

PART 7: LEXCICO – IDIOMS – PHRASAL VERB

PRACTICE TEST 1

1. She _____ agreed to go with him to the football match although she had no interest in the game at all.

- A. apologetically **B. grudgingly** C. shamefacedly D. discreetly kín đáo

grudgingly agree: miễn cưỡng đồng ý

2. On the way to Cambridge yesterday, the road was blocked by a fallen tree, so we had to make a _____

- A. deviation lệch lạc B. digression tiêu hóa **C. detour** D. departure

make a detour: đi đường vòng

3. Tom's normally very efficient but he's been making a lot of mistakes _____

- A. of late** B. for now C. in a while D. shortly

of late: gần đây

4. I know it's difficult but you'll just have to _____ and bear it.

- A. laugh B. smile **C. grin** D. chuckle

grin and bear: chịu đựng

5. I didn't want to make a decision _____, so I said I'd like to think about it.

- A. in one go **B. there and then** C. at a stroke D. on and off

there and then: ngay lập tức=immediately =at once

6. We are not in a _____ hurry so let's have another coffee.

- A. dashing B. racing C. rushing **D. tearing**

in a tearing hurry: vội

7. She's a bit down in the _____ at the moment – her husband has just lost his job.

- A. world **B. dumps** C. heart D. bottom

down in the dumps: buồn chán

8. "How did you know that he was lying?" – "It was just a _____ feeling."

- A. faint **B. gut** C. slight D. vain

be scared stiff: rất sợ

17. The whereabouts of the **exiled** president remains a _____ guarded secret. Lưu đây

- A. highly B. closely C. deeply D. entirely

a closely guarded secret: bí mật được giữ kín

18. We should all _____ when advertisers attempt to use unfair practices.

- A. **make a stand** B. make a comeback
C. make amends D. make a deal

make a stand: đáp trả

19. The company cannot accept _____ for injuries resulting from improper use of rental equipment

- A. validity hiệu lực B. **liability** C. compensation D. **privilege**

liability: trách nhiệm pháp lý; tiền nợ, khoản phải trả

20. Jack never cheats or tricks anybody when he plays. He always goes by the _____

- A. **book** B. instructions C. principles D. method

go by the book: làm đúng qui tắc

21. Recent defeats have _____ his confidence in himself as a player

- A. **undermined** B. disable vô hiệu hóa C. impeded cản trở= D. hampered

undermine the confidence: làm giảm sự tự tin

22. People turned out in _____ to watch the parade on the Independence Day.

- A. volume B. mass C. **force** D. bulk

in force: nhiều, với số lượng lớn

23. Not being able to find my phone number is a pretty _____ excuse for not contacting me.

- A. fragile mong manh B. frail yếu đuối C. faint D. **feeble**

a feeble excuse: lí do không chính đáng

24. We were under no _____ about how difficult it would be to achieve our aims.

- A. fantasies B. daydreams C. **illusions** D. deceptions

under no illusions: không ảo tưởng

25. The pollution problems in the town have been _____ by mass tourism in the summer months.

- A. **exacerbated** B. developed C. augmented tăng cường D. contributed

exacerbate: làm trầm trọng thêm 1 **Hết**

26. I'm in a bit of a _____ as to what to wear to the wedding.

- A. loss B. **quandary** C. problem D. bewilderment

in a quandary: trong tình thế khó xử

27. The problem _____ because neither side was prepared to compromise.

- A. amassed B. **escalated** C. proliferated D. enhanced

the problem escalates: vấn đề trở nên nghiêm trọng hơn

28. The Red Cross is _____ an international aid organization.

- A. intriguingly âm mưu B. intrusively xâm nhập C. **intrinsically** D. intrepidly gan dạ

intrinsically: thực chất

29. I couldn't stop myself from _____ with boredom during the lecture.

- A. **sighing** B. gasping C. panting D. blowing

sigh: thở dài

30. My brother found it impossible to _____ his anger and started shouting.

- A. restrict B. inhibit C. reserve D. **contain**

contain his anger: kiềm chế sự giận dữ

31. Fitting together the thousands of fragments of the broken vase was a long and _____ task.

- A. minute B. careful C. **painstaking** D. minuscule

painstaking: cực nhọc

32. You'll just have to _____ yourself to the fact that you can't always have what you want.

- A. acknowledge B. **reconcile** C. concede D. allow

reconcile oneself to sth: chấp nhận

33. The students had no money left and took out a loan to _____ him over until the end of term.

A. last B. tend C. keep **D. tide**

tide sth over: giúp ai vượt qua khó khăn

34. Money was short and people survived by _____ and saving.

A. scrimping B. scavenging C. scouring D. scrounging

scrimp and save: tiết kiệm

35. Jane was terribly nervous before the interview but she managed to pull herself _____ and act confidently.

A. through B. over **C. together** D. off

pull oneself together: giữ bình tĩnh

36. This is the _____ timetable for the conference. It may change later

A. conditional B. indefinite **C. provisional** D. indeterminate

provisional: tạm thời

37. She didn't show even a _____ of emotion when the court found her guilty.

A. gleam B. wink **C. flicker** D. flash

a flicker of emotion: cảm giác thoáng qua

38. Few people can do creative work unless they are in the right _____ of mind.

A. trend **B. frame** C. attitude D. tendency

in the right frame of mind: đúng tâm trạng

39. It was decided that the cost of the project would be _____ and so it was abandoned.

A. repressive kìm nén **B. prohibitive** C. restrictive D. exclusive

prohibitive: expensive

40. I didn't really feel like memorizing all these definitions. It was only the risk of getting another bad mark that made me _____ myself.

A. exert B. absorb C. endeavour D. deploy

exert oneself: nỗ lực

41. In times of _____, unemployment figures usually rise dramatically.

A austerity B severity mức độ nghiêm trọng C sobriety tỉnh táo D. gravity

times of austerity : giai đoạn khó khăn, suy thoái

42. The delight in treasure finding doesn't always _____ acquiring tremendous to lớn phi thường amounts of valuables.

- A. dwell on B. poke around C. lay about **D. hinge upon**

hinge upon: xoay quanh

43. Let's _____ the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant .

- A. miss **B. abandon** C. depart D. disappear

abandon: bỏ

44. She used the map to discover where she was in _____ to her surroundings.

- A. connection B. affinity **C. relation** D. reference

in relation: liên quan đến

45. He let it _____ that the Prime Minister was a close friend of his.

- A. announce B. talk **C. drop** D. infer

let sth drop: say more about sth

46. It was a fantastic film. I enjoyed it _____

- A. endlessly B. unendingly C. without end **D. no end**

no end: very much

47. When the children _____ their toys, I donated them to charity.

- A. outlasted B. outdated **C. outgrew** D. outwore

outgrow: stop doing sth or lose interest in sth as you become older

48. I was in the _____ of despair before I heard the good news.

- A. depths** B. profundities C. bottoms D. holes

in the depths of despair: tuyệt vọng

49. When are we going to get rid of all these empty cartons? They've been _____ up the office for weeks now.

- A. buttering B. clutching **C. cluttering** D. botching

clutter up: làm bừa bộn

50. The luxurious office accentuated the manager's position _____. It enhanced his power and his sense of his own worth. And it made other people feel small.

A. on the pecking pole

B. in the nibbling line

C. at the nipping post

D. in the pecking order

the pecking order: Tôn ty, trật tự

51. The architect has designed a building of immaculate _trọng vẹn_ _____ in everything. Every detail is matched on each side.

A evenness

B contrast

C symmetry

D contradiction

symmetry: sự cân đối, đối xứng

52. The vegetation on the island was _____

A. exuberant B. chivalrous hào hiệp

C. overcast u ám D. ingenious khéo léo

exuberant: xum xuê

53. We had been looking for the nest for hours before we _____ lucky.

A. hit

B. made

C. struck

D. came

strike lucky: gặp may

54. We don't have a secretary _____, but we do have a student who comes in to do a bit of filing.

A. as such

B. the least bit

C. whatsoever D. little more

as such: ☺

55. Despite _____ appearances, he wasn't as crazy as people thought.

A. inward

B. outward

C. external

D. strange

outward: kì lạ

56. I really need some vacations now so that when I come back I can _____ in the operating theatre.

A. thrive

B. grow

C. proliferate D. spread

thrive: phát triển, thịnh vượng

57. The first _____ of the ladder is important in your career.

A. step

B. grade

C. push

D. rung

the first rung of the ladder: nấc thang đầu tiên trong sự nghiệp

58. After hours and hours trying to solve the problem, I was at my _____ end.

- A. nerves' **B. wits'** C. humours' D. tethers'

at my wits' end: không nghĩ ra được giải pháp

59. Her punky hairstyle showed she was not one for following the _____.

- A. flock **B. herd** C. swarm D. group

follow the herd: theo trào lưu

60. There wasn't a _____ of truth in what he said.

- A. ray B. lump **C. grain** D. pinch

a grain of truth: 1 tí sự thật

61. Ask David to give you a hand moving the furniture. He's strong as _____.

- A. an elephant B. a mountain C. a gorilla **D. a horse**

strong as a horse: rất khỏe

62. He didn't have a _____ of evidence to support his claims.

- A. sign **B. scrap** C. sense D. state

a scrap of evidence: một bằng chứng nào

63. It's the _____ of stupidity to go walking in the mountains in this weather.

- A. height** B. depth C. source D. matter

the height of stupidity: rất dại

64. I know you're upset about breaking up with Tom, but there are plenty more _____.

- A. horses in the stable B. cows in the shed
C. tigers in the jungle **D. fish in the sea.**

there are plenty more fish in the sea: có nhiều sự lựa chọn

65. It must be true. I hear it straight from the _____ mouth.

- A. dog's **B. horse's** C. camel's D. cat's

hear straight from the horse's mouth: nghe trực tiếp

66. It's normal for salaries to be paid monthly in _____, meaning you'll need to work four weeks first.

A. advance B. full C. arrears D. debt

in arrears: nợ

67. She is so _____ skinned that nothing offends her.

A. hard B. thick C. strong D. heavy

thick skinned: mặt dày

68. I've only met Stephen in a social context - he's an unknown _____ where work's concerned.

A. option B. type C. category D. quantity

an unknown quantity: người lạ

69. The competition he set up for young musicians is another _____ of his life-long support for the arts.

A. exposition B. manifestation C. token D. exhibition

manifestation: biểu hiện

70. Windows go _____ towards defining the character of a house.

A. a long way B. far out C. all the way D. far away

a long way: rất hữu ích

71. Even the most _____ drivers feel an urge to break the speed-limit occasionally.

A. lawful B. legitimate C. law-abiding D. judicial

law-abiding: chấp hành nghiêm chỉnh luật lệ

72. I am not sure I can answer that. I have only thought about it in the _____ before.

A. general B. hypothetical C. indefinite D. abstract

think sth in the abstract: nghĩ chung chung

73. The opposition protests against the government now threaten to get out of _____ and the security forces are likely to make arrests around the country today.

A. reach B. kilter C. hand D. ordinary

get out of hand: ngoài tầm kiểm soát

74. I really don't want to get involved in your problems. Why are you _____ me into it?

A. pulling B. dragging C. wrenching D. towing

drag sb into: kéo ai vào (1 vấn đề)

75. Everybody was busy with the spring cleaning, except Stanley, who always refused to pull his _____ .

- A. shocks **B. weight** C. finger D. share

pull one's weight: đảm đương phần việc của mình

76. At the time, Mexico was in the _____ of its worst economic recession on record.

- A. grip** B. tug C. hug D. grab

in the grip of: trải qua (khó khăn)

77. Harry was offered a scholarship to study in Japan and he _____ the opportunity with both hands.

- A. grasped **B. grabbed** C. held D. passed

grasp the opportunity: nắm bắt cơ hội

78. A full scholarship to Harvard and you are worried about leaving your job? You'd be a fool to _____ up a chance like that.

- A. turn B. brush **C. pass** D. cast

pass up a chance: để vuột mất cơ hội

79. He admitted taking a bribe and he doesn't think he's _____ his chances of getting re-elected?

- A. pulled B. wiped C. thrown **D. blown**

blow chance: bỏ lỡ cơ hội

80. The matter has been left in _____ until the legal ramifications have been explored.

- A. recess B. suspension **C. abeyance** D. waiting

in abeyance: hoãn lại

81. It was an extremely hostile article which cast _____ on the conduct of the entire cabinet.

- A. criticism **B. aspersions** C. disapproval D. abuse

cast aspersions on: vu khống, bôi nhọ

82. Simon's business has been on the _____ for some time and I understand he's going into liquidation.

- A. fire **B. rocks** C. wave D. clouds

on the rocks: có nguy cơ đổ vỡ

83. We've made some great improvements over the past three months, but we're still not out of the _____ .

A. jungle

B. bush

C. dark

D. woods

out of the woods: thoát khỏi nguy hiểm

84. If you had never seen a telly ad, you would be all at _____ with popular culture.

A. crossroads

B. distance

C. sea

D. length

all at sea: bối rối

85. I'd been living in this country for a few years, but it wasn't until I had kids that I felt like I had really put down _____ here.

A. roots

B. seeds

C. nuts

D. fruits

put down roots: lập nghiệp

86. The party was already _____ by the time we arrived. Everyone was singing and dancing.

A. in full swing

B. up in the air

C. over the moon

D. under a cloud

in full swing: sôi nổi

87. The entire staff was thrown off _____ when the news of the takeover was announced.

A. composure

B. disarray

C. stable

D. balance

be thrown off balance: mất bình tĩnh, bối rối

88. I know you have a good voice and have ambitions to be an opera singer but do not give up your day _____ yet.

A. situation

B. work

C. job

D. place

don't give up your day job: đừng mơ tưởng xa xôi

89. We at Buyrite throw down the _____ to competitors to match us for price, quality and service.

A. mitten

B. gauntlet

C. sword

D. hat

throw down the gauntlet: thách đấu

90. Sometimes, we don't appreciate the _____ pleasures of life such as a beautiful sky, a cup of coffee with a friend or seeing a good film at the cinema.

A. sheer

B. simple

C. normal

D. plain

the simple pleasures: niềm vui bình dị

91. Various ecological issues have come to the _____ since the discovery of the hole in the earth's ozone layer.

- A. front B. back C. side **D. fore**

come to the fore: trở nên quan trọng

92. The full horror of the war only hit _____ when we started seeing the television pictures of it.

- A. base B. down **C. home** D. back

hit home: được hiểu hoàn toàn

93. The most important parts of your job may seem difficult now but they will become second _____ to you within a couple of weeks.

- A. instinct B. thought **C. nature** D. mind

become second nature: trở nên quen thuộc

94. I'm about to start my long-planned swimming regime. But I've got really terrible cellulite, which makes me feel rather _____.

- A. self-assured B. self-centred
C. self-conscious D. self-evident

self-conscious: ngượng ngùng, xấu hổ

95. The inconsiderate driver was _____ for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

- A. inflicted B. harassed C. condemned **D. confined**

be confined for: bị giam

96. From football to fashion, from TV to stage, we name the _____ stars whose careers are likely to rocket in the future.

- A. out and about **B. up and coming**
C. down and out D. in and out

up and coming: đầy triển vọng

97. Obama expressed regret as a US drone strike has _____ killed innocent hostages.

- A. incongruously B. vehemently **C. inadvertently** D. graciously

inadvertently: vô tình

98. How do you calculate the distance to the horizon? As a _____, it's 7 miles + 1 mile per 100 ft above sea level.

- A. trick of the trade B. golden rule C. free hand **D. rule of thumb**

as a rule of thumb: dựa vào kinh nghiệm

99. Just because we've had a good year, this does not mean that we cannot do better: we must not _____

- A. have our head in the clouds B. bury our heads in the sand
C. count our blessings **D. rest on our laurels**

rest on your laurels: ngủ quên trên chiến thắng, tự mãn

100. The headmaster at my last school was was a stern disciplinarian and made sure we _____ the line.

- A. drew B. faced C. touched **D. toed**

toe the line: tuân thủ qui định

Sang part 2

PRACTICE TEST 2

1. The designer was given free _____ to produce any design he wanted.

A rein

B range

C ride

D rope

be given free rein: được tự do

2. They were _____ over by his kindness and didn't know what to say.

A turned

B knocked

C hooked

D bowled

be bowled over by: ngạc nhiên

3. The office was closed for a week for refurbishment and now the staff have to deal with the _____ that built up during their absence.

A backstage

B backlash

C backlog

D backdrop

backlog: công việc ứn ứ, tồn đọng

4. Even though there have been setbacks, because of their determination I'm sure they'll achieve their goals, _____.

A suffice to say

B be that as it may

C so be it

D come what may

come what may: dù chuyện gì xảy ra

5. John and Sarah lived in the back of _____ and it always took us a whole day to drive there.

A the country

B isolation

C nowhere

D beyond

in the back of beyond: ở nơi xa xôi, hẻo lánh

6. My parents looked back with _____ on the days when all of us lived at home and which, they said, were the best years of their lives.

A nostalgia

B reminiscence

C homesickness

D recollection

nostalgia: nỗi nhớ về quá khứ

7. I don't trust him and it really goes against the _____ to give him the money.
A. cloak **B. grain** C. rice D. grapevine

go against the grain: trái ý muốn

8. It's time we had a _____ talk with each other in an effort to clear the air.

A. heart to heart B. eye to eye C. face to face D. cheek to cheek

heart to heart: chân tình

9. As she didn't understand the teacher's question, she merely gave him a _____ look.

A. clear B. dim **C. blank** D. hopeless

a blank look: cái nhìn ngơ ngác

10. Sister Morrison might take _____ with me on that matter.

A. words B. discussion **C. issue** D. matter

take issue with: không đồng ý với, tranh cãi với

11. I don't think that revealing your past to your boyfriend scared him _____.

A. back B. down **C. off** D. through

scare sb off: xua đuổi ai

12. There were probably moments when you wondered if anyone spoke the truth or was _____

A. spoltit for choice B. below par C. off the beg **D. on the level**

on the level: có thể tin được

13. Substantial members of the _____ members ignored the union advice.

A. all and sundry B. flesh and blood
C. head and shoulders. **D. rank and file**

rank and file members: nhân viên

14. Many victims of the earthquake pay _____ to the ones who took them out of rubble.

A. respects **B. homage** C. tributes D. deference

pay homage to: tỏ lòng thành kính

15. The movie takes considerable liberties _____ the novel that it is based on.

A. to B. out of C. at **D. with**

take liberty with: đưa ra những thay đổi không đáng có

16. Don't believe Samuel. He just _____ an act that he is the most miserable person in the world.

A. puts on B. puts into C. settles up D. settles in

put on an act: giả vờ

17. Diagnosed with tumor in the brain, she refused to meet her _____ but turned to religion for help.

A. paleontologist **B. oncologist** C. entomologist D. seismologist

oncologist: bác sĩ ung bướu

18. Their father was a hero in World War II, whose account has awakened _____ memories of the old days.

A. down-in-the-dumps B. disconsolate
C. poignant D. grief-stricken

poignant: đau lòng

19. I don't like intellectual novels, serious music or films; my tastes are quite _____

A. flat-topped **B. lowbrow** C. shamefaced D. slow-witted

lowbrow: không đòi hỏi tư duy nhiều

20. The sixth time he called me at night was the _____.

A. lost cause **B. last straw** C. touch and go D. hot air

the last straw: giọt nước tràn ly

21. There's no doubt about the outcome of the trial. The man is a _____ criminal.

A. self-conscious B. self-contained **C. self-confessed** D. self-centered

self-confessed: tự thú nhận

22. Rebecca _____ on our conversation to tell us that James had just been rushed to hospital.

A. cut in B. faced up C. got ahead D. broke up

cut in on: xen vào

23 _____ her job, her sons and the housework, she doesn't have a minute for herself.

