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## Level A

##  Read the text and answer the questions choosing the right answer.

Line number

1. China has a very interesting marriage celebration. In the $19^{\text {th }}$ century, a
2. wedding represented the transfer of a woman's dependence on money from
3. her family to her husband. There was also a transfer of the woman's property,
4. called a 'dowry', from the bride's father to her husband.
5. At most times in the $19^{\text {th }}$ century, when a couple got married, it was
6. arranged by the parents, and the couple had no say in it. In the $20^{\text {th }}$ century,
7. things changed for the better. In 1950 China proclaimed a marriage code
8. giving spouses equal rights in the control of property.
9. Laws of most countries require the husband to support his wife and
10. children. With the increase in the number of women working outside the
11. home, women sometimes support themselves, and child support has fallen
12. upon them nearly as much as on their husbands.
13. Couples now choose their own partners, but must get the consent of their
14. parents. As a wedding gift, it is customary for the parents to buy appliances for
15. the couple's new home. They have a simple ceremony, and the date is chosen
16. by the parents. A popular date for weddings in China is the seventh day of the
17. seventh moon. They say that a fairy from heaven can bless their marriage on
18. that day. Another popular time for weddings is during the autumn months.
19. During the ceremony, the bride and groom usually wear sunglasses. The bride
20. wears a brightly colored dress, and no veil, and the man wears a suit.
21. They ride down the aisle on horses.

The word consent in line 13 means
a) approval
b) disapproval
c) contest
d) content

According to Paragraph 1, lines 1-4,
a) the bride's father gave her property to her husband
b) after marriage the woman lived on her father's money
c) the bride's property was transferred to her father
d) the bride's new family gave a dowry to her father

According to the text, couples in China
a) choose the date of the ceremony themselves
b) wear brightly colored suits during the ceremony
c) now select their partners themselves
d) now don't need their parents' agreement

According to Paragraph 3, lines 9-12, nowadays
a) laws of most countries oblige women to work
b) the law requires women to support their husbands
c) the number of working women has grown
d) a number of children support their parents

5 In the $19^{\text {th }}$ century, in China
a) there were exceptionally arranged marriages
b) spouses had equal rights in the control of property
c) marriages were voluntary
d) marriages were arranged mostly by parents

## II. LGunptichan unupptinuly: <br> Choose the right option.

Personal computers, or PCs, are an important part of our everyday lives. Many people (6) $\qquad$ imagine life without them. One of the most important people in making machines work is Bill Gates. Bill Gates was born in 1955 in Washington state. He grew up in a rich family. In 1973, Gates (7) $\qquad$ to Harvard University. Two years later, Gates dropped out of Harvard to work on a computer program with his friend Allen. He was the "King of Software". He (8) $\qquad$ his success with a lot of hard work.

## 6

a) oughtn't
b) are able
c) can't
d) mustn't
a) accepted
b) had been accepted
c) was accepted
d) was accepting

8
a) have achieved
b) was achieving
c) achieves
d) achieved

Since computers first (9) $\qquad$ to the public in the early 1980s, technology (10) $\qquad$ a great deal. The first computers (11) $\qquad$ simple machines designed for important tasks. Times have changed and computers (12) $\qquad$ powerful machines. Programmers created a large selection of useful programs which do everything from teaching foreign languages to book-keeping. We still (13) $\qquad$ video games, but today's games are faster, more exciting. In short, the simple individual machines of the past (14) $\qquad$ into an international World Wide Web of knowledge.

9
a) have introduced
b) introduced
c) had introduced
d) were introduced
a) has changed
b) change
c) would have changed
d) have been changed

11
a) would be
b) was been
c) have been
d) were
a) would become
b) have become
c) became
d) had become
a) were played
b) are being played
c) are playing
d) have played
a) would develop
b) were developing
c) have developed
d) is developing

Aram Khachaturian was born on 6 June 1903 in the city of Tiflis (present day Tbilisi, Georgia) in an Armenian family. His father, Yeghia (Ilya), (15) $\qquad$ in Nakhichevan and moved to Tiflis at the age of 13 ; he owned a book binding shop by the age of 25 . His mother, Kumash, was from a village near Ordubad. Khachaturian's parents had 5 children, one daughter and four sons, of whom Aram was the youngest. Khachaturian (16) $\qquad$ primary education at Tiflis Commercial School, where he debated between a career in medicine or engineering.

