PRACTICE TEST 2

I. LISTENING (3.0 points - 0.2/each)

Part 1. Question 1 to 5.

You will hear an English woman called Britta talking to an interviewer about her life in Berlin, the capital of Germany. For each question, circle the correct answer.

Question 1. How long has Britta lived in Berlin?

A. four years B. six years C. twenty years

Question 2. What does Britta say about living in Berlin?

A. She can't sleep at night because of the traffic noise.
B. She misses the museums and theatres in Bonn.
C. She likes living in a big, busy city.

Question 3. The area of Berlin where Britta lives is _____

A. a rather expensive place to live
B. a good place to eat out
C. a long way from the city centre

Question 4. Britta says that her nephew, Philippe, likes going _____

A. to the park with her
B. to the shop with his parents
C. to a gallery with her

Question 5. Britta has a lot of friends who _____

A. live near her B. work with her C. are still in England

Part 2. Question 6 to 10.

Listen to a talk and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F). Write your answers in the corresponding numbered boxes.

Question 6. Loans that are used to buy a home are known as mortgages.

Question 7. A deposit can be worth about a tenth of the price of a home.

Question 8. One of the mistakes banks made was they gave out loans to candidates with good credit report.

Question 9. One result of the crisis is that a lot of mortgages went unpaid.

Question 10. The speaker feels that banks alone are responsible for the crisis.

6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Part 3. Question 11 to 15.

You will hear a woman talking to a man about joining a drama club. Complete the note below with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER for each answer.

MIDBURY DRAMA CLUB

Background

Example: **Answer**

- **Club started in** ***1957***
- usually performs (11) _____ plays

Meetings

- next auditions will be on Tuesday, (12) _____
- nearest car park for rehearsals in Ashburton Road opposite the (13)_____

Costs

- annual membership fee is £ (14)_____
- extra payment for costumes

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Contact

- secretary's name is Sarah Sawdicott
- secretary's phone number is (15) _____

II. USE OF LANGUAGE (7.0 points)

Part 1: Phonetics: (1.0 point - 0.1/each)

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 16. A. devise	**B.** promise	**C.** surprise	**D.** realize
Question 17. A. decided	**B.** hatred	**C.** warned	**D.** sacred
Question 18. A. famous	**B.** neighbour	**C.** harbour	**D.** southern
Question 19. A. ocean	**B.** special	**C.** musician	**D.** circle
Question 20. A. club	**B.** lamb	**C.** doubt	**D.** bomber

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

Question 21. A. maintain	**B.** marine	**C.** challenge	**D.** device
Question 22. A. trophy	**B.** promote	**C.** attract	**D.** canal
Question 23. A. expensive	**B.** tropical	**C.** release	**D.** survival
Question 24. A. investigate	**B.** information	**C.** submarine	**D.** independent
Question 25. A. disappearance	**B.** circulation	**C.** conservation	**D.** environment

Part 2: Vocabulary and Structures: (5.0 points - 0.125/each)

Choose the best option (A, B, C, or D) that best completes each unfinished sentence or substitutes the underlined part.

Question 26. Question 43. _____, one tin will last for at least six weeks.
A. Using economical B. Used economically
C. Used economical D. Using economically

Question 27. As his car had broken down she gave him a _____ to work.
A. drive B. way C. lift D. passage

Question 28. The _____ dressed woman in the advertisement has a posed smile on her face.
A. stylish B. stylishly C. stylistic D. stylistically

Question 29. Make sure you _____ us a visit when you are in town again.
A. pay B. do C. give D. have

Question 30. The play lasted two hours with a/an ____ of 15 minutes between part one and part two.
A. interval B. pause C. stop D. interruption

Question 31. Of the two new teachers, one is experienced and _____.
A. the others are not B. another is inexperienced
C. the other is not D. other lacks experience

Question 32. _____ had the van turned the corner than the wheel came off.
A. Scarcely B. No longer C. Hardly D. No sooner

