

I. READING

On the evening of his 18th birthday, a teenager from a tiny village in northern Germany clicked 'send' on his computer. Within three hours, the postal service in Taiwan was in chaos, computers in hospitals and banks in Hong Kong had crashed, and trains in Australia and the USA had stopped.

In court a few months later, the teenager, Sven Jaschan, was charged with criminal damage. He was found guilty of putting the terrible 'Sasser' computer virus on the Internet and received a 21-month suspended sentence. He avoided prison because he was only eighteen when he committed the crime. The virus infected millions of computer systems across the world, and caused millions of dollars of damage.

Sven admitted his guilt to the detectives who came to his home that year. He had spent an enormous amount of time creating the Sasser virus on the computer in his bedroom. He often spent ten hours a day in front of his computer but his parents hadn't known what he was doing at the time.

When he released the virus on the Internet, he didn't realise it would cause so much damage. He was just delighted that it had worked. 'I felt as if I had written a first-class essay', said Sven. 'I told my classmates - they thought it was terrific.' But his feelings changed very quickly. He was terrified when he saw a TV news report about the virus and the damage it had caused.

Detectives arrested Sven after one of his classmates contacted Microsoft and told them about him. Microsoft had offered a \$250,000 reward for information about the virus. However, Sven's teachers were astonished that Sven had created the virus. They said that he wasn't a brilliant computer student. 'There are others in the class who are better than him,' one teacher said!

While he was waiting for his trial to start, Sven left school and started work. He now works for a computer company, making 'firewalls' - vital pieces of software that protect computers from viruses!

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1. The 'Sasser' virus spread

- ☒ A) all over the world. ☐ B) only around Germany.
☐ C) only to the USA. ☐ D) only to Asian countries.

2. How did Sven feel after he'd released the virus?

- ☐ A) At first he was frightened, then he was delighted.
☐ B) He was terrified because he was afraid of being punished.
☒ C) He was very happy.
☐ D) He was delighted that he'd caused a lot of damage.

3. The police caught Sven when

- ☐ A) the police offered a \$250,000 reward.
☒ B) one of his classmates told Microsoft about him.
☐ C) detectives came to his home to ask questions.
☐ D) he gave himself away.

4. Sven wasn't sent to prison because he

- ☐ A) wasn't found guilty.
☐ B) started working for a computer company.
☐ C) admitted his guilt.
☒ D) was too young.

5. Sven's teachers

- ☐ A) thought one of Sven's classmates had created the virus.
☐ B) said that he was a brilliant computer student.
☐ C) thought that he was clever enough to create the virus.
☒ D) were surprised because he wasn't the best student at ICT.

6. Sven lived in village when he was a teenager.

- ☒ A) a very small ☐ B) an enormous
☐ C) a very big ☐ D) a large

7. Choose the true sentence.

- ☐ A) Sven was imprisoned for nearly 2 years.
☐ B) Sven often spent ten hours a week in front of his computer.
☒ C) Sven works for a computer company as a security expert now.
☐ D) Sven created the virus to make his classmates be terrified.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: How are you getting on with your neighbours?

B:

- ☐ A) Nothing much. ☒ B) They could be nicer.
☐ C) That's a pity! ☐ D) I love it!

9. You can see this notice at the

Fines for the late return off all items will go up on 31 March

- ☐ A) dry cleaner's. ☒ B) library.
☐ C) travel agent's. ☐ D) post office.

10. A: How about going to the cinema tonight?

B:

- ☒ A) I'd rather watch some TV at home.
☐ B) Don't you like the cinema?
☐ C) If I were you, I'd go to the cinema.
☐ D) I reckon that you saw a film on TV.

11. A: Have you got any seats available?

B:

- ☐ A) They were 20 pounds each.
☐ B) Fifty dollars altogether.
☐ C) How much are they?
☒ D) The tickets are sold out.

12. A: Do you need help with the hoovering?

B:

- ☐ A) Mind the hoovering, please.
☒ B) No thanks, I can manage.
☐ C) I need them.
☐ D) I'll help you soon.

13. A: Are you kidding?

B:

- ☐ A) Look at these kids.
☒ B) No, I'm serious.
☐ C) Really, I've just changed my mind.
☐ D) No, they aren't my kids.

III. VOCABULARY

**14. down to the end of the website.
That's where the information is.**

- ☒ A) Scroll ☐ B) Click
☐ C) Press ☐ D) Delete

**15. I think you both owe me for your behaviour
at the wedding reception.**

- ☐ A) a discussion ☐ B) an argument
☒ C) an explanation ☐ D) a decision

16. Nowadays, all teenagers are computer

- ☐ A) skills. ☒ B) literate.
☐ C) fluently. ☐ D) affected.

**17. Turn on the TV. The broadcast of the
demonstration in London is being shown.**

- ☐ A) living ☐ B) life
☐ C) alive ☒ D) live

**18. Helen never lies about anything. She always tells
the truth. She is really**

- ☐ A) confident. ☐ B) immature.
☒ C) honest. ☐ D) unselfish.

**19. Thousands of people in India and Pakistan play
hockey on the It's one of the national
sports there.**

- ☒ A) pitch ☐ B) course
☐ C) rink ☐ D) court

**20. A is a person who is legally accepted as
a member of a particular country.**

- ☐ A) nation ☐ B) lawyer
☐ C) refugee ☒ D) citizen

IV. GRAMMAR

21. That's the room we are staying.

- ☐ A) which ☐ B) what
☐ C) whose ☒ D) —

**22. A: Do you enjoy going to football matches?
B: Yes, I like them**

- ☐ A) very. ☒ B) a lot.
☐ C) much. ☐ D) lots of.

**23. How long for your siblings before they
finally arrived?**

- ☐ A) have you been waiting
☐ B) were you waiting
☒ C) had you been waiting
☐ D) did you wait

**24. Ben his best friend but he quickly made
up with her.**

- ☒ A) fell out with ☐ B) got on with
☐ C) looked up to ☐ D) put up with

**25. If I (1) it was your birthday last week,
I (2) you a bunch of flowers.**

- ☐ A) (1) knew; (2) would buy
☐ B) (1) know; (2) might buy
☒ C) (1) had known; (2) could have bought
☐ D) (1) knew; (2) would have bought

**26. A pickpocket stole Martin's smartphone in a busy
shopping centre. Martin in a busy
shopping centre.**

- ☐ A) was stolen his smartphone
☐ B) had stolen his smartphone
☐ C) was his smartphone stolen
☒ D) had his smartphone stolen

**27. A: I'd rather stay at home tonight.
B:**

- ☐ A) So had I. ☒ B) So would I.
☐ C) Nor had I. ☐ D) Neither would I.

28. I had heavy luggage that I ordered a taxi.

- ☒ A) such ☐ B) so a
☐ C) such a ☐ D) so

**29. They ran the haunted castle as fast as
they could.**

- ☐ A) among ☐ B) between
☐ C) over beside ☒ D) out of

**30. By the time Tanya's parents came back home,
she the house.**

- ☐ A) had been tidying up ☐ B) was tidied up
☒ C) had tidied up ☐ D) tidied up