

GENERAL PRACTICE 1**PART I – MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS****I. Choose the word with the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.**

1. A. rhinoceros B. vehicle C. whale D. uninhabitable
2. A. unconcernedly B. ragged C. sacred D. wicked
3. A. archaic B. archive C. choir D. archery
4. A. suggestion B. congestion C. digestion D. devotion
5. A. dairy B. lair C. fair D. gait

II. Choose the word whose main stress pattern is placed differently from that of the others.

6. A. credulous B. acropolis C. dialect D. obsolete
7. A. ecotourism B. compromise C. disposal D. neighborhood
8. A. beneficial B. detrimental C. understanding D. magnificent
9. A. zoology B. cement C. conquest D. duet
10. A. argumentative B. psychological C. contributory D. hypersensitive

III. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

11. Air, food and water are _____ to human beings.
A. unquestionable B. indebted C. undeniable D. indispensable
12. The court's decision is seen as a major _____ to their authority.
A. hit B. blow C. damage D. undermining
13. In the _____ of any clear leadership, the rebellion collapsed.
A. lack B. omission C. absence D. vacancy
14. Ronald _____ the ball and goal!!!!
A. is kicking B. has kicked C. kicks D. has been kicking
15. Her political future is now hanging by a _____.
A. rope B. cord C. thread D. string
16. Now here's an _____ on the main news story we've been covering.
A. upshot B. update C. upgrade D. upturn
17. At the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, the _____ of teachers to students is very high.
A. proportion B. ratio C. number D. percentage
18. I'm a bit concerned _____ how the new law might affect our business.
A. in B. as C. for D. about
19. I am sorry but I can't go with you tomorrow. I _____ the doctor.
A. see B. have seen C. have been seeing D. am seeing
20. The planes were delayed and the hotel was awful, but _____ we still had a good time.
A. on the contrary B. by the same token C. on top of all that D. for all that

21. Because of rapid technological progress, the computers being made today will be _____ in five years' time.
- A. outdone B. extinct C. retired D. obsolete
22. You _____ me when I speak. It's so annoying!
- A. have forever interrupted B. are forever interrupting (= always, constantly)
C. have forever been interrupting D. forever interrupt
23. I'd just as _____ have a quiet meal at home as eat out.
- A. soon B. rather C. well D. much
24. He has been in _____ ever since he was convicted of taking bribes.
- A. shame B. disrepute C. reproach D. disgrace
25. The kids _____ in the living room! Look at this mess!
- A. have been playing B. have played C. are playing D. play
26. He was clearly nervous: he was sitting right on the _____ of his chair.
- A. outside B. edge C. tip D. border
27. They had a terrible row _____ who should do the housework.
- A. on B. with C. over D. relating
28. Lack of rain early in the season meant that the fields _____ poor crop.
- A. surrendered B. generated C. yielded D. suffered
29. - "How long _____ London?" - "For two years."
- A. has he gone to B. has he been to C. is he in D. has he been in
30. New peace proposals were _____ at the recent Middle East conference.
- A. shown off B. spoken out C. put forward D. made up

IV. Read the following passage and choose the best option to complete the blank or answer the question.

Since water is the basis of life, composing the greatest part of the tissues of all living things, the crucial problem of desert animals is to survive in a world where sources of flowing water are rare. And since man's **inexorable** necessity is to absorb large quantities of water at frequent intervals, he can scarcely comprehend that many creatures of the desert pass their entire lives without a single drop.

Uncompromising as it is, the desert has not eliminated life but only **those forms** unable to withstand its desiccating effects. No moist-skinned, water-loving animals can exist there. Few large animals are found: the giants of the North American desert are deer, the coyote, and the bobcat. Since desert country is open, it holds more swift-footed, running, and leaping creatures than the tangled forest. Its population is largely nocturnal, silent, filed with reticence, and ruled by stealth.

Yet they are not **emaciated**. having adapted to their austere environment, they are as healthy as animals anywhere in the world.

The secret of their adjustment lies in a combination of behavior and physiology. None could survive, if, like mad dogs and Englishmen, they went out in the midday sun, many would die in a matter of minutes. So, most of **them** pass the burning hours asleep in cool, humid **burrows** underneath the ground, emerging to hunt only by night. The surface of the sunbaked desert averages around 150 degrees, but 18 inches down the temperature is only 60 degrees.