A. What with B. If it weren't for C. Barring D. Given

what with: dùng để liệt kê một loạt lí do

24. It's _____ that he never mentioned our argument; I wonder why he didn't.

- A. special B. rare **C. curious** D. eccentric

curious: kì lạ

25. He praised his wife for her dignity under the _____ of the tabloid press.

- A. onslaught** B. assault C. onset D. offensive

onslaught: sự công kích dữ dội

26. Brain cancer requires _____ treatment such as surgery.

- A. aggressive** B. confrontational C. malignant D. rigorous

aggressive treatment: sự điều trị khắc nghiệt

27. The government has been forced into a _____ after the revelation of a cover-up.

- A. climbdown** B. getaway C. outbreak D. breakout

climbdown: sự nhượng bộ

28. I don't know if Ash would be right for the job; he's a bit of an unknown _____.

- A. quality B. qualification **C. quantity** D. identity

an unknown quantity: chưa biết rõ năng lực

29. Searching for one man in this city is like looking for a _____.

- A. salt of the earth B. sand in the desert
C. needle in a haystack D. drop in the ocean

look for a needle in a haystack: mò kim đáy bể

30. The Conservatives declared their intention of _____ the whole Act once they came into power.

- A. repulsing** **B. repelling** **C. impelling** **D. repealing**

repeal: bãi bỏ

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31. The growth of psychobiology owes _____ to major conceptual advances in the way people think about the brain.

- A. **much** B. as much as C. much which D. there is so much

owe much to: nhờ rất nhiều vào

32. The class went to see the performance of Macbeth because it _____ in well with the project they were doing on Scottish history.

- A. crammed B. stood C. **tied** D. booked

tie in well with: có mối liên hệ chặt chẽ với

33. I have tried every product on the market and still I can't rid these curtains of the _____ of cigarette smoke.

- A. fumes B. fragrance C. **stench** D. aroma

stench: mùi hôi

34. Her condition seems to be _____. We'll have to take her to intensive care.

- A. ameliorating B. **deteriorating** C. amputating D. imitating

deteriorating: trở nên tồi tệ

35. Not only is little Jonny's grammar incoherent and his spelling atrocious but also his pronunciation _____.

- A. slothful B. sluggish C. hazard D. **haphazard**

haphazard: bừa bãi, lung tung

36. I need to _____ your offer very carefully before I make a decision.

- A. look over B. see out C. figure out D. **mull over**

mull over: suy nghĩ kĩ

37. There's nothing to _____ as it's a general knowledge quiz.

- A. come round to B. face up to C. **swot up on** D. come up with

swot up on: ôn bài

38. The account of their journey has been _____ together from personal letters and diaries.

- A. **pieced** B. set C. pulled D. got

piece together: lắp ghép

39. The noise from the unruly fans celebrating their team's victory didn't _____ until early in the morning.

A. shut off B. give away C. **let up** D. fall over

let up: dịu đi

40. Following years of intense training, the accomplished athlete _____ the medal triumphantly.

A. took off B. went off C. ran off D. **carried off**

carry off: giành được

41. We'd been working hard for a month and so decided to go out and _____.

A. **paint the town red** B. face the music
C. read between the lines D. steal the show

paint the town red: vui chơi, thư giãn

42. The country is an economic _____ with chronic unemployment and rampant crime.

A. lost cause B. **basket case** C. false dawn D. dark horse

basket case: A company, country, or economy that is doing so badly and has so many problems that it is likely to fail completely

43. You've got to _____ to succeed in advertising.

A. go to your head B. **have your wits about you**
C. have your head in the clouds D. gather your wits

have your wits about you: bình tĩnh, cảnh giác

44. The Prime Minister will decide whether to release the prisoner or not; that's his _____.

A. **prerogative** B. derogatory C. abdication D. humanity

prerogative: đặc quyền

45. The Secretary of State handled the matter _____ and prevented a war.

A. **adroitly** B. intensely C. abjectly D. slightly

adroitly: khéo léo

46. The robbery was carried out in _____ daylight and with hundreds of witnesses present.

A. open B. wide C. **broad** D. clear

in broad daylight: giữa ban ngày

47. Most of the examination is written but there is also a(n) _____ part which I am really worried about.

A. vocal B. verbal **C. oral** D. wordy

on oral part: phần thi vấn đáp

48. _____ with anger, Mr. Jenson stormed into the local tax office and demanded to see someone about his case which had dragged on for nearly three years.

A. Brimming B. Pouring C. Stewing **D. Seething**

seethe with anger: đầy giận dữ

49. When I say I want you to be here at six o'clock, I mean six o'clock _____. You cannot be late under any circumstances!

A. on the edge B. at the moment **C. on the dot** D. in detail

on the dot: đúng giờ

50. The opposition protests against the government now threaten to get out of _____ and the security forces are likely to make arrests around the country today.

A. reach B. kilter **C. hand** D. the ordinary

get out of hand: ngoài tầm kiểm soát

51. Fingerprints are the most _____ types of evidence used in criminal cases because it's one of the most reliable forms of identification

A. culpable **B. incriminating** C. liable D. offending

incriminating: buộc tội

52. The inconsiderate driver was _____ for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

A. inflicted B. harassed C. condemned **D. confined**

be confined for: bị giam cầm

53. Another, perhaps inspired by the nursery rhyme, is that a(n) _____ for sweet things during pregnancy makes you more likely to be having a girl, while a boy will make you crave savoury, salty foods, meat and cheese in particular.

A. inspiration B. affinity **C. predilection** D. propensity

predilection: sự ưa chuộng, thêm chuộng

54. Most of the old road has been _____ by the great interstate highways

A. overdone **B. superseded** C. excelled D. overwhelmed

supersede: thay thế

55. She got very _____ working such long hours

A. tumble-down B. downcast **C. run-down** D. down - and - out

run-down: kiệt sức

56. Just because we've had a good year, this does not mean that we cannot do better: we must not _____

A. have our head in the clouds B. bury our heads in the sand
C. count our blessings **D. rest on our laurels**

rest on our laurels: ngủ quên trên chiến thắng

57. As soon as the problem at work blew up, he instantly thought about how he could come out of it looking good. He is such a _____ person.

A. self-evident B. self-conscious **C. self-centred** D. selfless

self-centred: ích kỉ

58. We carried on down the path, _____ of the notice warning of avalanche risk.

A. careless B. carefree **C. heedless** D. blind

heedless of: không chú ý

59. The judge declared a _____ today due to unfair media coverage and the trial will be restarted again early next year.

A. postponement B. annulment C. cancellation **D. mistrial**

mistrial: vụ xử án sai

60. His performance was so spectacular that he was _____ out for praise by the team manager at the end of the game.

A. singled B. filtered C. distinguished D. selected

single out: chọn ra

61. He's just getting up my _____ so much at the moment.

A. feet B. chest **C. nose** D. mind

get up one's nose: làm ai bực mình

62. Something's wrong with this room, but I can't quite _____ what it is.

A. put my finger on

B. know off-hand

C. give my right arm to

D. lay eyes on

put one's finger on sth: chỉ ra

63. Group E is now wide open with all four teams _____ a chance of qualifying for the knock-out phase going into the final group matches.

A. in with

B. up for

C. in for

D. up with

in with a chance: có cơ hội

64. There's so much good theatre and cinema in London, really one is _____ for choice.

A. overcome

B. ruined

C. spoilt

D. overwhelmed

be spoilt for choice: có nhiều sự lựa chọn

65. The structure parameters of these chucks are _____ those of K11 3-jaw self-centring chucks.

A. much the same as

B. nearly as

C. nothing like as

D. nowhere near as

much the same as: giống

66. There are ten prisoners on the _____.

A. loose

B. run

C. track

D. go

on the loose: thoát ra ngoài

67. Sometimes, we don't appreciate the _____ pleasures of life such as a beautiful sky, a cup of coffee with a friend or seeing a good film at the cinema.

A. sheer

B. simple

C. normal

D. plain

simple pleasures: hạnh phúc bình dị

68. They dismissed him as "disrespectful, very arrogant and _____ rude".

A. totally

B. downright

C. outright

D. heavily

downright rude : rất thô lỗ

69. The statement from the ministers contrasts _____ with comments by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncke

A. sharply B. heavily C. utterly D. flatly

contrast sharply with: tương phản nhiều với

70. I know how to use computers, but I don't really understand the _____ of how they work.

A. ins and outs B. odds and ends C. dribs and drabs D. waifs and strays

ins and outs: chi tiết

71. The doctor says that it's _____ whether Mary will be okay.

A. prim and proper B. spick and span C. touch and go D. up and coming

touch and go: không chắc chắn

72. Our staff take pride in providing _____ service.

A. mundane B. atrocious C. impeccable D. lousy

impeccable: hoàn hảo

73. It was a _____ move to buy your house just before property prices started to rise.

A. astute B. crafty C. shrewd D. wily

shrewd: khôn ngoan

74. They adopted a sensible, _____ policy on defence spending.

A. state-of-the-art B. trick-of-the-trade
C. run-of-the-mill D. middle-of-the-road

middle-of-the-road: ôn hòa

75. He'd be _____ if he found out what you're doing

A. annoyed B. irritated C. livid D. cross

livid: giận dữ (không cần giới từ phía sau)

76. A lot of older people are _____ because they've been complaining all their lives

A. irate B. crotchety C. indignant D. infuriated

crotchety: dễ nóng nảy

77. She had a _____ row with Eddie and stormed out of the house.

A. blazing B. heated C. firing D. smouldering

have a blazing row: tranh cãi dữ dội

78. Intimate relationships were limited to a stack of old nudie magazines with _____ pages, which he kept on the floor beneath his cot.

- A. head-on B. nail-biting C. narrow-minded **D. well-thumbed**

well-thumbed pages: có nhiều trang bị sờn (vì đọc quá nhiều)

79. He awoke with a _____ heart, sweating with fear

- A. plucking B. flexing C. gritting **D. pounding**

a pounding heart: tim đập thình thịch

80. We reached _____ in the meeting and failed to come to a solution

- A. standstill B. gridlock C. standoff **D. stalemate**

reach stalemate: bế tắc

81. He was _____ aware of his lack of experience

- A. widely **B. painfully** C. deeply D. heavily

painfully: đau khổ

82. As an average retail investor I consider myself _____ capable of understanding the operation of crossing networks

- A. perfectly** B. bitterly C. widely D. highly

perfectly capable of: có khả năng hoàn hảo

83. The littlest thing tends to anger my mother, so I feel like I have to walk on _____ whenever I'm at her house.

- A. eggshells** B. nutshells C. bombshells D. seashells

walk on eggshells: cẩn thận

84. Students can be expelled at the _____ of the principal

- A. disposition B. dispersal **C. discretion** D. disposal

at the discretion of: theo sự quyết định của

85. He became emotionally _____ from his friends and family after the illness.

A. distant B. faint C. secluded D. far-away

distant from: xa lánh

86. The sound of his footsteps gradually _____ away.

A. died B. passed C. vanished D. dwindled

the sound dies away: âm thanh nhỏ dần

87. He is disliked because of his sly and _____ ways of getting what he wants.

A. calculating B. callous C. inquisitive D. meticulous

calculating: tính toán

88. She dismissed him with a _____ nod of the head.

A. blunt B. curt C. reckless D. ruthless

a curt nod of the head: sự gật đầu

89. His performance is described in the paper as "a _____ display of physical agility".

A. breathtaking B. gripping C. harrowing D. piercing

breathtaking: hấp dẫn

90. The police are sometimes more _____ with female offenders.

A. lax B. lenient C. easygoing D. withdrawn

lenient: khoan dung

91. Don't be taken in by his lying, _____ words

A. slack B. scrupulous C. treacherous D. feeble

treacherous words: những lời xảo trá

92. With the amount of traffic nowadays, even a trip across town is _____ with dangers.

A. beset B. surrounded C. assaulted D. devoid

be beset with dangers: đầy nguy hiểm

93. He was forced to _____ control of the company.

A. discard B. relinquish C. quit D. surrender

relinquish: từ bỏ

94. Getting up at 8 o'clock was early by her _____

- A. reasons **B. standards** C. limits D. levels

by one's standards: theo thói quen, cách nhìn

95. The passion of Argentinian football fans _____ no bounds

- A. recognizes B. holds C. sees **D. knows**

know no bounds: không có giới hạn

96. My library books are a week _____

- A. undue **B. overdue** C. unpunctual D. belated

overdue: quá hạn

97. Every shelf is _____ with ornaments.

- A. muddled B. bundled **C. cluttered** D. burdened

be cluttered with ornaments: đầy những đồ trang trí

98. There was a danger of the country reverting to its _____ sin of complacency

- A. redeeming B. overriding
C. besetting D. overwhelming

besetting: ám ảnh (khó khăn, nguy hiểm)

99. Police are investigating a(n) _____ of burglaries in the Kingsland Road area.

- A. rate B. influx C. tide **D. spate**

a spate of burglaries: lũ trộm

100. He kept telling us about his operation, in the most _____ detail.

- A. elaborate B. knotty **C. graphic** D. burning

graphic detail: chi tiết sinh động

PRACTICE TEST 3

1. The war in Iraq is a _____ debated issue.

- A. deeply **B. hotly** C. profoundly D. heavily

a hotly debated issue: vấn đề gây tranh cãi dữ dội

2. He will be remembered by the staff with great _____.

- A. fondness** B. fancy C. passion D. crush

fondness: sự yêu thích

3. He carefully _____ his sunflower plants.

- A. tended** B. attended C. grew D. maintained

tend: chăm sóc

4. She already has a couple of good wins _____.

A. under her collar

B. under her belt

C. up her sleeve

D. in her shoes

have sth under one's belt: có được

5. Whenever she refused, he'd beat her _____.

A. black and blue

B. black and white

C. blue in the face

D. out of the blue

black and blue: bầm tím

6. Their qualifications _____ them to a higher salary.

A. enable

B. entitle

C. entail

D. envisage

entitle sb to sth: giúp ai có được

7. Since he is not polite, he often makes _____ remarks.

A. immaterial **B. impertinent**

C. impervious D. implausible

impertinent: xúc xược

8. He had failed because of a lack of talent for _____ speaking

A. impeccable B. impressive

C. imposing

D. impromptu

impromptu: không chuẩn bị trước

9. I get _____ pains up my spine whenever I try to move.

A. splitting

B. thumping

C. shooting

D. stinking

shooting pains: đau nhói

10. Dealing with the failed waste incinerator project is a _____ issue in west Norfolk

A. burning

B. heating

C. boiling

D. firing

a burning issue: 1 vấn đề nóng của xã hội

11. He had the _____ to blame me for his mistake!

A. valour

B. chivalry

C. gracefulness

D. audacity

audacity: sự cả gan

12. He had always been _____ by his elder sister.

A. overtaken B. overstated **C. overshadowed** D. overwhelmed

overshadow: làm lu mờ

13. He remained loyal to me through _____

A. null and void B. life and soul **C. thick and thin** D. up and coming

through thick and thin: thậm chí trong lúc khó khăn

14. The long-standing dispute about working conditions finally came _____ when the workforce voted for strike action

A. to a head B. to the point C. to a standstill D. out of its shell

come to a head: đến lúc cao trào, làm cho tình hình căng thẳng hơn

15. If you're caught stealing you'll be _____.

A. in black books **B. for the high jump** C. in a quandary D. in the doghouse

for the high jump: có thể bị phạt

16. Such a questionable assertion is sure to _____ criticism.

A. commence B. instigate C. launch **D. provoke**

provoke: gây ra

17. Such people _____ an indistinct anger and hatred.

A. exude B. exclude C. expunge D. extricate

exude anger: bộc lộ sự giận dữ

18. In a culture where knockoffs are normal, from sportswear to DVDs, it will not be easy to _____ deep-rooted academic habits

A. exude B. exclude **C. expunge** D. extricate

expunge: xóa bỏ

19. I tried to _____ myself from the situation but it was impossible.

A. exude B. exclude C. expunge **D. extricate**

extricate oneself from sth: tách bản thân khỏi cái gì đó

20. She is _____ grateful to her family for their support

A. continually B. continuously C. perpetually **D. eternally**

eternally: luôn luôn

21. The child's _____ talking started to irritate her.

- A. constant **B. incessant** C. steady D. ongoing

incessant: liên tục

22. She had a(n) _____ parade of young men coming to visit her.

- A. constant** B. incessant C. steady D. ongoing

constant: liên tục, không dứt

23. They were able to respond swiftly because they already have a secret ballot strike mandate over a(n) _____ pay dispute.

- A. constant B. incessant C. steady **D. ongoing**

ongoing: đang diễn ra

24. The police have expressed _____ concern about the missing child's safety.

- A. critical B. essential C. significant **D. grave**

grave concern: sự lo ngại sâu sắc

25. Naylor was one of those men who _____ to the challenge of danger.

- A. raise **B. rise** C. ride D. arise

rise to the challenge: có khả năng đối phó với khó khăn, thử thách

26. Like more and more women, she believes marriage would _____ her style.

- A. restricts B. impedes C. obstructs **D. cramps**

cramp one's style: cản trở

27. He's not nearly such a good writer as he's _____ up to be.

- A. creased **B. cracked** C. lined D. valued

be cracked up to be: được đồn là

28. During the bad weather we experienced a few disasters and events, but they were of little _____.

- A. consequence** B. result C. care D. circumstance

of little consequence: không là vấn đề

29. The costs of gathering the initial data are relatively small in _____ to the costs of the research itself.

- A. reference B. affinity **C. relation** D. connection

in relation to: khi so sánh với

30. The design is _____ from Japanese porcelains of the fourteenth century.

- A. imitated **B. copied** C. emulated D. faked

copy: sao chép

31. 'Will you stay for lunch?' 'No, but thanks _____.'

- A. all along B. all in all **C. all the same** D. all told

thanks all the same: dù sao cũng cảm ơn

32. I might be going on a training course next week, but it's still _____.

- A. in the air B. on the air C. off the air **D. up in the air**

up in the air: không chắc chắn

33. I don't want to sound _____, but I thought my picture was the best.

- A. big-headed** B. blue-eyed C. narrow-minded D. thick-skinned

big-headed: tự phụ

34. The whole team were _____ at winning the competition.

- A. up in the arms B. on the up and up C. on the cards **D. over the moon**

over the moon: vui sướng

35. If you use credit cards to pay off a debt, you're jumping out of the frying pan into the _____.

- A. fire** B. flame C. heat D. blaze

jump out of the frying pan into the fire: rơi vào tình huống khác tồi tệ hơn

36. Some people let their under-fives _____ riot.

- A. run** B. go C. make D. take

run riot: quậy phá

37. He's of no fixed _____ and we found him on the streets.

- A. residence **B. abode** C. home D. domicile

no fixed abode: vô gia cư

38. The project is being held in _____ until agreement is reached on funding it.

- A. recess B. suspension **C. abeyance** D. waiting

hold in abeyance: hoãn lại

39. I wouldn't want to cast _____ on your honesty.

- A. criticism **B. aspersions** C. disapproval D. abuse

cast aspersions on: vu khống, gieo rắc nghi ngờ

40. I need a new French dictionary. Can I pick your _____ about the best one to buy?

- A. brains** B. mind C. head D. intellect

pick one's brains: xin ý kiến

41. This is not to _____ questions of strategy and tactics, merely to place them in an appropriate context.

- A. evade** B. shirk C. duck D. dodge

evade questions: né tránh những câu hỏi

42. You can't _____, it's your duty. You are so lazy!

- A. evade **B. shirk** C. duck D. dodge

shirk duty: trốn tránh trách nhiệm

43. The speed at which you eat strongly _____ how much you want to eat.

- A. sways B. affects **C. influences** D. impresses

influence: ảnh hưởng

44. Many tourists cannot tell the difference between _____ Indian craftwork and imported imitations.

- A. real **B. authentic** C. valid D. natural

authentic: xác thực

45. They put forward many _____ reasons for not exporting.

- A. real B. authentic **C. valid** D. natural

valid: hợp lí

46. She always showed _____ concern for others

A. **genuine** B. authentic C. valid D. natural

genuine concern: sự quan tâm chân thành

47. We had all the usual problems _____ upon starting a new business.

A. subsequent B. consequent **C. attendant** D. relevant

attendant upon: liên quan tới

48. She did not tolerate press _____ into her private life.

A. invasion **B. intrusion** C. infringement D. interference

intrusion into private life: xâm phạm đời sống riêng tư

49. They resent foreign _____ in the internal affairs of their country

A. invasion B. intrusion C. infringement **D. interference**

interference: sự xen vào, sự can thiệp vào

50. These phone calls are a gross _____ of privacy.

A. invasion B. intrusion C. infringement D. interference

invasion of privacy: xâm phạm sự riêng tư

51. They were sued for _____ of copyright.

A. invasion B. intrusion **C. infringement** D. interference

infringement of copyright: vi phạm bản quyền

52. He was thorough and _____, rather than brilliant.

A. pedantic B. laborious C. particular **D. conscientious**

conscientious: chu đáo, tận tâm

53. Don't be so _____ - does it really matter if I don't pronounce it right?

A. pedantic B. laborious C. particular D. conscientious

pedantic: soi mói (chuyện nhỏ nhặt)

