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SECTION A: GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Choose the best word/phrase to complete each sentence of the meaning of the underlined word.

1. The scared rock climber balanced **PRECARIOUSLY** on the edge of the cliff.

- a. gracefully
- b. lazily
- c. dangerously
- d. hopefully

2. Find the antonym of 'POMPOUS.'

- a. uppity
- b. humble
- c. plain
- d. grandiose

3. I asked her what her problem was but she quiet.

- a. kept
- b. keep
- c. saved
- d. made

4. In the question below, there is a sentence with jumbled up parts. Rearrange these parts, which are labelled A, B, C and D to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.

A. I wanted to tell her

B. not to talk to him

C. not listen to me.

D. but she would

- a. abcd
- b. abdc
- c. adbc
- d. bcad

5. One who is new to a profession

- a. Novice
- b. Colleagues
- c. Worker
- d. Recluse

6. "Tomorrow's game has been called ___ because of bad weather."

- a. in
- b. down
- c. off
- d. on

7. Can I count _____ your help?

- a. with
- b. in
- c. on
- d. for

8. Look _____ the window - there's a rainbow!

- a. threw
- b. through
- c. to
- d. two

9. Choose the meaning of 'at one's fingertips':

- a. touch one's fingertip
- b. use the fingers to touch something
- c. Complete knowledge
- d. None of above

10. Choose the pair of words that best express a relationship similar to that of the original pair.

IGNITE: EXTINGUISH

- a. Plant: Harvest
- b. rest : relax
- c. investigate : trust
- d. remove : confiscate

11. This examination is _____ than the other examination.

- a. more easy
- b. difficult
- c. more difficult
- d. more easier

12. Life _____ different in a hundred years' time, won't it?

- a. will not be
- b. would be
- c. will not
- d. will be

13. There _____ lots of hidden feelings and emotions behind every faces.

- a. was
- b. have being
- c. are
- d. were be

14. Fill in the blanks with suitable active verb forms.

This house _____ in 1970 by my grandfather.

- a. built
- b. was built
- c. was build
- d. has built

15. Which adverb would you use to complete the sentence?

The rain fell _____ against the window pane.

- a. awkwardly
- b. wickedly
- c. smugly
- d. heavily

16. Choose the correct sentence.

- a. The cheetahs can run very fast.
- b. We are going to Paris by the train.
- c. This is my friend, The David.
- d. Have you met the Browns yet?

17. Which is indefinite pronoun in sentence "I saw someone running in street."

- a. I
- b. in
- c. someone
- d. saw

18. A burnt child _____ fire.

- a. fears
- b. hates
- c. dreads
- d. stops

19. Choose the word that is spelled correctly and best completes the sentence.

The lake _____ in northern Jammu was breathtaking.

- a. seenery
- b. senery
- c. scenery
- d. scenry

20. All pilots _____ speak English so that other pilots and air controllers _____ them.

- a. Have to/understand
- b. Had to/will understand
- c. Have to/ would understand
- d. Will have to/understand

SECTION B - READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions(21 – 25) that follow.

Charlie Stowe waited until he heard his mother snore before he got out of bed. Even then he moved with caution and tiptoed to the window. The front of the house was irregular, so that it was possible to see a light burning in his mother's room. But now all the windows were dark. Charlie Stowe was frightened.

But the thought of the tobacconist's shop which his father kept down a dozen wooden stairs drew him on. He was twelve deep below, and the little shop lay under a thin layer of stale smoke which would completely cover up his crime. That

it was a crime to steal some of his father's stock Charlie Stowe had no doubt, but he did not love his father; his father was unreal to him, a shadowy figure, pale, thin, indefinite, who noticed him only occasionally and left even punishment to his mother. For his mother he left a strong love, from her speech he judged her the friend of everyone. But his father's affection and dislike were as indefinite as his movements. Tonight he had said he would be in Norwich, and yet you never knew. Charlie Stowe had no sense of safety as he crept down the wooden stairs.