Khachaturian was the most renowned Armenian composer of the 20th century and the author of the first Armenian ballet, symphony, concerto, and film score. While following the established musical traditions of Russia, he broadly (17) $\qquad$ Armenian, Caucasian, Eastern and Central European, and Middle Eastern peoples' folk music in his works. He is highly regarded not only in Armenia, where he (18) $\qquad$ a "national treasure" but also all over the world.
a) bore
b) is born
c) was born
d) had born
a) had received
b) received
c) receives
d) has received
a) used
b) is using
c) uses
d) has used
a) is considered
b) considers
c) considered
d) was considered

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 Fill in the blanks with the word form that best fits each space.In Norse mythology there were many gods. In time, Odin became the most (19) $\qquad$ and ruled as king of the gods and people from the beautiful Valhalla. He was the god of wisdom and of battle. The souls of killed heroes were carried to Valhalla on winged horses by the Valkyries, maidens in armour.

Odin's wife, Frigg, was the queen of the gods. One of their sons, Thor, was the god of (20) $\qquad$ —. Freya was the goddess of love, music, and flowers. In (21) $\qquad$ , the clever Loki was the god of evil and mischief.

Norse gods and goddesses have characteristics (22) $\qquad$ to those of Greece and Rome. On the other hand, (23) $\qquad$ their Greek and Roman counterparts, the Norse gods had countless adventures concerning love, disputes, escapes, jealousy, war and hidden treasures.
a) power
b) will-power
c) powerful
d) powerless
a) thundering
b) thundery
c) thunderous
d) thunder
a) contrastive
b) contrasted
c) contrasting
d) contrast
a) similar
b) dissimilarity
c) similarly
d) similarity
a) likewise
b) unlike
c) likely
d) likeness
 Choose the appropriate option.

24 "Do you ever regret $\qquad$ to university?"
"No, I am proud that I once was a university student."
a) being gone
b) you going
c) to go
d) going

25 "Luckily Grandpa is getting $\qquad$ day by day."
"So, we needn't send for the doctor."
a) worse
b) well
c) bad
d) better
"You must have received $\qquad$ news!"
"You are right. I've got a job."
a) better
b) a good
c) well
d) good

27 "They have been fighting for their rights since 1999".
"Do you want to say that they have been in this struggle $\qquad$ seven years?"
a) nearly than
b) as many as
c) for more than
d) in more than
"What time does the bus leave for the airport?"
"I don’t know. It $\qquad$ leave every half hour, but I think the schedule's been changed."
a) get used to
b) uses to
c) is used to
d) used to
"Do you think we can go to the skating-rink?"
"I think I have to do $\qquad$ first."
a) many washing up
b) much washings up
c) a great many of washing up
d) a lot of washing up

30 "This house seems to be empty."
"You are right. There is hardly $\qquad$ living in it."
a) somebody
b) no one
c) nobody
d) anybody
"What did you do with your old magazines?"
"I couldn't sell my old magazines, so I gave them $\qquad$ ."
a) up
b) away
c) over
d) off

32 "Mrs. Williams is always beautifully dressed."
"She wears $\qquad$ nice clothes."
a) so much
b) so
c) such
d) such a

33 "Are you through with the task that the boss gave you?"
"Sure, and now I am waiting for $\qquad$ instructions."
a) more further
b) further
c) farther
d) farthest

34 "Did anybody go out?"
"I don’t think so. I didn’t see $\qquad$ ."
a) nobody go out
b) anybody go out
c) somebody going out
d) anybody to go out
"I don't have to be there until seven."
"The traffic is really bad. $\qquad$ leave a few minutes early."
a) You would rather not
b) You had better
c) You had rather
d) You had better not
"What do you do when you're feeling lonely?"
"I go to some place where I can be around $\qquad$ people even if they are strangers."
a) other
b) the other
c) another
d) others

37 "Why don’t you want to attend Professor Nickson’s lectures?"
"I am $\qquad$ his lectures."
a) bored with
b) boring during
c) boring at
d) bored of

38 "Your project $\qquad$ the committee."
"That’s good news."
a) interested high
b) highly interesting
c) high interested
d) highly interested

##  Choose the correctly transformed sentences.

1. The teacher said to us, "Hand in your papers. The time is up." The teacher told us hand in our papers but the time was up.
2. He asked me what effect the treatment had on her.

