Variation A

PART I

SECTION 1. GRAMMAR /26 points/ 15 min

Read the following sentences and choose the correct answer for each gap. /12*1=12/

1. I bought _____ furniture for my new house last month.
   A. many B. any C. an
   D. some E. a

2. Everybody gives presents to each other _____ Christmas Eve.
   A. on B. in C. at
   D. for E. to

3. In Mongolia, it is easy to travel to the countryside _____ car.
   A. at B. in C. on
   D. with E. by

4. You _____ dress officially for work. It is a rule for every workers.
   A. will B. would C. must
   D. may E. might

5. My brother is _____ at swimming than I am.
   A. the better B. good C. well
   D. much better E. the best

6. In the morning, the sun _____ on my eyes in my bedroom and _____ me up.
   A. am shining / wakes B. shines / wakes C. is shining / is waking
   D. shines / is waking E. is shining / wakes

7. Tommy and Mickey _____ do outdoor sport when they _____ teenagers.
   A. used to / wasn't B. didn't use to / wasn't C. didn't use to / was
   D. didn't use to / were E. use to / were

8. I'm really interested in _____ travel to _____ moon.
   A. --- / a B. --- / the C. a / ---
   D. the / --- E. a / the

9. Susan kept _____ and now she is quite good.
   A. practicing B. practices C. practice
   D. practiced E. to practice

10. Jack told a lie to _____. He was ashamed of _____.
   A. mine / himself B. me / his C. me / himself
   D. myself / himself E. me / him

11. Let's go to the beach for fun, _____?
   A. will we B. shall we C. would we
   D. do we E. are we

12. My favorite book "Tom Sawyer" _____ by Mark Twain many years ago.
   A. has been written B. is written C. has written
   D. was written E. had written

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Read the sentences and select the correct answer for each blank. /4*2=8/

13. "I made a lot of friends in my new job last month," he said. He said that _____.
    A. he has made a lot of friends in his new job the previous month.
    B. I had made a lot of friends in his new job a month ago.
    C. he had made a lot of friends in my new job the previous month.
    D. I would make a lot of friends in his new job the month before.
    E. he had made a lot of friends in his new job the previous month.

14. If I _____ in your shoes, I _____ her the truth.
    A. were / would tell B. were / will tell C. was / would have told
    D. was / would tell E. were / told

15. We finished our work earlier _____ it was a quite effortless job.
    A. due to B. because of C. because
    D. therefore E. so that

16. I am so grateful to the person _____ saved my life.
    A. which B. whom C. whose
    D. who E. what

Identify one underlined part that should be corrected in the sentences. /3*2=6/

17. Captain Cook, a British navigator, was the first European to reach Australia east coast.
    A B C D E

18. The student asking for advice from the teacher about the presentation assignment.
    A B C D E

19. George used to live in Toronto, but he company had him transferred to Seattle.
    A B C D E

SECTION 2. VOCABULARY /32 points/ 20 min

Read the sentences and complete the gaps with the most appropriate word. /9*2=18/

20. We need two _____ bread and some ham for making a sandwich.
    A. a loaf of B. loaves of C. crumbs of
    D. bunches of E. a bunch of

21. People with heavy _____ eyebrows always tend to be decisive.
    A. almond-shaped B. pointed C. down-turned
    D. arched E. round-shaped

22. Ann is a(an) _____ person whose character has many sides.
    A. outgoing B. punctual C. reserved
    D. talkative E. complicated

23. The volcano _____ on Sunday morning with massive destruction.
    A. erupted B. destroyed C. broke
    D. exploded E. damaged

24. America was _____ by Christopher Columbus in 1492.
    A. detected B. invented C. appeared
    D. revealed E. discovered

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25. James _____ that he had stolen the money.

A. denied B. suggested C. complained
D. promised E. commanded

26. We use _____ at the end of a strong sentence in writing.

A. a colon B. a question mark C. an exclamation mark
D. a comma E. a period

27. The farmer heard a pig _____ outside the fence.

A. barking B. roaring C. hissing
D. grunting E. bleating

28. _____, excessive use of the internet, is getting big issues.

