapse?

① an interstellar collision
② the severe climatic change following a nuclear war
③ a volcanic eruption
④ the halt of economic growth
⑤ the worldwide spread of fatal epidemic disease

30 The best topic of the passage would be _____.

① the vulnerability of economic growth
② the eventual collapse of modern Western society
③ the potential doom of the ecological destruction
④ the possibility of the world collapse in the future
⑤ the sustainable model for the future society

[31-33] 245 words

Literary fiction, you might think, is in wonderful health. Book festivals, from Edinburgh in Scotland to Bath in England, are flourishing.

Look at the facts, though, and a more worrying picture emerges. It is well known that financing for the arts in Britain suffered a great blow after the global financial crisis: public funding for cultural organizations took a hit and the art market was severely knocked. A decade on there have been some signs of a recovery, albeit patchy and fragile. But this is not so for sales of literary fiction, which have not recovered from the recession. The problem affects literary fiction in particular. Genre fiction is doing better, dominating digital sales. The arrival of the smartphone, offering a game or the latest headlines as a tempting alternative to a paperback when one is stuck on a train or waiting for a bus, has had an impact. Meanwhile, pricing of literary fiction has remained flat, so the value of the overall market has shrunk.

This matters to readers as well as to writers. Perhaps one should be content to regard the literary novel as an artform of the 19th and 20th centuries, and accept the probability that Dickens would have been pitching to Netflix had he been around now. But this is glib: of course the novel remains important. It unleashes universal truths through attention to the particular and the specific; it places the reader in other places, other times and other skins.

31 According to the paragraph, the popularization of the smartphone strikes the severest blow on the sale of _____ in particular.

① genre fiction ② paperbacks ③ historical novels ④ digital novels ⑤ hardcovers

32 The underlined "pitching to" means _____.

① making an appeal to
② pouring a curse on
③ setting up his own literary position against
④ making a great impact on
⑤ negotiating the benefit with

33 According to the passage, which of the following is correct?

① There have never been any meager signal of a recovery in art market until now.
② Genre fiction has a great benefit from digital sales.
③ The art market has dodged a great blow from the global financial crisis.
④ Pricing of literary fiction has jolted in accordance with the economic climate.
⑤ The importance of the novel form is now being replaced by that of the movie.

[34-35] 208 words

The rise of a handful of vast corporate powerhouses whose business models have no instructive precedent from the analogue-era forces a reappraisal of the way capitalist economies work. The top seven highest valued companies in the world are all in the technology sector. Titans such as Alphabet (which owns Google) and Facebook specialize in products that do not exist in three-dimensional space. Apple and Amazon sell real-world objects as well as concepts, but their fortunes and market dominance have been built on nebulous concepts — models, brands and algorithms.

Wealth is no longer in factories, pipelines or retail outlets. Their capital is not anchored to specific fields. That makes them hard to regulate and hard to tax. These are patterns of economic globalization that pre-date the digital revolution. While some intangibles like software and data strongly rely on computers, others do not: brands, for example.

What makes the new era different is the extent to which value has become detached from the tangible, and the corresponding social and economic consequences. This is the dynamic described by Jonathan Haskell and Stian Westlake as " capitalism without capital ". In their book of that title, the authors illuminate ways in which the scale of intangibility deforms the familiar mechanisms of a market economy.

34 The underlined "capitalism without capital" means _____.

① the collapse of capitalist economy
② capitalism with the intangible capital
③ the importance of global network in business
④ the inequality of wealth in capitalism
⑤ the global expansion of tangible assets in capitalism

35 The best headline of the above editorial is "_____"

① The Necessity of Globalism in Capitalism
② The Globalization of Capitalism
③ The Rise of the Intangible Wealth
④ The Changing Nature of Capitalism
⑤ The Guide to the Success in the New Era

[36-38] 139 words

Jane Walden's eyes widened. "You're, you're not suspecting that Mike had anything to do with it?"

"Well, Jane, somehow, somebody who wasn't supposed to be able to, disarmed that alarm system. And naturally suspicion falls on anyone who had access to that code."