At the bottom of the stairs he came out quite suddenly into a little shop. It was too dark to see his way, and he did not dare touch the switch. For half a minute he sat in despair on the bottom step with his chin in his hands. Then the regular movement of the searchlight was reflected through an upper window and the boy had time to fix in memory the pile of cigarettes, the counter, and the small hole under it. The footsteps of a policeman on the pavement made him grab the first packet to his hand and dive for the hole. A light shoe along the floor and a hand tried the door, then the footsteps passed, and Charlie hid in the darkness.

At last he got the courage back by telling himself in his strangely adult way that if he were caught now there was nothing to be done about it, and he might as well have his smoke. He put a cigarette in his mouth and then remembered that he had no matches.

21. How could Charlie see that his mother's window was dark?

- a. He was standing on tiptoe.
- b. He had moved to the front of the house.
- c. He had gone downstairs to see.
- d. He could see her window from his room.

22. Charlie was frightened because

- a. he was going to steal a cigarette.
- b. the boys at school might laugh at him.
- c. he had never smoked a cigarette before.
- d. his father was waiting downstairs.

23. How did Charlie feel about his father?

- a. He liked him very much.
- b. He thought he was unpredictable.
- c. He was jealous of him.
- d. He felt safe with him.

24. As soon as he went into the shop Charlie

- a. switched the light on.
- b. felt safer.
- c. sat down on the stairs.
- d. could see the cigarettes.

25. What did Charlie do when he heard the policeman?

- a. He hid under the counter.
- b. He tried to get out of the door.
- c. He ran back upstairs.
- d. He put the cigarettes down.

Read the passage and answer the questions (26 – 30) that follow.

Ted Robinson has been worried all the week. Last Tuesday he received a letter from the local police. In the letter he was asked to call at the station. Ted wondered why he was wanted by the police, but he went to the station yesterday and now he is not worried any more. At the station he was told by a smiling policeman that his bicycle had been found. Five days ago, the policeman told him, the bicycle was picked up in a small village four hundred miles away. It is now being sent to his home by train. Ted was most surprised when he heard the news. He was amused too, because he never expected the bicycle to be found. It was stolen twenty years ago when Ted was a boy of fifteen.

26. Ted was worried because

- a. He received a letter.
- b. He went to police station yesterday.
- c. The police would catch him.
- d. He didn't know why the police wanted him.

27. The police who talked to Ted was

- a. Pleasant
- b. Worried
- c. Surprised
- d. Small

28. Why was Ted very surprised when he heard the news?

- a. Because his bicycle was stolen 20 years ago.
- b. Because his bicycle was found when he was a boy of fifteen.
- c. Because he thought he would never find the bicycle
- d. Because the bicycle was sent to him by train.

29. When was Ted's bicycle lost?

- a. Last Tuesday
- b. Five days ago
- c. Twenty years ago
- d. Yesterday

30. Which of the following statements is not true?

- a. The police asked Ted to go to their station.
- b. The policeman told Ted the good news five days ago.
- c. Ted is no longer anxious.
- d. Ted is 35 years old now.
- e.

31. Read the advertisement.

WANT TO BE PART OF THE IN CROWD?
Buy Our Newest Mixed CD: DANCE
PARTY EXPLOSION.
It Rocks!

Who is the most likely audience for this advertisement?

- a. teenagers
- b. store managers
- c. grandparents
- d. people with pets

32. Read the advertisement.

You shouldn't have to sweat to get a clean bathtub. With Fabulous Foaming Tub Cleaner, let our foam do the work. No scrubbing is necessary, just spray on and rinse off. Your relaxation is guaranteed!

What does the advertisement claim about their product?

- a. it's fun to use
- b. using the product eliminates stress
- c. it's safe to use while exercising
- d. it cleans without having to scrub

33. Read the advertisement.

The holidays are approaching, so it's time to visit "Wood, Wood, Wood!" in our location on Main Street. We have wooden furniture, wooden utensils, and wooden plates. We carry frames, doors, and curtain rods. If you like wood, you'll like us! "Wood" you please stop by and give us a try?

Which of the following is not implied by the advertisement?

- a. The store sells wooden tables.
- b. Some doors are made of wood.
- c. The store sells many wooden items
- d. The store is on Main Street.

