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INSTRUCTIONS

The test has three sections:

- Reading - 10 questions (10 points)
- Vocabulary - 30 questions (30 points)
- Grammar - 60 questions (60 points)

TOTAL: 100 questions (100 points)

- ♥ *The time allowed: 100 minutes*
- ♥ *Read the questions carefully*
- ♥ *Answer the questions on the Answer Sheet*
- ♥ *Do not write anything on the Test set*
- ♥ *For each question choose **only one** answer (the best alternative)*
- ♥ *Do the Answer Sheet as in the example below:*

Example: 1 We _____ a test now.

a) do b) have done c) are doing d) to do

1	a	b	c	d
2	a	b	c	d
3	a	b	c	d



GRAMMAR - Read the questions carefully and choose the correct answer.

1. I am cooking very well, ____?

- a) am I?
- b) amn't I?
- c) aren't I?
- d) are you?

2. I bought these checked pants. They are cheaper than the striped ____ But I wore them only ____.

- a) once / one's
- b) once / ones
- c) ones/once
- d) one's / once

3. The government accused him of ____ during the election.

- a) cheating and giving bribe
- b) cheating and giveing bribe
- c) cheated and given bribe
- d) cheat and give bribe

4. Which sentence is correct?

- a) The survivor were given food and water.
- b) Food and water were given the survivor.
- c) Food and water was given to the survivor.
- d) Food and water were given to the survivor.

5. Dad, I was wondering if ____ your car tonight.

- a) I can take
- b) I could take
- c) can I take
- d) could I take

6. ____ the terrible news, we realized these things could happen to anybody.

- a) Having hearing
- b) Having heard
- c) Have hearing
- d) Hearing

7. Rarely ____ to the cinema.

- a) I go
- b) I am going
- c) am I going
- d) do I go

8. My cousin suggested ____ a science-fiction film.

- a) to see
- b) seeing
- c) see
- d) to seeing

9. It all depends ____ your will and ____ you really want this.

- a) from / whether
- b) up / if
- c) on / if
- d) on / weather

10. You'll soon ____ glasses.

- a) get used to wear
- b) used to wear
- c) getting used to wear
- d) get used to wearing

11. The boys all went ____ in the Sierra Nevada Mountains last summer.

- a) to hike
- b) hike
- c) hiking
- d) hikeing

12. Sometimes all people have to force ____ to smile.

- a) theirselves
- b) themselves
- c) them
- d) themselves

13. Which sentence is correct?

- a) The more I eat, the fat I get
- b) The most I eat, the fatter I get
- c) The more I eat, the fatter I get
- d) The most I eat, the fat I get

14. One expression is correct:

- a) A two-litres bottle
- b) A police's car
- c) The sister of Emma
- d) A golf club

15. This footballer isn't very happy about ____ by German journalists.

- a) been interviewed
- b) be interviewed
- c) being interviewed
- d) interviewing



16. Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) It was reported that nobody was killed in the earthquake.
- b) The newspaper reporter said nobody had been killed in the earthquake.
- c) It was reported that nobody wasn't killed in the earthquake.
- d) The earthquake was reported to have killed nobody.

17. Don't panic! Maggie will ____ to him by the time you get here.

- a) have spoken
- b) had spoken
- c) has spoken
- d) speak

18. The children ran ____ down the street.

- a) noisily
- b) noisely
- c) noisy
- d) noise

19. Which sentence is incorrect:

- a) Sometimes being in love is like having an illness.
- b) Neither my brother nor my sister is married.
- c) Unfortunately, she's terrible at doing maths.
- d) Tom can't stand to watch football. He becomes too upset.

20. I can't tell ____.

- a) is she awake.
- b) whether she's awake
- c) if is she awake
- d) weather she is awake

21. Are there ____ biscuits left? We ate a lot yesterday.

- a) any
- b) some
- c) many
- d) much

22. Which sentence is incorrect?

- a) If you had told me about the problem earlier, everything would be all right now.
- b) If you told me about the problem earlier, everything would have been all right now.
- c) We wouldn't be lost if we had looked at the map.
- d) If the elephant wasn't in love with the mouse, she'd have trodden on him by now.

23. Nobody ____ phoned, ____?

- a) have / hasn't he?
- b) has / haven't he?
- c) has / have they?
- d) has / haven't they?

24. One sentence is correct:

- a) Very few bacteria is harmful.
- b) 42 km is too far for most people to run.
- c) Dominoes are my favourite game.
- d) The police is looking for the robbers.

25. Becoming an astronaut is so demanding that ____ people manage it.

- a) few
- b) little
- c) a few
- d) a little

26. Which sentence is incorrect:

- a) I wish to speak to the manager, please.
- b) I wish you lived close by.
- c) I wish you live close by.
- d) I wish that the train had been on time.