A. Gossiping B. Bullying C. Cyber addiction
D. Social media E. Feedback

Complete the sentences with the correct particle of the phrasal verbs. /4*2=8/

29. While we were driving to Venice, our car ran _____ petrol.

A. around B. into C. over
D. away E. out of

30. The professor put _____ the meeting until the following week.

A. on B. off C. out
D. down E. up

31. When we arrived at the airport, the plane had already taken _____.

A. away B. after C. down
D. up E. off

32. He's really smart that he always comes _____ brilliant ideas.

A. up B. across C. up with
D. back E. round

Find out the appropriate meaning to the underlined parts (idioms) of the sentences. /3*2=6/

33. Michael is the only senior student in our selected group for the student math competition. He's a head and shoulders above the other students.

A. Higher rank than others B. On top of others
C. The best among others D. Much taller than others
E. Much better than others

34. Bill is studying engineering in our department. He can do sculpting, carving, a bit of pottery – he's a jack of all trades.

A. Having many skills and abilities B. Doing different jobs at the same time
C. Being successful in business D. Making a lot of money
E. Having artistic abilities

35. John would like to have a car like mine. He had set his heart on my car, but he was unhappy that I sold it.

A. Fond of something B. Fall in love something
C. Really want something D. Really love technology
E. Really like vehicles

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SECTION 3. COMMINCATION /10 points/ 10 min

Read the conversation and choose the best answer for questions 36-37, and complete blanks 38-40 from the given options. /5*2=10/

Teacher: Welcome to our debate! The candidates for class president this year are Paul and Simon. Please introduce yourselves and tell us why you'd be a good president.

Paul: Hi, I'm Paul. I think I'd be a great president because I'm reliable, and I'm very creative.

Simon: Hi, everyone. I'm Simon and I'm really good at organizing. I'm also efficient, and I'm hardworking.

Teacher: How good are you at working with people? Paul?

Paul: I'm really good at working with people. And I'd make a good president because I am always level-headed. **38.** _____

Teacher: And Simon?

Simon: I'm OK working with people. Sometimes I'm a little impatient, but I'm never critical.

Teacher: OK! Next question. Paul, can you solve problems easily?

Paul: Well, it takes a lot of work to solve problems for a whole class, but I think I'm good at it. I really like helping, and like I said, I'm very creative. **39.** _____

Teacher: OK, Simon, what about you?

Simon: I like helping people, too. I'm so-so at solving problems, but if the solution doesn't work, I always ask someone for help. I can't stand making mistakes.

Paul: Oh, I don't mind. If you don't make mistakes, **40.** _____

Teacher: That's a good point, Paul. Well, we're out of time. Thanks to our candidates for participating, and don't forget to vote on Wednesday! [applause]

36. What is the conversation about?

A. It is about an election of candidates for the president.
B. It is about an election of class president.
C. It is about a debate about class president.
D. It is about an election debate of class president.
E. It is about the candidates of the class.

37. Paul is a student who is _____.

A. level-headed, efficient and don't mind making mistakes
B. reliable, organized and likes helping people
C. creative, reliable and good at organizing
D. reliable, helpful and sometimes a little impatient
E. creative, outgoing and likes helping people

38.

A. Most people think I make decisions easily.
B. Most people think I'm easy to talk to.
C. Most people think I'm a bit optimistic.
D. Most people think I'm always on time.
E. Most people think I'm quite inventive.

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39.

A. Sometimes you have to be very patient!
B. Sometimes we need time to solve a problem!
C. Sometimes it's important to listen to others carefully!
D. Sometimes a problem just needs a creative solution!
E. Sometimes I'm so organized when working people!

40.

A. you can study hard!
B. you won't learn anything!
C. you will go forward!
D. you can't be the president!
E. you won't be elected!

SECTION 4. READING /12 points/ 15 min

Read the text and choose the best answers. /6*2=12/

How do you survive an earthquake?

Whether or not you live in an earthquake zone, it's best to be prepared …

Earthquakes happen because of the movement of plates in the Earth's outer layer (the 'mantle'), which can break and split into new positions. These movements cause vibrations ('seismic waves') that travel along the Earth's surface. You are more likely to experience an earthquake If you live near a fault line (a crack or weakness) in one of the plates.

If you're inside a building when an earthquake happens …

- Stay inside. Get under a piece of heavy furniture (e.g. a table), or crouch in a corner formed by two inside walls with your arms over your head.
- Keep away from windows and any objects that might fall and injure you.

