Paul David Hewson, known as Bono, was born on 10 May 1960. He is the main vocalist of the Dublin-based rock band U2. He grew up in the Northside suburb of Glasnevin and went to a local primary school there. Paul had a happy childhood ___(1)___ he lost his mother at the age of fourteen. After his mother’s death, Paul felt ___(2)___ sad, and his family life became traumatic. His father tried to hold the family together. However, as he ___(3)___ a close relationship with his sons, his attempts were of no use. The loss of his mother and the traumatic family life affected Paul badly. As a result, many songs ___(4)___ later reflected this tragic loss.

Two years later, when he was sixteen, Paul attended Mount Temple Comprehensive School. He and his friends were part of a gang at school. The gang had a ritual of nickname-giving. They gave Paul the name Bono and since then, he ___(5)___ all around the world as Bono. On 25 September 1976, Bono, his brother Dik, and their friends David Evans and Adam Clayton saw an advertisement on a bulletin board at Mount Temple and decided to form a rock band. In an interview he said, “When we started out as a band, I was the guitar player, along with David, but David was always a ___(6)___ player than me. One day, while we ___(7)___ on a new song, David and Adam suggested that I should sing it. At first, I didn’t like the idea very much because I always thought I had no voice at all, but then I decided to work on it. I worked night and day. I tried really ___(8)___ to train my voice. That’s how I became the lead singer.” After this, the band started to play covers, or songs, of other bands, such as The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys. Unfortunately, they ___(9)___ play the covers very well, so in 1980, they decided to write their own songs. In the same year, Bono took piano lessons from his children's piano teacher ___(10)___ his song writing. Today, Bono writes almost all U2 songs, ___(11)___ are often rich in social, political, and religious themes. According to Bono, music by itself will not change anything ___(12)___ it gives messages to people about wars, poverty, and hunger.

1. a) while                   2. a) the most extreme        3. a) had
   b) afterwards              b) extreme
   c) during                  c) extremely
   d) until                   d) more extreme

4. a) are written            5. a) was known              6. a) good
   b) he wrote                b) is known
   c) wrote                   c) has been known
   d) were written            d) will be known

7. a) have worked            8. a) hardly                9. a) had to
   b) worked                 b) hard
   c) were working           c) high
   d) are working            d) highly

10. a) in order to improve   11. a) that                    12. a) when
     b) for improving         b) which
     c) therefore to improve  c) they
     d) so that he has improved d) these
In addition to his work with U2, Bono is also ___(13)___ known for his active participation in many projects and organizations. For example, the organization DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa) was established in 2002 by Bono. Four years later, together with Bobby Shriver, Bono ___(14)___ the RED campaign. About this campaign Bono said, “Our aim is to persuade some of ___(15)___ companies in the world, like Apple, Converse, Motorola, and Microsoft, to create a product with the RED logo. The profits from the sale of these products will go to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. I believe with all my heart that RED products, from shoes to computers, ___(16)___ many lives in developing countries.”

With all these campaigns and projects, ___(17)___ numerous awards. He has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, and given an honorary knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom. In a 2002 survey conducted among the general public, he was chosen as one of the 100 Greatest Britons, which made Irish people greatly proud ___(18)___ him.

The band started the 360° Tour in early 2009 and following its success, U2 has confirmed that it is going to continue in 2010. The concert in Istanbul ___(19)___ on September 6, 2010 at the Atatürk Olympic Stadium. More than fifty thousand people ___(20)___ watch this concert live as twenty thousand tickets have been sold ___(21)___ . This is going to be their first concert in Turkey, so Turkish U2 fans are excited about this great event. Are you one of the devoted fans of this group? Then you ___(22)___ hurry because the tickets are being sold fast.