54. Collecting the raw materials proved a long and _____ task

A. pedantic **B. laborious** C. particular D. conscientious

laborious task: công việc vất vả

55. Don't expect to have me at your beck and _____.

- A. cry B. ring C. need **D. call**

at your back and call: hoàn toàn chịu sự sai khiến của ai đó

56. The _____ from the sale will be used to repay the loan.

- A. produce **B. proceeds** C. receipts D. returns

proceeds: tiền thu được

57. Sometimes even well-meaning interviewers will throw you a really _____ question.

- A. awkward** B. risky C. unpleasant D. touchy

awkward questions: câu hỏi hóc búa

58. We must _____ this notion that you can rely on the state for everything.

- A. peter out **B. dispel** C. disperse D. annihilate

dispel notion: từ bỏ suy nghĩ

59. Just one of these bombs could _____ a city the size of New York.

- A. peter out B. dispel C. disperse **D. annihilate**

annihilate a city: tiêu diệt thành phố

60. Already there were indications that the contest had helped some of those _____ writers emerge from total obscurity.

- A. hopeful **B. aspiring** C. striving D. wishful

aspiring: có khát khao

61. Vlasov showed great energy and leadership _____, transforming his division into a conspicuous example of efficiency.

- A. attributes B. features C. values **D. qualities**

leadership qualities: phẩm chất lãnh đạo

62. The difference is scarcely perceptible to the _____ reader.

- A. common B. medium **C. average** D. middle

average reader: một người đọc bình thường

63. Kids today are _____ on a constant diet of pop music and television.

A. fostered **B. raised** C. nurtured D. grown

be raised on: được giáo dục chủ yếu từ, được tiếp xúc nhiều với

64. They feel strongly that their religion is _____ with the political system.

A. incongruous B. inconsistent C. incidental **D. incompatible**

incompatible with: không hòa hợp với

65. These findings are _____ with those of previous studies.

A. incongruous **B. inconsistent** C. incidental D. incompatible

inconsistent : không khớp với

66. Such traditional methods seem _____ in our technical age.

A. incongruous B. inconsistent C. incidental D. incompatible

incongruous: không phù hợp

67. Eye problems can indicate an unhealthy lifestyle with _____ suppression of the immune system

A. subsequent B. consequent C. attendant D. relevant

subsequent: ngay sau đó

68. This is by no means an _____ list but it gives an indication of the many projects taking place

A. exhaustive B. exorbitant C. execrable D. exalted

exhaustive: thấu đáo, đủ mọi khía cạnh

69. She was the only woman to rise to such an _____ position

A. exhaustive B. exorbitant C. execrable **D. exalted**

an exalted position: vị trí cao

70. Sharon became involved with music in the time-honoured _____ -- through her family.

A. protocol B. way **C. fashion** D. procedure

time-honoured fashion: theo cách truyền thống

71. My sisters don't see _____ with me about the arrangements.

A. face to face B. at loggerheads **C eye to eye** D. on tenterhooks

see eye to eye: đồng tình

72. The Chancellor is _____ with the Prime Minister over public spending.

- A. face to face **B. at loggerheads** C eye to eye D. on tenterhooks

at loggerheads with: bất hòa

73. He was still **on pins and needles** waiting for his directors' decision about the job.

- A. face to face B. at loggerheads C eye to eye **D. on tenterhooks**

on tenterhooks: sốt ruột

74. The principles of democracy are sometimes in _____ with political reality.

- A. conflict** B. rivalry C. odds D. friction

in conflict with: xung đột với

75. She gave him a sweet smile, totally at _____ with the look of dislike in her eyes.

- A. conflict B. rivalry **C. odds** D. friction

at odds with: xung đột, mâu thuẫn

76. Their conclusions run _____ to any simple proletarianisation thesis about the effects of new technology on skill.

- A. counter** B. against C. opposed D. opposite

run counter to: đi ngược lại

77. She was _____ to tears by their criticisms.

- A. brought down B. diminished **C. reduced** D. belittled

be reduced to tears: khóc

78. Don't _____ her piano playing just because you're jealous.

- A. bring down B. diminish C. reduce **D. belittle**

belittle: xem nhẹ, hạ thấp

79. On his wanderings he's picked up Spanish, Italian, French and a(n) _____ of Russian

- A. command **B. smattering** C. knowing D. acquaintance

smattering: một ít kiến thức

80. She's a _____ vegetarian and refuses to eat any poultry or fish

A. firm B. devout C. staunch **D. strict**

a strict vegetarian: người ăn chay trường

81. He has been a _____ supporter of the Liberal Party for over thirty years.

A. firm B. devout **C. staunch** D. strict

a staunch supporter: người ủng hộ trung thành

82. She was a _____ Catholic and, so far as I am aware, morally unassailable.

A. firm **B. devout** C. staunch D. strict

a devout Catholic: người sùng đạo Thiên chúa

83. I'm a _____ believer in 'where there's a will, there's a way'.

A. firm B. devout C. staunch D. strict

a firm believer: người tin tưởng tuyệt đối

84. She must know the play _____ by now.

A. forwards **B. backwards** C. sideways D. upside down

know sth backwards: biết rõ tường tận

85. You need to become fully _____ with the company's procedures.

A. conversant B. mindful C. answerable D. attuned

conversant: thông thạo, hiểu rõ

86. The whole venture has been an _____ disaster.

A. unmatched **B. unmitigated** C. undiluted D. unmindful

an unmitigated disaster: hoàn toàn là một thảm họa

87. She dealt with the problem with _____ skill.

A. consummate B. comprehensive C. confirmed D. compulsive

consummate skill: kỹ năng tốt

88. The aim of the repetitions of the same commercial on television is nothing but to brainwash consumers into _____ consumption.

A. consummate B. comprehensive C. confirmed **D. compulsive**

compulsive: nhất thời

89. On the rampant black market prices were particularly _____.

- A. exhaustive **B. exorbitant** C. execrable D. exalted

exorbitant: đắt tiền

90. The durable goods orders report should help to _____ fears of a marked slowdown in factory activity.

- A. avert B. restore **C. allay** D. hit

alleviate fear: xua đi nỗi sợ

91. UN troops intervened to _____ a threat of violent conflict.

- A. avert** B. restore C. allay D. hit

avert: ngăn chặn

92. The recent proposals made by the Royal College of Psychiatrists are unjustified, unnecessary and _____

- A. incompatible B. unavoidable **C. unworkable** D. insurmountable

unworkable: không thể vận hành

93. Lack of money has proved an almost _____ obstacle.

- A. incompatible B. unavoidable C. unworkable **D. insurmountable**

insurmountable: không thể vượt qua

94. This history book is completely _____ to me.

- A. illegible **B. impenetrable** C. impermeable D. incorrigible

impenetrable: không thể hiểu được

95. Because he was an _____ criminal, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

- A. illegible B. impenetrable C. impermeable **D. incorrigible**

incorrigible criminal: tên tội phạm không thể cải tạo được

96. The current cuts in public expenditure will inevitably _____ this situation.

- A. exacerbate** B. deepen C. sharpen D. fulfill

exacerbate: làm nghiêm trọng thêm

97. The lecturer wanted to lay _____ on the importance of education.

A. mention B. point C. highlight **D. stress**

lay stress on: nhấn mạnh

98. The President is clearly in a _____ about/over how to tackle the crisis.

A. dilemma B. puzzle C. loss D. problem

in a dilemma: trong tình huống khó xử

99. The government is at a _____ to know how to tackle the violence.

A. dilemma B. puzzle **C. loss** D. problem

at a loss: bối rối

100. He's studied in the US and has a good _____ of English.

A. command B. smattering C. knowing D. acquaintance

a good command of: có kiến thức tốt

PRACTICE TEST 4

1. The money was taken out of the bank in small amounts so as not to _____ suspicion.

- A. awake **B. arouse** C. instigate D. incite

arouse suspicion: gợi sự nghi ngờ

2. Hopes of a peaceful settlement have been _____

- A. torn B. tarnished **C. dashed** D. smashed

dash one's hope: làm mất hi vọng

3. The motor industry is _____ at the cut in car tax.

- A. cheering B. relishing **C. rejoicing** D. enjoying

rejoice at: vui mừng

4. He's very understanding: if I'm _____ by the middle of the week he'll always let me have a few groceries on tick till Friday.

- A. hard up** B. pricey C. indebted D. bankrupt

hard up: túng thiếu

5. The sales assistants were so rude to me, I decided to take my _____ elsewhere.

- A. income **B. custom** C. capital D. fortune

take one's custom elsewhere: mua hàng ở nơi khác

6. The police are going to _____ down on illegal stock exchange activities in the streets.

- A. dragging B. kicking C. dumbing **D. clamping**

clamp down on: kiểm soát chặt chẽ

7. She had a strong desire to be a dancer but failed to make the _____.

A. grade B. term C. mark D. degree

make the grade: đạt đủ tiêu chuẩn

8. The sexual scandal will _____ from the president's fame.

A. ruin **B. detract** C. spoil D. impair

detract from: làm giảm

9. There isn't a _____ of truth in those rumours.

A. pinch **B. grain** C. trace D. speck

a grain of truth: một tí sự thật

10. Every _____ of emotion seemed to have drained from his face.

A. pinch B. grain **C. trace** D. speck

trace of emotion: 1 chút biểu cảm

11. Here I sit _____ - no food, no money, no anything

A. **high and dry** B. thick and thin
C. huff and puff D. wear and tear

high and dry: bơ vơ

12. The media regarded Gorbachev as the _____ favorite to dethrone the old champ

A. last-minute **B. odds-on** C. so-called D. well-earned

odds-on: chắc chắn

13. The research has _____ implications for medicine as a whole.

A. far-fetched **B. far-reaching**
C. long-winded D. nerve-wrecking

far-reaching: có tác động sâu rộng

14. Jacques launched into a _____ explanation that left us just as confused as before

A. far-fetched B. far-reaching
C. long-winded D. nerve-wrecking

long-winded: dài dòng

15. We _____ deny that we have ever cheated or tampered illegally with any match ball in any game during our careers.

- A. **categorically** B. fully C. distinctly D. highly

categorically: dứt khoát

16. All personal details are treated as _____ confidential and remain on computer file.

- A. severely B. **strictly** C. sharply D. harshly

strictly confidential: bảo mật nghiêm ngặt

17. The people in that company always talk _____, even on the weekends.

- A. dirty B. **shop** C. turkey D. money

talk shop: bàn việc làm ăn

18. It took me ages to _____ up the courage to ask for a promotion

- A. pick B. hurl C. yield D. **pluck**

pluck up the courage: lấy hết can đảm

19. They still _____ enormous influence in politics.

- A. possess B. utilize C. brandish D. **wield**

wield influence: có ảnh hưởng

20. I don't know where he is but I could _____ a guess.

- A. **hazard** B. conjecture C. expose D. imperil

hazard a guess: đoán

21. Don't _____ a hard bargain over such a little thing .

- A. make B. push C. **drive** D. bring

drive a hard bargain: thương lượng, trả giá

22. His patience began to wear _____ during the long wait.

- A. **thin** B. rusty C. empty D. perished

wear thin: tàn lụi dần

23. And undoubtedly, their mysterious, indefinable quality is the source of their _____ power.

A. disconcerting

B. disembodied

C. dismissive

D. discordant

disconcerting: làm bối rối

24. The depths of this understanding - which I had not at all expected - put me in a _____.

A. doubt

B. quandary

C. hitch

D. complexity

in a quandary: trong tình thế khó xử

25. He walked out after a _____ row with his wife.

A. blazing

B. heated

C. stormy

D. smouldering

a blazing row: cuộc tranh cãi dữ dội

26. I am _____ to listen to your pathetic excuses.

A. sick and tired

B. in no mood

C. having enough

D. sick to death

in no mood: không có tâm trạng

27. Anyone who breaks the law does so at their _____.

A. peril

B. interest

C. stake

D. doubt

at one's peril: gây nguy hiểm (cho ai)

28. Thousands of lives will be at _____ if emergency aid does not arrive in the city soon.

A. peril

B. interest

C. stake

D. doubt

at stake: nguy hiểm

29. Sandra will be at least 15 minutes late - that's a _____.

A. must

B. definite

C. deal

D. given

that's a given: điều tất nhiên

30. The researchers determined that concentration effects are applicable to overrepresented minorities living in _____ impoverished ghettos.

A. severely

B. strictly

C. sharply

D. harshly

severely impoverish: rất nghèo

31. She's been told that her husband is being _____ treated in prison.

A. severely B. strictly C. sharply **D. harshly**

harshly treated: bị bạc đãi

32. Alcohol is _____ forbidden on school premises.

A. severely **B. strictly** C. sharply D. harshly

strictly forbidden: nghiêm cấm tuyệt đối

33. These results contrast _____ with other medical tests carried out in Australia.

A. severely B. strictly **C. sharply** D. harshly

contrast sharply with: đối nghịch hoàn toàn với

34. I felt a bit _____ and seemed to have more aches and pains than usual.

A. out of sorts C. on the mend
B. over the worst D. under the fever

out of sorts: khó chịu, không khỏe

35. A: 'Oh, I'm exhausted! I've been doing homework all day.'

B: 'Come and put your _____ up for 5 minutes and I'll make you a cup of tea.'

A. hands B. hair C. heart **D. feet**

put your feet up: thư giãn

36. I overslept this morning and caught the last bus to school by the skin of my _____.

A. mouth B. leg C. neck **D. teeth**

by the skin of one's teeth: trong gang tấc

37. If you want a flat in the centre of the city, you have to pay through the _____ for it.

A. teeth B. head **C. nose** D. arm

pay through the nose: trả giá cao

38. You will be putting your life on the _____ if you take up skydiving.

A. ground **B. line** C. way D. lane

put sth on the line: liều lĩnh

39. As far as her future goes, Olivia is _____. She hasn't got a clue what career to follow.

A. on the level

B. all at sea

C. behind the scenes

D. in the know

all at sea: bối rối

40. Your husband was a bit out of control at the party, to _____ mildly.

A. take it

B. put it

C. say

D. tell

put it mildly: nói một cách nhẹ nhàng là vậy

41. There is a large effort _____ to rebuild arts education in the New York city public schools.

A. under way

B. a long way

C. out of the way

D. in the way

under way: đang tiến hành

42. A woman who appears to be a _____ person who lives under bridges, turns out to be has a metamorphose into a princess and has a regal personage.

A. tumble-down

B. downcast

C. run-down

D. down-and-cast

downcast: chán nản, tuyệt vọng

43. It included 105 job losses and a _____ in shift work, with some of the large staff numbers recruited in the past year expected to be let go first

A. breakdown B. layout

C. cutback

D. out-take

cutback: sự cắt giảm

44. I was so tired that I just _____ in the armchair

A. flaked out

B. broke up

C. dropped out D. fell over

flake out: ngủ thiếp đi

45. Our teacher tends to _____ certain subjects which she finds difficult to talk about

A. boil down

B. string along

C. skate over

D. track down

skate over: né tránh , bỏ qua

46. It's a good idea to _____ people before taking them into your confidence

A. tumble to

B. root out

C. bank on

D. size up

size up: đánh giá

47. Some people can just _____ a cold, but my colds seem to linger for weeks

A.shrug off B.cough up C.pull through D.stamp out

shrug off: dễ dàng vượt qua (bệnh tật)

48. The man in the market was selling leather coats very cheaply: they were such bargains that were soon _____ .

A.cleared off B.done for C.bought out **D. snapped up**

snap up: mua 1 cách nhanh chóng

49. I couldn't remember where I had left my car, when it suddenly _____ me that I didn't have a car any longer!

A.dawned on B.ran into C.went through D.tumbled to

it suddenly dawned on me: tôi chợt nhớ ra

50. After years of working together, the partners found themselves _____ linked.

A. permanently B. indelibly C. perpetually **D. inextricably**

inextricably linked: liên quan mật thiết với nhau

51. The medicine takes one hour to _____ .

A. bear with **B. kick in** C. make out D. get by

kick in: có tác dụng

52. Jennifer _____ the invitation to join us for dinner.

A. called on B. come out C. got out of **D. passed on**

pass on invitation: gửi lời mời

53. It takes a very determined person to achieve results as good as this; you really have to put your _____ to it.

A. mind B. head C. brain D. thoughts

put one's mind in: đặt tâm trí vào

54. There's a _____ balance between success and failure.

A. small B. narrow **C. fine** D. light

a fine balance: sự cân bằng

55. The manager hesitated to assign the job to the newcomer as he was _____ .

A. wet behind the ears

B. feeling your ears burning

C. ringing in your ears

D. keeping your ears open

wet behind the ears: chưa có kinh nghiệm, mới vào nghề

56. I'm afraid Jennifer's very _____. She believes everything she's told.

A. gullible

B. trustworthy

C. credible

D. honest

gullible: cả tin

57. I slept badly last night and am feeling particularly _____ this morning.

A. slow-witted B. far-reaching

C. off-hand

D. top-heavy

top-heavy: đau đầu

58. Unanswered, the demands for nuclear deterrents have _____ fears of civil war.

A. flashed up B. prognosticated

C. sidetracked **D. stock up**

stock up: làm đầy lên

59. A new computer has been produced, which will _____ all previous models

A. overdo

B. supersede

C. excel

D. overwhelm

supersede: thay thế

60. My cousin was nervous about being interviewed on television, but she rose to the _____ wonderfully.

A. event

B. performance

C. incident

D. occasion

rise to the occasion: thể hiện, thực hiện

61. My decision to drop out of university after a year is one I now _____ regret.

A. painfully

B. harshly

C. heavily

D. keenly

painfully regret: vô cùng tiếc nuối

62. Both the favourite and then the second favourite pulled out. Naturally, we thought we were _____ a chance.

A. in with

B. up for

C. in for

D. up with

in with a chance : có cơ hội tốt

63. Don't quote me. What I am about to say is _____ the record.

A. on **B. off** C. without D. above

off the record: chưa chính thức

64. I'm not sure if I'm doing it right, but I'll try to _____ ahead with it anyway.

A. drive B. bang C. touch **D. press**

press ahead: tiếp tục

65. We all have to follow the rules, and none of us is _____ the law.

A. beyond B. over **C. above** D. onto

above the law: ngoài vòng pháp luật

66. He wants to pay the bill himself, but I won't hear _____ it.

A. from B. about **C. of** D. for

not hear of it: không chấp nhận

67. When his manager went on a business trip, Smith stepped into the _____ and chaired the meeting.

A. hole B. pool **C. breach** D. crack

step into the breach: thay thế (người vắng mặt)

68. James didn't take _____ to your suggestion that she was mean with money.

A. kindly B. pleasantly C. cheerfully D. agreeably

take kindly to: niềm nở

69. We need a more _____ assessment of the chances of ending this war.

A. moral **B. sober** C. plain D. vivid

a sober assessment: đánh giá chính xác

70. Mark Stringly is rarely interviewed as he hates being in the _____.

A. flashlight **B. limelight** C. headlight D. floodlight

in the limelight: được mọi người chú ý

71. I tried to push my way through the standing passengers to get to the door and, failing to keep my _____ about me.

A. head B. soul **C. wits** D. mind

keep my wits about me: cảnh giác, giữ bình tĩnh

72. Steve used to be easy to work with, but since his promotion he's begun to _____.

A. throw his weight around

B. throw in the towel

C. throw him off balance

D. turn up trumps

throw one's weight around: cư xử 1 cách kiêu căng

73. The new regime determined to _____ compulsory military service.

A. stop of

B. end up

C. phase out

D. break off

phase out: xóa bỏ dần dần

74. As their bookshop wasn't doing well, they decided to branch _____ and sell compact discs and cassettes as well.

A. out

B. over

C. down on

D. out for

branch out: mở rộng kinh doanh

75. I'd been cooped _____ in my office all morning so I went out for a walk and a spot of fresh air.

A. over

B. by

C. down

D. up

be cooped up in: bị giữ lại

76. Why don't you get your homework _____ with so you can enjoy the rest of the evening?

A. around

B. over

C. by

D. away

get your homework over: làm xong bài tập

77. Morag is very good at _____ off the teacher in her school.

A. sending

B. calling

C. taking

D. putting

take off sb: bắt chước

78. The class went to see the performance of Macbeth because it _____ in well with the project they were doing on Scottish history.