27. Nobody could understand ____.

- a) why did she marry him
- b) why she marry him
- c) why she marry to him
- d) why she had married him

28. There is a ____ rule on tabloid newspapers that the truth always takes the second place to a good story.

- a) wrote
- b) written
- c) writen
- d) writeing

29. I think you had better ____ . It might be dangerous.

- a) not to drive
- b) don't drive
- c) won't drive
- d) not drive

30. What did he do wrong?

- a) He oughtn't to connect these two wires.
- b) He shouldn't have connected these two wires.
- c) He shouldn't connected these two wires.
- d) He oughtn't to had connected these two wires.



31. The new rules ____ not been ____ yet.

- a) has / introduce
- b) have / introduced
- c) 've / introduce
- d) had / introduced

32. Which adjective order is correct?

- a) A nice small red Italian cotton football dress
- b) A small Italian nice cotton red football dress
- c) A red nice cotton small Italian football dress
- d) A cotton Italian small nice red football dress

33. It's ____ warm day.

- a) so
- b) a so
- c) a such
- d) such a

34. Did you enjoy ____?

- a) at the party
- b) a party
- c) in the party
- d) the party

35. ____ stole the painting must have been tall. ____ you say they won't believe you.

- a) Wherever/However
- b) Whatever/ Why ever
- c) Whoever/ Whatever
- d) Whoever/ Whenever

36. ____ of the two buses went where Jan wanted to go.

- a) None
- b) Neither
- c) Either
- d) All

37. I painted the wall ____ . It looks really ____.

- a) good / well
- b) goodly /well
- c) better / well
- d) well / good

38. I'd rather we ____ the meeting tomorrow.

- a) have
- b) had
- c) are having
- d) 'll have

39. Her family ____ for more than two hours when her plane finally arrives.

- a) will have been waiting
- b) 'll have waited
- c) will wait
- d) have been waiting

40. Which sentence means the same as this one:

You ought to change your shirt.

- a) You have to change your shirt.
- b) It's time you changed your shirt.
- c) You had to change your shirt.
- d) You must change your shirt.

41. Replace a clause of result with a past participle clause:

He was bored with his job so he decided to leave.

____ , he decided to leave.

- a) Boring with his job
- b) Bored with his job
- c) Bore with his job
- d) Boreing with his job

42. He wouldn't travel alone ____ he had permission from his parents.

- a) unless
- b) if not
- c) except
- d) but

43. A relative pronoun can be omitted in:

- a) This is Emma, who lives next door.
- b) She didn't reply to any of the letters which I sent her.
- c) We went to see a film called "Black Island" which was really good.
- d) Saturday is a day when we are together.

44. You look as if you ____ . Are you ill?

- a) are going to faint
- b) are fainting
- c) will faint
- d) faint

45. Which sentence does not show that someone else did something for us?

- a) I got my hair cut last week.
- b) John had had his house painted before he got married.
- c) I had the electrician look at my broken light.
- d) A journalist edited the article.



46. It was only four o'clock but everyone ___ the office.

- a) already left
- b) had already left
- c) has already left
- d) had been left

47. In general, The International School ___ lectures, but this year it has about 100 part-time students who ___ evening classes.

- a) gave/ took
- b) gives / take
- c) gives / are taking
- d) has given/ will take

48. Would you like to come for lunch on Saturday?

Unfortunately, I will ___ all day on Saturday.

- a) work
- b) have worked
- c) have been working
- d) be working

49. Tina: "When do you normally finish work?"

Tina asked me yesterday___.

- a) when did I normally finish work
- b) when I normally finished work
- c) when do I normally finish work
- d) when had I normally finished work

50. I am so angry. He ___ his keys!

- a) always forgets
- b) always forget
- c) is always forgetting
- d) is always forgeting

51. Richard: "I didn't see the film last night."

On Sunday, Richard said that___

- a) he didn't see the film last night.
- b) he hadn't seen the film last night
- c) he hadn't seen the film the night before
- d) he didn't see the film the previous day

52. You'd better put some boots on. It ___ all week and it's very muddy outside.

- a) 's rained
- b) 's been raining
- c) 'll rain
- d) 'd rained

53. The dolphins ___ being fed when we ___ to their pool.

- a) were / got
- b) are / get
- c) had been / had got
- d) were / had got

54. Human beings are characterised not only by their ___ but by their ___ to use technology.

The ___ how to use fire was one of the biggest ___

- a) intelligent/able/discover/invent
- b) intelligence/ ability / discover / invented
- c) intelligence/ able/ discovery / inventing
- d) intelligence/ ability / discovery / inventions

55. It's nice. It's ___ than our old house and one of ___ things is having our own garden.

- a) spacious/ biggest
- b) more spacious / better
- c) more spacious / the best
- d) spacious / bigger

56. Don't make the dog ___ tricks. He doesn't like it.

- a) does
- b) do
- c) doing
- d) to do

57. We were beginning to get fed up with our ___ loud music.

- a) neighbour's tenant of
- b) neighbour's tenant
- c) neighbour's tenant's
- d) tenant of neighbour's

58. I stopped ___ in fairy tales. But last night I heard some beautiful music coming out of a house so I stopped___ who was playing it.