13. a) far 14. a) has launched 15. a) bigger than
   b) just  b) has been launched  b) bigger
   c) widely  c) was launched  c) the biggest
   d) deeply  d) launched  d) biggest

16. a) will be probably saved 17. a) Bono has won 18. a) at
   b) will definitely save  b) which Bono won  b) from
   c) definitely won’t save  c) so Bono won  c) with
   d) probably won’t be saved  d) and Bono has won  d) of

19. a) being held 20. a) won’t 21. a) at first
   b) is held  b) might  b) yet
   c) will be held  c) should  c) so far
   d) going to be held  d) may not  d) last month

22. a) should  
   b) going to  
   c) mustn’t  
   d) won’t
Protecting the Future of Nature

The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) is one of the oldest environmental organizations. Since it was first established in 1961, the WWF has carried out numerous projects to protect endangered species and to long-term solutions to the problem of environmental destruction. It also tries to change the way governments and people perceive nature by working with local communities.

The WWF’s experience over nearly half a century has shown that the conservation of species can be achieved if necessary steps are taken before it is too late. For instance, in some areas around the world, the of natural resources has been prevented through the efforts of the WWF. In addition, with many successful projects which were carried out by the organization a few years ago, there has been a increase in the numbers of some species, which were once seriously endangered. The WWF has also helped to conserve rich and varied ecosystems in many parts of the world. As a result, local people in those areas can now from the improvements in their environment.

However, there is still a lot of work to be done. Many species become extinct 1000 times faster than they would in the natural process because people destroy the balance of nature. Therefore, we should not to a conclusion that the WWF’s and other environmentalist organizations’ conservation efforts will save the planet. The organization still needs to do a lot of research and take a lot of action.

The first step in this action is to help people understand that many of our daily activities threaten the of other species in the world. We should be aware that careless consumption and pollution will bring consequences. Therefore, the WWF is trying to people of all ages to work with them and to be a part of the action. Moreover, the WWF supports the view that governments can make great to environmental activities. Therefore, it is asking governments to put their political and national differences and work together in order to help the WWF.

23. a) conceal  b) release  c) supply  d) satisfy  24. a) motivation  b) depletion  c) innovation  d) overpopulation  25. a) fatal  b) unproductive  c) massive  d) inconvenient  26. a) suffer  b) analyse  c) construct  d) benefit

27. a) merge  b) rush  c) enable  d) convince  28. a) concept  b) substance  c) insurance  d) existence  29. a) disastrous  b) external  c) plentiful  d) behavioural  30. a) threaten  b) admit  c) encourage  d) allow

31. a) contributions  b) attitudes  c) responses  d) concerns  32. a) away  b) aside  c) below  d) high
33. Pasteurization is the process of heating food at a controlled temperature for a certain period of time without altering its taste or nutritional value. The purpose of this process is to kill harmful bacteria that exist in the food products. For effective pasteurization, the equipment (such as bottling machines and containers) that is used in the process must be very clean. If even a little piece of dirt is left inside the equipment, __________.

a) the emission of toxic substances can be prevented
b) it will destroy all the harmless bacteria in the food
c) all the benefits of pasteurization will be wasted
d) it may improve the nutritional value of the food

34. The need for an operation, especially an emergency operation, almost always comes as a severe shock to the patient and his/her family. Although there have been great improvements in modern surgery, __________.

a) many developments in the field of medicine are almost amazing
b) one of the most important areas of modern surgery is organ transfer
c) every surgeon should be good at carrying out every type of operation
d) most people are still afraid of hospitals, operations, and anaesthetics

35. Music expresses emotions through its rhythms, melodies and lyrics. It varies in style, type of instruments used, and in rhythm. Rock and Hip Hop are the two most popular genres of music in pop culture. While Rock depends more on the sound and rhythm of the guitar, __________.

a) which has always been the symbol of rock music
b) Hip Hop is based on rhythmically spoken words
c) pop music focuses on vocals and beat
d) it is often performed by a band or a rock group
TEXT  I

STAY-AT-HOME DADS (SAHDs)

1 When Jason and Melinda Wolf had their first child a few years ago, the couple made an important decision. They decided that Jason would quit his job and stay at home to take care of the baby. Since Melinda made more money at her job as a dentist than Jason did, it made more sense for Melinda to continue working. It was supposed to be a temporary arrangement. They would hire a full-time babysitter when the baby was six months old and Jason would go back to his job as an electrical engineer. However, things have changed. Today, more than five years and three children later, Jason is still at home. He loved his role as a stay-at-home father so much that he decided not to go back to working outside the home. He admits that raising children isn't easy and adds, “While it is the hardest job in the world, it's also the most rewarding. I wouldn't give it up for anything.”

