

1-41. Choose the most appropriate answer. (82%):

1. If you want to give a brief general introduction of your home town, it would best be called _____.
(A) an interview (B) an overview (C) a review (D) a preview
2. Celebrities enjoy _____ in select circles.
(A) society (B) social (C) socialite (D) socializing
3. An employee is entitled to receiving a three-month _____ for being dismissed from a job.
(A) notice (B) notifying (C) reminder (D) report
4. Timor-Leste is a relatively new sovereign state with tourism industry still in its _____.
(A) pregnancy (B) embryo (C) childhood (D) infancy
5. Malcolm Forbes: "Living and dreaming are two different things—but you can't do one without _____."
(A) another (B) the other (C) one another (D) each other
6. Select the least appropriate choice. The campus extra-curricular organizations headed and managed by students can be called student _____.
(A) societies (B) bodies (C) associations (D) corporations
7. The above student organizations, not aiming at making money, can be referred to as _____.
(A) non-profit (B) anti-trust (C) no-bonus (D) no-benefit
8. Which of the following doesn't mean it's only just beginning?
(A) nascent (B) seminal (C) initial (D) mature
9. Which of the following writings are unintentional?
(A) marginalia (B) typos (C) graffiti (D) manifesto
10. If you're giving a brief feedback to a written explanation via email, you should make a quick response with: "_____, with thanks."
(A) Noted (B) Noticed (C) Notified (D) Responded
11. In a standard evaluation form of a student's academic performance, which category is rated higher than the others?
(A) adequate (B) fair (C) satisfactory (D) exceptional
12. If the movie *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* wanted to choose an alternative, but similar subtitle, it would most likely have been: *The Force* _____.
(A) *Aware* (B) *Raises* (C) *Arouses* (D) *Arises*
13. Pick the wrong choice. Your credit card can no longer be used because it has passed its _____ date.
(A) extension (B) expiration (C) expiry (D) validity

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14. Under increased domestic pressure, Sweden has introduced new border _____ to _____ the migrant flow.
(A) petrol/check (B) checks/ stem (C) patrol/ appease (D) tests /check
15. Which usage of brave is incorrect?
(A) Swimmers braved the chilly weather and plunged into the freezing water.
(B) The firefighter was decorated for his brave.
(C) Land of the free, and home of the brave.
(D) Huxley's novel *Brave New World*.
16. Which is not part of the due process of law that comes before imprisonment for a suspect?
(A) prosecuted (B) indicted (C) charged (D) persecuted
17. Which part is not usually found in a book?
(A) table of contents (B) preface (C) pretext (D) index
18. Which of the following doesn't indicate a positive book review? The book was greeted with _____.
(A) critical acclaim (B) critical accolades
(C) critical condemnation (D) critical plaudits
19. Which sign of warning is directed against unpermitted entry?
(A) No Trespassing (B) No Loitering (C) No Tampering (D) No Soliciting
20. Pick the most inappropriate usage of clearance.
(A) ethnic clearance (B) clearance sale
(C) security clearance (D) clearance of space debris
21. Pick the wrong choice. The trendy twits that often go viral on Twitter originated from how birds make their sounds. Besides twitting, birds can also:
(A) coo (B) moo (C) chirp (D) hoot
22. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's _____ round of diplomacy has left many surprised.
(A) stormy (B) whirlwind (C) tempestuous (D) whirlpool
23. Choose the incorrect word. The political dissident was _____ from his native land for being an outspoken critic of the ruling regime.
(A) banished (B) exiled (C) evicted (D) evaded
24. Select the descriptive adjective that does not usually accompany a smile: A face which is _____.
(A) glowing (B) beaming (C) radiant (D) grim
25. Which doesn't suggest something "secondary" or "subsidiary"?
(A) by-product (B) side effect (C) vice president (D) staple food