A. crammed

B. stood

C. tied

D. booked

tie in well with: có mối liên hệ chặt chẽ với

79. I was sitting in a train looking out of the window, when my mind suddenly _____ back to that amazing trip we made to India.

A. put **B. flashed** C. stirred D. associated

my mind flashed back to: nhớ về

80. Roberto should try not to let his regrets for what he has done _____ away at him.

A. come **B. eat** C. stick D. flood

eat away at: hủy hoại

81. I wish he wouldn't make such unkind and _____ remarks.

A. lapse **B. disparaging** C. inconsolable D. rough

disparaging: khiếm nhã

82. Could you lend me some money to _____ me over to the end of the month?

A. hand **B. tide** C. get D. make

tide sb over: giúp ai vượt qua khó khăn

83. Lisa attempted to _____ herself with her new boss by volunteering to take on extra work.

A. ingratiate B. please C. gratify D. command

ingratiate oneself with sb: lấy lòng ai

84. Before they open the new factory, a lot of the young people round here were _____ the dole.

A. in B. under **C. on** D. at

on the dole: sống nhờ vào tiền trợ cấp thất nghiệp

85. The factory paid _____ nearly a million pounds to their employees who were injured in the explosion.

A. off **B. out** C. for D. into

pay out: trả tiền bảo hiểm

86. Harry blew a _____ when his holiday was cancelled.

A. switch **B. fuse** C. plug D. socket

blow a fuse: bực mình, nổi cáu

87. I know you have a good voice and have ambitions to be an opera singer but don't give up your day _____ yet.

A. situation B. work **C. job** D. place

give up your day job: mơ mộng

88. Not only is little Johnny's grammar incoherent and his spelling atrocious but also his punctuation _____

- A. slothful B. sluggish C. hazard **D. haphazard**

haphazard: cầu thả

89. The media are always keen on reporting _____

- A. mishaps **B. calamities** C. reverses D. hardships

calamities: tai họa

90. They continued fighting despite all the _____ they met with.

- A. adversities** B. amenities C. properties D. liabilities

adversities: khó khăn

91. I was informed by the police officer that he would be forced to take me into _____

- A. guardianship B. bail **C. custody** D. protection

take sb into custody: bắt giữ ai

92. By being rude to his superiors he is considered to have _____ the mark.

- A. transcended B. outrun C. surpassed **D. overstepped**

overstep the mark: quá trớn

93. I have been back to the doctor three times and he still hasn't _____ the reason for all the pain I have been suffering from recently.

- A. indicated B. highlighted **C. pinpointed** D. looked up

pinpoint the reason: chỉ ra lí do

94. As soon as the bomb was discovered by one of the cleaning staff, the police had the area _____ off and no-one was allowed within two blocks of the cafe.

- A. fenced **B. cordoned** C. walled D. isolated

cordon off: phong tỏa

95. A couple of boys were _____ in the pool.

- A. impinging on **B. larking about** C. ploughing ahead D. floating out

lark about: đùa nghịch

96. We were _____ the task of writing a report of the college's games.

- A. assigned to B. taken over C. run up **D. saddled with**

be saddled with: bận rộn

97. Anti-terrorist squad officers _____ the area to search for possible bombs.

- A. sealed off** B. set off C. come through D. split up

seal off: phong tỏa

98. The secretary dashed _____ the weekly report to his director

- A. up **B. off** C. of D. for

dash off: làm nhanh

99. I _____ an important deal yesterday and she was so thrilled!

- A. came across **B. mucked up** C. shot down D. gunned for

muck up: làm hỏng việc

100. There's been a slight improvement in his health, but he's not out of the _____ yet.

- A. bush **B. wood** C. hand D. reach

out of the wood: thoát khỏi nguy hiểm

PRACTICE TEST 5

1. Be realistic! You can't go through life looking at the world through _____.

- A. rosed-coloured spectacles** B. bright sights
C. magnificent spectacles D. green fingers

look at sth through rosed-coloured spectacles: nhìn qua lăng kính màu hồng

2. I realized _____ that he was a thief.

A. sooner or later

B. all along

C. at the beginning

D. eventually

all along: ngay từ đầu

3. The minister made no _____ of any further negotiations.

A mention

B. comment

C. indication D. remark

make no mention of: không đề cập đến

4. I don't think Jones and Marlowe should work together on this project. They have shown us before that they are quite _____ as partners.

A. rebellious

B. disinterested

C. disagreeable

D. incompatible

incompatible: không hợp nhau

5. Let me _____ over the matter and give you my decision in a few days.

A. bite

B. munch

C. chew

D. gnaw

chew over: nghiền ngẫm

6. Find someone who will let you talk things through, or _____ that, write down your thoughts.

A. except

B. failing

C. for all of

D. given

failing that: nếu không

7. They will need time to _____ the proposals we have submitted.

A. lash out

B. scroll over

C. shrivel up

D. mull over

mull over: ngẫm nghĩ

8. Karen was terribly nervous before the interview but she managed to pull herself _____ and act confidently.

A. through

B. over

C. together

D. off

pull oneself together: giữ bình tĩnh

9. I don't agree with his policies but I'm going to _____ them for now.

A. play along with

B. play cat and mouse with

C. play havoc with

D. play down

play along with: tạm thời làm theo

10. His promise is as good as _____. We can rely on him.

- A. gold B. gem C. diamond D. jewel

as good as gold: có thể tin tưởng

11. These days the castle is swamped with _____ of tourists.

- A. hordes B. cliques C. mobs D. assemblies

hordes of tourists: nhiều du khách

12. His flat looks so _____ that it is difficult to believe he just had a party last night.

- A. spick and span B. by and large C. safe and sound D. sick and tired

spick and span: sạch sẽ

13. I am not able to go anywhere this weekend because I am up to my _____ in work.

- A. neck B. nose C. waist D. ankle

up to my neck in work: bận rộn với nhiều công việc

14. Brain cancer requires _____ treatment such as surgery.

- A. aggressive B. confrontational C. malignant D. rigorous

aggressive treatment: điều trị khắc nghiệt

15. He praised his wife for her dignity under the _____ of the tabloid press.

- A. onslaught B. assault C. onset D. offensive

under the onslaught of: dưới sự ép buộc của

16. The old man led a _____ existence after she left and refused even to see his children.

- A. reclusive B. deserted C. remote D. vacant

lead a reclusive existence: sống ẩn dật

17. I thought I had made it _____ that I didn't wish to discuss this matter.

- A. distinct B. plain C. frank D. straight

make it plain that: nói rõ

18. We work too much. Our teacher keeps our noses to the _____.

- A. stone B. mill stone C. stonemill D. grindstone

keep one's nose to the grindstone: bắt ai làm việc cật lực

19. He is a simple fellow. He usually wears his heart on his _____ .

- A. arm **B. sleeve** C. face D. brow

wear one's heart on one's sleeve: chất phác, thật thà

20. This is the straw that breaks the _____ back.

- A. horse's B. mule's C. donkey's **D. camel**

this is the last straw that breaks the camel's back: không còn sức chịu đựng

21. The juvenile delinquent was place on _____ for a year.

- A. trial B. charge **C. probation** D. surveillance

on probation: án tù treo

22. I soon got the _____ of the new machine.

- A. hang** B. sway C. string D. drift

get the hang of something: hiểu, nắm bắt được

23. Harry was offered a scholarship to study in Japan and he _____ the opportunity with both hands.

- A. grasped **B. grabbed** C. held D. passed

grap the opportunity: nắm bắt cơ hội

24. A full scholarship to Harvard and you are worried about leaving your job? You'd be a fool to _____ up a chance like that.

- A. turn B. brush **C. pass** D. cast

pass up a chance: bỏ lỡ cơ hội

25. He admitted taking a bribe and he doesn't think he's _____ his chances of getting re-elected?

- A. pulled B. wiped C. thrown **D. blown**

blow chances of: lỡ cơ hội

26. Given the appalling weather conditions on top of the mountain, I'd say the chances of their finding any survivors are very _____ indeed.

- A. narrow B. lean **C. remote** D. shallow

remote chane: cơ hội nhỏ nhoi

27. I suppose there is a _____ chance that he could win, but I can't see it happening, myself.

- A. thin **B. slim** C. meagre D. short

a slim chance: cơ hội mỏng manh

28. If someone offered me a posting in South Africa, I'd _____ at the chance.

- A. bound **B. jump** C. grab D. seize

jump at the chance: chớp lấy cơ hội

29. During winter the shelters are full of people of no fixed _____

- A. residence **B. abode** C. home D. domicile

no fixed abode: vô gia cư

30. Until your finances are in the _____, it is not a good idea to take out a loan.

- A. credit B. funds C. profit **D. black**

in the black: nhiều tiền

31. The matter has been left in _____ until the legal ramifications have been explored.

- A. recess B. suspension **C. abeyance** D. waiting

be left in abeyance: bị hoãn lại

32. It was an extremely hostile article which cast _____ on the conduct of the entire cabinet.

- A. criticism **B. aspersions** C. disapproval D. abuse

cast aspersions on: vu khống

33. Could I pick your _____ on the subject before the meeting?

- A. brains** B. mind C. head D. intellect

pick one's brains: tham khảo ý kiến

34. Simon's business has been on the _____ for some time and I understand he's going into liquidation.

- A. fire **B. rocks** C. wave D. clouds

on the rocks: gặp khó khăn

35. She wouldn't have heard anything. She is _____ deaf.

- A. **stone** B. rock C. post D. bat

stone deaf: điếc

36. We've made some great improvements over the past three months, but we're still not out of the _____ .

- A. jungle B. bush C. dark **D. woods**

out of the woods: thoát khỏi nguy hiểm

37. We need a process that _____ corrupt police officers.

- A. tides over B. beats about C. barks up **D. weeds out**

weed out: loại bỏ

38. If you had never seen a telly ad, you would be all at _____ with popular culture.

- A. crossroads B. distance **C. sea** D. length

all at sea: bối rối

39. Kristina felt on top of the _____ when she won the beauty pageant.

- A. world** B. earth C. sky D. universe

on top of the world: vui

40. Mary is the black _____ of the family. She's always in trouble with the police.

- A. dog B. cat **C. sheep** D. horse

the black sheep of the family: người bị bỏ rơi trong gia đình, không được quan tâm

41. His fee is a drop in the _____ compared with the real cost of broadcasting.

- A. bucket **B. ocean** C. lake D. sea

a drop in the ocean: nhỏ nhoi

42. I'd been living in this country for a few years, but it wasn't until I had kids that I felt like I had really put down _____ here.

- A. roots** B. seeds C. nuts D. fruits

put down roots: sống và có công việc ổn định

43. I'm absolutely _____ under with work at the moment.

- A. snowed** B. iced C. rained D. fogged

be snowed under with work: vùi đầu vào công việc

44. I have been _____ by ill health ever since I left university.

- A. hounded B. wormed C. ducked **D. dogged**

be dogged by ill health: bị bệnh

45. It was a very wild winter. I think we had one _____ of snow and that was it.

- A. gust **B. flurry** C. drop D. patch

flurry of snow: tuyết rơi nhẹ

46. I always clean the flat before my mom comes round, but she always find at least one _____ of dust and says it's filthy.

- A. scrap B. gust **C. speck** D. blade

speck of dust: hạt bụi

47. As winter ends, I always seem to feel a _____ of energy.

- A. charge B. spring C. revival **D. burst**

feel a burst of energy: tràn đầy năng lượng

48. The entire staff was thrown off _____ when the news of the takeover was announced.

- A. composure B. disarray C. stable **D. balance**

be thrown off balance: bối rối

49. Gavin will _____ to the challenge of his new promotion.

- A. raise **B. rise** C. ride D. arise

rise to the challenge: đối mặt với thử thách

50. I know you have a good voice and have ambitions to be an opera singer but do not give up your day _____ yet.

- A. situation B. work **C. job** D. place

give up your day job: mơ mộng xa xôi

51. I am in the _____ as to where Chris was last night.

- A. shade **B. dark** C. pink D. black

in the dark: không biết gì

52. Breaking his leg dealt a _____ to his chances of becoming a professional footballer.

simple pleasure: hạnh phúc bình dị

61. That old house hasn't been lived in for nearly thirty years, hence the fact that it looks so _____.

- A. decrepit B. trashed C. rotten **D. derelict**

derelict: bị bỏ hoang

62. Despite harsh criticism, she's sticking to her _____ on this issue.

- A. weapons **B. guns** C. thumb D. neck

stick to one's guns: giữ lập trường

63. If traffic increases beyond a certain level, the city grinds to a _____

- A. halt** B. stop C. pause D. end

grind to a halt: bị tê liệt, chậm lại (giao thông, công việc)

64. Various ecological issues have come to the _____ since the discovery of the hole in the earth's ozone layer.

- A. front B. back C. side **D. fore**

come to the fore: trở nên quan trọng

65. I've seen her perform on television, but never in the _____

- A. meat **B. flesh** C. blood D. vein

see somebody in the flesh: gặp ngoài đời

66. The full horror of the war only hit _____ when we started seeing the television pictures of it.

- A. base B. down **C. home** D. back

hit home: trở nên rõ ràng

67. She's always _____ to me about how badly she's treated at work.

- A. grumbling** B. whining C. objecting D. complaining

grumble: cầu nhàu

68. I didn't mean to leave her name off the list; it was a(n) _____.

- A. neglect B. disregard C. insult **D. oversight**

oversight: sơ suất

69. The most important parts of your job may seem difficult now but they will become second _____ to you within a couple of weeks.

- A. instinct B. thought **C. nature** D. mind

become second nature: trở nên quen thuộc

70. The winning team were roundly criticised by the local media for the way in which they had _____ over the losing team. It was considered very unsporting.

- A. gloated** B. relished C. showed up D. dominated

gloat over: cười hả hê

71. Jack was disappointed not to be promoted as he was given to _____ that the job would be his.

- A. know **B. understand** C. realize D. say

be given to understand: tin là

72. I retired three years ago and didn't know what to do with myself. Getting this dog has given me a new _____ of life.

- A. burst B. loan **C. lease** D. extension

give somebody a new lease of life: mở ra 1 cuộc sống mới

73. I found the last scene extremely _____ and particularly well - directed.

- A. pathetic B. sympathetic C. pitiful **D. moving**

moving: cảm động

74. I'm about to start my long-planned swimming regime. But I've got really terrible cellulite, which makes me feel rather _____

- A. self-assured B. self - centred
C. self-conscious D. self-evident

self-conscious: xấu hổ

75. What can we do to persuade drivers that alcohol can turn a car into a _____ weapon?

- A. lethal** B. fatal C. mortal D. venal

a lethal weapon: vũ khí chết người

76. Large UK-owned companies are _____ their European rivals when it comes to creating wealth, a study has concluded.

A. outstripping

B.. catching up

C. overrunning

D. exceeding

outstrip: bỏ xa, vượt trội hơn

77. Donald Trump's pledge to rip up existing trade deals with Mexico would _____ substantial damage on the US economy and kill the region's competitiveness on the world stage, according to the Mexican economist who led the country's trade talks with the US.

A. induce

B. inflict

C. impose

D. wreak

inflict: gây ra

78. Another, perhaps inspired by the nursery rhyme, is that a(n) _____ for sweet things during pregnancy makes you more likely to be having a girl, while a boy will make you crave savoury, salty foods, meat and cheese in particular.

A. inspiration

B. affinity

C. predilection

D. propensity

predilection: sự ưa chuộng

79. The inconsiderate driver was _____ for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

A. inflicted

B. harassed

C. condemned

D. confined

be confined for: bị bắt

80. The proposal would _____ a storm of protest around the country

A. spark

B. sparkle

C. ignite

D. trigger

spark: khuấy động

81. She refused to answer questions that _____ her private affairs

A. infringed on

B. imprinted in

C. impinged on

D. indulged in

infringe on: xâm phạm

82. The book is such a _____ that I can not put it down

A. page-turner

B. best-seller

C. duvet-cover

D. mind-reader

a page-turner: 1 quyển sách thú vị

83. The European Parliament has called for a humanitarian conference to be _____ to discuss how to tackle the growing crisis.

A. gathered

B. collected

C. assembled

D. convened

convene: triệu tập

84. The rates of extreme poverty have halved in recent decades. But 1.2 billion people still live _____

- A. on the house B. on the tenterhooks
- C. on the breadline D. on the cards

live on the breadline: sống trong nghèo khổ

85. From football to fashion, from TV to stage, we name the _____ stars whose careers are likely to rocket in the future.

- A. out and about B. up and coming
- C. down and out D. in and out

up and coming: có tiềm năng

86. Obama expressed regret as a US drone strike has killed innocent hostages.

- A. incongruously B. vehemently **C. inadvertently** D. graciously

inadvertently: vô tình

87. You never know whether to take Vic seriously or whether his remarks are tongue in _____.

- A. cheek** B. mouth C. tooth D. face

tongue in cheek: mỉa mai, hài hước

88. Applications for the course are coming in thick and _____.

- A. thin B. quick **C. fast** D. skin

thick and fast: dồn dập

89. Mike _____ the tone of the formal dinner by appearing in a pair of ripped jeans and an old T-shirt.

- A. set B. lowered C. degraded D. put

lower the tone of: làm giảm sự trang trọng

90. The exercise routine works in _____ with the diet.

- A. tandem** B. league C. hand D. cooperation

91. The audience were in _____ as they watched the latest Aykebourne comedy.

- A. stitches** B. pleats C. tears D. shreds

in stitches: cười không ngớt

92. Do not mention work to Ray, as it is a sore _____ with him at the moment.

- A. finger **B. point** C. place D. thumb

a sore point: điều làm đau lòng

93. It is hard to get back into the _____ of things after a long holiday.

- A. pace B. way **C. swing** D. rhythm

get back into the swings: trở lại bình thường

94. The trouble with socializing with colleagues is that they usually end up talking _____

- A. sense **B. shop** C. back D. safe

talk shop: bàn việc kinh doanh

95. Take your mobile phone with you just to be on the _____ side.

- A. sunny B. secure C. straight **D. safe**

on the safe side: cho chắc chắn

96. Dealing with the failed waste incinerator project is a _____ issue in west Norfolk

- A. burning** B. heating C. boiling D. firing

a burning issue: vấn đề nóng

97. With the amount of traffic nowadays, even a trip across town is _____ with dangers.

- A. beset** B. surrounded C. assaulted D. devoid

beset with dangers: đầy gian dữ

98. He was forced to _____ control of the company.

- A. discard **B. relinquish** C. quit D. surrender

relinquish: từ bỏ

99. Getting up at 8 o'clock was early by her _____

- A. reasons **B. standards** C. limits D. levels

by one's standards: theo thói quen, quan điểm

100. He kept telling us about his operation, in the most _____ detail.

A. elaborate B. knotty **C. graphic** D. burning

graphic detail: thông tin chi tiết

PRACTICE TEST 6

1. I knew my mother would _____ a face the minute she saw my new hair cut.

A. drag B. lift **C. pull** D. race

pull a face: nhăn nhó

2. When she started borrowing my clothes without asking, I had to put my _____ down.

A. stamp B. show C. fish **D. foot**

put one's foot down: kiên quyết nói không

3. If you are going to town, keep your eyes _____ for that book I was telling you about.

A. peeled B. clean C. wide D. fresh

keep one's eyes peeled: tìm kiếm

4. He was a tall, intimidating person, with a firm tone of voice and a very short _____ .

A. fuse B. line C. patience D. temperament

a very short fuse: nóng tính

5. Peter was _____ of revealing the company's future plans to the reporter.

A. circumspect **B. wary** C. prudent D. cautious

wary of: thận trọng

6. I'd just met his parents for the first time so I was on my best _____ .

A. manners B. conduct **C. behaviour** D. demeanour

on one's best behavior: cư xử khéo léo

7. As his whole family were doctors, it was in his _____ to take up that profession

A. blood B. spirit C. soul D. heart

in one's blood: ngấm vào máu

8. Though we'd all been close on the school trip, we parted _____ with one another once we were back home.

- A. views B. friendship **C. company** D. opinions

part company with: tách ra

9. It pays to be above _____ in your dealings with the Inland Revenue.

- A. board** B. timber C. plank D. panel

above board: trung thực

10. Excuse me if I'm speaking out of _____, but what you are proposing is quite wrong.

- A. mind B. line **C. turn** D. order

out of turn: chưa đến lượt

11. Dr Johnson managed to ensure that the scientists in his research team were the _____ of the crop.

- A. top B. catch **C. cream** D. blend

the cream of the crop: thành phần ưu tú nhất

12. Larry displayed the courage of his _____ by saying no to his supervisor.

- A. convictions** B. certainties C. principles D. opinions

the courage of convictions: can đảm làm theo những gì mình cho là đúng

13. At 69 he is as firmly in the _____ seat of the company as ever.

- A. front **B. driving** C. leading D. foremost

in the driving seat: giữ vị trí lãnh đạo

14. Now, 10 days since the hurricane made landfall, residents are struggling to pick up the _____.

- A. bits B. parts **C. pieces** D. slices

pick up the pieces: khắc phục thiệt hại

15. I believe he really does want to work for us, but he's playing hard to _____ so that we offer more money.

- A. catch **B. get** C. grab D. give

play hard to get: làm kiêu, làm giá

16. Some people try to _____ the myth that women are weak.

A. maintain B. preserve **C. perpetuate** D. disseminate

perpetuate: duy trì (quan điểm)

