PRACTICE TEST 8

Time allowed: 60 min.

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

1. A. immature B. unforeseen C. impolite D. impatient
2. A. equality B. scientific C. technology D. contaminate

Mark the letter A, B, c or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.

3. A. o<u>cc</u>asion B. a<u>cc</u>ount C. a<u>cc</u>ident D. o<u>cc</u>ur
4. A. calend<u>ar</u> B. p<u>ar</u>ticipate C. af<u>ar</u> D. ch<u>ar</u>ming

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

5. The day was marvelous: the sun was shining, the birds were singing, so we_____ to go for a picnic.

   A. decided B. was deciding
   C. had decided D. would decide

6. As long as they_____ for more than three days, they can sleep at my flat.

   A. don't stay B. haven't stayed
   C. aren't staying D. wouldn't stay

7. My cousin will spend at least one year working abroad _____he can find out how things operate overseas.

   A. because B. asso C. so that D. as long as

8. The house_____ I was born and grew up was destroyed in the flood last month.

   A. which B. where C. that D. when

9. My friend's uncle felt_____ when he failed the driving test the second time.

   A. anxious B. annoyed C. discouraged D. determined

10. Many people, including me, like the slow_____ of life in the countryside.

    A. step B. pace C. speed D. space

11. The government_____ the flood victims with food, clothes and medicine.

    A. gave B. provided C. offered D. carried

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12. The more waste paper we recycle, _____.

A. the more trees we preserve B. the most trees we preserve

C. the best trees we preserve D. the least trees we preserve

13. Robots and computer-controlled machines have already joined the work force in highly_____ country.

A. industrially B. industrialist

C. industrialized D. industrialization

14. About five hundred buildings and houses_____.

A. have damaged in the flood B. are damaging in the flood

C. will have damaged in the flood D. were damaged in the floodMark 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.

15. For once, fortune was on our side: the weather improved in time for the game.

A. much money B. nice sunshine

C. heavy rain D. good luck

16. I never cook on Saturday; we always dine out somewhere.

A. eat in a restaurant B. cook dinner somewhere

C. go shopping for food D. go without dinner

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.

17. The population of the earth is increasing at a tremendous rate and soon will be out of control.

A. speeding up B. running out

C. going down D. carrying out

18. This candidate for the position has little experience, but she seems very bright. I think they should hire her.

A. clever B. slow C. trustful D. boring

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Mark the letter A, B, c or D to indicate the option that best completes each of the following exchanges.

19. - "Would you like to join our volunteer team this summer?"

-"_____"

A. Yes, I'd love to

B. Yes, I do too

C. I'm very happy

D. Yes, it is beneficial

20. -"_____?"

-"Three to one for Tiger."

A. Which teams played in the final match

B. Which team became the champion

C. What was the name of the visiting side

D. What was the score of the match

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, Cor D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions from 21 to 25.

Computers are gradually replacing human labour in many areas of our lives. An important area in computer technology is the use of computer systems to perform jobs which require intelligence, such as learning how to sing or spotting familiar objects. Most computers cannot do these things because they do not have a "brain" to think. However, **things are changing** as people come up with newer and smarter computers.

Computer scientists have come up with computers which can "think". These special computers do not actually have "brains" but are **fed** with many facts and pieces of information about the job they are built to do. For example, there are computers which can identify which area contains gold or other materials. They learn about the important qualities of the mineral such as its colour, weight and the areas it is most likely to be found. This makes it easier for the computers to spot the mineral in different parts of the world.

Computers can also be used in factories. Businessmen and factory owners use computers in the form of robots.These robots contain computer systems that enable them to perform the job they are programmed to do. A single robot can do a job which would have take three people to do; this saves businessmen precious time. There would no longer be any need to train workers for different tasks and it would be cost-effective for employers as well.

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In time to come, it is possible that computer systems would take away many jobs. However, there is also an increased need for people who can build, design and repair computers.Thus, not all jobs will run out in the near future.