He said to me: "What effect does the treatment have on her?"
3. She said to Liza: "Does he usually take his wife with him when he goes on a business trip?" She asked Liza if he usually took his wife with him when he went on a business trip.
4. Mother said to us: "You shouldn't buy this house. It is on the main road." Mother advised us not to buy that house as it was on the main road.
5. They said: "There was a terrible storm in the south-west of the USA last night."

They said that there had been a terrible storm in the south-west of the USA the previous night.

1. Jennifer wanted to know where we were going to play football that day.

Jennifer said, "Where are you going to play football today?"
2. "Could you tell me where the post office is?" she said.

She asked to me if I could tell her where the post office is.
3. "Did you see 'Harry Potter' yesterday?" Nancy asked.

Nancy asked if I had seen 'Harry Potter' the day before.
4. "I will have finished the assignment by the time Henry arrives," Lee said.

Lee said he would have finished the assignment by the time Henry arrived.
5. Eliza asked me, "How did you like the food in that restaurant?"

Eliza asked me how did I like the food in this restaurant.

1. "What about going to the cinema tomorrow?" she said.

She asked if they would go to the cinema the following day.
2. Jane offered to bring me some tea.

Jane asked me, "Would you bring me some tea?"
3. "I go to concerts with my friends," he says.

He says that he goes to concerts with his friends.
4. "Work hard if you want to succeed," the teacher said to us.

The teacher warned to work hard if we want to succeed.
5. "Who is your favorite singer?" Nancy asked Simon.

Nancy asked Simon who his favorite singer was.

1. She said to the police, "I heard strange noises during the night." She told the police that she had heard strange noises during the night.
2. Kevin said, "Good luck with your application, Mariah."

Kevin wished Mariah good luck with her application.
3. Aunt Barbara asked if I had spoken to my boss the previous week.

Aunt Barbara asked, "Have you spoken to your boss last week?"
4. "Why didn't you phone us yesterday?" Christopher asked.

Christopher wanted to know why I hadn't phoned them the day before.
5. The fire-fighter said, "Don't enter the building. It's dangerous."

The fire-fighter told me not to enter the building but it was dangerous.

##   <br> Fill in each gap with an appropriate word from the list below (two odd variants are given).

Giuseppe Fortunino Francesco Verdi (1813-1901) was an Italian Romantic composer, mainly of opera. He was one of the most $\qquad$ composers of the 19th century. His works are frequently performed in opera houses throughout the world, transcending the boundaries of the genre.

1813 was also the year of birth of Richard Wagner. The two composers, $\qquad$ music and subject matter could not have been more different, revolutionized the opera and continue to influence it even today. Wagner was $\qquad$ with myths and gods whereas Verdi was more interested in human beings and their problems.

After his opera Aida, Verdi rearranged Simon Boccanegra and Don Carlos. In their new form, both works $\qquad$ the direction Verdi intended to take in order to create a new type of opera. In 1887, he put his ideas into practice with the première of Othello in Milan. Verdi's new style was marked by a refined interplay between orchestra and canto. The text accentuated the psychological and musical dimension. For Othello, Verdi has been $\qquad$ accused of copying Richard Wagner.

43 1. concerned 2. whose 3. reveal 4. involved 5. influential 6. unknown 7. unjustly

##  Choose the correctly formulated questions.

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1. Do you like your new job or it's boring?
2. Did you use to eat a lot of chocolate when you were a child?
3. You like Italian food very much, don't you?
4. Nobody in the office could give you the information you needed, could they?
5. There's somebody calling your name, isn't he?

