

PART A: PHONETICS

I. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

1. A. flooded B. planted C. booked D. needed

2. A. attend B. access C. media D. invent

3. A. ancient B. basic C. campus D. agent

II. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

4. A. challenge B. ethnic C. explore D. orphan

5. A. establish B. recognize C. survival D. dependent

PART B: VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

III. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

6. She is very passionate _____ helping children in need.

A. with B. on C. about D. in

7. The CEO made a _____ decision to invest in new technology.

- A. risky B. lazy C. careless D. slow

8. The new policy was _____ enforced to ensure all employees follow the rules.

- A. slowly B. rarely C. strictly D. softly

9. She has a strong _____ in graphic design and has worked with many famous brands.

- A. background B. confidence C. behavior D. impression

10. The government has decided to _____ new laws to protect the environment.

- A. give B. make C. take D. implement

IV. Supply the correct form of the words in capital.

11. Over the years, she has amassed an extensive _____ of antique books. (**COLLECT**)

12. His _____ for learning about history led him to read numerous books on the subject. (**ENTHUSE**)

13. Laura prepared for her exam _____, so she passed it. (**CARE**)

14. People are now interested in saving money and _____ resources. (**NATURE**)

15. She wants to go through cosmetic surgeries to _____ herself. (**BEAUTY**)

V. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

16. My morning routine is to get up, have breakfast, then leave home _____ 7.30.

- A. at B. on C. in D. of

17. She couldn't finish her assignment on time _____ her computer crashed.

- A. but B. because C. so D. though

18. Mrs. White never goes to work by bus, _____?

- A. doesn't he B. does he C. doesn't she D. does she

19. She asked her husband _____ up some groceries on his way home.

- A. to picking B. to pick C. pick D. picking

20. They are _____ of watching documentaries to expand their knowledge.

- A. keen B. excited C. fond D. interested

21. The enthusiasm and compassion shown by the volunteers made a deep _____ on the local community.

- A. impression B. expression C. happiness D. kindness

22. Visiting the old quarters in Hanoi is my _____ experience during my stay here.

A. believable B. typical C. forgettable D. memorable

23. She left the room without saying _____.

A. everything B. something C. anything D. nothing

24. Loren said she had launched the campaign since _____.

A. yesterday B. two days ago C. the day before D. the next day

25. She completed the project _____, impressing her manager with her efficiency.

A. quickly B. lazily C. carelessly D. slowly

PART C. READING

VI. Read the following passage and choose the most suitable from the ones given on the box to fill in each gap.

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The Importance of Reading Books

Reading books is an activity that people of all ages should develop. It helps to improve knowledge, expand imagination, and enhance critical thinking skills. A person who reads (26) _____ can gain a better understanding of the world and different cultures.

Books come in various genres, including fiction, non-fiction, history, and science. Each book provides valuable (27) _____ that can inspire and educate readers. Many successful individuals believe that reading is a key habit that leads to success.

To develop a reading habit, one should (28) _____ at least a few pages every day. It is essential to

choose books that match one's interests and learning goals. Reading (29) _____ a quiet place helps with concentration and comprehension.

Although digital technology offers many alternatives, printed books remain (30) _____ because they provide a unique reading experience. Whether reading for pleasure or education, books will always be a powerful source of knowledge.

VII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Many people seem to think that the Artificial Intelligence only exists on the digital cloud. (31) _____, the AI and other digital medias take up huge amounts of space known as data centers. It is estimated that approximately 7,000 data center have been built or are in (32) _____ all around the world. These centers require much more energy than the average factory. Researchers have found that one ChatGPT request is equivalent to (33) _____ a light bulb for 15 minutes, or talking on the phone for an hour. This much energy requires data servers to run hotter (34) _____ creates negative effects to the surrounding environment. Even Microsoft has expressed worries that their quest for AI may (35) _____ their plan to go carbon negative by 2030.

31. A. In reality B. In hindsight C. In case D. In retrospect

32. A. reduction B. enforcement C. development D. production

33. A. powered B. powering C. powers D. power

34. A. when B. what C. who D. which

35. A. reduce B. restrict C. hinder D. loosen

VIII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

One of the most urgent environmental problems in the world today is the shortage of clean water. Having clean drinking water is a basic human right. However, acid rain, industrial pollution and garbage have made many sources of water undrinkable. Lakes, reservoirs and even entire seas have become vast

pools of poison. Lake Baikal in Russia is one of the largest lakes in the world. It contains a rich variety of animals and plants, including 1,300 rare species that do not exist anywhere else in the world. Yet, they are being destroyed by the massive volumes of industrial effluent which pour into the lake every day. Even though laws have been made, the government does not have the power to enforce **them**. Most industries simply ignore the regulations. The Mediterranean Sea occupies 1% of the world's water surface, but it is the dumping ground for 50% of all marine pollution. Almost 16 countries regularly throw industrial wastes a few miles off shore.

Water is free to everyone. A few years ago, people thought that the supply of clean water in the world was limitless. Today, many water supplies have been ruined by pollution and **sewage**. Clean water is now scarce, and we are at last beginning to respect this precious source. We should do something now.

36. According to the writer, one environmental problem in the world today is _____.

- A. safe water shortage
- B. pools of poison
- C. industrial pollution
- D. population explosion

37. What is the serious problem of Lake Baikal in Russia?

- A. It has 1,300 rare species that do not exist anywhere else in the world.
- B. It is one of the largest lakes that contain a variety of animals and plants.
- C. It is polluted by massive volumes of industrial wastes discharged into it.
- D. It is the only lake in Russia whose source of water is not drinkable.

38. What does the word "**them**" in the passage refer to?

- A. laws
- B. the government
- C. animals
- D. plants

39. What is the message to the readers?

A. We should take action to protect our water sources.

B. We should take all water sources into account.

C. We should limit the use of water sources.

D. We should encourage people to use safe water.

40. The word "sewage" is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. waste

B. plastic

C. treatment

D. poison

PART E: WRITING

IX. Rewrite each of the following sentences beginning as shown, so that the meaning stay the same.

41. If Jack doesn't change his working style, he will get the sack sooner or later.

→ Unless

42. Please don't play your music so loudly.

→ Would you mind

43. Let's go camping tomorrow.

→ Why don't

44. Children shouldn't swim in this pool because it is too deep.

→ This pool is not

45. They often went to school by bike when they were young.

→ They used

X. Rewrite each of the following sentences using given words so that it keeps the same meaning. Do not change the form of the words given.

46. Some chimpanzees use sign language to talk to people. (**COMMUNICATE**)

→ Some chimpanzees

47. It took me half an hour to write that letter. (**SPENT**)

→ I

48. He hasn't gone to school for so many days. (**ABSENT**)

→ He

49. Peter has never heard such a ridiculous story. (**MOST**)

→ This is

50. Our two little daughters have a good relationship with each other. **(GET)**

→ Our two little daughter