21 .According to paragraph 1, what is one task which needs "thinking" that computers are not able to do?

A. Performing jobs B. .Spotting familiar objects

C. Replacing human labour D. Coming up with newer computers

22. The phrase **"things are changing"** in paragraph 1 refers to_____.

A. people buying computers

B. computers looking like people

C. people thinking like computers

D. computers being able to perform intelligent tasks

23. The word **"fed"** in paragraph 2 suggests that_____.

A. computers are given food to eat to do work

B. information has to be input into the computers

C. nourishing vitamins have to be provided to computers

D. information has to be obtained from computers and given to another source

24. Robots save time for businessmen by_____.

A. training other workers B. being built in factories

C. doing the job of one person D. not being needed to be trained

25. According to paragraph 3, employers can save on money by using robots as_____

A. robots need not be paid B. robots are not expensive

C. robots cannot be trained D. robots can create more jobs

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, CorD to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 26 to 30.

It is now generally recognized that stress is a major cause of heart disease, and contributes to many other illnesses. Stress is increased by (26) such as worry, overwork and lack of exercise or relaxation. It is just as important from a psychological point of view to (27)as it is to take physical exercise. Relaxing does not necessarily mean just lazing about and doing nothing. The (28)of a weekend away or the diversion of sporting activities are considerable. If you are suffering from high stress levels, or wish to wind down (29)a trying day, it is generally advisable to have a change of scene. Although there are some individuals who thrive on stress,

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for most of US, it can (30)exhaustion, mood swings and even severe depression.

26. A. factors	B. effects	C. ingredients	D. items
27. A. train	B. amuse	C. relax	D. enjoy
28. A. profits	B. benefits	C. improvements	D. progresses
29. A. while	B. before	C. when	D. after
30. A. result from	B. change to	C. lead to	D. suffer from

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

31 .She <u>was</u> waiting <u>nervous</u> in the <u>waiting</u> room for the interview.

A. was B. nervous C. waiting D. for

32. They <u>asked</u> me <u>what did happen</u> last night, but I <u>didn't</u> want <u>to tell</u> them.

A. asked B. what did happen C. didn't D. to tell

33. The concert <u>was watched</u> via satellite by <u>an</u> audience <u>estimating</u> at over 5 <u>million</u> people.

A. was watched B. an C. estimating D. million

34. <u>Despite</u> it is mid-winter, <u>yesterday's</u> temperature was <u>high enough</u> to turn on <u>the</u> air conditioning.

A. Despite B. yesterday's C. high enough D. the

35. Modern transportation can speed a doctor <u>to</u> the side of a <u>sick person, even if</u> the patient lives on an <u>isolate farm</u>.

A. to B. sick person C. even if D. isolate farm

Mark the letter A, B, Cor D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.

36. He borrowed my book, but he forgot to return it.

A. I will never let him borrow my book again.

B. He never returned the book he borrowed me.

C. I lent him my book, but he didn't remember to return it.

D. I asked him for my book which he forgot to return.

37. A human brain is more complex than a computer.

A. A computer is not as complex as a human brain.

B. A computer is as complex as a human brain.

C. Compared to a human brain, a computer is too complex.

D. A computer is much more complex than a human brain.

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38. "Don't walk on the grass,"the gardener said to US.

A. The gardener said that we didn't walk on the grass.

B. The gardener told US not to walk on the grass.

C. The gardener suggested not walking on the grass.

D. We did not walk on the grass, as the gardener told US.

39. "Make sure you arrive early tomorrow!"

A. He reminded me to arrive early the following day.

B. He would like to make sure to arrive early that day.

C. He asked me if I could arrive early the next day.

D. I had to make sure you would come the next day.

40. The flood may rise higher. We have to move upstairs.

A. We'll have to move upstairs soon if the flood rises any higher.

B. Unless the flood rises any higher we won't have to move upstairs.

C. If we don't move upstairs, the flood may rise higher.

D. We have to move upstairs in case the flood rises any higher.

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