- a) to believe / to see
- b) believing / seeing
- c) to believing / to see
- d) believing / to see

59. She ___ top of her class if she had worked true hard.

- a) was
- b) would be
- c) would have been
- d) were

60. If I ___ you , I ___ my job and travel all round the world.

- a) am / 'd leave
- b) was / 'd have left
- c) were / would leave
- d) am / 'll leave

This is the end of Grammar Section.

Now do the next section. ♥



VOCABULARY - Choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence (A, B, C, or D).

1. The ____ for this position starts at thirty thousand Euros per year.

- a) wage
- b) payment
- c) salary
- d) tip

2. When Gerald Ford became president of the U.S.A. he used his ____ to pardon his predecessor, Richard Nixon.

- a) influence
- b) prerogative
- c) authorities
- d) potency

3. His behaviour at the party was ____.

- a) contemptuous
- b) contemptible
- c) contemplating
- d) content

4. The situation in China at the moment is tense and ____.

- a) volatile
- b) voluble
- c) violence
- d) versatile

5. He apologised profusely, swearing never to do it again. But his wife refused to be _____. As far as she was concerned, he had done it once too often.

- a) persuaded
- b) forgiven
- c) consoled
- d) mollified

6. Most people agreed that the recent trial was a complete ____ of justice.

- a) satire
- b) corruption
- c) travesty
- d) abortion

7. The ____ between the rich and poor countries of the world is increasing daily.

- a) distance
- b) opening
- c) space
- d) gap

8. The bank manager had been ____ large amounts of the bank's money to finance his jet-set way of life.

- a) embezzling
- b) robbing
- c) forging
- d) cheating

9. The inside of an apple is called the ____.

- a) pip
- b) core
- c) stone
- d) peel

10. The position of monarch is not something that is chosen by the people. It is ____.

- a) inherit
- b) generated
- c) hereditary
- d) descended

11. The figures presented by Hall are ____ in that they can be interpreted in several different ways.

- a) ambivalent
- b) ambiguous
- c) ambidextrous
- d) arbitrary

12. Have you seen a mug anywhere, Roy? We seem to be one ____.

- a) missed
- b) less
- c) under
- d) short

13. My parents were always making ____.

- a) fuss
- b) quarrels
- c) scenes
- d) arguments

14. The mourners ____ past the coffin.

- a) sauntered
- b) filed
- c) stamped
- d) fled

15. I hadn't slept all night so I was in a ____ all day.

- a) mist
- b) haze
- c) cloud
- d) storm



16. The roads were ____ with holiday makers heading for the beaches.

- a) cramped
- b) sustained
- c) congested
- d) compact

17. ____ drinking can cause health problems.

- a) Crammed
- b) Extensive
- c) Digestive
- d) Excessive

18. I couldn't eat the egg as the yolk was too ____.

- a) fluid
- b) runny
- c) thin
- d) watery

19. Politicians love to get the chance to ____ their views in public.

- a) issue
- b) provide
- c) air
- d) make

20. A politician who uses power for evil purposes can be said to ____ power.

- a) oppose
- b) accede
- c) usurp
- d) abuse

21. Traffic has been ____ steadily all day.

- a) flowing
- b) pouring
- c) spilling
- d) strolling

22. The region ____ some of the best ancient sites in the country.

- a) boasts
- b) seeks
- c) shows
- d) creates

23. Journalists have to ____ news agencies for interesting stories for their papers.

- a) monitor
- b) observe
- c) look
- d) notice

24. I always have a dessert. I have quite a sweet ____.

- a) tongue
- b) taste
- c) tooth
- d) palate

25. A rather positive word for someone who is knowledgeable about computers is a ____.

- a) technological
- b) techie
- c) technique
- d) technical

26. The heir to the throne is the first in line of ____.

- a) success
- b) succession
- c) successful
- d) succeeding

27. A row has ____ up between the union and the employers.

- a) burst
- b) split
- c) blown
- d) burned

28. English has many words which come from the ____ languages.

- a) classic
- b) classy
- c) classification
- d) classical

29. Sometimes politicians produce statistics which ____ the real situation.

- a) distort
- b) deviate
- c) denote
- d) discredit

30. Celebrities often do not write their autobiographies but have ____ writers to do it for them.

- a) spirit
- b) phantom
- c) mystery
- d) ghost

This is the end of Vocabulary Section.