Question 33. If I had gone to the bank this morning, I _____money from you now.
A. would not borrow B. would not have borrowed
C. will not borrow D. will no have borrowed

Question 34. Since they aren't answering their telephone, they _____.
A. must have left B. should have left C. need have left D. can have left

Question 35. Only when you become a parent _____ what true responsibility is.
A. don't you understand B. will you understand
C. you understand D. you will understand

Question 36. Last year Matt earned _____ his brother, who had a better position.
A. twice as much as B. twice more than C. twice as many as D. twice as more as

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Question 37. I had to get up early; _____, I'd have missed the train.
A. yet B. otherwise C. but D. if not

Question 38. She joined the local tennis club, _____ were at least 60.
A. most of its members B. most whose members
C. most of whose members D. most members

Question 39. He goes jogging every morning, rain or _____ .
A. sun B. snow C. shine D. wind

Question 40. Like many other countries in the world, Vietnam is on the _____.
A. progress B. start C. begin D. move

Question 41. It is important that she fully _____ what she is supposed to do.
A. understand B. understands C. understood D. has understood

Question 42. "Do you mind if we schedule the meeting for 11 o'clock?" - "Well, actually, I _____ earlier."
A. should prefer it will be B. am preferring it to be
C. will prefer it D. would prefer it to be

Question 43. "Have you finished the report?" - "Yes, but I wish I had known _____."
A. how hard it would be B. how hard would it be
C. how would it be hard D. how would it be

Question 44. There was a _____table in the kitchen.
A. wooden large beautiful round B. large beautiful round wooden
C. beautiful large round wooden D. beautiful round large wooden

Question 45. Prices are rising quickly everywhere. The _____ seem to go up every day.
A. standard of living B. quality of life C. annual income D. cost of living

Question 46. It is surprising that the total weight of all the ants in the world is much greater than _____.
A. to all human beings B. all human beings is that
C. that of all human beings D. is of all human beings

Question 47. His_____son will go to school this fall.
A. five-year-old B. five years old C. five years' old D. five-years-old

Question 48. By this time next summer, you_____your study.
A. completes B. will complete
C. are completing D. will have completed

Question 49. The teacher asked a difficult question, but finally Ted _____ a good answer.
A. put up with B. keep pace with C. made way for D. came up with

Question 50. The meat looked very _____ to the dog.
A. invited B. invite C. inviting D. invitingly

Question 51. _____ is not clear to researchers.
A. Why dinosaurs having become extinct. B. Why dinosaurs became extinct
C. Did dinosaurs become extinct D. Dinosaurs became extinct

Question 52. She had to borrow her sister's car because hers was _____.
A. out of work B. out of order C. on duty D. off work

Question 53. His brother refuses to even listen to anyone else's point of view. He is very_____.
A. open-minded B. kind-hearted C. narrow-minded D. absent-minded

Question 54. He is very happy because he passed his exam with _____ colours.
A. flying B. failing C. imagining D. changing

Question 55. Head Coach Park Hang-Seo along with his football team _____unprecedented results so far.
A. has achieved B. achieve C. are achieving D. achieves

Question 56. He retired early _____ ill-health.
A. on account of B. ahead of C. on behalf of D. in front of

Question 57. Sorry, I can't come to your party. I am **snowed under with** work at the moment.
A. busy with B. fond of C. free from D. relaxed about

Question 58: Please give me some **advice** to buy suitable books for my ten-year-old girl.
A. information B. recommendation C. fiction D. interest

Question 59. _____ school fees may discourage many students from attending university.

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A. Gaining B. Improving C. Raising D. Receiving

Question 60. The traffic lights _____ green and I pulled away.

A. became B. turned C. got D. went

Question 61. _____, they slept soundly.

A. Hot though was the night air B. Hot though the night air was

C. Hot the night air as was D. Hot although the night air was

Question 62. We should study hard _____ our parents can be proud of us.

A. as that B. in order to C. in order that D. so as to

Question 63. It was not until _____ home that _____ that he had taken someone else's bike.