17. It's a _____ for decent jobs these days, so you need every qualification you can get.

A. scramble B. jumble C. jostle D. flurry

scramble: sự tranh giành

18. It's been a _____ winter this year, with temperatures as low as -15°

A. fervent B. sharp **C. bitter** D. fetid

a bitter winter: mùa đông khắc nghiệt

19. Keith is a _____ of knowledge when it comes to computers.

A. stream **B. fountain** C. pool D. spring

a fountain of knowledge: kho kiến thức

20. It's a modern city, full of _____ tower blocks

A. rising B. heaving C. ascending **D. soaring**

soaring tower blocks: tòa nhà cao tầng

21. A narrow path winds its _____ down from the mountain.

A. course B. route **C. way** D. direction

wind its way down: uốn khúc

22. Try to _____ count of how many calories you eat over a week.

A. have B. make **C. keep** D. hold

keep count of: nắm số lượng

23. There's still a _____ bit of work to be done on the house.

A. decent **B. fair** C. big D. large

a fair bit of work: 1 số công việc

24. The extra payments are a _____ for most single mothers.

A. lifeline B. lifequard C. lifeboat D. lifebelt

lifeline: cứu tinh

25. I arrived early for the meeting so I was twiddling my _____ for half an hour.

- A. fingers B. toes C. hands **D. thumbs**

twiddle one's thumbs: rảnh rỗi

26. The film's only _____ grace is the excellent cinematography.

- A. winning B. rescuing **C. saving** D. giving

saving grace: cái bù lại, điều cứu vãn

27. A full-sized tripod is far too _____ to carry around. I find this pocket – sized one is much handier.

- A. overweight B. inept **C. unwieldy** D. outsize

unwieldy: nặng nề

28. Many diseases that used to be considered _____ of mankind are now easily treatable with antibiotics

- A. scourges** B. tortures C. blights D. thorns

scourge: tai họa

29. She knows she needs exercise, but finds going to the gym a _____.

- A. job B. toil C. work **D. chore**

find something a chore: khó chịu khi làm gì

30. The special effects were quite good, but that's more than could be _____ for the acting.

- A. mentioned B. spoken **C. said** D. told

that's more than could be said: còn nhiều điều cần nói

31. There are some safety _____ in connection with the new building that still need to be addressed.

- A. worries B. cares C. troubles **D. corners**

safty corners: qui tắc an toàn

32. After the earthquake, the entrance hall was turned into a _____ casualty ward.

- A. mainstay **B. makeshift** C. piecework D. wayside

makeshift: tạm thời

33. Tears _____ up out of the baby's eyes.

- A. raised B. mounted **C. welled** D. filled

well up: tuôn ra

34. She went under _____ as a waiter to write an article on tipping.

- A. mask B. act C. pose **D. cover**

under cover: ngụy trang

35. There is a new _____ to our family. My mother has just given birth to a baby.

- A. growth B. admission C. topping **D. addition**

addition: thành viên mới

36. I don't want to burden my daughter with my problems; she's got too much _____

- A. up her sleeve B. in her mind C. in effect **D. on her plate**

get too much on one's plate: bận

37. We live in a _____ society where shopping is all-important.

- A. customer **B. consumer** C. consumption D. civil

a consumer society: xã hội tiêu dùng

38. That human rights are _____ is unacceptable in a civilized society.

- A. infringed** B. impeached C. abrogated D. quashed

infringe: vi phạm

39. He set one alarm-clock for five o'clock and the other for five past so as to _____ that he did not oversleep.

- A. assure **B. ensure** C. insure D. reass

ensure: bảo đảm

40. Improving the overall environmental quality is a long-term battle in which we do want the participation of everyone in society in order to _____ results.

- A. realize** B. reap C. bear D. generate

realize results: thu được kết quả

41. While backpacking in a quiet, traditional region, I came across the seemingly _____ fast food ads typical of my hometown.

- A. invasive B. infuriating C. irritating **D. ubiquitous**

ubiquitous: có ở khắp nơi

42. I dislike him so much that I find it difficult even to be _____ to him.

- A. civil B. tactful C. diplomatic D. well-mannered

civil: lịch sự

43. Leili said she found learning languages as easy as _____. She had a gift for it.

- A. sliding off a branch **B. falling off a log**
C. diving off a climb D. branching off a bough

as easy as falling off a log: rất dễ

44. You are going to need her help. If I were you, I'd _____ a bit. I'd try to get her on my side, you know what I mean.

- A. soap her down B. oil her over
C. butter her up D. grease her out

butter somebody up: nịnh bợ

45. That woman sees nothing _____ in letting her children run around as they wish.

- A. awry **B. amiss** C. afraid D. alike

see nothing amiss: không thấy gì sai

46. It looks like she's really _____ with her successful new business.

- A. closing a deal B. moving on up C. breaking it even **D. raking it in**

rake it in: kiếm được nhiều tiền

47. There is a great deal of pressure in the newspaper industry; editor might work a 12-hour day with no _____.

- A. come-down B. letdown C. crackdown **D. let-up**

let-up: sự nghỉ ngơi

48. It was Alice's year: a new home, a better job - everything just clicked into _____.

- A. spot B. position **C. place** D. spaceholes

click into place: diễn ra thuận lợi

49. The professor's _____ theory is that singing preceded speech.

- A. fancied B. fond **C. pet** D. prefer

pet theory: lý thuyết được chú ý

50. It took me several seconds to grasp the meaning of her statement but finally the _____ dropped.

- A. penny B. axe C. hammer D. stone

the penny dropped: sáng tỏ

51. Somebody who is foolish or stupid is _____ .

- A. soft in the head B. riding high
C. over the moon D. pushing up daisies

soft in the head: ngu ngốc

52. The government is doing all it can to _____ war on dangerous driving.

- A. launch B. wage C. stage D. battle

wage war on: tuyên chiến với

53. Take care that your love for him doesn't _____ your judgment.

- A. cloud B. darken C. shadow D. topple

cloud your judgement: làm lu mờ lý trí

54. Although the twins look identical, they have widely _____ opinions on almost every topic under the sun.

- A. distinct B. dissimilar C. divergent D. distinguished

divergent: đối nghịch nhau

55. The children's interest in playing the game soon _____ .

- A. flagged B. stumbled C. tottered D. thawed

flag: giảm (hứng thú)

56. The princess's nanny's autobiography really gives the _____ on life among the royals.

- A. show-down B. know-how C. low-down D. look-out

low-down: sự thật

57. A(n) _____ attempt by the army was quickly foiled.

- A. coup B. overthrow C. overtake D. mutiny

coup: đảo chính

58. Having gained a _____ victory in the general elections, they proceeded with their ambitious programme.

- A. galloping B. staunch **C. landslide** D. close-up

a landslide victory: chiến thắng vang dội

59. It was the most boring, long-_____ speech I have ever had the misfortune to hear.

- A. lasting **B. winded** C. standing D. running

long-winded: dài dòng

60. The journey would take _____ fifty minutes.

- A. give or take **B. about**
C. anywhere between D. in rough

about: khoảng

61. There's no need to get so _____ about being turned down. There are other advertising agencies out there, you know.

- A. destitute **B. despondent** C. descendant D. despicable

despondent: chán nản

62. Many companies have had to _____ their plans for expansion due to the economic recession.

- A. scrap** B. harbour C. refrain D. oust

scrap: hủy bỏ

63. I _____ you that this new job is a step up the ladder, but it will mean moving to another part of the country.

- A. divulge B. quibble C. heckle **D. grant**

grant sb: phải thừa nhận với ai đó rằng

64. The only thing that _____ the race was Kaba's accident.

- A. dismantled B. scrapped **C. marred** D. frayed

mar: phá hỏng

65. The whole situation is getting out of _____. Let's do something before it turns into a bitter row.

A. capacity B. charge **C. hand** D. discipline

get out of hand: vượt ngoài tầm kiểm soát

66. The weekend is over, so tomorrow morning it's back to the _____.

A. grind B. labour C. drudgery D. toil

back to the grind: trở về với cuộc sống thường nhật

67. It takes time to get a financial system up and _____ after the introduction of a new currency.

A. walking B. proceeding **C. running** D. going

up and running: hoạt động trôi chảy, trơn tru

68. Life is so full of both good fortune and misfortunes that you have to learn to take the rough with the _____.

A. smooth B. ready C. calm D. tough

take the rough with the smooth: chịu đựng được gian khổ

69. Stephen really lost his _____ when his dental appointment was cancelled yet again.

A. head B. voice C. calm **D. rag**

lose one's rag: giận dữ

70. Don't take it as _____ that you'll be promoted in your job; other colleagues stand a good chance too

A. fixed B. standard **C. read** D. word

take it as read: cho là hiển nhiên

71. I don't believe for a moment that if you play that record backwards, you'll hear a _____ message in the background.

A. subsiding B. sublingual **C. subliminal** D. telepathic

subliminal: thuộc tiềm thức

72. The festival audience were _____ each other in order to get as near to the stage as possible.

A. staggering **B. jostling** C. strolling D. fidgeting

jostle: xô đẩy

73. - "They say that your wife tends to pry into other people private's matters."

- "I don't care. It's no skin off my _____"

A. palm B. skull C. cheek **D. nose**

no skin off one's nose: không phải chuyện của tôi

74. Take the doctor's advice into consideration. He's in _____ earnest about the epidemic.

- A. mortally B. fatally C. gravely **D. deadly**

in deadly earnest: sốt sắng

75. It's important to keep your _____ about you when you are walking through the African bush.

- A. wits** B. heads C. brains D. minds

keep your wits about you: cẩn trọng

76. The science teacher asked the class to _____ the results of their experiment on a graph.

- A. draw B. illustrate **C. plot** D. sketch

plot: biểu thị

77. She's such a _____ of strength that everyone relies on her in a crisis.

- A. tower** B. pillar C. post D. support

a tower of strength: người có thể nhờ vả

78. Tom was able to _____ a pretty picture of the situation and impressed his manager.

- A. paint** B. draw C. present D. make

paint a picture: phác họa hình ảnh

79. It is far too easy to lay the blame _____ on the shoulders of the management.

- A. flatly B. willingly **C. squarely** D. perfectly

squarely: trực tiếp

80. David has a(n) _____ to fainting at the sight of blood.

- A. inclination B. predilection **C. predisposition** D. penchant

predisposition: tố chất, thói quen

81. The school committee paid _____ to their famous former pupil by naming the new gym after her.

- A. esteem **B. homage** C. honour D. respect

pay homage to: tỏ lòng kính trọng

82. After his long illness, the old man appeared so thin and _____ that a gust of wind might have blown him away.

- A. flimsy B. faint C. withered **D. frail**

frail: yếu ớt

83. You could tell that she wasn't happy about the news by the way she _____ her face in disapproval.

- A. came on B. brought round C. settled for **D. screwed up**

screw up one's face: cau có

84. Going to the unemployment office and having to wait there for hours is a _____ experience.

- A. soul-destroying** B. heart-stopping
C. power-sharing D. thought-provoking

soul-destroying: nhảm chán

85. Mr. Newrich invited his guests to an expensive restaurant. However, he felt _____ at ease.

- A. sick B. painful **C. ill** D. unwell

ill at ease: không thoải mái

86. The gift, together with the flowers, was a _____ of his gratitude and appreciation.

- A. coupon B. memento C. remembrance **D. token**

token: sự thể hiện, bày tỏ

87. If she doesn't get what she wants, she throws a _____, stamping her feet and screaming her head off.

- A. outburst **B. tantrum** C. steam D. rage

throw a tantrum: giận dữ

88. The _____ workers were expecting thousands of refugees to turn up at the camps over the next few weeks.

- A. social B. concern **C. relief** D. agency

the relief worker: nhân viên cứu trợ

89. The police have been _____ the district for the murderer, leaving no stone unturned.

- A. brainwashing B. penetrating C. ransacking **D. scouring**

scour: lùng sục

90. Despite the fog, we were able to discern a _____ of cottages in the distance.

- A. cluster** B. clutter C. congregation D. constellation

cluster: cụm, đám

91. I'm afraid we got our _____ crossed. I thought my husband would be picking up the children and he thought I was doing it.

- A. minds B. purposes C. fingers **D. wires**

get one's wires crossed: hiểu sai mục đích

92. Today many people find that the pressure they have at work makes their jobs _____ as they have to put their families totally in the background.

- A. untenable** B. unforgivable C. unsustainable D. unreliable

untenable: không thể tiếp tục được

93. The man's choice to run away virtually _____ to an admission of guilt.

- A. devoted B. came **C. amounted** D. added

amount to: đồng nghĩa với

94. I have to stress that the _____ is on you to bring up your own children.

- A. duty B. charge **C. onus** D. liability

the onus is on you: bạn có trách nhiệm

95. She was just an ordinary person before suddenly thrusting into the _____.

- A. limelight** B. floodlight C. headlight D. flashlight

limelight: sự chú ý của công chúng

96. Many people no longer trust their own _____ memories and commit every detail of their lives to some digital device or other and are completely lost without it.

- A. fallible** B. susceptible C. vulnerable D. controllable

fallible: có thể mắc sai sót

97. I associate public transport with one of the worst experiences of my life and the _____ of it is that I will never catch a bus again.

- A. hard and fast B. thick and thin
C. long and short D. ups and downs

long and short: nói tóm gọn là

98. Getting that job did a lot to _____ his ego after having been turned down many times.

- A. **boost** B. promote C. develop D. accelerate

boost one's ego: đẩy mạnh sự tự tin

99. My boss is a typical person who has to deal with _____ activities every day.

- A. miscellaneous B. **multifarious** C. assorted D. manifold

multifarious: nhiều

100. Fortunately, her parents were _____ unaware of what was happening to her.

- A. rapturously B. exultantly C. **blissfully** D. jubilantly

blissfully unaware: hoàn toàn không hay biết

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PRACTICE TEST 7

1. I was promised a good job from January this year, but it's April now and I'm afraid that they are just _____ me along.

- A. cheating B. swindling C. **stringing** D. bringing

string somebody along: lừa

2. Although we now believe this to be impossible, early scientists tried to produce _____ motion machines, that is, machines which would never stop.

- A. **perpetual** B. everlasting C. undying D. forever

perpetual: không ngừng nghỉ

4. Mr. Discontent wanted to complain to the waiter but was afraid of making a(n) _____.

- A. act B. **drama** C. play D. scene

make a drama: làm lớn chuyện

5. Is an inexperienced civil servant _____ to the task of running the company?

- A. capable B. skilled C. eligible D. **suited**

be suited to: phù hợp với

6. After the concert, everyone had to _____ home through the snow.

- A. trace B. tread C. **trudge** D. trickle

trudge: lê bước

7. The students paid _____ attention to the distinguished professor.

- A. respectable B. respected C. **respectful** D. respective

pay respectful attention: thể hiện sự kính trọng

8. Jerry has been burning the midnight _____ over the last few days; his final exam is soon.

- A. lamp B. light C. candle D. **oil**

burn the midnight oil: thức khuya làm việc

9. Books taken from the short _____ section are due to be returned the next day.

- A. borrowing B. credit **C. loan** D. return

the loan section: mục mượn sách

10. You are bound to find information on the stock market crash of 1987 in the newspaper _____.

- A. files **B. archives** C. records D. collections

archives: nơi lưu trữ

11. I knew my mother would _____ a face the minute she saw my new haircut.

- A. drag B. lift **C. pull** D. raise

pull the face: nhăn nhó

12. There are a lot of computer programmes nowadays, but really good ones are few and far _____.

- A. between** B. apart C. away D. amongst

few and far between: ít, thưa thớt

13. He is such a kind and caring young boy - he wouldn't hurt a _____.

- A. bird B. worm **C. fly** D. bug

not hurt a fly: không làm hại ai

14. In the last century, it was widely _____ that Indian fakirs were capable of superhuman feats.

- A. held** B. grasped C. kept D. shaken

it is widely held that: mọi người cho rằng

15. You can buy goods on the Internet with a credit card, but there is a danger of _____ if someone else obtains the number.

- A. corruption **B. fraud** C. embezzlement D. disruption

fraud: lừa gạt

16. As he accepted the award from the organization, his voice _____ with emotion.

- A. quivered** B. flinched C. cringed D. winced

quiver: run

17. You say that this small spare part cost you \$100? I am sure you paid through the _____ for it.

A. eye **B. nose** C. ear D. lips

pay through the nose: trả giá, mặc cả

18. It was mindless of you to _____ Sam in the face. You should never have done it if you expect him to love you.

A. slam B. clap **C. slap** D. clasp

slap sb in the face: làm phật lòng ai

19. The train service has been a _____ since they introduced the new schedules.

A. shambles B. rumpus C. chaos D. fracas

shambles: cảnh hỗn độn

20. Fiona's offered to help you. Don't ask why – never look a gift _____ in the mouth.

A. horse B. cow C. deer D. dog

look a gift horse in the mouth: từ chối, chê

21. Sandra's unpleasant _____ suggested that she knew about Amanda's terrible secret.

A. grimace **B. smirk** C. wince D. snort

smirk: cười đều, khinh bỉ

22. The altitude _____ his breathing, making him a bit spaced out and disorientated.

A. played downed **B. played havoc with**
C. played himself in D. played up to

play havoc with: gây khó khăn

23. These men share a tendency toward balladeering that _____ me the wrong way.

A. bothers B. provokes C. riles **D. rubs**

rub somebody the wrong way: làm ai bực mình

24. I'm afraid the results of the X-ray examination are quite _____.

A. undecided B. indecisive **C. inconclusive** D. irresolute

inconclusive: chưa thể đi đến kết luận

25. A lot of people who have had a _____ deal in life will show surprising cheerfulness.

A. bad B. rough C. **raw** D. clean

a raw deal: sự đối xử bất công

26. The accused man was released on _____ pending the hearing of the case.

A. deposit B. bond C. deposition D. **bail**

on bail: được bảo lãnh

27. The main cause of the strike was the management's refusal to give further consideration to the question of pay _____.

A. differences B. **differentials** C. subsidies D. dissimilarities

pay differentials: sự chênh lệch về lương

28. The Chairman ruled the speaker's question _____.

A. out of line B. out of tune C. **out of order** D. out of condition

out of order: không phù hợp, không đúng mực

29. When several companies showed interest in buying the film rights to his novel, he knew he had _____.

A. upped the ante B. scooped the bag
C. caught the fat one D. **hit the jackpot**

hit the jackpot: thành công lớn

30. The tournament isn't over yet, not by a long _____.

A. talk B. **chalk** C. walk D. hawk

not by a long chalk: hoàn toàn không

31. The rumour that his job was in jeopardy caused Pete to _____ with concern.

A. **frown** B. beam C. grimace D. howl

frown with concern: cau mày

32. Little did I imagine The Amazing Race would entail long-winded journey and ups and downs _____.

A. **aplenty** B. inexhaustibly C. profusely D. superabundant

aplenty: dồi dào

33. It stands to reason that a touch of humor and optimism can work _____.

A. on all cylinders

B. spectacles

C. wonders

D. your fingers to the bone

work wonders: có ích

34. Researchers have made a(n) ____ plea for more sponsorship so that they can continue their project.

A. compassionate

B. dispassionate

C. encompassed

D. impassioned

impassioned: mãnh liệt, mạnh mẽ

35. At first, she was ____ dumbfounded to hear that he wanted to break up, and then came the stirring of autohypnotic perturbation.