Now do the next section. ♥

**READING - Read the text below and choose the correct alternative A, B, C, or D.***My music collection.*

My girlfriend tells me that I have far too much music and that I urgently need to dispose of some of it. CDs and records have lined the walls of my apartment and filled the attic for years. The problem is so serious that my partner despairs of our abode ever being fit for human habitation. I finally decided to do something about it when I realised I couldn't name a tune that was playing non-stop in my head even though I was convinced it was somewhere in my collection. I searched frantically through my alphabetically arranged records and CDs until it dawned on me that I had no real idea of what I was searching for.

Like most youngsters, my early LPs and singles were purchased for me without any regard for my taste. This became a source of potentially huge embarrassment when secondary school started. Offloading them was far from simple. **(A)** The people in the second-hand shop turned their noses up at my offer to part with them for cash, and my youngest brother was unmoved at the prospect of having them as a donation. Release came in the form of incineration. This was merciful, as my mother would have been hurt if she had seen them in the garbage.

At secondary school, I soon became addicted to buying records. The money my folks gave me allowed only an occasional acquisition and the majority of my vinyl purchases were funded by what should have gone on lunch. **(B)** My uncle and aunt would slip me enough for a single every now and again but I always wanted more. My best mate had a weekend job down the market to keep him in music. His boss gave me a job too, though Dad denied me the opportunity of taking up the offer, believing it would have an adverse effect on my grades, although he didn't mind me washing up or cleaning the car.

Although many of these early records aren't worth the plastic they're made of, many are now collectors' items and can fetch respectable sums at auction. I have a priceless mispress of an old punk classic, and several extremely rare tinted vinyl editions. My prized possession is a special edition picture cover produced by a renowned designer of the time. My copy of a particular album autographed by the now deceased bassist is worth a small fortune too. Nevertheless, I've so far resisted all temptations to cash in on my collection.

The advent of CDs presented me with something of a conundrum. Replacing my existing collection would have involved great expense, so I ditched that idea. **(C)** Thus, I relented. Of course, I'm still tremendously fond of vinyl. The sound is unique and many old records are practically *objets d'art* in their own right.

I've never really been into downloads. I'm particularly suspicious of a lot of free music on the net, as it must be legally dubious. As I've already mentioned, I've always had a thing for records as objects, and to a certain extent CDs too, and a lot of people assume my aversion to downloading music is based on this. **(D)** The reality is far more prosaic, as I'm a tad technologically illiterate in this area. My girlfriend is also paranoid about security when it comes to online purchases. However, things are changing all the time. Maybe I'll have to change my habits.



1) Why is the author reducing the size of his music collection?

- a) He can never find anything because it's disorganised.
- b) His partner gets very irritated by the size of it.
- c) His home has become a mess because of it.
- d) He can't remember all the things that it contains.

2) The author's girlfriend believes ____.

- a) Records are an integral part of their life together
- b) They should keep collecting records
- c) Their apartment will never be good enough to live in
- d) Their apartment is large enough for the collection

3) The author's first records ____ .

- a) were very important for the development of his love of music
- b) were bought for him with careful consideration of what he liked
- c) were given to him without asking him whether he liked them
- d) were given to him because he said he liked them

4) The author managed to get rid of his first records by ____.

- a) giving them to a sibling
- b) burning them
- c) selling them
- d) throwing them away

5) At secondary school, where did the author get most of his money for records from?

- a) His meal allowance.
- b) Odd jobs.
- c) His pocket money.
- d) Relatives.

6) The author's most valuable record ____.

- a) was made using decoratively coloured plastic.
- b) has a cover with artwork by a famous painter.
- c) contains an error in the manufacturing process.
- d) is signed by a band member who is now dead.

7) Which word is the best to replace the word conundrum in the text:

- a) puzzle
- b) bewilderment
- c) surprise
- d) trick

8) What's the author's opinion about CDs?

- a) They're more pricey than records.
- b) Their size makes them convenient.
- c) The sound quality is not so good.
- d) They are not very attractive as objects.

9) Put the following sentence in the correct place in the text.

However, the new format offered the possibility of reduced storage space, and you have to move with the times.

- a) (A)
- b) (B)
- c) (C)
- d) (D)

10) The author doesn't download music because he's ____.

- a) keen on having something tangible.
- b) unsure about how to go about it.
- c) concerned about the legality of the practice.
- d) worried about making payments via the internet.

This is the end of the Test.

Best of luck! ♥