26. Methane gas, like all other greenhouse gases, acts like a blanket around our planet, _____ heat.
(A) trapping (B) tapping (C) mining (D) emitting
27. "This was not an isolated incident." The sentence implies:
(A) The incident had no accomplices.
(B) The incident occurred in isolation.
(C) The incident was not uncommon.
(D) This was not incidental, but accidental.
28. The proverb instructing us to do our best and leave the rest to divine will: "Man _____, but God _____," is said to originate from Latin.
(A) disposes/ proposes (B) proposes/disposes
(C) reposes/opposes (D) disposes/opposes
29. The available seats of the pop concert sold quickly because performances of the featured singer were in high _____.
(A) request (B) requirement (C) demand (D) query
30. Peter and Paul are identical twins, though they don't _____ each other in appearance.
(A) assemble (B) resemble (C) dissemble (D) ensemble
31. Which type of volcano is the least likely to erupt?
(A) active volcano (B) extinct volcano (C) distinct volcano (D) dormant volcano
32. For which will a student get a penalty for his or her assignment? If the student has _____.
(A) met the deadline (B) missed the deadline
(C) beaten the deadline (D) submitted on time
33. Pick the wrong choice. The government took extensive measures to expand infrastructure expenditure in a bid to _____ growth.
(A) stir (B) spur (C) stimulate (D) simulate
34. Which type of financial aid doesn't come in the form of adding to your bank account?
(A) tuition waiver (B) stipend (C) scholarship (D) grant
35. Who does not judge in a sporting event?
(A) judge panel (B) referee (C) umpire (D) jury
36. Which does not imply getting support? His overseas advanced studies were made possible only _____ of a donor.
(A) through the sponsorship
(B) with the endorsement
(C) under the aegis
(D) under the coercion

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37. "Foul language is an issue for me." The statement implies that the speaker ____
(A) abhors people swearing.
(B) wants to discuss a linguistic issue.
(C) will take issues with polite language.
(D) thinks highly of people who speak in a foul manner.
38. If the lemonade tastes a bit sour, just add a teaspoon of sugar, and that should ____
(A) do it justice (B) do the trick (C) do the right thing (D) work it out
39. Describing the mysterious smile of Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* in words could never ____ to its visual beauty.
(A) do justice (B) do trick (C) do things (D) work out
40. Select the wrong choice for the following. Novels concerned with fantasy and adventure generally _____ young adult readers.
(A) appeal to (B) resonate with
(C) speak to (D) put up with
41. Stephen Hawkins is known to have said: "The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the _____ of knowledge."
(A) disappointment (B) imagination (C) allusion (D) illusion

42-45. Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate answer for the questions below. (8%)

Picture a volcano. Now imagine that its main vent extends in a line. Now imagine that this line is so long that it runs for more than 40,000 miles through the dark recesses of all the world's oceans, girding the globe like the seams of a baseball.

Welcome to one of the planet's most obscure but important features, known rather prosaically as the mid-ocean ridges. Though long enough to circle the moon more than six times, they receive little notice because they lie hidden in pitch darkness. Oceanographers stumbled on their volcanic nature in 1973. Ever since, costly expeditions have slowly explored the undersea world, which typically lies more than a mile down.

The results can make the visions of Jules Verne seem rather tame. The ridges feature long rift valleys and, down their middles, giant fields of gushing hot springs that shed tons of minerals into icy seawater, slowly building eerie mounds and towers that can be rich in metals like gold and silver. One knobby tower in the Pacific Ocean, nicknamed Godzilla, grew 15 stories high. Thickets of snakelike tubeworms and other bizarre creatures often blanket the hot features, as do hungry prowlers

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such as spider crabs.

The riot of life coexists with springs hot enough to melt lead or the plastic windows of mini submarines. With extreme care, humans and robots have measured temperatures as high as 780 degrees. To date, the studies have been episodic. Ridge expeditions venture out fitfully, their schedules determined by fickle weather and budgets, not to mention the vagaries of crew and gear availability.