Jane Walden looked like she might start to cry, then composed herself. "Mike is almost seventy years old." "Then he's probably in need of a nice little nest egg. You understand what I'm telling you is to be held in the strictest confidence of course?"

She nodded and at the same time wiped her nose. The coffee, untouched, was now sipped in quick little bursts.

Frank continued. "And until someone can explain to me how that security system was accessed, then I'm going to have to explore the avenues that make the most sense to me."

36 Frank appears to be _____.

① a suspect ② a plaintiff ③ a detective ④ a burglar ⑤ a defendant

37 The underlined "nest egg" means _____.

① a bait to attract the victim
② a sum of money saved for the future
③ a close friend to depend upon
④ a marginal egg left in a nest
⑤ a new gadget never shown before

38 The underlined "explore the avenues" means _____.

① justify the cause of the action
② find out the case
③ testify against the evidence
④ search for the new witness
⑤ investigate the possibility

[39-40] 154 words

Science works for two reasons. First, its results are based on experiments: extracting Mother Nature's secrets by asking her directly, rather than by armchair philosophising. And a culture of openness and replications means that scientists are policed by their peers. Scientific papers include sections on methods so that others can repeat the experiments and check that they reach the same conclusions.

That, at least, is the theory. In practice, checking old results is much less good for a scientist's career than publishing exciting new ones. Without such checks, dodgy results can sneak into the literature. In recent years medicine, psychology and genetics have all been put under the microscope and found wanting. One analysis of 100 psychology papers, published last year, for instance, was able to replicate only 36% of their findings. And a study conducted in 2012 by Amgen, an American pharmaceutical company, could replicate only 11% of the 53 papers it reviewed.

39 The main theme of the passage would be "_____"

① The importance of cross-checking in scientific papers
② Difference between scientific papers and editorials
③ How to write a scientific article
④ What makes the best scientific experiments
⑤ What motivates the scientific study of human beings

40 According to the above article, the experiment methods are important because without them _____.

① you cannot complete your experiments
② you don't get the result you want
③ you may mislead the fellow scientists
④ you cannot verify the scientific experiments
⑤ you would get the unreliable outcome

[41-42] 209 words

It's not uncommon for young women like Maya to be repeatedly misdiagnosed. Because autism is at least three times as common in boys as in girls, scientists routinely include only boys in their research. The result is that we know shockingly little about whether and how autism might be different in girls and boys. What we do know is grim: on average, girls who have mild symptoms of autism are diagnosed two years later than boys. There's some debate about why this might be so. From the start, girls' restricted interests seem more socially acceptable — dolls or books, perhaps, rather than train schedules — and may go unnoticed. But the fact that diagnostic tests are based on observations of boys with autism almost certainly contributes to errors and delays.

As they enter teens, girls struggle to keep up with the elaborate rules of social relationships. Cribbing notes on what to say and how to say it, many try to blend in, but at great cost to their inner selves. Starting in adolescence, they have high rates of depression and anxiety. A few studies have also found an intriguing overlap between autism and eating disorders such as anorexia, although the studies are too small to estimate how many women have both.

41 The autism in girls is not well-known because _____.

① there were not many autistic girls
② parents of autistic girls hide their kids
③ it is not different from that in boys
④ autistic girls only stay at home
⑤ girls' autism didn't get much attention

42 Which one is NOT a symptom of autism in teenage girls?

① depression ② anxiety ③ gaining weight ④ thin figure ⑤ eating little

[43-44] 215 words

Mosquitoes and politics have long been entwined in Florida — some counties elect dedicated mosquito commissioners — but this year, Zika and bugs that convey it have infected races across the ballot. Amid an epidemic of hyperactive credit-seeking and partisan blame, everyone criticizes Congress for failing to pass emergency funding before its summer recess. Democrats assail Rick Scott, Florida's Republican governor, for previous state budget cuts. Patrick Murphy, victor in their senatorial primary on August 30th, lambastes Marco Rubio, his confirmed Republican opponent in November. Some Tampa-area politicians are agitating for the release of genetically modified mosquitoes, currently slated for a trial in the Keys, which might cut the Zika-spreading population.