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1. Have you come across any new words in the text?
2. Don't you think they demand too much of him?
3. What did you do the moment you heard the news?
4. He's used to the climate of Africa, hasn't he?
5. Will be they discussing my proposal in an hour?
6. He'd better change his attitude to people, hadn’t he?
7. Do you know where Jenny's parents work?
8. He's afraid to dive from the high board, hasn't he?
9. Is the patient breathing as heavily now as in the morning was he?
10. Can you explain to me why are your clothes wet?
11. Can't you show me how have I to use this device?
12. Is your brother fond of horror films or westerns?
13. There's a bank between the restaurant and the post office, isn't it?
14. She couldn't remember where she had seen that young man, hadn't she?
15. Is Debbie or are you fond of poetry?

Match the words and their definitions.

48
A) Fantasy

1) the act of imagining impossible or improbable things
B) Stress
C) Hostility
D) Faith
2) a feeling of satisfaction
3) a worried or nervous feeling that makes you unable to relax
4) aggressive behaviour towards people or ideas
5) complete trust or confidence in someone or something
A) Exotic
6) a bit oversalted
7) interesting or unusual because of coming from a faraway place
B) Tasteless
C) Disgusting
8) extremely unpleasant
9) lacking flavour
10) highly pleasant to the taste
A) Promote
11) make it difficult for smb to do something
B) Challenge
12) forbid by law or authority
C) Prohibit
13) give away to enemy, be unfaithful
D) Betray
14) support or actively encourage (a cause, etc.)
15) call to a fight or competition

## Level B

##  Read the text and answer the questions choosing the right answer.

Line number

1. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson is perhaps not a name that is universally
2. recognized, but Dodgson did achieve enormous success under the pseudonym
3. Lewis Carroll. He created this pseudonym from the Latinization, Carolus
4. Ludovicus, of his real given names. It was under the name Lewis Carroll that
5. Dodgson published the children's book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
6. (1865) and its sequel Through the Looking Glass (1872). Though Dodgson
7. achieved this success in children's literature, he was not an author of children's
8. books by training or profession. His education and chosen field of pursuit were
9. far removed from the field of children's literature and were instead focused on
10. theoretical mathematics.
11. Dodgson graduated with honours from Christ Church, Oxford, in 1854 and
12. then embarked on a career in the world of academia. He worked as a lecturer
13. in mathematics at Oxford and, later in his career, published a number of
14. theoretical works on mathematics under his own name rather than under the
15. pseudonym that he used for his children's stories. He produced a number of
16. texts for students, such as A Syllabus of Plane Algebraical Geometry
17. (1860), Formulae of Plane Trigonometry (1861), which was notable for the
18. creativity of the symbols that he used to express trigonometric functions such
19. as sine and cosine, and A Guide for the Mathematical Student (1866). In a
20. number of more esoteric works, he championed the principles of Euclid; in
21. Euclid and His Modern Rivals (1879), he presented his ideas on the superiority
22. of Euclid over rival mathematicians in a highly imaginative fashion, by devising
23. a courtroom trial of anti-Euclid mathematicians that he named "Euclid-
24. wreakers" and ultimately finding the defendants guilty as charged. Curiosa
25. Mathematica (1888-1893) made a further defense of Euclid's work, focusing
26. on Euclid's definition of parallel lines. These academic works never had the
27. universal impact of Dodgson's works for children using the name Lewis Carroll,
28. but they demonstrate a solid body of well-regarded academic material.

51 Which of the following is true according to the text?
a) "Carolus" is the Latin version of the name "Charles".
b) "Ludovicus" is part of Dodgson's given name.
c) "Lewis" is a Latin name.
d) "Lutwidge" is part of Dodgson's pseudonym.

52 What is stated in the text about Dodgson's academic works?
a) They were published under the name Lewis Carroll.
b) They were well received in the academic world.
c) They are all about Euclid.
d) They had an impact on his works for children.