A. exceedingly

B. out-and-out

C. somewhat

D. utterly

utterly: hoàn toàn

36. In the hands of a reckless driver, a car becomes a ____ weapon.

A. lethal

B. fatal

C. mortal

D. venal

a lethal weapon: vũ khí chết người

37. It's a shame they did not pick you, but it does not ____ out the possibility that you might get a job in a different department.

A. rule

B. strike

C. cancel

D. draw

rule out: loại trừ

38. There's a small hard ____ on my wrist. I think I'd better see the doctor.

A. swelling

B. lump

C. bruise

D. rash

lump: cái bướu

39. At first Tom insisted he was right, but then began to ____.

A. back down

B. follow up

C. drop off

D. break up

back down: nhượng bước

40. The decision was ____ to a later meeting.

A. cancelled

B. arranged

C. deferred

D. delayed

defer: hoãn lại

41. Tempers began to ____ as the lorries forced their way through the picket lines.

A. break **B. fray** C. grate D. fire

fray: phát cáu lên

42. The old ship will be towed into harbour and ____ .

A. broken up B. broken down C. broken in D. broken off

break up: tháo dỡ

43. Making private calls on the office phone is severely ____ on in our department.

A. frowned B. criticised C. regarded D. objected

be frown on: không được tán thành, chỉ trích

44. Apart from the ____ cough and cold. I've been remarkably healthy all my life.

A. odd B. opportune C. irregular D. timely

odd: lặt vặt

45. The company was declared bankrupt when it had ____ more debts than it could hope to repay.

A. inflicted **B. incurred** C. entailed D. evolved

incur debts: mắc nợ

46. Architectural pressure groups fought unsuccessfully to save a terrace of eighteenth century houses from ____ .

A. disruption B. abolition **C. demolition** D. dismantling

demolition: sự phá hủy

47. Before I went to drama school, I had to ____ quite a lot of family pressure for me to study medicine.

A. resist B. restrain C. refuse D. reconcile

resist: chịu đựng

48. Strong protests were made ____ with demands for an international enquiry.

A. joined B. added **C. coupled** D. included

couple with: kết hợp với

49. What her problems all seemed to ____ to was lack of money.

A. analyse B. condense **C. boil down** D. sum up

boil down to: qui cho là

50. The picture looked very impressive but in fact it had been _____ from another.

- A. imitated B. emulated **C. copied** D. faked

copy: sao chép

51. The archaeologist was amazed to see that the body hadn't _____ at all.

- A. mouldered B. rotted C. wasted **D. decomposed**

decompose: phân hủy

52. We put some _____ of bread out everyday for the birds.

- A. chips **B. crumbs** C. cubes D. slivers

crumbs of bread: vụn bánh mì

53. I found the information for the project in the encyclopedia but I couldn't give _____ and verse on it.

- A. chapter** B. unit C. poem D. extract

give chapter and verse: đưa ra thông tin chính xác, chi tiết

54. Speaking about his long battle with his illness struck a _____ with the audience.

- A. wire B. string C. rope **D. chord**

strike a chord: nói đúng tâm lý

55. He is not under arrest, nor have police placed any _____ on his movements.

- A. obstacle **B. restriction** C. veto D. regulation

restriction: sự hạn chế

56. The entire staff was thrown off _____ when the news of the takeover was announced.

- A. composure B. disarray C. stable **D. balance**

be thrown off balance: bối rối, mất bình tĩnh

57. I'm not sure I can answer that. I've only thought about it in the _____ before.

- A. general B. hypothetical C. indefinite **D. abstract**

think about something in the abstract: nghĩ chung chung

58. The matter has been left in _____ until the legal ramifications have been explored.

- A. recess B. suspension **C. abeyance** D. waiting

in abeyance: hoãn lại

59. Could I pick your _____ on the subject before the meeting?

- A. brains** B. mind C. head D. intellect

pick one's brains: hỏi ý kiến

60. The modification has been the _____ on the cake for both of us, for a lot of hard work has gone into the design and development of the course.

- A. chilling B. cooling C. freezing **D. icing**

the icing on the cake: một tin mừng hay điều tốt đẹp

61. Annabel and Insidious 3 are not James Wan's best movies by far and those would be _____ between any of the other sequels on air, but they are pretty incredible.

- A. kiss-offs B. summings-up C. tip-offs **D. toss-ups**

toss-up: sự lựa chọn

62. You shouldn't have been _____ to your elders by raising those matters.

- A. ill-mannered B. immaterial **C. impertinent** D. inapposite

impertinent: xúc xược

63. Should you fail, the sacrifices made by your family would be meaningless and reside _____.

- A. on your conscience** B. at your wits' end

- C. off your own boat D. under your thumb

on your conscience: hối lỗi

64. Many Americans refused to fall in with the idea that religion is a(n) _____ disreputable anachronism.

- A. academically B. cerebrally C. cognitively **D. intellectually**

intellectually: trí thức

65. She expects the political experience gained in this election will stand her in good _____ in her future career, which, she suggests, could include another campaign.

- A. footing B. grounding C. precedent **D. stead**

stand someone in good stead: có lợi cho ai

66. I ran into an unknown in the gap-filling exercise, but I did try and _____ the gap.

- A. held on B. hang out C. pressed on **D. stuck at**

stick at: đương đầu với khó khăn

67. I was out of _____ with you on this matter, but let's not quarrel about it.

- A. empathy B. harmony C. keeping **D. sympathy**

out of sympathy: không đồng tình

68. Poor management brought village shops to teeter _____ of collapse although community-owned shops, Internet retailing and home delivery schemes were becoming more popular.

- A. in the teeth **B. on the brink**
C. on the razor's edge D. on the threshold

on the brink: bên bờ vực

69. Our lecturer _____ the importance of taking notes

- A. reincarnated **B. reiterated** C. rehabilitated D. reciprocated

reiterate: lặp đi lặp lại

70. The contemporary dialogue for me struck a slightly _____ note.

- A. disembodied **B. discordant** C. dismissive D. disconcerting

discordant: chối tai

71. Both of the jobs I've been offered are fantastic opportunities – I'm in such _____!

- A. a constituency B. a deviation C. an arrhythmia **D. a quandary**

in a quandary: ở vào tình thế khó xử

72. Sharon is such a positive person – she _____ her problems, whatever they are.

- A. goes light on B. throws light to **C. makes light of** D. sheds light upon

make light of: xem nhẹ

73. After hearing news of the attack, the general made plans for an immediate _____ against the enemy.

- A. compilation **B. retaliation** C. accumulation D. incantation

retaliation: trả thù

74. He didn't mean to be offensive; it was quite an _____ remark.

- A. innocuous** B. indehiscent C. incendiary D. insidious

innocuous: vô hại

75. Serena is still _____ ignorant of the fact that she is about to be made redundant.

- A. blissfully** B. decorously C. jubilantly D. ecstatically

blissfully ignorant: hoàn toàn không nhận biết

76. No decision has been taken about the building of the new airport. The authorities are still _____.

- A. beating about the bush B. comparing apples and oranges
C. sitting on the fence D. holding all the aces

sit on the fence: lưỡng lự

77. Oil spills will _____ even the healthiest of marine ecosystem.

- A. play havoc on B. break ground with
C. pay the consequences for **D. take their toll on**

take their toll on: gây thiệt hại

78. Congratulations on your success! How does it feel to be _____?

- A. the man of the hour** B. a word of honor
C. an egg on the face D. the top of the morning

the man of the hour: người được ngưỡng mộ, ngôi ca

79. She was so _____ about my ambition to be an actress that I really wish I hadn't confided in her.

- A. ridiculous B. ironical C. droll **D. sarcastic**

sarcastic: mỉa mai

80. The two men had a disagreement when they first met. That disagreement _____ the scene for the lifelong hostility between them.

- A laid B arranged C prepared **D set**

set the scene: gây ra

81. This will cause all sorts of problems. ~ I know. It's a _____ for disaster.

- A. **recipe** B. ingredient C. receipt D. reason

a recipe for disaster: điều gây ra thảm họa

82. A: He thinks the exam will be easy.

B: Oh, _____.

- A. if you like **B. famous last words** C. go ahead D. I wouldn't say no

famous last words: dùng để chỉ những lời quá tự tin, người nói sẽ cảm thấy hối tiếc

83. We had to _____ in the back of the car for an hour to find the missing keys.

- A. bed out B. ransack **C. root around** D. turn upside down

root around: tìm kiếm

84. If the basket is removed with more citric acid added, it may be used to manufacture or _____ alcohol.

- A. amend B. patch up **C. rectify** D. remedy

rectify: tinh cất

85. They spend so much time arguing that, when it comes to the _____, decisions are often deferred.

- A. crunch** B. outcry C. panic stations D. uproar

when it comes to the crunch: đến lúc cần hành động

86. We were bitterly disappointed when our team were _____ to the second division from the first.

- A. allocated B. designated **C. relegated** D. stipulated

relegate: rớt hạng

87. Working night shifts at the weekend is _____ of any job in hospitality.

- A. cut and thrust B. ebb and flow C. nuts and bolts **D. part and parcel**

part and parcel: phần quan trọng

88. Materialism traps us _____ in a world of possessions hag-ridden by irrational fears of likely loss and lurking dangers.

- A. impromptu B. off the cuff C. on a whim **D. unawares**

unawares: bất ngờ, không báo trước

89. Although she had been told quite _____ to pull herself together, she simply couldn't stop crying.

- A. rigidly **B. sternly** C. unrelentingly D. unsympathetically

sternly: nghiêm khắc

90. He was highly knowledgeable on the areas. Many would say he was something of a _____.

- A. novice B. probationer C. tenderfoot **D. veteran**

veteran: người từng trải

91. The _____ in our building often falls asleep at the front desk.

- A. caretaker** B. stockbroker C. undertaker D. bookmaker

caretaker: người trông nom

92. Police blamed a small hooligan _____ in the crowd for the violence which occurred.

- A. constituent **B. element** C. division D. portion

element: thành phần

93. He was arrested for trying to pass _____ notes at the bank.

- A. camouflaged B. fake **C. counterfeit** D. fraudulent

counterfeit: giả

94. It was such a shock to receive a letter like that _____

- A. in the red **B. out of the blue** C. in the pink D. over the moon

out of the blue: bất ngờ

95. Mr Wellbred went to a school which _____ good manners and self-discipline.

- A. blossomed B. planted C. harvested **D. cultivated.**

cultivate good manners: nuôi dưỡng nhân cách

96. The smell of the burnt cabbage was so _____ that it spread to every room.

- A. pervasive** B. effusive C. extensive D. diffuse

pervasive: lan tỏa khắp nơi

97. If the terrorists are not sent to prison, there will be a public _____

- A. attack B. onslaught C. recrimination **D. outcry**

outcry: sự phản đối

98. She was in the office all of Wednesday and so has a _____ alibi.

- A. stale B. considerable C. broad **D. cast-iron**

a cast-iron alibi: chứng cứ ngoại phạm vững chắc

99. Her dishonesty served as a _____ to the speedy termination of her employment.

- A. catastrophe B. catharsis C. catalepsy **D. catalyst**

catalyst: sự gây ra, chất xúc tác

100. In his speech he made a flattering _____ to your work.

- A. allusion** B. appetite C. application D. applause

allusion: lời ám chỉ

what with the smoke and the noise: nào là khói và tiếng ồn

8. Speed limits on the road _____ to protect pedestrians as well as motorists.

- A. **serve** B. prove C. succeed D. intend

serve: giúp

9. Tax _____ deprives the state of several million pounds a year.

- A. retention B. desertion C. escapism **D. evasion**

tax evasion: trốn thuế

10. What are you going to do when all your money _____.

- A. runs down B. runs deep **C. runs dry** D. runs short

money runs dry: hết tiền

11. Fred says that his present job does not provide him with enough _____ for his organising ability.

- A. **scope** B. space C. capacity D. range

scope: cơ hội

12. A few political extremists _____ the crowd to attack the police.

- A. animated B. agitated **C. incited** D. stirred

incite: xúi giục, kích động

13. Some people can _____ out of their shyness as soon as they are 20.

- A. move B. change **C. grow** D. turn

grow out of shyness: không còn ngượng

13. Please don't talk about the day – I want to _____ it all behind me.

- A. block B. stir C. summon **D. put**

put it all behind me: bỏ lại phía sau mọi thứ

14. Advertisers often aim their campaigns at young people as they have considerable spending _____?

- A. **power** B. strength C. force D. ability

spending power: khả năng chi tiêu

15. The weather is usually mild, although we sometimes get a cold _____ at the beginning of the year.

A. spell B. term C. interval D. wave

cold spell: khoảng thời gian thời tiết lạnh

16. He had a _____ escape since the bullet came within inches of his head.

A. slender B. close C. near **D. narrow**

have a narrow escape: sự thoát nạn trong gang tấc

17. I can't tell you the exact amount, but I can give you a _____ estimate.

A. smooth B. tidy **C. rough** D. similar

have a rough estimate: sự phỏng tính

18. _____ benefits include a new car and free health insurance.

A. Well **B. Fringe** C. Edge D. Verge

fringe benefits: phụ cấp

19. You haven't heard all the facts so don't _____ to conclusion.

A. walk B. go C. fly **D. jump**

jump to conclusion: đi đến kết luận

20. I really cannot believe that anyone would _____ to such underhand tactics.

A. dabble **B. stoop** C. reach D. conceive

stoop: cúi xuống, hạ mình

21. Dominant individuals may use _____ gestures to underline their power.

A. submissive **B. expansive** C. flirtatious D. nervous

expansive: đa dạng, nhiều

22. Andrew's _____ was to only tell his mother bad news when she was busy so that she would have less chance to react.

A. tactics B. intent **C. ploy** D. threat

ploy: mánh khéo

23. A sharp frost _____ the beginning of winter.

A. advertised B. predicted **C. heralded** D. showed

herald: báo trước

24. The old man led a _____ existence after she left and refused even to see his children.

- A. **reclusive** B. deserted C. remote D. vacant

reclusive: ẩn dật

25. They're having serious problems. Their relationship is on the _____.

- A. cliffs B. **rocks** C. stones D. grass

their relationship is on the rocks: mối quan hệ bị rạn nứt

26. The renewed interest in Elizabethan times is evident in the _____ of new Hollywood films set during that period.

- A. **spate** B. hypocrisy C. transience D. demise

in the spate of: nhiều

27. Religion and politics interest him almost _____.

- A. **equally** B. the same C. similarly D. alike

equally: như nhau

28. Our salesmen normally _____ their travel expenses from the company.

- A. settle B. reimburse C. cover D. **claim**

claim: đòi

29. A property company was making a take-over _____ for the supermarket site.

- A. proposition B. **bid** C. tender D. proposal

make a take-over bid: ra giá để mua lại

30. At first the children enjoyed the game but quite soon the novelty _____.

- A. went off B. died out C. **wore off** D. died down

wear off: mất dần

31. The train _____ the bay and then turned inland for twenty miles.

- A. coasted B. **skirted** C. edged D. sided

skirt: đi vòng quanh

32. I'm not keen on _____ control of the project to a relative newcomer.

- A. undertaking B. charging **C. entrusting** D. allotting

entrust: giao phó

33. I'm _____ to listen to your pathetic excuses," She said.

- A. sick and tired **B. in no mood** C. having enough D. sick to death

in no mood: không có tâm trạng

34. "There's no need to stand on ceremony, _____ in," said a disembodied voice from the kitchen.

- A. plough B. burrow C. fork **D. dig**

dig in: bắt đầu ăn

35. It was _____ by chance that we managed to find her.

- A. sheerly **B. purely** C. plainly D. highly

purely by chance: hoàn toàn tình cờ

36. I wish you would stop sitting on the _____ and decide whose side you're on.

- A. fence** B. crossroads C. wall D. middle

sit on the fence: lưỡng lự

37. Within minutes the building was _____ in flames.

- A. engulfed** B. engrossed C. engaged D. entangled

be engulfed in flames: chìm trong biển lửa

38. The price of bread has just doubled, but with _____ inflation what can you expect

- A. rampant** B. steadfast C. profuse D. staunch

rampant inflation: lạm phát tăng cao

39. He's a nice guy, always already to do somebody a good _____.

- A. present B. play **C. turn** D. pleasure

do somebody a good turn: giúp đỡ ai

40. Young children often ask many questions because they are naturally _____.

- A. intriguing **B. inquisitive** C. ingenious D. captivating

inquisitive: hiếu kì

41. The rather humid climate in no way _____ from the beauty of place

- A. subtracts B. protracts **C. detracts** D. attracts

detract from: làm giảm

42. Don't thank me for helping in the garden. It was _____ pleasure to be working out of doors.

- A. plain B. mere C. simple **D. sheer**

sheer pleasure: niềm vui

42. My sunburnt nose made me feel rather _____ for the first few days of the holiday.

- A. self-effacing B. self-centred **C. self-conscious** D. self-evident

self-conscious: xấu hổ

43. The peace of the public library was _____ by the sound of transistor radio

- A. smashed B. fractured C. demolished **D. shattered**

shatter: phá tan

44. Anticipating renewed rioting, the authorities erected _____ to block off certain streets.

- A. barrages **B. barricades** C. ditches D. dykes

barricade: vật chướng ngại

45. With their modern, lightweight boat, they soon _____ the older vessels in the race

- A. outstripped** B. caught up C. overran D. exceeded

outstrip: bỏ xa

46. The accused man was able to prove his innocence at the trial and was ____.

- A. absolved B. forgiven **C. acquitted** D. abandoned

acquit: tha bổng

47. Luckily my wallet was handed in to the police with all its contents ____.

- A. preserved B. unscathed C. contained **D. intact**

intact: nguyên vẹn

48. According to a Government spokesman, further ____ in the public sector are to be expected.

A. cutbacks B. breakdowns C. outtakes D. layouts

cutback: sự cắt giảm

49. Don't get yourself ____ up over such a trivial matter

A. done B. worried C. whipped **D. worked**

get yourself worked up over: bận tâm

50. There was a lot of ____ as throngs of people tried to see the famous actor walking through the mall.

A. stamina B. discipline C. counsel **D. commotion**

commotion: sự rối loạn, hỗn loạn

51. When the ship docked at Hamburg, they found a(n) ____ in the hold.

A. gate-crasher **B. stowaway** C. interloper D. trespasser

stowaway: người đi lậu vé

52. He wants to pay the bill himself, but I won't hear ____ it.

A. from B. about **C. of** D. for

hear of: chấp nhận

53. When his parents are away, his eldest brother ____.

A. kocks it off **B. calls the shots**
C. draws the line D. is in the same boat

call the shot: chỉ huy

54. They lived in a thatched cottage in a _____ village in the heart of the English countryside.

A. dense B. conventional C. lush **D. quaint**

quaint: cổ

55. As they travelled across the _____ landscape, each one of them wondered how it was possible to grow anything there.

A. barren B. bustling C. grimy D. mundane

barren: cằn cỗi

56. Elena is a _____ talented singer and has already had three successful albums.

A. deeply B. perceptibly **C. remarkably** D. absolutely

remarkably: nổi bật

57. John and Sarah lived in the back of _____ and it always took us a whole day to drive there.

A. the country B. isolation C. nowhere **D. beyond**

in the back of beyond: ở nơi xa xôi hẻo lánh

58. The new restaurant in town has a wonderfully relaxing _____.

A. ambience B. environment C. impression D. attitude

ambience: bầu không khí, môi trường

59. The manager was forced to make a _____ decision while he was under pressure and it was one he would live to regret.

A. fresh B. close **C. snap** D. bitter

make a snap decision: quyết định nhanh

60. The new company had been _____ with one problem after another and looked as if it were about to go under.

A. glorified B. tainted **C. fraught** D. bewildered

be fraught with one problem: gặp phải vấn đề

61. Don't take your mobile phone with you to the exam, the examiners will _____ it if they find it on you.

A. seize B. spurn **C. confiscate** D. toil

confiscate: tịch thu

62. It's best to meet your problems _____ and solve them before they get worse.

A. eye-on B. hair-on C. nose-on **D. head-on**

meet your problems head-on: đối mặt với vấn đề

63. He will be sue for _____ of contract if he does not do what he promised

A. breach B. fracture C. crack D. rupture

breach of contract: vi phạm hợp đồng

64. When people live in such close _____ to each other, there are bound to be occasional problems

A. neighborhood B. vicinity C. position **D. proximity**

proximity: sự gần gũi

65. The _____ were stacked against them but they survived their ordeal.

- A. fates B. hopes **C. odds** D. chances

the odds were stacked against them: mọi thứ đều chống lại họ

66. Tragedy _____ yesterday when a man was swept out to sea by a freak wave.

- A. struck** B. sparked C. hit D. came

tragedy strikes: thảm họa ập tới

67. I always take my lucky _____ with me into an exam.

- A. sign B. item **C. charm** D. spell

lucky charm: bùa may mắn

68. Why are all your clothes in a _____ on the floor?

- A. bulk **B. heap** C. batch D. sum

in a heap: chất thành đống

69. Sending out e-mails that people haven't asked for to _____ addresses is often known.

- A. sufficient B. countless C. widespread **D. multiple**

multiple addressed: nhiều địa chỉ

70. We all have to follow the rules, and none of us is _____ the law.

- A. beyond B. over **C. above** D. onto

above the law: ngoài vòng pháp luật

71. I'm not sure if I'm doing it right, but I'll try to _____ ahead with it anyway.

- A. drive B. bang C. touch **D. press**

press ahead: đẩy mạnh

72. The extensive winds that have been _____ Florida will move away as the weekend draws to a close.

- A. battering** B. punching C. cracking D. thumping

the winds batter: gió ập tới, tấn công

73. Some great men have had an _____ school record.

A. undistinguished B. indistinguishable C. extinguished D. indistinct

undistinguished: bình thường, không nổi bật

74. She didn't want me to go with her to the party in case I _____ her style.

A. restricted B. impeded C. obstructed **D. cramped**

cramp: cản trở

75. _____ edge technology is a category of technologies so new that they could have a high risk of being unreliable.

