UNIT 9 – PRACTICE 3

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

1. a. d<u>u</u>ne b. f<u>u</u>nny c. h<u>u</u>mmock d. shr<u>u</u>b
2. a. <u>sh</u>rub b. deli<u>c</u>ious c. stret<u>ch</u> d. bran<u>ch</u>
3. a. de<u>s</u>ert b. <u>s</u>andy c. across d. slope<u>s</u>
4. a. s<u>a</u>lt b. sl<u>o</u>pe c. w<u>a</u>ter d. sh<u>o</u>rt
5. a. m<u>y</u>stery b. r<u>i</u>ver c. terr<u>i</u>tory d. corr<u>i</u>dor

Choose the word that has the main stress placed differently from that of the others.

6. a. desert b. hummock c. aerial d. enormous
7. a. interpreter b. aborigines c. European d. eucalyptus
8. a. Australia b. territory c. society d. petroleum
9. a. camel b. cactus c. crocodile d. banana
10. a. scientific b. expedition c. spinifex d. geographical

Choose the word or phrase - a, b, c or d - that best completes the sentence.

11. They continued their journey _____ the Sahara Desert.

    a. over b. along c. across d. throughout

12. Most of the Sahara consists rocky; large sand dunes form only a minor part.

    a. on b. of c. on d. with

13. Dry salt lakes _____70 kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide lie between long dunes.

    a. to b. with c. of d. up to

14. Finally, the great expedition _____ for the long journey to the Sahara Desert.

    a. went out b. came through c. set off d. got over

15. Many people think of deserts as barren region that many species of plants and animals have _____ to life there.

    a. adapted b. survived c. altered d. reorganized

16. One report states that all of Africa could eventually become a/an _____desert.

    a. extreme b. magnificent c. significant d. massive

17. The Sahara is_____southward at a rate of 30 miles per year.

    a. expanding b. covering c. stretching d. sloping

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18. The spreading of deserts is known as _____ .

a. deserting b. desertation c. desertion d. desertification

19. The highest ____ in the Sahara is Emi Koussi (3415m) in the Tibesti Mountains in northern Chad.

a. point b. peak c. edge d. slope

20. The land loses its protective cover of _____ and soon turns into desert.

a. vegetables b. vegetative c. vegetation d. vegetal

21. A(n)_____ is an area of flat land that is higher than the land around it.

a. dune b. slope c. oasis d. tableland

22. After three hours of climbing, we finally reached the _____ of the mountain.

a. crest b. steep c. corridor d. foot

23. Dominant _____ in the Sahara are various Berber groups including Tuareg tribes.

a. ethnic b. ethnicity c. ethnicities d. ethnically

24. As the clouds drifted away an even higher peak became _____ to the climbers.

a. sighted b. visible c. obvious d. apparent

25. The Sahara _____ the continent of Africa into North and Sub-Saharan Africa,

a. separates b. diverges c. detachs d. divides

26. The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, _____the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.

a. whereas b. because c. though d. however

27. The building has a smoke detector ____ any fires can be detected immediately.

a. so that b. whereas c. but d. in case

28. Not everyone is happy about the new timetable. There are, _____, a number of advantages to it.

a. consequently b. but c. however d. moreover

29. Neither Jane nor I _____to New York before.

a. was b. were c. has been d. have been

30. We're making a lot of progress, _____ we've still got a long way to go.

a. so b. and c. but d. for

31. There has been _____media coverage of the coming election that people have got bored with it.

a. too much b. so many c. so much d. such a

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32. I'd like a job that pays more, but _____ I enjoy the work I'm doing at the moment.

a. on the one hand b. on the other hand c. addition d. as a result

33. I'll do the washing up if my wife really wants me to _____.

a. and I'd rather she didn't b. so I'd rather she does

c. but I'd rather she did d. however, I'd rather she will

34. In some rural areas of this country, health care _____ by only a small number of doctors and nurses.

a. is providing b. provided c. provides d. is being provided

35. Morgan stopped working as a doctor in 1973._____ , he remained active in medical research until his death.

a. Therefore b. Nevertheless c. Otherwise d. Consequently

36. hadn't understood his _____ asked him to repeat what he'd said.

a. directions. Therefore, I b. directions, and I

c. directions because I d. directions. However, I

37. I studied English for four years in high school. _____ had trouble talking with people when I was traveling in the U.S.

a. Therefore, I b. Otherwise, I c. Although I d. However, I

38. Not only my children but also I _____from walking so far.

a. are tired b. am tired c. have tired d. were tired

39. My sister broke her leg in two places. _____, she had to wear a cast and use crutches for three months.

a. Moreover b. However c. Consequently d. For that

40. _____ your timely warning, we would have been unaware of the danger.

a. Despite b. But for c. Because of d. Instead of

Read the passage carefully, then choose the correct answer.

Most people think of deserts as dry, flat areas with little vegetation and little or no rainfall, but this is hardly true. Many deserts have varied geographical formations ranging from soft, rolling hills to stark, jagged cliffs, and most deserts have a permanent source of water. Although deserts do not receive a high amount of rainfall - to be classified as a desert, and area must get less than twenty-five centimeters of rainfall per year - there are many plants that thrive on only small amounts of water, and deserts are often full of such plant life.

Desert plants have a variety of mechanism for obtaining the water needed for survival. Some plants, such as cactus, are able to store large amounts of water in their leaves or stems; after a

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rainfall these plants absorb a large supply of water to last until the next rainfall. Other plants, such as the mesquite, have extraordinarily deep root systems that allow them to obtain water from far below the desert's arid surface.

41. What is the main topic of the passage?
    a. Deserts are dry, flat areas with few plants.
    b. There is little rainfall in the desert.
    c. Many kinds of vegetation can survive with little water.
    d. Deserts are not really flat areas with little plant life.
42. The passage implies that _____ .
    a. the typical conception of a desert is incorrect
    b. all deserts are dry, flat areas
    c. most people are well informed about deserts
    d. the lack of rainfall in deserts causes the lack of vegetation.
43. The passage describes the geography of deserts as _____ .
    a. flat b. sandy c. varied d. void of vegetation
44. According to the passage, what causes an area to be classified as a desert?
    a. The type of plants b. The geographical formations
    c. The amount of precipitation d. The source of water
45. Which of the following is mentioned in the passage about cacti?
    a. They have deep root systems.
    b. They retain water from one rainfall to the next.
    c. They survive in the desert because they do not need water.
    d. They get water from deep below the surface of the desert.

From the words or phrases - a, b, c or d - choose the one that best completes the sentences.

46 _____, she could not answer the questions.
    a. Not reading the article b. Not having read the article
    c. Haying not read the article d. Not read the article
47. The students liked that professor's course _____ .
    a. therefore there was a lot of homework
    b. if there was more homework
    c. so that there was no homework
    d. because there was little or no homework
48. Thomas Eakins studied ____ when he was training to become an artist,
    a. not only painting but also anatomy b. painting and anatomy as well
    c. painting nor anatomy d. neither painting or anatomy
49. _____that few building were left standing in the town.
    a. Such was the strength of the earthquake
    b. So strong the earthquake was

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c. Such the strength of the earthquake was
d. So was the strength of the earthquake

50. Skiing is a popular American sport, _____ .

a. however it is quite expensive
b. despite its quite expensive
c. even though it is quite expensive
d. it is quite expensive

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