42. Which of the following statements is true?
- (A) The important mid-ocean ridges are famous for being prosaic.
 - (B) The volcano is imaginary but exists in pictures.
 - (C) Rifts deep in the ocean circle the world like the seams of a baseball.
 - (D) Expensive expeditions led scientists to discover the ridges in 1973.
43. Which of the following statements about the ocean ridges is true?
- (A) They are extremely long and hot.
 - (B) Baseball pitchers can be hid in the dark ridges
 - (C) Gold and silver have been extracted extensively
 - (D) Gear is easily available for deep ocean expeditions.
44. Which of the following statements about the third paragraph is true?
- (A) Research results have prevented Jules Verne from making wild speculations.
 - (B) Monster Godzilla was found buried in the deep rift.
 - (C) Towers built for mining gold and silver will make a fortune for the explorers.
 - (D) Swarms of worms and crabs crawl among the ridges.
45. Which of the following statements about the last paragraph is true?
- (A) Hot springs cause riots to occur in the small submarines.
 - (B) Extremely hot temperatures have been measured both manually and mechanically.
 - (C) Exploring the ridges has been sustained in many episodes.
 - (D) The author warns never to mention the identities of the crew to avoid poor weather conditions.

46-50. Read the following passage and choose the most appropriate answer for the questions below. (10%)

This is a moment many thought would never come: Iran has delivered on its commitment under a 2015 agreement with the United States and other major powers to curb or eliminate the most dangerous elements of its nuclear program. The world is now safer for this.

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The International Atomic Energy Agency verified on Saturday that Iran has shipped over 8.5 tons of enriched uranium to Russia so Iran can't use that in bomb-making, disabled more than 12,000 centrifuges and poured concrete into the core of a reactor at Arak designed to produce plutonium.

On Sunday, President Obama hailed these steps as having "cut off every single path Iran could have used to build a bomb" and noted that engagement with Iran has created a "window to try to resolve important issues." Most important of all, he said, "We've achieved this historic progress through diplomacy, without resorting to another war in the Middle East."

Still, there are daunting challenges ahead, including ensuring the deal is strictly adhered to, an obligation for the United States, Russia, China and Europe. Cheating should be much harder, given that Iran will be subjected to continuous and intrusive monitoring by the I.A.E.A. of its nuclear enrichment facilities, centrifuge production and uranium mines. And even if the Iranians were to attempt to produce enough nuclear fuel for a bomb, it will now take them more than a year to do so. Before the agreement, that breakout time was two to three months.

The deal is a testament to patient diplomacy and President Obama's visionary determination to pursue a negotiated solution to the nuclear threat, despite relentless attempts by his political opponents to sabotage the initiative. After more than 30 years of hostility between the two countries, President Hassan Rouhani of Iran and his foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, who took office in 2013, pursued the nuclear deal and its implementation with a pragmatic and constructive attitude.

46. "Delivered on its commitment" means to have:

- (A) kept its pledge
- (B) reneged on its promise
- (C) sent its examination committee
- (D) taken its oath

47. In the first paragraph, "to curb" is to:

- (A) cure
- (B) inspect
- (C) contain
- (D) curse

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48. What does the sentence "Iran could be subjected to continuous and intrusive monitoring" imply?
- (A) I.A.E.A. could inspect its nuclear facilities at will.
 - (B) I.A.E.A. could hand over monitoring to Iran.
 - (C) I.A.E.A. could create a subject for Iran to monitor and intrude continuously.
 - (D) I.A.E.A. could help Iran produce nuclear weapons.
49. Which of the following statements is NOT true?
- (A) All the means that Iran used to have at its disposal to build a nuclear bomb has been rendered inaccessible.
 - (B) Uranium and plutonium are indispensable ingredients in manufacturing a nuclear bomb.
 - (C) Iranian nuclear threat has been dissolved through patient negotiations.
 - (D) The Iranian President Rouhani never gave up on constructing practical nuclear weapons.
50. To sabotage an initiative, as in the last paragraph, is to ___ it.
- (A) facilitate
 - (B) endorse
 - (C) undermine
 - (D) secure

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