2 Traditionally, the mother has been the parent to take on the responsibility of raising the children and taking care of the home. Most fathers have accepted the conventional family role of wage earner and financial provider. However, the number of stay-at-home dads (SAHDs) is growing each year; there has been an increase of nearly 50 percent since 1999. These men, who are all married fathers with children under fifteen years old, have stayed out of the labour force for more than one year to care for the family while their wives work outside the home. Some men decide to become stay-at-home dads because their wives earn higher salaries than they do. Others want to devote most of their time to their children. At times, the mother's job offers excellent health benefits for the family whereas the father's does not.

3 Although the number of stay-at-home dads continues to grow, these men still face many challenges. According to Jason Wolf and most stay-at-home fathers, the biggest challenge they face is the sense of isolation. Stay-at-home dads often feel like outsiders in a world of mothers and children. “When I'm at the park with my kids, the other mothers don't include me in their conversations. I get the feeling they think I'm a loser who can't find a job.” To overcome his sense of isolation, Curtis Cooper, another stay-at-home dad in St. Paul, Minnesota, started the DAD-to-DAD organization in January 1995. The organization began as a way for dads to get together and share information while their children played. The idea caught on rapidly, and today there are thirty DAD-to-DAD groups around the country, where dads can connect with each other in their local areas.

4 Jason Wolf thinks he was very lucky to meet Curtis Cooper. He says, “As soon as I met him, I decided to attend a DAD-to-DAD group as I had many questions to be answered and problems to be solved.” Jason admits that even his own parents tried to dissuade him from quitting his job to stay home with the baby. His friends were shocked as well when he made the decision to be a stay-at-home dad. He says, “It's absurd to think that fathers can't be as devoted, loving, and effective as mothers when it comes to raising children.”

5 Today, as the number of stay-at-home dads continues to grow, there is more and more support available for them. For example, www.Slowlane.com is an excellent online reference, resource, and network for stay-at-home fathers and their families. An on-line magazine called www.Fathermag.com is also a helpful resource. There are several new books for fathers who are raising their children, too. One of the most popular is called The Stay-At-Home Dad Handbook. This excellent book offers valuable suggestions and practical advice for mastering the stay-at-home dad's roles. There is even an annual conference for stay-at-home fathers. The At-Home Dads Conference attracts fathers from all over the country who want to share experiences and participate in workshops with their peers. Some of the most popular workshops include Keeping Track of Your Kids on the Internet, Kids and Nutrition, and Child Safety.
Circle the best choice.
36. According to the text, Jason Wolf ________.
   a) is looking for a job as an electrical engineer
   b) might look for a baby-sitter for his kids
   c) has been a stay-at-home dad for at least five years
   d) doesn’t think looking after kids is difficult

37. Which of the following is not a reason for men to become stay-at-home dads?
   a) Spending more time with their children
   b) Their low salaries compared with their wives’
   c) Not having jobs with good health benefits
   d) Not working for more than one year

38. In paragraph 3, the word “caught on” probably means ________.
   a) became popular
   b) was abandoned
   c) affected the development
   d) got less important

39. In paragraph 4, the word “dissuade” probably means ________.
   a) isolate
   b) ensure
   c) spread
   d) prevent

40. Paragraph 5 is mainly about ________.
   a) the growing number of SAHDs
   b) on-line resources on SAHDs
   c) various sources of information for SAHDs
   d) books and magazines for SAHDs
TEXT II

APPRECIATION OF MUSIC

1. It has long been said that music is universal, but now science is proving just how deeply true that statement really is. Like most people, scientists cannot define exactly what music is, but they know it when they hear it. One group of scientists has shown that human appreciation of music is remarkably ancient and is shared by animals as well. What’s more, appreciation of music may help us better understand how the brain works.

