PRACTICE TEST 3

I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

1. A. confused B. explored C. noticed D. vaporised
2. A. handicraft B. exhibit C. behave D. hyphen

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. collapse B. leisure C. bracelet D. accent
4. A. carnival B. astronaut C. nomadic D. satisfy

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

5. Mercury is the smaller planet in the solar system and the closest to the sun.
   A B C D
6. My grandmother used to be telling us folktales when we were small.
   A B C D
7. There wasn't hardly electricity in the mountainous regions ten years ago.
   A B C D

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. If I_____his advice, I would be a fool.
   A. followed B. would follow C. will follow D. had followed
9. Every possible test was carried_____to decide the nature of her illness.
   A. on B. of C. through D. out
10. "Tom and Jerry" is one of the best American_____ever made.
    A. operas B. westerns C. thrillers D. cartoons
11. The ground is dry, and we haven't had any rain for months. It's a real _____
    A. flood B. drought C. storm D. typhoon
12. What's the_____at your school? Do you study all day?
    A. timetable B. program C. course D. lesson
13. She asked the pupil_____still, but they kept moving out of the class.
    A. sit B. sat C. to sit D. sitting
14. I thanked him politely_____.
    A. then have a quick walk away B. so that to walk away
    C. but walked away after that D. and walked quickly away
15. The words of his old teacher left a _____impression on his mind. He is still influenced by them.
    A. fine B. broad C. deep D. wide

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16. It_____ us two weeks to complete the task given by the physics teacher.

A. spent B. took C. got D. made

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. - "Thank you very much for your help."

- "_____"

A. Thank you very much too. B. How nice of you to say so!

C. Yes. That's alright. D. You're welcome.

18. - "Mum, I've won the girls' long jump."

- "_____"

A. It's nothing. B. All right.

C. Congratulations! D. Don't be proud!

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. Binh is an active student. He has taken part in different charity projects in his town.

A. been involved in B. taken care of

C. looked forward to D. been grateful to

20. Everyone has their own style of studying. I prefer to study by myself so I am not disturbed.

A. location B. method C. culture D. network

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. We must not let small children play in the kitchen. It is a dangerous place.

A. handy B. suitable C. central D. safe

22. With the help of the Internet, information can reach every' corner of the world swiftly.

A. at a low speed B. at a high price

C. with some difficulty D. unexpectedly

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Before people had electricity and gas, they cooked on wood and charcoal fires. A fairly recent addition to cooking is the microwave. This (23) _____the cooking time. Fan ovens are also more efficient. Barbecue cooking outside in the garden on a warm day in summer is very (24) _____. In the kitchen, utensils are used to contain the food, and they vary from open pans to pans with lids, frying pans, steamers, pressure cookers and woks.

The kitchen is now the 'hub' of the house. The family, friends and visitors, (25) _____waiting for a meal to be prepared, all gather in the kitchen and help to prepare the dishes or watch others doing the cooking. The utensils available to aid the food (26) _____are plentiful. Different types of knives for example. Aprons and oven gloves help to protect us from spills and heat when taking hot dishes from the oven.

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Some people love cooking. (27) _____the meal, assembling the ingredients and then preparing the food. Others, however, prefer to open a tin of food and hot up the contents.

23. A. calms down	B. speeds up	C. carries out	D. puts off
24. A. popular	B. liked	C. widespread	D. accepted
25. A. where	B. after	C. once	D. when
26. A. preparation	B. training	C. guidance	D. instruction
27. A. developing	B. arranging	C. planning	D. designing

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Pronouncing a language is a skill. Ever}' normal person is an expert in the skill of pronouncing his own language; but few people are even moderately proficient at pronouncing foreign languages. There are many reasons for this, some obvious, some perhaps not so obvious. But I suggest that the fundamental reason why people in general do not speak foreign languages very well is that they fail to grasp the true nature of the problem of learning to pronounce, and consequently never set about tackling it in the right way. Too many people fail to realize that pronouncing a foreign language is a skill - **one** that needs careful training of a special kind, and one that cannot be acquired by just leaving it to take care of itself. I think even teachers of languages, while recognizing the importance of a good accent, tend to neglect, in their practical teaching, the branch of study concerned with speaking the language. So the first point I want to make is that English pronunciation must be taught; the teacher should be prepared to devote some of the lesson time to this, and should get the student to feel that here is a matter worthy of receiving his close attention. So, there should be occasions when other **aspects** of English, such as grammar or spelling, are allowed for the moment to take second place.

28. What does the writer actually say about pronouncing foreign languages?

A. Only a few people are really proficient.

B. No one is really an expert in the skill.

C. There aren't many people who are even fairly good.

D. There are a lot of people who are moderately proficient.

29. The writer argues that going about the problem of pronunciation in the wrong way is_____.

A. an obvious cause of not grasping the problem correctly

B. a fundamental consequence of not speaking well

C. a consequence of not grasping the problem correctly

D. not an obvious cause of speaking poorly

30. The underlined word "one" in the passage refers to_____.

A. skill B. careful training C. special kind D. itself

31. The best way of learning to speak a foreign language, he suggests, is by_____.

A. picking it up naturally as a child

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B. learning from a native speaker

C. not concentrating much on pronunciation

D. taking on systematic work

32. The underlined word "**aspects**" in the passage probably means_____.

A. pronunciations B. parts C. words D. sentences

II. WRITING (2.0 points)

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words.

33. It's a pity that our teacher isn't here at the moment.

I wish_____.

34. It was such a good show that they decided to go and see it again.

The show _____.

35. He prefers typing to writing by hand.

He'd rather_____.

36. He speaks too quickly for me to understand.

He doesn't speak_____.

Write new sentences as simitar as possible in meaning to the original sentences, using the given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any way.

37. Could you lend me some money until the weekend? (from)

_____

38. I can't decide which hat I like more, the blue one or the green one. (choose)

_____

39. I don't think my English is good. I cannot join our English Speaking Club, (enough)

_____

40. I don't come from your country. I can't understand your problems, (if)

_____

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