A. Cutting **B. Bleeding** C. Tearing D. Surging

bleeding edge technology: công nghệ hiện đại (có thể gây ra phiền phức)

76. You've got a whole week to yourself and you can read to your heart's _____.

A. happiness **B. content** C. contentment D. delight

to one's heart's content: nhiều như bạn muốn

77. We intend this to be a(n) _____ project, taking us into the next decade.

A. constant B. incessant C. steady **D. ongoing**

ongoing: vẫn đang tiếp tục

78. I'd like to reserve _____ until I see the report.

A. condemnation B. thought C. criticism **D. judgement**

reserve judgement: không nói ra quan điểm của mình

79. After a few years in one place, I get _____ feet

A. itchy B. scratchy C. sore D. light

get itchy feet: muốn đi đây đi đó

80. It seems like _____ justice that he should lose his house as well as his wife.

A. poetic B. only C. small **D. rough**

rough justice: sự không công bằng

81. At the moment the election seems balanced on a _____ edge.

A. razor **B. knife** C. cliff D. chair

on a knife edge: không chắc chắn, mọi thứ đều có thể xảy ra

82. A gun battle broke out which _____ in the death of two police officers.

- A. **culminated** B. erupted C. escalated D. concluded

culminate: cực điểm là gây ra

83. The only _____ feature of the job is the salary.

- A. saving B. **redeeming** C. recovering D. acquitting

redeeming: bù lại

84. Let me take care of the invitations—you've enough _____ with the caterers.

- A. **on your hands** B. in hand C. at her hand D. at hand

have enough on your hands: bạn đã đủ mệt với

85. I am sorry to have bothered you. I was under the _____ that you wanted me to call you.

- A. mistake B. miscalculation
C. misconception D. **misapprehension**

under the misapprehension: hiểu nhầm

86. If the work-force respected you, you wouldn't need to _____ your authority so often

- A. **assert** B. affirm C. maintain D. inflict

assert authority: sử dụng quyền lực

87. The economic situation makes many people unwilling to take the _____ and open their own businesses.

- A. initiative B. bull C. **plunge** D. opportunity

take the plunge: mạo hiểm

88. Roy _____ the depths of despair when his wife left him

- A. **plumbs** B. reaches C. fills D. achieves

plumb the depths of despair: tuyệt vọng cùng cực

89. I'll keep you _____ on his progress.

- A. noticed B. announced C. mailed D. **posted**

keep somebody posted: cung cấp thông tin cho ai

90. She has a(n) _____ mind which kept her alert and well-informed even in old age.

- A. examining B. demanding **C. enquiring** D. querying

enquiring: ham học hỏi

91. Rather than be _____ by complaints from others, you can learn how to deal with them with tact and grace.

- A. overrun B. overcome **C. overwhelmed** D. overhauled

overwhelm: bồi rối

92. Several of the advertising hoardings had been _____ by anti-sexist slogans.

- A. deleted B. mutilated C. erased **D. defaced**

deface: phá hoại danh tiếng

93. Only after buying the cottage did we discover that it was _____ with mice.

- A. inflicted **B. infested** C. invaded D. infected

be infested with: đầy

94. The protesters were ordered to _____ and calm was restored to the area.

- A. dissolve B. scatter **C. disperse** D. dislocate

disperse: giải tán

95. Rescuers cast a _____ to the drowning man and hauled him out of the sea.

- A. lifeguard B. lifeboat **C. lifeline** D. lifesaver

lifeline: dây an toàn

96. In terms of loss of human life, the cost of a third world war is _____.

- A. absurd B. bizarre C. uncanny **D. unthinkable**

unthinkable: không tưởng tượng được

97. Disagreements among party members have led to a major political _____.

- A. tussle **B. wrangle** C. scrap D. squabble

wrangle: cuộc tranh cãi

98. I was _____ when I heard that the MP for Burnham had been arrested for fraud.

- A. leveled **B. floored** C. hurled D. heaved

floored: ngạc nhiên, bối rối

99. Trent's theory rested on such a dubious scientific _____ that most rejected it outright.

- A. footing** B. grip C. balance D. traction

footing: nền tảng, cơ sở

100. Fewer supporters attended the political _____ than had been expected.

- A. gathering B. assembly **C. ally** D. convention

ally: đồng minh

PRACTICE TEST 9

1. Their decision on whether I get the job or not will be based mostly on my academic _____.

- A. reputation B. credits **C. credentials** D. standing

credentials: năng lực, bằng cấp

2. Having sacked three employees, the boss was obliged to provide each with _____ pay.

- A. retirement B. unemployment C. dismissal **D. severance**

severance pay: tiền bồi thường

3. James could no longer bear the _____ surroundings of the decrepit old house.

- A. oppressive** B. pressing C. domineering D. overbearing

oppressive: ngột ngạt

4. Critics agree that Trevor Richmond gave a particularly _____ performance as King Lear.

- A. holding **B. arresting** C. apprehensive D. detaining

arresting: lôi cuốn

5. She found the novel absolutely _____ and impossible to put down.

- A. riveting** B. pinning C. enfastening D. nailing

riveting: lôi cuốn

6. Every room in the hotel was characterized by shabby furniture and _____ lighting.

- A. morose B. negative C. sullen **D. glum**

glum: buồn bã

7. Having beaten all six challengers, he is now the _____ champion of the world.

- A. undisputed** B. unchallenged C. unquestioned D. unaccosted

undisputed: không thể bác bỏ

8. Ben thought it pointless to swim against the _____ as the vast majority of guests clearly wanted to go to the party.

- A. tide** B. flow C. wind D. drift

swim against the tide: chống lại

9. Turning on his _____ lights would have alerted other drivers to his presence at roadside.

- A. danger B. risk **C. hazard** D. peril

hazard light: đèn báo hiệu

10. She was very frustrated, but didn't say anything because she didn't want to _____ the boat.

- A. shake B. rattle **C. rock** D. roll

rock the boat: gây phiền phức

11. I am sick of hearing the same old _____ in meetings.

- A. plentitudes B. placidities C. pliabilities **D. platitudes**

platitude: điều vô vị

12. She had a(n) _____ interest in holding a separate bank account.

- A. vested** B. invested C. shadowed D. implied

vested interest: quyền lợi được đảm bảo

13. The Prime Minister gave a(n) _____ response to the question.

- A. evading B. invasive **C. evasive** D. invading

evasive: thoái thác

14. He didn't mean to be offensive; it was quite a(n) _____ remark.

- A. **innocuous** B. inaugural C. integral D. insidious

innocuous: vô hại

15. State pensions are currently at the centre of a(n) _____ debate.

- A. scorching B. exploded C. **fiery** D. flamed

a fiery debate: cuộc tranh cãi dữ dội

16. In the director's opinion, it was high time the actress began to _____ her age.

- A. be B. reach C. **act** D. perform

act one's age: cư xử phù hợp với lứa tuổi

17. My hopes of becoming a lawyer _____ when I failed my A levels.

- A. cracked B. **crumbled** C. crashed D. smashed

crumble: sụp đổ

18. What 's done is done. It's _____ wondering if you could have prevented it.

- A. helpless B. valueless C. **futile** D. antiquated

futile: vô ích

19. He realized that his fondness for her was turning into a foolish _____.

- A. fascination B. infection C. **infatuation** D. affliction

infatuation: sự say đắm

20. A special feature of the room is the huge picture window which _____ a splendid view of the Quantock hills.

- A. allows B. **affords** C. enables D. presents

afford: mang lại, tạo

21. Our plans to start our own business seem _____ to failure.

- A. **doomed** B. fated C. compelled D. designed

doomed to failure: bị thất bại

22. He thought that if he admitted he was afraid of swimming, he would lose _____ with his friend.

A. weight B. nerve **C. face** D. regard

lose face with: mất mặt

23. When I left the office, I was _____ with indignation at the treatment I had received.

A. seething B. overflowing C. stewing D. spinning

seething with: sôi sục, giận dữ

24. If he hadn't shown such a(n) _____ disregard for company regulations by smoking while on duty, he wouldn't have been dismissed.

A. callous **B. blatant** C. dire D. abject

blatant: trơ trẽn

25. The new round of negotiations is hoped to _____ the deadlock in the Middle East.

A. break B. remove C. dispense D. unite

break the deadlock: phá vỡ sự bế tắc

26. This savage war had _____ this beautiful country waste and left many of its inhabitants homeless.

A. cast B. grown **C. laid** D. set

lay sth waste: tàn phá

27. Your leftist _____ in the face of our party programme, so you d' better drop them or find another party for yourself.

A. fly B. run C. turn D. look

fly in the face of: chống đối

28. A lot of scorn has been _____ on the Canadian seal hunters for their merciless practices

A. blamed B. launched **C. poured** D. fixed

pour scorn on: chỉ trích

29. We've had to quit our coopertaion with this wholesaler as we could never _____ a bargain. He asked for more than we could offer.

A. strike B. hit C. beat D. knock

strike a bargain: thỏa thuận

30. The final decision has already been taken, so there's no use in your _____ the toss.

A. arguing B. disapproving C. dismissing D. quarelling

argue: tranh luận

31. One might think you were _____ liberties with me. I don't like it when you make free with my lawn mower. You should at least ask when you want to borrow it.

A. placing B. making **C. taking** D. finding

take liberties with: tùy tiện

32. What the secretary says doesn't necessarily _____ much weight, but you should never disobey your director's instructions.

A. play **B. carry** C. hold D. mean

carry much weight: có tầm ảnh hưởng lớn

33. Environmentalists have no political _____ to grind - they just want to save the planet.

A. axe B. stone C. hammer D. tool

have axe to grind: có mục đích cá nhân

34. After spending weeks constructing my project, I was thrilled to _____ the day at the science fair.

A. succeed B. run **C. carry** D. take

carry the day: thắng lợi

35. I had _____ my hopes on this promotion, so I was crushed when I didn't get it.

A. clipped B. nailed C. stuck **D. pinned**

pin my hopes on: đặt nhiều hi vọng

36. Thank you for paying me back—now we can _____ it quits.

A. name **B. call** C. consider D. state

call it quits: không ai nợ ai

37. She looked confused for a moment, then suddenly the _____ dropped.

A. pound B. coin C. quid **D. penny**

the penny dropped: sáng tỏ

38. She said she was late because her flight was canceled, and we gave her the _____ of the doubt.

A. right B. point **C. benefit** D. value

give somebody the benefit of the doubt: quyết định tin ai đó

39. Catherine _____ spots off the other kids in the spelling bee.

- A. won **B. knocked** C. drew D. beat

knock spots off: vượt trội

40. I love these pants because they fit like a _____ and they're so comfortable.

- A. suit B. sock **C. glove** D. shirt

fit like a glove: vừa vặn

41. You should know better than to wear a skirt like that to a formal dinner—it is simply not the _____ thing!

- A. made B. found **C. done** D. held

not the done thing: không được chấp nhận

42. A: "I'm getting paid to stay in my neighbour's mansion while they're on holiday.

" B: "Wow, that'll be money for old _____!"

- A. rope** B. wire C. string D. line

money for old rope: tiền kiếm được 1 cách dễ dàng

43. He's had his _____ into me for months, and every time I make a mistake, he tells my boss.

- A. dagger **B. knife** C. hatchet D. axe

have one's knife into somebody: hăm hại

44. Just _____ put with the suitcases, while I go and find a cab.

- A. be B. hold C. keep **D. stay**

stay put: ở tại chỗ

45. A: Sometimes this job frustrates me so much I could just break down in tears.

B.: Keep a _____ upper lip. Things are bound to improve.

- A. hard B. tight **C. stiff** D. loose

keep a stiff upper lip: giữ bình tĩnh

46. I can't believe you _____ the gaff and talked about the plans for her surprise party right to her face!

A. burst **B. blew** C. split D. banged

blow the gaff: tình cờ tiết lộ bí mật

47. As computer technology improves, it's ironically getting harder and harder to find a piece of equipment that can _____ the test of time.

A. stand B. live C. bear D. endure

stand the test of the time: trường tồn với thời gian

48. I was worried when my boyfriend and uncle started arguing over their different political views, but luckily they found common _____ when discussing their favorite TV shows.

A. base B. term **C. ground** D. field

find common ground: tìm được điểm chung

49. I can't stand his behaviour. It is very easy for him to _____ off the handle.

A. rush B. jump C. move **D. fly**

fly off the handle: nổi giận

50. I wish I could convey how much it means to me having you all here, but words _____ me at the moment.

A. miss B. abandon C. leave **D. fail**

words fail me: không nói nên lời

51. I had to set Stephen _____ after I realized that he'd been operating the machinery wrong this whole time.

A. clear **B. straight** C. aware D. familiar

set somebody straight: giúp ai hiểu vấn đề

52. I didn't want to believe it, but in my _____ of hearts I knew that it was true.

A. depth B. bottom C. soul **D. heart**

in my heart of hearts: trong thâm tâm

53. Unions accept free accommodation and travel, yet they would scream _____ murder if the same was received by politicians.

A. red **B. blue** C. yellow D. black

scream blue murder: la om sòm

54. I grew up in California, so when I moved to Minnesota, I felt like I stuck out _____.

- A. a kilometre B. an inch C. a yard **D. a mile**

stick out a mile: rõ ràng

55. I only caught a _____ glimpse of the driver of the getaway car, but I know I would recognize her if I saw her again.

- A. fleeting** B. rushing C. rushing D. flying

catch a fleeting glimpse of: thoáng thấy

56. Mary is completely hard and selfish—she doesn't have the _____ of human kindness in her.

- A. cream B. oil **C. milk** D. water

the milk of human kindness: lòng tốt

57. Sorry, I can't seem to get my brain into _____ this morning.

- A. wheel B. starter C. clutch **D. gear**

get sth into gear: hoạt động bình thường

58. Your jokes are perfect for your speech tonight. You'll have them _____ in the aisles!

- A. falling **B. rolling** C. jumping D. turning

roll in the aisles: cười ngặt nghẽo

59. I've had some good winnings at blackjack, but I don't think I should _____ my luck any further.

- A. press B. bend C. tease **D. push**

push my luck: mạo hiểm

60. I don't care if I have to drive through a blizzard—we are getting to this wedding come hell or high _____!

- A. wave B. iceberg **C. water** D. flood

come hell or high water: quyết tâm làm điều gì đó

61. I was all ready to tell him that the relationship was over when he greeted me with a big bunch of flowers - that took the _____ out of my sails.

- A. wind** B. breeze C. air D. flow

take the wind out of my sails: làm ai đó chùn bước

62. I'm sure there's no real crisis—Janet is always crying _____ so that we'll do her work for her.

- A. dog B. bear C. **wolf** D. donkey

crying wolf: nhờ giúp đỡ (nhưng chưa thực sự cần)

63. My parents always taught me to reach for the _____ when I was growing up—that I could be anything I set my mind to!

- A. stars B. **moon** C. sun D. galaxies

reach for the moon: đặt quá nhiều mục tiêu, tham vọng

64. Look at that fool, all dressed up like a _____ dinner. Who told him that patterned suit was a good idea?

- A. tiger's B. whale's C. cow's D. **dog's**

like a dog's dinner: luộm thuộm (ăn mặc)

65. You need to wear a life jacket because there's always a chance that the boat could turn _____.

- A. beetle B. fish C. crab D. **turtle**

turn turtle: lật thuyền

66. The fantastic performance by the Ugandan runner put his opponents in the _____.

- A. **shade** B. bottom C. mud D. snow

put somebody in the shade: vượt trội hơn ai đó

67. The study has firmly put/set the cat among the _____ by claiming that most of the therapeutic effects of expensive antidepressant pills can be mimicked by dummy pills.

- A. mice B. dogs C. **pigeons** D. ants

put the cat among the pigeons: nói hoặc làm điều gì đó gây ra phiền toái

68. The police knew with certainty he had drugs in his car, so he became trapped between the devil and the deep blue _____: either lie to the police, or admit that the drugs belonged to him.

- A. heaven B. **sea** C. ocean D. sky

between the devil and the deep blue sea: trong tình thế khó xử

69. The teacher suspected that there had been some _____ business going on while she was out of the room.

- A. horse B. fox C. moose D. **monkey**

monkey business: hành động xấu, gian lận

70. It won't be easy, but I'm sure we can run that jewelry to _____.

- A. **ground** B. land C. soil D. grass

run something to ground: tìm được cái gì đó

71. I didn't pursue it in detail because I'm afraid I had other _____ to fry at the time.

- A. chickens B. **fish** C. shrimps D. snails

have other fish to fry: có nhiều chuyện quan trọng hơn cần làm

72. Tickets are hard to come by but I'll do my _____ best to get you one.

- A. utmost B. **level** C. regular D. extreme

do my level best: cố gắng hết sức mình

73. What you have just said will forever _____ heavy on your reputation. Nobody's going to justify an insult like this.

- A. sit B. stand C. rest D. **lie**

lie heavy on: gây ảnh hưởng

74. The opening band totally _____ the show tonight—they were amazing.

- A. **stole** B. grabbed C. robbed D. seized

steal the show: trở thành tâm điểm chú ý

75. At the end of her speech, she _____ a note of warning about the risks involved in the project.

- A. hit B. punched C. **struck** D. beat

strike a note: biểu lộ

76. Our students are unprepared for the workforce, and we are _____ a harvest of lowered standards.

- A. earning B. growing C. **reaping** D. gathering

reap a harvest of: nhận được thành quả

77. You can't take the children out sailing in this weather! Have you completely taken leave of your _____?

- A. mind B. brains C. **senses** D. logic

take leaves of your senses: mất trí, cử xử không bình thường

78. The way to be successful in business is always to stay one _____ ahead of your competitors.

- A. **jump** B. thing C. act D. move

stay one jump ahead: vượt lên, ở vị trí cao hơn

79. I feel just awful for Mary—she's been eating her _____ out ever since she found out she was rejected by her top-choice school.

- A. head B. tongue C. **heart** D. mouth

eat one's heart out: buồn lòng

80. I was only five minutes late, but the boss _____ me packing nonetheless.

- A. **sent** B. made C. let D. forced

send somebody packing: mắng mỏ

81. If he has a great job but is always broke, it _____ the question of where the money is going?

- A. pleases B. expects C. **begs** D. demands

beg the question: đặt ra vấn đề

82. I know voicing my opinion on this legislation may put my job in jeopardy, but it's time to take a firm _____ against these discriminatory hiring.