A. he got/ he realized B. he got/ did he realize

C. did he get/ he realized D. he got/ he did realize

Question 64. Of the two sisters, Thuy Kieu is the__.

A. eldest B. elder C. eldly D. most eldly

Question 65. It was_____that I couldn't put it down.

A. such interesting book B. so interesting book

C. interesting book D. so interesting a book

Part 3. Each of the following sentences has one mistake. Find and correct it. (1.0 point - 0.2/each)

Question 66. The teacher was pleasing with the result of your examination.

Question 67. If you write the essay careful, you willget good mark.

Question 68. A five-thousand-dollars reward was offered for the capture of the escaped criminals.

Question 69. Each of the beautiful cars in the shop was quickly sold to their owner.

Question 70. The package containing books and records were delivered last week.

Question	Error	Correction
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III. READING (5.0 POINTS)

Part 1. Read the following passage and circle the most suitable answer (A, B, C, or D) for each space: (2.0 points - 0.2/each)

Health is something we tend to (71) ____ when we have it. When our body is doing well, we are hardly (72) ____ of it. But illness can come, even (73) _____ we are young. In fact, childhood has been a very susceptible time. Many diseases attack children in particular, and people know very little (74) _____ to cure them once they struck. The result was that many children died. About a century ago, (75) _____, scientists found out about germs, and then everything changed. The (76) _____ of many diseases was found, and cures were developed. As this medical discovery spread, the world became (77) _____ safer for children. The result is that (78) _____ a hundred years ago, the average man lived for 35 years, nowadays, in many areas of the world, people can (79) _____ to live for 75 years. And what do we expect by the year 2020 ? Undoubtedly, medical science will continue to (80) _____. Some people will be able to avoid medical problems that are unavoidable today.

Question 71. A. forget B. ignore C. give up D. throw away

Question 72. A. awake B. keen C. aware D. concerned

Question 73. A. if B. so C. when D. while

Question 74. A. how B. what C. which D. when

Question 75. A. therefore B. however C. although D. moreover

Question 76. A. reason B. origin C. source D. cause

Question 77. A. more B. much C. very D. quite

Question 78. A. where B. when C. why D. whereas

Question 79. A. desire B. hope C. want D. expect

Question 80. A. speed up B. advance C. accelerate D. run

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Part 2. Read the passage and circle the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions: (2.0 points - 0.2/each)

Carbohydrates, which are sugars, are an essential part of a healthy diet. They provide the main source of energy for the body, and they also **function** to flavor and sweeten foods. Carbohydrates **range** from simple sugars like glucose to complex sugars such as amylose and amylopectin. Nutritionists estimate that carbohydrates should make up about one-fourth to one-fifth of a person's diet. This translates to about 75-100 grams of carbohydrates per day. A diet that is **deficient** in carbohydrates can have an adverse effect on a person's health. When the body lacks a sufficient amount of carbohydrates it must then use its protein supplies for energy, a process called gluconeogenesis. **This,** however, results in a lack of necessary protein, and further health difficulties may occur. A lack of carbohydrates can also lead to ketosis, a buildup of ketones in the body that causes fatigue, lethargy, and bad breath.

Question 81. What is the main idea of this passage?

A. Carbohydrates are needed for good health.
B. Carbohydrates prevent a buildup of proteins
C. Carbohydrates can lead to ketosis.
D. Carbohydrates are an expendable part of a good diet.

Question 82. The word "**function**" as used in line 2 refers to which of the following?

A. neglect B. serve C. dissolve D. profess

Question 83. The word "**range**" as used in line 3 is closest in meaning which of the following?

A. probe B. proceed C. hail D. extend

Question 84. According to the passage, what do most nutritionists suggest?

A. Sufficient carbohydrates will prevent gluconeogenesis.
B. Carbohydrates are simple sugars called glucose.
C. Carbohydrates should make up about a quarter of a person's daily diet.
D. Carbohydrates should be eaten in very small quantities.