31. What is the topic of the passage?
- A. Desert plants B. Desert life C. Animal life D. Forest life
32. The phrase 'those forms' refers to all the following except _____.
- A. water-loving animals B. the bobcat
C. moist-skinned animals D. many large animals
33. The word 'inexorable' is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. relentless B. indispensable C. full D. demanding
34. The author mentions all of the following as examples of the behavior of desert animals except _____.
- A. animals sleep during the day B. animals dig homes underground
C. animals are noisy and aggressive D. animals are watchful and quiet
35. The word 'them' refers to _____.
- A. mad dogs and Englishmen B. desert animals
C. behavior and physiology D. minutes
36. The word 'emaciated' is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. wild B. cunning C. unmanageable D. unhealthy
37. The author states that one characteristic of animals living in the desert is that they _____.
- A. are smaller and fleetier than forest animals
B. are less healthy than animals living in different places
C. can hunt in temperature of 150 degrees
D. live in an accommodating environment
38. Which of the following generalizations is supported by the passage?
- A. Water is the basis of life.
B. All living things adjust to their environments.
C. Desert life is colorful.
D. Healthy animals live longer lives.
39. The word 'burrows' is closest in meaning to _____.
- A. underground nests B. underground houses
C. underground caves D. underground holes
40. How is the temperature 18 inches underground compared to that on the surface in the desert?
- A. the same B. much higher C. less than half D. Half

V. Read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space.

Sylvia Earle, a (41) _____ botanist and one of the (42) _____ deep – sea explorers, has spent over 6,000 hours, more than seven months, under water. From her earliest years, she took her first plunge into the open sea as a teenager. In the years since then, she has taken part in a(n) (43) _____ of landmark underwater projects, from exploratory expeditions around the world to her celebrated "Jim dive" in 1978, which was the deepest solo dive (44) _____ made without cable connecting the diver to a support vessel at the surface of the sea. (45) _____ in a Jim suit, a futuristic suit of plastic and metal armor, which was secured (46) _____ a manned submarine, Sylvia Earle plunged vertically into the Pacific Ocean, at times at the speed of 100 feet

per minute. (47) ____ reaching the ocean floor, Sire was released from the submarine and from that point her only connection to the sub was an 18-foot tether. For the next two and a half hours, Earle (48) ____ the seabed, taking notes, collecting (49) ____, and painting a US flag. Consumed by a desire to descend deeper still, in 1981 she became involved in the design and manufacture of deep-sea (50) ____ one of which took her to a depth of 3000 feet. This did not end Sylvia Earle's accomplishments.

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| 41. A. marine | B. underwater | C. undersea | D. submarine |
| 42. A. furthest | B. foremost | C. greatest | D. utmost |
| 43. A. mount | B. great deal | C. average | D. number |
| 44. A. really | B. later | C. ever | D. mostly |
| 45. A. Covered | B. Put | C. Clothed | D. Worn |
| 46. A. to | B. with | C. from | D. against |
| 47. A. In | B. On | C. At | D. For |
| 48. A. walled | B. roamed | C. dived | D. strolled |
| 49. A. specimens | B. models | C. remains | D. debris |
| 50. A. subcontractors | B. submariners | C. submersions | D. submersibles |

PART II – OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

VI. Put the verbs in the brackets in the correct forms.

51-52. "Bill _____ (look) really tired."

"That's because he _____ (study) for a Maths test all day."

53. It's almost midnight. _____ (you/ not finish) your homework yet?

54-55. "Look at the children! They _____ (have) a wonderful time."

"Yes, indeed! They _____ (swim) in the pool since morning."

56-57. My brother _____ (always, throw) his clothes all over the floor. I _____ (have) enough!

58-59. I _____ (never see) that man before so I _____ (not know) his name.

60. - "We are flying to Agra next week."

- Lucky you! I _____ (always / want) to visit the Taj Mahal!"