34. Directions for washing the dishes.

- A. Dry the dishes off and put them away.**
- B. Put the dirty dishes in the water and scrub them clean.**
- C. Fill the sink with warm water and soap.**
- D. Rinse the dishes with clean water.**

What is the correct order the sentences above?

- a. A, B, C, D
- b. C, A, B, D
- c. C, B, D, A
- d. B, C, A, D

35. Read the passage and answer the question.

Amy opened the door to the bathroom. “What is that dripping sound? Why is the carpet wet and squishy all around the bathtub? The rest of the carpet is dry. Oh no!”

What is the problem?

- a. There is no soap in the bathroom.
- b. The bathtub is overflowing.
- c. The television set is broken.
- d. The stove was left turned on.

SECTION C - SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

36. Microscopes make small things appear larger than _____.

- a. really are
- b. are really
- c. are they really
- d. they really are

37. In this question, the sentence has four underlined words or phrases. Choose one word or phrase which is incorrect and must be changed to make the sentence correct.

The legendary Robin Hood used to steal from the rich people to give to all poor.

- a. The
- b. all poor
- c. to
- d. used

38. This is an incomplete sentence. Beneath the sentence are four words or phrases marked (A), (B), (C), and (D). Choose one word or phrase which best completes the sentence.

Not only did many people volunteer to bring food for the picnic . . .

- a. but also drinks and games
- b. many people did not offer to bring drinks and games
- c. many people offered to bring drinks and games
- d. they brought food

39. Read the following sentences and fill in the blanks from the options given below:

Sam: What did your Mom say? Can we go?

Tom: _____

- a. Mom said that I am a great cyclist.
- b. Mom said that we can go, but will have to come early
- c. His mother is very strict, she will not allow.
- d. My mom is not well.

40. Aluminum, _____, ductile metal, is the most abundant metal in the earth's crust.

- a. a silver
- b. that is a silversmith
- c. a silvery
- d. that is silver

41. Among the many unusual creatures of the high Nepalese forests _____ with genetic ties

hearkening back to the time of mammoths.

- a. a breed is of unusual elephants
- b. is an unusual breed of elephants
- c. an unusual breed is of elephants
- d. elephants are an unusual breed

42. Though renowned for his work with the deaf, Alexander Graham Bell is best remembered for his invention of the telephone, _____.

- a. that it was an invention of ingenuity and impact
- b. it was an invention of ingenuity and impact
- c. an invention of ingenuity and impact
- d. invention ingeniously and impaction

43. Choose the correct expression that says somebody is correct.

- a. I'm not sure about that!
- b. You could be right, but...
- c. You've hit the nail on the head.
- d. That's not how I see it.

44. Everybody makes mistakes sometimes. When it happens we need a phrase to tell the other person how really sorry we are and stop them getting really angry. Choose the right one.

- a. How thoughtless of me.
- b. Can you tell me...?
- c. I'd like to know...
- d. I don't suppose you (would) know...?

45. Choose the right phrase for encouraging someone.

- a. I was so looking forward to..
- b. If at first you don't succeed...
- c. What a bummer!
- d. We had high hopes for...

SECTION D – HIGHER ORDER THINKING

46. You will read a sentence- American English and British English. Choose one to answer.

I love to eat cookies.

- a. American English
- b. British English

47. Find which one of the four words does not belong to.

- a. Compete
- b. Design
- c. Compile
- d. Campus

48. Find the same meaning sentence:

Unless he phones her immediately, he won't get any information.

If _____ .

- a. he doesn't phone her immediately, he will get any information.
- b. he phones her immediately, he won't get any information.
- c. he doesn't phone her immediately, he gets any information.
- d. he doesn't phone her immediately, he won't get any information.

**49. "It's a pity, the lake wasn't frozen yesterday."
"Yes, it is. If it _____ frozen, we could have gone skating."**

- a. Had been
- b. would be
- c. was
- d. would have been

50. Read the paragraph.

You don't need to shop around. Furniture Village has the best-priced leather furniture in town. They deliver seven days a week and there are no extra charges.

What information is missing from this paragraph that you would need to determine its accuracy?

- a. the prices from other furniture stores
- b. the names of the furniture
- c. the colours and styles of the furniture
- d. where the store is located