

I. PRONUNCIATION

Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from the others.

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| 1. a. <u>l</u> imit | b. <u>f</u> igure | c. <u>i</u> ron | d. b <u>i</u> llion |
| 2. a. <u>g</u> reat | b. <u>a</u> vailable | c. <u>r</u> aise | d. <u>s</u> aid |
| 3. a. decr <u>e</u> ased | b. <u>u</u> sed | c. reach <u>e</u> d | d. develop <u>e</u> d |
| 4. a. <u>p</u> rogram | b. <u>e</u> arth | c. b <u>i</u> rn | d. <u>p</u> roduce |
| 5. a. <u>d</u> ouble | b. <u>g</u> overn | c. p <u>u</u> nish | d. <u>c</u> ontrol |

II. LANGUAGE FOCUS

A. Choose the one word or phrase -a, b, c, or d-that best completes sentences.

6. Like many other baby birds, ducklings are blind _____ birth.
a. of b. at c. on d. from
7. Lack _____ food had stunted his growth.
a. of b. in c. for d. on

8. Nigeria has a population _____ nearly 100 million.
a. about b. in c. of d. with
9. The rapid growth of population led to an acute _____ of housing.
a. shortfall b. shortcut c. shortcoming d. shortage
10. The population of the world is growing at a dangerous _____.
a. amount b. rate c. figure d. way
11. One third of the world's population _____ two thirds of the world's resources.
a. drains b. absorbs c. consumes d. supports
12. Better health care and agriculture have led to rapid population _____.
a. grow b. growing c. grown d. growth
13. Pressure on natural resources will _____ as we face a population explosion.
a. increase b. decrease c. decline d. raise
14. Her first novel has been _____ acclaimed as a masterpiece.
a. nation b. national c. international d. internationally

15. Our school has managed to collect a lot of books to _____ to the children in a village school.
- a. publish b. distribute c. employ d. depart

B. Choose the one word or phrase -a, b, c, or d- that best completes the sentences.

16. If the technology _____ available, we would be able to expand the business.
- a. would become b. were become c. had become d. Became
17. If the North Sea _____ in winter, you could walk from London to Oslo.
- a. happened to freeze b. froze
- c. should freeze d. should happen to freeze
18. It would have been a much more serious accident _____ fast at the time.
- a. was she driving b. had she been driving
- c. she had driven d. if she drove
19. If you _____ to my advice in the first place, you wouldn't be in this mess now.
- a. listen b. will listen c. had listened d. listened

20. I'll give you a lift if it _____.
a. is raining b. rained c. will rain d. had rained
21. If I _____ a more reliable car, I ' to Spain rather than fly.
a. would have - would drive b. had - had driven
c. had - would drive d. would have had - would drive
22. I _____ you sooner had someone told me you were in the hospital.
a. would have visited b. had visited c. visited d. visit
23. They couldn't decide _____ it was worth re-sitting the exam.
a. if b. whether c. if or not d. whether not
24. _____ how difficult the job was, I mightn't have taken it.
a. If I know b. If I would know c. Did I know d. Had I known
25. _____ in my seventies and rather unfit, I might consider taking up squash.
a. Were I not b. Was I not c. Weren't I d. If I am not

C. Identify the one underlined word or phrase -A, B, C or D-that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

26. Some scientists believe that the earth have resources enough
A B
to support its population.
C D
27. The population of the world has been increased faster and faster.
A B C D
28. Ninety-seven percent of the world' water is saltwater is found in
A B C
the oceans of the Earth.
D
29. Hadn't he resigned, we would have been forced to sack him.
A B C D
30. John lived in New York since 1960 to 1975, but he is now living in
A B C D
Detroit.

III. READING

A. Fill in each blank space with one appropriate word from the box.

mortality	expanding	growth	increasing	reach	decline
population	even	slightly	life	variations	available

WORLD POPULATION

Projections issued in 2000 showed the world population (31) _____ from 6.1 billion in 2000, to 7.9 billion in 2050. "High" and "low" projections for 2025 are 8.4 billion and 7.5 billion respectively. The average world birth rate is projected to (32) _____ from the 1990 level of 26 per 1,000 to 22 per 1,000 at the end of the century and to 17.6 per 1,000 in 2025 (corresponding to a fall in TFR from 3.3 in 1990 to 2.1 in 2025). Because of the (33) _____ share of the population at high-mortality ages, the average world death rate is expected to decline only (34) _____; from 9 (per 1,000) in 1990 to 8.4 in 2025. Average world (35) _____ expectancy, however, is projected

to rise from 65 years in 1990 to 71.3 years in 2025. Wide (36) _____ in population growth will undoubtedly persist. In the developed world, population growth will continue to be very low and in some nations will (37) _____ decline. Western Europe as a whole is projected to have a declining population after 2000. U.S. Census Bureau projections, assuming middle fertility and (38) _____ levels, show U.S. (39) _____ increasing from 250 million in 1990 to 349 million in 2025 and 420 million in 2050. Thereafter, (40) _____ would be virtually zero.