Task 3

Read the text below. For questions (12 – 21) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Confirm your choice.

Lady Tarzan

A girl from India knows how to speak to elephants, a skill that comes in **(12)** _____ more often than you would think. Here is a language you never got the **(13)** _____ to learn in school!

Several years ago, a herd of 11 elephants from nearby forests entered a residential area in the city of Rourkela. Before the wild animals could **(14)** _____ chaos on the town and its residents, authorities got hold of teenage girl Nirmala Toppo, because **(15)** _____, she seems to have the **(16)** _____ to communicate with elephants.

Nirmala rushed from her village to a football field in the city where the elephants were temporarily being held.

"First I pray and then talk to the herd," the teen told the BBC. "They understand what I say. I **(17)**_____ them this is not your home. You should return where you belong."

The elephants started walking with her. In fact, she walked with them for miles, speaking to them the whole way as she **(18)** _____ them back to the forest.

Elephants in the area's nearby forests frequently invade villages and towns, destroying homes and hurting people. The more their **(19)** _____ is encroached by humans for activities like mining and cutting down trees, the more likely they are to wander out of the forest.

Nirmala, who is **(20)** _____ as "Lady Tarzan", speaks to the animals in her local tribal dialect of Mundaari. She explains that because tribal people and the elephants (among other wild animals) have cohabited in the same area for ages, the elephants understand their language.

Not only does this story show a brave young girl using her skills to help both humans and animals, it **(21)** _____ that it is possible for two very different species to share a bond and communicate with each other.

12	**A**	clean
	B	easy
	C	clever
	D	handy
13	**A**	variation
	B	option
	C	selection
	D	alteration
14	**A**	cause
	B	do
	C	result
	D	lead
15	**A**	intentionally
	B	deliberately
	C	unbelievably
	D	uncertainly
16	**A**	possibility
	B	chance
	C	ability
	D	case
17	**A**	speak
	B	tell
	C	say
	D	talk
18	**A**	guided
	B	moved
	C	fetched
	D	drew
19	**A**	position
	B	system
	C	place
	D	habitat
20	**A**	said
	B	named
	C	called
	D	known
21	**A**	supports
	B	proves
	C	persuades
	D	convinces

Task 4

Read the texts below. For questions (22 – 30) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Confirm your choice.

Brainy Octopuses

In **(22)** _____, the US Air Force sponsored scientists to study the way octopuses **(23)** _____ their brains. Some octopuses in laboratories seem to play with objects as if they were toys – a sure sign of intelligence. Others could pick up **(24)** _____ skills like opening jars.

Perhaps the most striking thing about octopuses **(25)** _____ their ability to change their colour and body pattern. They do this to camouflage **(26)** _____ and also to communicate with others. They can completely change their appearance in less than a second – a striped octopus can suddenly become spotted.

22
- **A** the 1950th
- **B** 1950th
- **C** the 1950s
- **D** 1950s

23
- **A** to use
- **B** use
- **C** using
- **D** have used

24
- **A** complicate
- **B** complication
- **C** complicating
- **D** complicated

25
- **A** is
- **B** are
- **C** were
- **D** has been

26
- **A** them
- **B** themselves
- **C** theirs
- **D** their

An Exciting Trip

Being from a small town, I had **(27)** _____ been exposed to a large city such as New York, so my trip there was like **(28)** _____ an entirely new way of life. In the morning of the flight I felt excited as we arrived at the airport and made our way to the gate. I watched through the window the airport with the runway **(29)** _____ smaller as the plane gained altitude. I felt thrilled as I realised that I would soon be in one of (**30)** _____ cities of the United States.

27
- **A** ever
- **B** just
- **C** yet
- **D** never

28
- **A** to discover
- **B** discover
- **C** discovering
- **D** being discovered

29
- **A** become
- **B** to become
- **C** had become
- **D** were becoming

30
- **A** most amazing
- **B** the most amazing
- **C** more amazing
- **D** the more amazing