



FBS ENGLISH 02 SOLUTION

While new census data reveals that unemployment numbers are even direr than was previously suspected, it is not clear that the forecast for American entrepreneurship is equally alarming. An article in a major national newspaper suggests that the contraction in hiring at existing companies might result in more new companies being founded. College graduates, unable to find traditional jobs, instead opt to start their own businesses. Where a recession may seem an unpropitious time for such a historically risky endeavour, with no better options, would-be entrepreneurs have little to lose. Unfortunately, this situation does not necessarily impact the economy positively. Though the average number of new businesses started per year has been higher during the recession than it was before, the proportion of high-value businesses founded each year has declined. So even if a business manages to stay solvent, it may not bring significant returns. Also, because of an inevitable dearth of angel investors and venture capitalists, many new entrepreneurs are putting their own money on the line. In certain ways, the choice between accepting a traditional job and starting a business is not unlike the choice between renting and buying property. The latter requires a significant initial outlay and carries heavier risks, but the rewards can be equally substantial.

1. The primary purpose of the passage is to

ANS : (C) present a nuanced view of a contemporary economic issue

2. According to the passage, the reason that many college graduates are choosing to launch their own companies in the present economic climate is that

ANS : (B) they cannot easily land positions typically open to workers of their experience

3. It can be inferred from the passage that over the course of the recent recession, the number of American high-value businesses founded per year

(D) may have either fallen or risen

4. The author mentions the choice between renting and buying property (final sentence) primarily in order to

(B) illustrate the trade-offs involved in starting a business

SYNONYMS (5 - 8)

5. BENIGN - Mild

6. BURGEON -Flourish

7. CLOAK- Conceal

8. CUE - Signal

ANTONYMS (9 -12)

9. BUCOLIC - Industrial

10. BEFUDDLED - Aware

11. CONCIDE - Differ

12. CULPABLE - Innocent

ANALOGY (13 - 16)

13. FRAGILE : BREAK - flammable : burn

14. FAULTFINDER : CRITICISE
arbitrator : mediate

15. EVANESCENT : DISAPPEAR
pliant : yield

16. JUDGE ; GAVEL
referee : whistle

SENTENCE CORRECTION (17 -20)

17. Trying to keep her balance on the icy surface, the last competitor's ski-tip caught the pole and somersaulted into the soft snow.

C. the last competitor caught the pole with the tip of her ski, and somersaulted into the soft snow.

18. The temperature dropped suddenly last night, which will mean that the shoots emerging from the soil will be killed by the frost.

D. and the resulting frost will kill the shoots that are emerging from the soil.

19. The impostor eluded detection for so long because she conducted herself as though she were a licensed practitioner.

A. as though she were a licensed practitioner.

20. Being abandoned by our friends is the cause of great sorrow for us.

E. We feel great sorrow when our friends abandon us.

FILL IN THE BLANK (21 - 25)

21. Seeking to ----- what people view and read by determining what art and literature should be available, censorship laws directly ----- free expression.

D. control . . prohibit

22. Myra laughed exuberantly and embraced her friends repeatedly, so ----- was she about having been selected.

C. euphoric

23. It would be a waste of time for any reviewer to bother ----- a book whose utter worthlessness is ----- to even the least discerning reader.

D. condemning . . obvious

24. The new policy has been called a quiet revolution because, though introduced without -----, it is already producing ----- changes.

B. fanfare . . momentous

25. When two chemical compounds are combined, a ----- effect can be achieved: the resulting combination can be more potent than either of the individual compounds alone.

A. synergistic

ERROR DETECTION (26 - 30)

26. The presence of strong feeling, the cause (A) of which is not fully understood, always has the (B) effect of making (C) we human (D) beings uneasy. (E) No error

C

27. The new law is (A) too stringent; (B) it will (C) be neither respected (D) or obeyed. (E) No error

D

28. I do not wish (A) to make a formal complaint, but I would have been (B) better pleased if you (C) gave the award to the person (D) who best deserved it. (E) No error

C

29. (A) After you have written a definition in your vocabulary notebook, add a (B) few ways to use the word (C) or a sentence to illustrate (D) it's meaning. (E) No error

D

30. The tribesmen made offerings (A) to placate the gods, (B) whom, they believed, (C) were angry with (D) them. (E) No error

E