The topic of this text is
a) the story of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
b) Dodgson and Carroll: mathematics and children's stories
c) the works of Lewis Carroll
d) Charles Dodgson and Euclid

54 The pronoun they in line 28 refers to
a) Dodgson's works for children
b) children
c) parallel lines
d) these academic works

55 All of the following are stated in the text about the work Euclid and His Modern Rivals EXCEPT that
a) it described an actual trial in which Euclid participated
b) it described a trial in which "Euclid-wreakers" were found guilty
c) it was published in 1879
d) it was a highly creative work

56 According to the text, Dodgson
a) used the name Carroll on his mathematical works
b) used a pseudonym for the work about the courtroom trial
c) did not use his given name on his stories for children
d) used the same name on all his published works

57 According to the text, which of the following works was about Euclid?
a) A Guide for the Mathematical Student
b) Curiosa Mathematica
c) A Syllabus of plane Algebraical Geometry
d) Formulae of Plane Trigonometry

58 It is NOT stated in the passage that Dodgson
a) was an outstanding student
b) was a published author of academic works
c) attended Christ Church, Oxford
d) studied children's literature

59 The word notable in line 17 could best be replaced by
a) decisive
b) necessary
c) significant
d) notorious

60 What is stated in the text about the work Formulae of Plane Trigonometry?
a) It was published in 1860 .
b) It was one of the texts that Dodgson studied at Oxford.
c) It portrayed mathematics in a creative way.
d) It was written by Euclid.
 Choose the appropriate option.
you water the flowers every day and take care of them the garden will soon become a pleasant place.
a) Nevertheless
b) Even if
c) Provided that
d) Until

62 The judge allowed the accused to stay at home $\qquad$ she reported to the police every morning.
a) as though
b) on condition that
c) whether
d) otherwise
$\qquad$ than he began to feel sleepy.
a) Hardly had he drunk the coffee
b) He had hardly drunk the coffee
c) He had no sooner drunk the coffee
d) He no sooner had drunk the coffee
$\qquad$ the left is considered unclean.
a) as
b) though
c) that
d) however

##  <br> Choose the sentences with an odd word.

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1. Our planet's alarm is going off, and it is time to wake up and take action!
2. Many people will never be bothered by air pollution because they don't stop talking long enough to take a deep breath.
3. A nation that he destroys its nature destroys itself.
4. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to people.
5. Man is a complex being: he makes deserts bloom and lakes to die.
6. If I were you I wouldn't tell her the news about her boyfriend.
7. The top of the Mount Ararat, on which Noah's Ark landed, is always covered with snow.
8. We couldn't have managed to finish the work but for the secretary's help.
9. To keep up your teeth shiny and bright, brush them occasionally with salt.
10. The disappearance of Amelia Earhart during the first round-the-world flight in 1937 remains a mystery.
11. The world is a book and those who do not travel read only the one page.
12. Educate a boy - and you educate an individual; educate a girl - and you educate of a community.
13. The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and critically.
14. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.
15. The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.
16. Children must to be taught how to think, not what to think.
17. Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.
18. A life spent making mistakes is more useful than a life spent doing nothing.
19. We can't tear any page from our life, but we can throw the whole of book into the fire.
20. Life is not measured by the breaths you take, but by the moments that take your breath away.
21. People blink rapidly when they lie, or they may rub to their eyes.
22. The level of perspiration is one of the markers of a polygraph test but is not an indication of a person telling a lie.
23. People lie all the time, but depending on how skilled they are, it can be difficult to determine when someone is lying to you.
24. Liars provide additional information without being asked for it.
25. If a person is lying, he tends to concentrate on insignificant details while avoiding from important ones.

##   <br> Fill in the gaps with the prepositions/adverbs given below (two of them are odd).

People often ask which is the most difficult language to learn, and it is not easy to answer because there are many factors to take $\qquad$ consideration.
A native speaker of Spanish, for example, will find Portuguese much easier to learn than a native speaker of Chinese, because Portuguese is very similar $\qquad$ Spanish, so first language can affect learning a second language. The greater the differences $\qquad$ the second language and our first, the harder it will be $\qquad$ most people to learn.
Teachers and the circumstances $\qquad$ which the language is learned also play an important role, as well as each learner's motivation for learning. If people learn a language because they need to use it professionally, they often learn it faster than people studying a language that has no direct use in their life.

##   Fit the missing sentences into the gaps of the following texts (two of them are odd).

Leland Stanford was a nineteenth century politician, businessman, and philanthropist. $\qquad$ . As a businessman, he was very successful in establishing the railroads. As a philanthropist, he gave away a lot of money to start a university.