VII. Use the correct form of the word in bracket to complete each sentence.

61. His _____ annoys some members of the committee because he is always expressing his ideas frankly. (SPEAK)

62. George is very disorganized and not very _____. (BUSINESS)

63. She was fully aware of her own _____. (SHORT)

64. Low income and little administrative support make teachers _____ with their profession. (HEART)

65. A film about the _____ ancestors is available in the library. (REPTILE)

66. There are people whose _____ begins from the moment of their death. (MORTAL)

67. It's undeniable that the _____ of the local incompetent healer was responsible for her sudden death. (DIAGNOSE)

68. As the sole _____ of his uncle's will, he inherited a huge fortune. (BENEFIT)

69. This _____ she manufacturer. (REPAIR)

70. The first time I tried out my new bike I _____ and fell off. (BALANCE)

VIII. Find the ten mistakes in the passage below. Write your answer in the following format (but remember that it's just an example, not one of the answers):

00. Line 1: homes → home

1 Between 1977 and 1981, three groups of American women, numbered 27 in all, between the
2 age of 35 and 65, were given month-long tests to determine how they would response to conditions
3 resembling those on the space shuttle. Carefully selected from many applicants, the women were
4 volunteers and pay was barely above the minimum wage. They weren't allowed to smoke or drink
5 alcohol during the tests, and they were expected to tolerate each other's company at closed quarters for
6 the entire period. Among other things, they had to stand pressure three times of the force of gravity and
7 carry out both physical and mental tasks while exhausted from strenuous physical exercises. At the end
8 of ten days, they had to spend a further twenty days absolutely confined to bed, during that time they
9 suffered backaches and discomforts, and when they were finally allowed up, the more physically active
10 women were especially subject to pains due to a light calcium loss. Results of the tests suggest that
11 women have significant advantages on men in space. They need less food and less oxygen and they
12 stand up to radiation well. Men's advantages in terms of strength and stamina, meanwhile, are virtually
13 wiped out by the zero-gravity condition in space.

71. Line

75. Line

78. Line

72. Line

76. Line

79. Line

73. Line

77. Line

80. Line

74. Line

IX. Fill each gap in the passage below with ONE appropriate word.

Unlikely (81) _____ it may seem, there has now been expert confirmation that wild pumas and lynxes are at (82) _____ in parts of Britain, rather than being the figments of some wild imaginations. Previous sightings of such large cats had been put (83) _____ to exaggeration. After all, the argument went, some people are prone to seeing flying saucers and Loch Ness monsters, particularly when under the influence of one drink. Some newspapers were suspected of having made up stories such as (84) _____ of the Beast of Exmoor, an animal that is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of sheep over the past ten years. (85) _____ experts have now come up with proof that such stories were in earnest after all. The animals are in all (86) _____ pets which have escaped from small zoos, or been abandoned by their owners. Because the keeping of such animals is severely restricted under the (87) _____ of the Dangerous Wild Animal Act of 1976* owners of unlicensed animals might not (88) _____ an escape for fear of prosecution. Britain's only surviving native species, the wild cat, is confined to Scotland. After examining hair samples, experts now say that the Beast of Exmoor in the south of England is without (89) _____ a puma or lynx, both of which are normally native (90) _____ the Middle East and Asia.

X. Complete each of the following sentences with (a) suitable preposition(s) or particle(s) from the box.

in for	up to	through	down	off
round	under	out	at	over

91. I wish you wouldn't fly _____ me like that every time I make a mistake.

92. The piece of equipment is very well made and stands _____ the roughest treatment. You won't have any trouble with it.

93. The new office staff are shaking _____ well.
94. I think a sip of wine can bring him _____.
95. We are _____ no obligation to change goods which were not purchased here.
96. I am not friends with Peter any more. We have fallen _____.
97. I knew I was _____ the hill when I started needing glasses to read.
98. Tom's family pulled him _____ the difficult period following his wife's death.
99. The police came _____ a great deal of criticism.
100. I have gone _____ computer games. They are not as interesting as before.

XI. Rewrite the sentences with the given words or beginning in such a way that their meanings remain unchanged.

101. The only reason the party was a success was that a famous film star attended it.

-> Had it _____

102. Government guidelines really do emphasize the importance of starting education early.

-> A lot of emphasis _____

103. The trip was so amazing that we will never forget it.

-> It's too _____

104. Your silly questions distracted me.

-> You drove _____

105. She was so disgusted at the way her friend behaved that she refused to speak to him.

-> Such _____.

106. Mike is never reluctant to make tough decisions as a manager. (SHRINKS)

-> _____

107. The film is similar to Shakespeare's Hamlet in a number of ways. (RESEMBLANCE)

-> The film _____

108. He is determined to become a doctor. (HEART)

-> _____

109. Alison bought the big house because she wanted to open a hotel. (VIEW)

-> Alison bought _____

110. We feel uncomfortable in the house. (FISH)

-> _____

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