As in actual war, however, the political grandstanding is a sideshow. The real combatants are the mosquito-control operatives, whose tools include _____. As Rob Kruger of the Pinellas squad recounts, one form of surveillance involves standing in a buzzy spot and seeing how many mosquitoes land on him in a minute. "You end up with a lot of mosquito bites," he says as his boss, Jason Stuck brings in the eggs from a reserve battalion of chickens. Many diseases are carried by Florida's numerous mosquito species, but Zika is the focus of anxiety because of its impact on tourism, plus the microcephaly it can cause in infants.

43 To win the election in Florida, you need _____.

① to be exposed to mosquito bites
② to know how to get rid of mosquitoes
③ to have a basic knowledge of biotechnology
④ to criticize other politicians in Florida
⑤ to be acquainted with as many residents as possible

44 The best expression for the blank would be _____.

① their own bodies
② mosquito's predators
③ animate weapons
④ harmful insecticides
⑤ genetic mutation

[45-47] 270 words

Over the past decade or two, that old world has been systematically blown up by a series of design mavericks. Intent on being involved from the start and taken seriously as changemakers and entrepreneurs, designers are now not only leading big businesses from the very top, but they are taking the game into their own hands.

Take trailblazer Jony Ive, largely credited with turning around Apple's astonishing fortunes; or Yves Behar, who redesigned a laptop to be so cost-effective it could be distributed to children in the developing world, and then did the same with spectacles, while revolutionizing fitness trackers, wireless speakers and thermostats along the way. Marcel Wanders brought the fun back into furniture, as did Tom Dixon — who has created a lighting and furniture empire with his own name that shows no signs of slowing down. A visit to Milan's annual furniture trade fair, Salone del Mobile, is a very different experience than it used to be. Once a showcase for venerable brands, it has been taken over by superstar designers.

Consumers of everything, from fashion to furniture, have become less interested in the manufacturers than in the creator, breaking down the wall between _____. This year, Japanese design studio Nendo exhibited a one-year retrospective of more than 100 products it had designed for commercial brands at the Museo della Permante. When designer Jaime Hayon created a fantastical urban installation of a play cityscape to showcase the carmaker Mini's Citysurfer electric scooter, everyone came to see the 40m-long marble table with gold road markings on it and handmade copper "street lamps" he had created — rather than the actual product.

45 In the underlined "that old world", designers _____.

① were more concerned with commercial value
② were supposed to do fine-tuning at best
③ were also involved in the marketing strategy
④ were highly trained by their predecessors
⑤ were fully independent from the manufacturers

46 The most appropriate expression for the blank would be _____.

① theory and practice
② dream and reality
③ past and future
④ art and commerce
⑤ school and industry

47 According to the above passage, _____.

① many entrepreneurs design their own products
② design is less important than practicality
③ any consumer can become a good designer
④ design makes the products more expensive
⑤ design matters most in modern world

[48-50] 172 words

Like most patriotic Americans, my father was forever buying gizmos that proved to be disastrous — clothes steamers that failed to take the wrinkles out of suits but had wallpaper falling off the walls in whole sheets, an electric pencil sharpener that could consume an entire pencil in less than a second, a water pick that was so lively it required two people to hold and left the bathroom looking like the inside of a car wash, and much else.

But all of this was nothing compared with the situation today. We are now surrounded with items that do things for us to an almost absurd degree — automatic cat food dispensers, electric juicers and can openers, refrigerators that make their own ice cubes, automatic car windows, disposable toothbrushes that come with the toothpaste already loaded. People are so addicted to convenience that they have become trapped in _____: The more labor-saving appliances they acquire, the harder they need to work; the harder they work, the more labor-saving appliances they feel they need to acquire.

48 The mood of the passage is very _____.

① agitating ② irritating ③ optimistic ④ cynical ⑤ gloomy

49 The best expression for the blank would be _____.

① a vicious circle ② a dilemma ③ a conspiracy ④ a domino effect ⑤ a balloon effect

50 The author is claiming that _____.

① our life is getting better with the new inventions
② people got used to the inconvenient way of living
③ nobody knows exactly what the world would look like in the future
④ we cannot imagine our days without electric gadgets like refrigerator
⑤ more convenient things sometimes turned out to be more inconvenient ones