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Questions 16 to 18 are based on recording you have just heard.

16. A) It will continue to decline gradually.
B) It will expand at a somewhat faster pace.
C) It will begin to move up toward two percent.
D) It will intensify problems in developing countries.
17. A) It kept borrowing rates low for a long time.
B) It set Quantitative Easing to end in this year.
C) It bought bond to put more money into the economy.
D) It brought the unemployment rate to its lowest level.
18. A) The job growth was considered very slow.
B) The jobs are not pushing up hourly wages.
C) The job gains were worse than expected.
D) The income gains were satisfying.

Questions 19 to 21 are based on recording you have just heard.

19. A) They will have mental health problems.
B) They will have high blood pressure.
C) They are more likely to be depressed.
D) They will have low self-esteem.
20. A) They are physically healthier.
B) They are mentally satisfied.
C) They have happier experiences.
D) They enjoy a higher social status.
21. A) More and more home appliances.
B) Dangerous neighborhoods.
C) Bullies on the Internet.
D) Ex-criminals in the community.

Questions 22 to 25 are based on recording you have just heard.

22. A) People who are exposed to strong light in the day.
B) People who live in low levels of light overnight.
C) People who often burn the midnight oil.
D) People who don't get enough sleep.
23. A) Low blood sugar level.
B) Low levels of hormone.
C) Low energy levels.
D) Low blood pressure.
24. A) The group placed in blue light.
B) The group drinking the most water.
C) The group placed in red light.
D) The group eating the least food.
25. A) Wear blue-light filtering glasses.
B) Eat as much fruit as possible.
C) Keep away from computers or eReaders.
D) Avoid drinking and smoking.

Part III

Reading Comprehension

(40 minutes)

Section A

Directions: In this section, there is a passage with ten blanks. You are required to select one word for each blank from a list of choices given in a word bank following the passage. Read the passage through carefully before making your choices. Each choice in the bank is identified by a letter. Please mark the corresponding letter for each item on **Answer Sheet 2** with a single line through the centre. You may not use any of the words in the bank more than once.

The Englishman suspects all theories, *philosophical* (哲学的) or other. He suspects everything new and is reluctant to accept it at the very beginning, unless he is 26 by the force of circumstances to see that this new thing has advantages over the old. They do not consult historical 27 in order to decide what to do: They first learn the facts as they are; then they depend upon their own common sense, not at all upon their university learning or upon philosophical theories.

It is difficult to get praise from the Englishman. A new idea, a noble action, and an 28 painting—any of these things will be admired and praised by every other people in Europe long before you can get Englishmen to praise. The Englishman all this time is trying to find fault. Why should he try to find fault? He has 29 the terrible caution of his ancestors in regard to mistakes. Unless it 30 him he is away from mistakes, he will not accept the new thing. He has learned 31 his ancestors taught him.

The judgment of the Englishman by all other European peoples is that he is the most 32, the most *unreceptive*