Question 85: Which of the following do carbohydrates NOT do?

A. Prevent ketosis B. Cause gluconeogenesis
C. Provide energy for the body D. Flavor and sweeten food

Question 86: Which of the following words could be best replace "**deficient**" used in 5?

A. outstanding B. abundant C. insufficient D. unequal

Question 87: What does the word "**this**" refers to in line 8?

A. Using protein supplies for energy
B. converting carbohydrates to energy
C. Having a deficiency in carbohydrates
D. having an insufficient amount of protein

Question 88: According to the passage, which of the following does **NOT** describe carbohydrates?

A. a protein supply B. a necessity
C. a range of sugars D. an energy source

Question 89: Which of the following best describes the author's tone?

A. sensitive B. emotional C. informative D. regretful

Question 90: Which of the following best describes the organization of this passage?

A. Cause and result B. Comparison and contrast
C. Specific to general D. Definition and example

Part 3. Read the article. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A-G for each part (91-95) of the article. There are two extra headings which you do not need. There is an example at the beginning (0). (1.0 point - 0.2/each).

A. In investment to get excited about **B.** There's money to be made **C.** The two winners **D.** Even winners can be losers	**E.** Cutting down the risk **F.** A popular pastime in Britain **G.** The cheaper the successful

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Question 0	A

There must be wiser investments, but it's doubtful whether many will provide the same sort of excitement. If you're looking for financial adventure, forget your savings accounts — let your money go to the dogs.

Question 91	

Greyhound racing might he suffering from an image problem, but the dogs still have their fans. After football, it is the second biggest spectator sport in Britain. More than 70,000 races are run each year, watched by 4 million people. And more than £2 billion is spent each year on betting.

Question 92	

In the past two years, two greyhounds — Some Picture and Tom's the Best — were candidates for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year. However, in both cases the award went to a human. What a shame!

Question 93	

But there are significant financial rewards on offer if your dog turns out to be a champion. For instance, if it wins the English, Irish or Scottish Derby, you collect £50,000 in prize money. However, this is very little compared to what you can make on breeding. This can add up to total earnings in excess of £350,000 over seven years.

Question 94	

To avoid the uncertainty, some owners prefer to buy a dog that has proved itself and is ready to run. The cost, though, is around £3,000, even at the bottom end of the market, and some rich enthusiasts have been known to pay up to £25,000 for a promising young dog.

Question 95	

However, some of the cheaper buys are surprisingly successful. Two years ago, a dog called Stows Val. which had cost its owner £500, ran in the finals of the English Derby. This season a dog called Cee Kay fo bought r £1,500 has already won its owner £20,000 in prize money.

IV. WRITING (5.0 POINTS)

Part 1. Rewrite the sentences in such a way that they mean almost the same as those printed before them. (2 points- 0.2/ each)

Question 96. The flight to London lasted more than three hours.

It_____

Question 97. He snatched up the fire extinguisher after he read the instruction.

Having_____

Question 98. It is extremely difficult for us to make ends meet these days.

We find_____

Question 99. He failed the test because of the difficult questions.

Had _____

Question 100. "Don't sail alone on the lake!" said the instructor to the students.

The instructor warned _____

Question 101. Man continues to take minerals from the earth in immense quantities.

Minerals_____

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Question 102. . That's the funniest story that my children have ever read.

My children have_____

Key-word transformation: Rewrite the sentences in such a way that they mean almost the same as those printed before them. Use the words given in bold type; you cannot change the word given in any way.

Question 103. She is familiar with working on a computer. **(USED)**

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Question 104. I only know this when he has told me about it. **(DO)**

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Question 105. Matthew didn't listen to what his teacher told him. **(NOTICE)**

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Part 2. Essay writing (3.0 points)

Write an essay of about 180-220 words on the following topic:

"Computers can translate all kinds of languages well, so children don't need to learn more languages in the future"

Do you agree with the statement? Give reasons and examples for your answer.

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