If you're outside …

- Move as far away as possible from buildings, trees, streetlamps, etc. Lie on the ground and cover your head.
- If you are in a car, stay in **it**, but pull over away from buildings, bridges etc.

After the earthquake it might be helpful to use a piece of cloth to breathe through, to filter the dust. If you are in a building, wait until it's safe before you run outside – there may well be aftershocks.

41. What is the main purpose of the text?

A. Telling a story B. Writing an essay C. Telling a tale
D. Giving advice E. Explaining an experiment

42. You are more likely to be affected by an earthquake if you live near a _____

A. window.
B. fault line.
C. building.
D. plate.
E. layer.

43. According to the text, the cause of an earthquake is _____.

A. the motion of plates B. the aftershocks C. the new positions
D. a fracture or weakness E. the movement of the Earth

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44. The pronoun **it** in bold and underlined in the text refers to _____.

A. the earth B. building C. bridge
D. earthquake zone E. car

45. According to the text which of the following is not true?

A. Lie on the ground and cover your head.
B. Stay inside a building.
C. Keep away from windows.
D. Get on a piece of heavy furniture.
E. Wait until it's safe before running outside.

46. After the earthquake you may need to use _____

A. streetlamps to keep warm.
B. a piece of heavy furniture.
C. a piece of napkin to breathe through.
D. a corner formed by two inside walls.
E. a car and stay in it.

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PART II

/20 points/ ***20 min***

2.1. Fill in the blanks (a-e) with suitable linking words (1-7). There are two extra items that you don't need to use. /5*1=5/

a. Khubilai Khan was ruling China ……. he was a Mongol.
b. He was cooking dinner …… his father was watching football on TV.
c. I had been waiting for Jane for two hours ……. she finally arrived.
d. I will not pass all of my exams ……. I study very hard.
e. People travelled on Silk Road ……. sell and buy commodities.

1. before
2. therefore
3. even though
4. unless
5. however
6. while
7. in order to

2.2. Match the words (a-e) with their definitions (1-7). There are two extra items that you don't need to use. /5*1=5/

a. A coach is …….
b. A crew is …….
c. A cruise is ……
d. Fare is ……..
e. Kerb is ……..

1. …… a total cost of a journey.
2. …… the edge of a raised path nearest the road.
3. …… a large vehicle for carrying people for long journeys.
4. …… a portion of the road especially for bicycles.
5. …… the people who work onboard a plane or ship.
6. …… a journey taken on a ship within a certain period of time.
7. …… changing transport before arriving at the destination.

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2.3. Match the situations (a-e) with the suggestions (1-7). There are two extra items that you don't need to use. /5*1=5/

Situations

a. A friend of mine always has messy hair. So I gave her a comb for her birthday.
b. I bought a lamp at a garage sale. I don't really like it.
c. The teacher borrowed my favorite book and spilled coffee all over it.
d. My aunt gave me a woolen sweater. I can't wear wool, I gave it back.
e. I forgot my best friend's birthday. But I sent him an e-mail to apologize.

Suggestions

1. I would have called him right away.
2. I wouldn't have said anything.
3. I would have told her that I prefer something else.
4. I would have spoken to the teacher about it.
5. You should have spoken to them.
6. You should have exchanged it for something else.
7. You should have cleaned them immediately.

2.4. Read the incomplete conversation at the airport and fill in the gaps with the appropriate parts (1-7). There are two extra items that you don't need to use. /5*1=5/

Ann: Hello?
Clerk: Hello. How could I help you?
Ann: Yes. Could you tell me where can I find the bank?
Clerk: There is one on the second floor, **a.** _____
Ann: Do you know what time it opens?
Clerk: b. _____. It usually opens at 7:30 in the morning.
Ann: Ok, well. And can you tell me how often the buses leave for the city?
Clerk: You need to check at the transportation counter. **c.** _____
Ann: Good. **d.** _____. Where are the restrooms?
Clerk: Right behind you. **e.** _____
Ann: Oh, yes. Thanks a lot.

1. It should be open now
2. Do you see where that sigh is?
3. Do you know that sign?
4. across from the duty-free shop that is located on the left side of the hall.
5. And just one more thing
6. She will give you the information you need.
7. It's right down the hall beside the escalator

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