First, we'll talk about his success in politics. Leland Stanford served as governor of the state of California in the 1860s. $\qquad$ _.

Now, we'll go on to talk about Leland Stanford as a businessman. This map shows the Central Pacific Railroad. The Central Pacific Railroad was the western part of the country's first transcontinental railroad, and Leland Stanford was president of the company when the transcontinental railroad was completed.
$\qquad$ .
Stanford was accomplished not just as a politician and a businessman. $\qquad$ . As a philanthropist, Leland Stanford gave away millions of dollars of the money he earned from the Central Pacific Railroad to start a University. It is, of course, Stanford University.

The university is actually named after Leland Stanford's son, Leland Stanford, Junior: Leland Stanford, Junior was Leland Stanford's only child and he died in 1884 at the age of fifteen. $\qquad$ Because the university is a memorial to Stanford's son, the official name of the university is actually Leland Stanford Junior University, but most people just call it Stanford.

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1. As a politician, he was deeply involved in government and held a number of public offices.
2. Stanford decided to start the university to honor his son who had died.
3. He was also quite a philanthropist.
4. Stanford's work on the railroad was part of his philanthropic work.
5. Millions of dollars were made in the railroads business.
6. Some twenty years later, he represented the state of California in the United States Congress.
7. He worked for the Central Pacific Railroad.

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 Choose the correctly formulated Passive constructions.1. The first colour TV invented Hovhannes Adamyan.
2. Being composed in 1792, Marseillaise was officially adopted only in 1879.
3. That five-star hotel isn't being built by our company.
4. The delegation was impressed by the places of interest in Paris.
5. The Cullinan was split and cut into 7 major stones and 96 smaller stones.
6. Reaching the town, they were raided by the police.
7. The new calendar was not adopted uniformly across Europe until well into the $18^{\text {th }}$ century.
8. Naturally Frederick hurt by her rude remark.
9. Two skyscrapers are being built in this district.
10. The nurse insisted on the patient's taking the medicine at once.
11. Martin's story was rejected by several magazines.
12. On February 4, 1789, George Washington became the first and only president unanimously elected by the Electoral College.
13. A reward has been promised to us for finding their puppy.
14. Coal is used for making artificial materials.
15. Your sister has sewn the button on to your coat.
16. Stradivari was taught to make instruments by Amati.
17. Katharine Hepburn starred in the musical Coco based on the life of Coco Chanel.
18. Karl Lagerfeld has been chief designer of Chanel’s fashion house since 1983.
19. Is this powder medicine to be taken three times a day?
20. Were these magazines published last month?
21. These flowers are watered every morning.
22. The Presidential motorcade was moving slowly through the Central Square.
23. The modern European fashion of high heels comes from the Italian "chopine" style.
24. That hard work should not have been done alone.
25. No Nobel awards were presented at the beginning of World War II.

## XIV. ২ưưưư Match the beginning and the end of the sentences.

A) Dance is an art form that gives
B) Leisure time that gives peace to the stressful mind of a person
C) Many people spent their leisure time engaged in several activities
D) There are several countries where dancing

1) that bring pleasure and peace.
2) makes an important part of celebrations and entertainment.
3) are an expression of thoughts and emotions through actions.
4) has become rare in the modern world.
5) enjoyment to the viewer and the performer.
6) provide entertainment and knowledge at the same time.
7) you will make an excellent mathematician.
8) because everyone will need to use computers in the future.
9) and is therefore not likely to be useful in many jobs.
10) learning ancient languages like Latin.
11) I think the most important are those which help them to find a job.
12) you can't get into university.
A) People who take risks
B) Dangerous sports can be very expensive
C) After bungee jumping a number of times
D) The Arctic trek was the most frightening experience in her life
13) often feel happy afterwards.
14) she wasn't frightened any more.
15) but it was also the most enjoyable.
16) no matter how thrilling it may be.
17) but many people want to try them.
18) took part in an expedition to the North Pole.
19) to become embarrassed while being asked to show it.
20) where you can spend your money.
21) they need when feeding or changing their babies.
22) asking to show your boarding pass when you pay.
23) to go through passport and security control.

6 ) one can visit when feeling hunger.