- A. **line** B. measure C. penalty D. strike

take a firm line against: chống lại

83. That car accident seems to have scared Janet out of her _____ — she's still shaken by it.

- A. powers B. senses C. **wits** D. moods

scare somebody out of their wits: làm ai sợ phát khiếp

84. We've had to cut a few people _____ from the staff this year to reduce costs.

- A. apart B. free C. aside D. **loose**

cut somebody loose from: cắt giảm

85. Our _____ were in our mouths as we waited for them to announce the winner.

- A. stomachs B. fingers C. **hearts** D. noses

out hearts are in our mouths: lo lắng, sốt ruột

86. These fanatics are in _____ earnest when they say they want to destroy all forms of government.

A. mortally B. fatally **C. deadly** D. gravely

in deadly earnest: nghiêm túc

87. Being late to a job interview _____ ill for you getting hired.

A. bodes B. stands C. points D. hints

bode ill for you: dấu hiệu xấu

88. It's true I am late for meeting, but by _____ of excuse let me tell you that my plane was delayed in Hannover.

A. means B. aid **C. way** D. reason

by way of excuse: để tôi giải thích

89. We _____ on hard times after my wife's restaurant closed down, so I had to take on a second job to make ends meet.

A. moved B. landed C. dropped **D. fell**

fall on hard times: lâm vào hoàn cảnh khó khăn

90. As I said before, the report will be released in the _____ of time. I can't estimate when that will be.

A. rightness **B. fullness** C. greatness D. correctness

in the fullness of time: ở thời điểm thích hợp

91. I may seem confident when I'm leading a training seminar, but I'm really shaking in my _____ most of the time.

A. trousers B. suits C shirts **D. shoes**

shake in my shoes: sợ, lo lắng

92. I have to be dressed to _____ at this event tonight—a lot of important people will be there.

A. murder **B. kill** C. execute D. die

dressed to kill: ăn mặc đẹp, thời trang để gây ấn tượng với mọi người

93. Mary was not feeling well, and she didn't give a good _____ of herself in last night's game.

A. performance B. display C. achievement **D. account**

give a good account of: thể hiện tốt

94. What a bad day: I left my phone in the grocery store, my car broke down on the way home, and, to _____ it all off, my groceries broke through the bag as I was walking to the front door.

- A. top B. sum C. total D. peak

top it all off: làm cho tình hình tồi tệ hơn

95. It is difficult to get skips in this age group capable of keeping their _____ up at this level of competition.

- A. end B. self C. frame D. edge

keep one's end up: giữ vững tinh thần

96. The return on your investment will come in _____ at first, but you'll see a more steady flow of income later.

- A. bits and bobs **B. driblets and drabs**
C. fingers and thumbs D. bibs and tuckers

driblets and drabs: số lượng nhỏ giọt

97. I know my brother has fought _____ to be re-elected, so his victory tonight is certainly well earned.

- A. doom and gloom B. life and death
C. rack and ruin **D. tooth and nail**

fight tooth and nail: làm mọi cách

98. The Government is trying to _____ when it says it will spend more on the health service without raising taxes.

- A. chew the fat B. wave the flag
C. square the circle D. put the lid

square the circle: làm điều tưởng chừng là không thể

99. I didn't have time to organize my thoughts, so I just spoke _____.

- A. beyond the pale B. in deep water
C. off the cuff D. on the hop

off the cuff: không chuẩn bị trước

100. There is a big investigation _____, but I don't know when.

A. in the offing

B. off the peg

C. on the blink

D. over the hill

in the offing: sắp diễn ra

PRACTICE TEST 10

1. You can try reformatting your computer, but once you open that _____, you'll probably be working on it for days,

A. apple of discord

B. can of worms

C. load of cobblers

D. spot of bother

open a can of worms: gây ra phiền phức

2. The film still _____ with younger audiences, even after all these years.

A. beats the drum

B. rings a bell

C. strikes a chord

D. hits the right note

strike a chord: gây ấn tượng

3. I had a _____ this morning when a tractor trailer unexpectedly swerved into my lane.

A. deep end

B. dead beat

C. close shave

D. tight corner

have a close shave: thoát chết trong gang tấc

4. Blake may seem bossy, but it's Lisa that really _____ in that relationship.

A. fills their boots

B. puts a sock

C. gets their knickers

D. wears the trousers

wear the trousers: người nắm quyền quyết định

5. The government is using the taxes from the working class to bail out the banks that ruined the economy? That really _____!

A. sows wild oats

B. spills the beans

C. takes the biscuit

D. upsets the apple cart

take the biscuit: điều đáng ngạc nhiên

6. I've searched _____ for that old photo album, but I can't find it anywhere.

A. high and low

B. long and short

C. straight and narrow

D. thick and thin

high and low: khắp nơi

7. Sheila swore that she would _____ after she figured out that I had started the rumor about her.

A. fight sight of me

B. get even with me

C. lay heavy on me

D. run afoul of me

get even with sb: trả thù

8. Jacob thinks he's a big _____ now that he's been promoted to assistant manager.

A. bread

B. apple

C. cheese

D. meat

big cheese: người có tầm ảnh hưởng, nhân vật quan trọng

9. I hope this doesn't _____ your style, but could you please not hum while you work?

A. restrict

B. impede

C. cramp

D. obstruct

cramp one's style: gây phiền hà, cản trở

10. Fighting among rebel soldiers _____ last night and a curfew has now been imposed on the city.

A. enhanced

B. aggravated

C. heightened **D. intensified**

intensify: bùng phát dữ dội

11. The judge's ruling _____ a wave of protest campaigns across the country.

A. provoked

B. instigated

C. launched

D. commenced

provoke: tạo ra, gây ra

12. Although she was able to walk with the aid of crutches, having a broken ankle _____ her movements considerably.

A. barred

B. hindered

C. intervened

D. blocked

hinder: gây khó khăn, cản trở

13. Hopefully the boss _____ fit to give us some extra time off for the holidays.

- A. sees B. looks C. shows D. appears

see fit: chấp thuận

14. I'm flat _____ once again and don't know how I'm going to pay my rent.

- A. shattered **B. broke** C. smashed D. torn

be flat broke: túng quẫn

15. My grandmother was a lovely person who _____ pleasure from helping others.

- A. gathered **B. derived** C. deduced D. collected

derive: có được

16. The designer refuses to gild the _____, preferring clean, simple lines for his creations.

- A. lily B. flower C. rose D. daisy

gild the lily: tô vẽ, làm màu

17. During pioneer days a lot of land in the United States was up for _____.

- A. gain B. promotion C. taking **D. grabs**

up for grabs: available

18. The prosecution is going to try to trip you up with your statement and your alibi, but so long as you stick to your _____, there's nothing to worry about.

- A. weapons **B. guns** C. thumb D. neck

stick to one's guns: giữ vững lập trường

19. After she found out about his latest relapse with drugs, she decided it was best to leave him for _____.

- A. all B. always C. once **D. good**

for good: mãi mãi

20. I can't tell you _____ the population of Prague, but there's an encyclopedia in the cupboard.

- A. in hand **B. off – hand** C. at hand D. on hand

off-hand: ngay lập tức

21. Once at the skating rink, Ivan was allowed to skate to his heart's _____.

- A. happiness **B. content** C. contentment D. delight

skate to his heart's content: làm thỏa thích

22. Companies around the world are losing money hand over _____ as oil prices continue to plummet.

- A. finger B. wrist C. thumb **D. fist**

lose money hand over fist: thua lỗ rất nhanh

23. Even though you did not win the race, take _____ from the fact that you did your best.

- A. heart** B. courage C. consolation D. meaning

take heart from: tự hào

24. He managed to _____ the flow of blood by tightly bandaging the wound.

- A. restrain B. curb **C. check** D. inhibit

check: ngăn (chảy máu)

25. I'll reserve _____ on Ben Shipley's latest novel until I've read it.

- A. condemnation B. thought C. criticism **D. judgement**

reserve judgement sth until: không đánh giá cái gì cho đến khi

26. The pensioners complained that they had received _____ justice when their claim for an increase in benefits was rejected without discussion.

- A. poetic B. only C. small **D. rough**

rough justice: bạc đãi

27. No further incidents have been reported today, but this remains a town on the _____ of conflict.

- A. razor **B. verge** C. cliff D. chair

on the verge of conflict: có nguy cơ xung đột

28. Giant sea turtles have been coming to this spot to mate since time _____.

- A. immemorable B. immortal **C. immemorial** D. innumerable

time immemorial: thời xa xưa

29. This shoe repairer is so quick that he can sole and heel your shoe in a(n) _____.

A. moment B. hurry C. **jiffy** D. instant

jiffy: trong phút chốc

30. If you notice that something isn't working, please take the _____ to fix it.

A. **initiative** B. risk C. biscuit D. issue

take the initiative: mạnh dạn đưa ra quan điểm để giải quyết vấn đề

31. The windscreen _____ into a thousand pieces when the car hit a lamp – post.

A. smashed B. **shattered** C. snapped D. cracked

shatter: tan vỡ

32. Well, like it or _____ it, this old, falling-down hotel is the only one with rooms available this weekend.

A. jump B. **lump** C. dislike D. loathe

like it or lump it: dù có muốn hay không

33. She laid her job on the _____ when she told the boss that he was wrong.

A. ground B. way C. lane D. **line**

lay sth on the line: đặt cái gì vào tình thế nguy hiểm

34. His friends and family left him in the _____ when he went bankrupt.

A. church B. **lurch** C. end D. street

leave sb in the lurch: bỏ rơi ai đó

35. Tara was really laying it on _____ about her accident at work.

A. fine B. broad C. **thick** D. thin

lay it on thick: thổi phồng

36. Jane _____ about the surprise party for Sheila and now the whole idea is ruined.

A. **blabbed** B. gossiped C. prattled D. chatted

blab : tiết lộ bí mật

37. We could hear the monkeys _____ long before we reached the cage.

A. chatting B. **chattering** C. prattling D. babbling

chatter: hú

38. Your column must have _____ a nerve, because we are getting slammed with feedback from readers—and they're not happy.

- A. drilled B. had **C. touched** D. hit

touch a nerve: gây đụng chạm

39. I'm sure it's thrilling, but I'd rather not _____ my neck just for a bit of an adrenaline rush.

- A. risk** B. break C. twist D. endanger

risk one's neck: mạo hiểm

40. A: "How's John doing?"

B: "He had a rough week of it with the flu, but he's on the _____ now, thank God."

- A. run B. top C. go **D. mend**

on the mend: hồi phục

41. Did I go _____ with the Christmas decorations? I'm worried I bought enough Christmas lights to light up Times Square.

- A. overboard** B. overhead C. overload D. overskill

go overboard: vung tay quá trán

42. It was a tough act to follow, but the band rose to the _____ and played the best set of their career.

- A. top **B. occasion** C. bait D. skill

rise to the occasion: trình diễn tốt

43. You say you need new clothes but your wardrobe is full to _____ with dresses.

- A. overflowing** B. overfilling C. overlaying D. overstepping

overflow with: đầy

44. I went to great _____ to get this party organized, so don't make some lame excuse about not coming!

- A. pains** B. torment C. efforts D. difficulty

go to great pains: dành nhiều thời gian và công sức

45. I'm really glad that pompous oaf lost his court case, maybe that will bring him down a _____ or two.

- A. step B. notch **C. peg** D. rung

bring/take sb down a peg (or two): to show someone that they are not as important as they thought

46. The economic situation makes many people unwilling to take the _____ and open their own businesses.

- A. initiative B. bull **C. plunge** D. opportunity

take the plunge: mạo hiểm

47. The new soap opera on Channel 3 _____ new depths in terms of tastelessness.

- A. plumbs** B. reaches C. fills D. achieves

plumb new depths: chạm đến cực điểm của sự tồi tệ

48. The Queen was present at the official _____ of the statue.

- A. revealing B. unpacking C. unwrapping **D. unveiling**

unveil : kéo băng khánh thành

49. The weekend is over, so tomorrow's morning it's back to the _____.

- A. grind** B. labour C. grudgery D. toil

back to the grind: trở lại cuộc sống thường nhật

50. Looking after a house, four children, a lazy husband and two dogs is real _____.

- A. labour **B. drudgery** C. toil D. grind

drudgery: công việc nặng nề và nhàm chán

51. Stephen really lost his _____ when his dental disappointment was cancelled yet again.

- A. head B. voice C. calm **D. rag**

lose one's rag: giận dữ

52. It only took me a few minutes to get the printer up and _____ after taking it out of the box.

- A. walking B. proceeding **C. running** D. going

up and running: hoạt động trơn tru

53. It was a hot summer day and ice cream salesmen were doing a _____ trade.

- A. busy B. lucrative C. bustling **D. roaring**

do a roaring trade: bán đắt như tôm tươi

54. Bob is so short-tempered; he should try to _____ his anger.

A. curb B. control C. temper D. stunt

curb: kiềm chế (cảm xúc)

55. If you _____ your demands, they may be accepted by others.

A. control **B. temper** C. stunt D. curb

temper: kiềm chế (tham vọng)

56. As far as I can _____, she wasn't there on that occasion.

A. memorise B. reminisce **C. recollect** D. remind

recollect: nhớ

57. I'm sure it won't rain, but I'll take an umbrella (just) to be on the _____ side.

A. sunny B. straight **C. safe** D. secure

on the safe side: để phòng hờ

58. I was in _____ at that comedy show. I could barely breathe it was so funny.

A. stitches B. pleats C. shreds D. tears

in stitches: cười ngặt nghẽo

59. She tried to _____ Tom's importance to the company in order to gain a promotion for herself.

A. diminish B. swindle C. reduce D. shrink

diminish: làm giảm

60. I hate the way Tony _____ around looking so self – important.

A. struts B. scampers C. slithers D. slinks

strut around: kênh kiệu

61. Most frequently, the earthquake lasts 30 to 60 seconds, so usually there is no time to avert the mortal _____ once the shaking starts.

A. upkeep B. upturn **C. upshot** D. upswing

upshot: hậu quả

62. They live under a constant pressure of being _____ and subsequently replaced by someone who is younger, faster and more accomplished.

A. outcast **B. outshone** C. outstayed D. outgrown

outshine: tỏa sáng hơn

63. My brother loves watching horror movies but I find them too _____ myself.

- A. **gruesome** B. untimely C. ghostly D. sterile

gruesome: kinh tởm

64. There was a lot of _____ as throngs of people tried to see the famous actor walking through the mall

- A. stamina B. discipline C. counsel **D. commotion**

commotion: hỗn độn, lộn xộn

65. Luckily my wallet was handed in to the police with all its contents _____.

- A. preserved B. unscathed C. contained **D. intact**

intact: còn nguyên vẹn

66. Serena is still _____ ignorant of the fact that she is about to be made redundant.

- A. **blissfully** B. decorously C. jubilantly D. ecstatically

blissfully ignorant: hoàn toàn không hay biết

67. No decision has been taken about the building of the new airport. The authorities are still _____.

- A. beating about the bush B. comparing apples and oranges
C. sitting on the fence D. holding all the aces

sit on the fence: lưỡng lự

68. Oil spills will _____ even the healthiest of marine ecosystem.

- A. play havoc on B. break ground with
C. pay the consequences for **D. take their toll on**

take toll : gây thiệt hại, phá hủy

69. Don't look so worried! You should take the boss's remarks with a _____ of salt.

- A. teaspoon **B. pinch** C. grain D. dose

take sth with a pinch of salt: đừng bận tâm

70. Rachel has an amazing _____ of jokes that she uses to good effect at parties.

- A. body **B. repertoire** C. variation D. store

repertoire of jokes: trò đùa

71. The old house was unable to withstand the _____ of severe winter weather and suffered considerable structural damage.

- A. extremity **B. onslaught** C. outrage D. fury

onslaught: sự tàn phá, tấn công

72. I'm not surprised people are arguing- they are at the _____ of their tether.

- A. end** B. limit C. finish D. termination

at the end of one's tether: mất hết sự kiên nhẫn

73. To get his proposal accepted, the Finance Manager had to _____ heavy pressure from colleagues.

- A. fend off** B. laugh off C. send off D. push off

fend off: đương đầu áp lực

74. At first the children enjoyed the game but quite soon the novelty _____.

- A. went off B. died out **C. wore off** D. died down

wear off: nhạt dần

75. My uncle pulled a few _____ and got me a job in the company where he works.

- A. chords B. threads C. ropes **D. strings**

76. After congratulating his team, the coach left, allowing the players to _____ their hair down for a while.

- A. put B. get **C. let** D. take

let one's hair down: thư giãn, tự do

77. The question of peace settlement is likely to figure _____ in the talks.

- A. prominently** B. prolifically C. proportionately D. properly

figure prominently: là vấn đề được thảo luận chính

78. I thought I had made it _____ that I didn't want to discuss this matter any more.

- A. frank B. distinct **C. plain** D. straight

make it plain: nói rõ

79. I went to see the boss about a pay rise and he _____ with a weak excuse about a business dinner and left me standing there.

A. brushed me aside

B. brushed me up

C. brushed me off

D. brushed me down

brush sb off: từ chối

80. She was very fortunate to _____ an excellent private tutor to help her with her study.

A. think through

B. seek out

C. pick up

D. light upon

light upon: nhờ vào

81. We had to _____ in the back of the car for an hour to find the missing keys.

A. bed out

B. ransack

C. root around

D. turn upside down

root around: tìm kiếm

82. They spend so much time arguing that, when it comes to the _____, decisions are often deferred.

A. crunch

B. outcry

C. panic stations

D. uproar

when it comes to the crunch: khi đến lúc phải đưa ra quyết định

83. James never really broke the rules but he did _____ them a little bit when it suited him.

A. twist

B. curve

C. move

D. bend

bend the rules: thay đổi

84. Take care that your love for him doesn't _____ your judgement.

A. cloud

B. darken

C. topple

D. shadow

cloud one's judgement: làm mờ lí trí

85. It was so hot in the restaurant that, after half an hour, we were all starting to _____.

A. wilt

B. shrivel

C. fade

D. weed

wilt: khô héo, mệt mỏi

86. Maria and Jean had a _____ romance — they met and married within two months.

A. hurricane

B. cyclone

C. whirlwind

D. typhoon

whirlwind: diễn ra nhanh như gió lốc

87. After the football match the crowds _____ out of the stadium into the nearest bars and cafes.

A. leaked

B. poured

C. trickled

D. dripped

ray of sunshine: người mang lại niềm vui cho người khác

96. I don't think Paul will ever get married — he's the stereotypical _____ bachelor.

- A. settled **B. confirmed** C. fixed D. determined

confirmed bachelor: người thích độc thân

97. The children's interest in playing the game soon _____

- A. flagged** B. stumbled C. tottered D. thawed

flag: nhạt dần

98. Do you have any figures showing the _____ of left-handedness is in the general population?

- A. occurrence **B. incidence** C. persistence D. accident

incidence: tỷ lệ

99. It's as if that silly argument we had has driven a _____ between us and we've lost all our old closeness.

- A. beam B. ledge C. plank **D. wedge**

drive a wedge between sb: ngăn cách

100. Sources in France suggested that further _____ would be needed before they would agree to a deal.

- A. concessions** B. consolations C. contractions D. contortions

concession: nhượng bộ

101. It was a close _____ but we just made it to the airport on time for our flight.

- A. run B. drive **C. call** D. go

close call: thoát hiểm trong gang tấc

102. The government is doing all it can to _____ war on dangerous driving.

- A. launch **B. wage** C. stage D. battle

wage war on: tuyên chiến với

103. Not many people are good at assessing their own abilities and Mark must be _____ for recognising that he would never become a great musician.

- A. merited **B. commended** C. advocated D. talented

commend: khen ngợi

104. The country has few natural resources and its economy has been _____ for some time now.

- A. **ailing** B. diseased C. unwell D. sickening

ail: suy yếu (kinh tế)

105. Anyone who lies under oath will be charged with _____ the course of justice.

- A. **perverting** B. inverting C. converting D. diverting

pervert the course of justice: to act illegally to avoid punishment or to get the wrong person punished

106. My sister likes wearing tight tops and close-fitting dresses but I prefer _____; sweaters and jeans.

- A. floppy B. **baggy** C. flabby D. shabby

baggy: hanging loosely because of being too big or having been stretched

107. There is a very strong movement now against _____ sports like hunting or shooting.

- A. death B. killing C. **blood** D. terminal

blood sports: any sport that involves animals being killed or hurt to make the people watching or taking part feel excitement

108. I'm sure I was invited to join the committee as the _____ woman.

- A. **token** B. sample C. representative D. coupon

token: đại diện, biểu trưng

109. One of the most powerful pressure groups in the country is the road and car _____, which opposes any legislation that will increase taxes specifically for them.

- A. branch B. folder C. segment D. **lobby**

lobby: a group of people who try to persuade the government or an official group to do something

110. Unfortunately, his report doesn't _____ with what we've learnt from other sources.

- A. pally B. rally C. **tally** D. ally

tally: phù hợp