2. In a study published in 2001 in the journal Science, several scientists showed that music appreciation may be one of humanity's oldest activities. Jelle Atema, who is both a biologist and a musician, is one of the co-authors of one of the Science papers. In addition to his work in biology, he plays the flute. He has carefully made exact copies of ancient bone flutes in order to play them and determine the kinds of sounds that early humans may have made. During his studies, Atema discovered that music goes back to the earliest ages of human history. Further supporting evidence comes from some other studies which found flutes that could be 53,000 years old. The technology used to make these ancient instruments was much more advanced, Atema says, than the one which was used in the same period to produce tools, which meant they spent long periods of time making instruments. The ability to make music, some scientists believe, may even be older than language.

3. In the same journal, several of the results regarding music reveal that appreciation of music is not unique to human beings; in very basic ways, many other species share this appreciation as well. "Do musical sounds in nature reveal a strong bond between all living things?" asks one of the papers. There is a lot of evidence that they do. For example, the ‘songs’ of one type of whale follow many of the same precise rules that are nearly universal in human music. The general structure of whale music is remarkably similar to that of human music. For example, the two species share a similar scale, or fixed series of notes in a system of music, and their songs involve the introduction and variation of a central theme. Many species of birds sing in ways that also follow the rules of human song, including the ways that songs are passed between generations or are shared by many other kinds of birds. Some use note scales that are similar to those which are used by humans, even though an endless variety of such scales is possible. Some even make instruments and play them. For example, one type of bird uses a hollow log as a drum, beating on it with a small stick it breaks off from a tree!

4. Another article published in the journal Science has revealed that through research into appreciation of music, scientists hope they may come to understand the human mind better, perhaps even learning key information about how to deal with damage to the auditory system – the system that enables people to hear. One of these researchers who is studying the connection between music and the brain is Mark Jude Tramo, a neurologist at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. Tramo, who is also a talented guitarist, says he is fascinated by the complexity of the human brain’s reaction to music. “There is no ‘music centre’ in the brain,” he says, “Nearly every thinking part of the brain is involved in listening to music, and when we move to the music, many of the areas controlling movement are involved too. Imagine how much of the brain lights up when we dance.” Tramo sees the research into music as a process which may lead to a better understanding of how the brain works. By learning exactly the way human mind appreciates music, a more complete understanding of the processes of the brain may be possible. In the same way, other scientists are trying to understand the way in which the brain reacts to visual arts, which may help them to understand the way the human visual system works. Tramo believes that all this research is going to help scientists in their efforts to help the deaf to hear and the blind to see.”
Circle the best choice.

41. Jelle Atema ________
   a) found various types of ancient flutes
   b) believes early human beings spoke before they sang
   c) discovered a flute which was 53,000 years old
   d) does research into sounds that were produced by early mankind

42. In paragraph 3, “those” refers to ________.
   a) other kinds
   b) generations
   c) note scales
   d) songs

43. Which of the following is **false** according to the text?
   a) Some animals can make their own instruments.
   b) Whale songs and human songs differ completely.
   c) Whale songs have a central theme.
   d) Living things produce sounds with common characteristics.

44. According to Tramo, ________.
   a) listening to music occurs in a specific part of the brain
   b) the brain process can be better developed by music
   c) we use most of our brain when we hear a piece of music
   d) it is possible to prevent damage to the auditory system

45. Which of the following can be inferred from the text?
   a) In the early ages of history, mankind gave importance to music.
   b) Problems in the auditory system are now treated with music.
   c) No research has yet been done on brain’s reaction to visual arts.
   d) Early mankind’s musical abilities enabled them to improve their language skills.

46. The purpose of this text is to ________.
   a) give information on ancient music
   b) discuss different forms of music
   c) contrast human and animal sounds
   d) reveal the results of some music related studies