

Họ tên học sinh:Số báo danh:

SECTION A. (6pts)

Read the article about the life of a writer. Are these statements True or False? Choose TRUE or FALSE for the statements below on your answer sheet.

When I was young, I dreamed about being a famous writer and now I am! I know I'm a very lucky person. I love my life and I love my work.

Like almost other writers, I work from home. I have a small office in the garden and every day I spend at least five hours there, writing. My dog sits beside me and all round me the garden is peaceful. When I want to break for lunch, I stop, but if I'm particularly interested in what I'm writing, I continue until it's a good time. I organise my time myself. I don't have to do what someone else tells me. That's probably the biggest advantage.

However, it's not quite as easy as it seems. No, I don't have to get up early and travel a long distance to work, but I have to make sure that I follow a routine or I would never manage to do everything. So, I get up at the same time each day and make sure that I'm sitting at my computer by 8:30. I try to write the same number of words everyday too, and usually I do.

One of the disadvantages of working from home is that people don't think that I'm doing a 'real' job. People call me for a chat or come for a coffee and I have to be very strict with them and tell them that they mustn't interrupt me! Another difficulty is if I don't have any ideas. This happens quite often! There's no one to tell me what I should or shouldn't write. It's all in my head and if I can't think of anything, then I can't write and I have to go for a walk with the dog or listen to some music to give my brain a rest. After a break like this, I can usually start writing again.

I can't imagine having another job. If I didn't write, I don't know what I'd do. So, I have to hope that people will continue to buy my books and that I continue to have good ideas!

Questions

1. He was a famous writer when he was young.
2. He doesn't always have lunch at the same time.

3. He has to travel long distances for his job.
4. He likes spending coffee breaks with visitors.
5. He wants to stop writing in the future.

Choose the word that has different stress pattern (A,B,C, or D) from the other three.

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| 6. A. hairdresser | B. engineer | C. gardener | D. programmer |
| 7. A. gardening | B. travelling | C. challenging | D. rewarding |
| 8. A. common | B. popular | C. rewrite | D. suitable |

Choose the correct answer (A,B,C or D)

9. The family _____ burnt in the fire was immediately given a suite in a hotel.

- A. which house B. whose house C. that house D. the house of whom

10. "Buy one, get one free" is a common example of a _____.

- A. price tag B. refund C. special offer D. bargain

11. He found the majority of jobs _____ the Internet.

- A. on B. for C. at D. in

12. Bondi is the beautiful beach _____ I used to sunbathe.

- A. when B. which C. why D. where

13. The restaurant _____ £2 for water.

- A. charges B. costs C. wastes D. owes

14. Our team did not perform well enough last season. Our team _____ last season.

- A. reperformed B. overperformed C. co-performed D. underperformed

15. You have to be a tidy person to do this job and it isn't very well paid. You are a/an _____.

- A. cleaner B. solicitor C. farm worker D. stunt performer

16. _____, footballers are paid too much in comparison with engineers or doctors.

- A. For example B. Nevertheless C. In my opinion D. On the other hand

17. _____ the job interview, she met Jack White, whose father started the company.

- A. At B. In C. As D. On

18. My sister says she _____ a video game developer when she's older.

- A. is going to be B. is C. will be D. is being

19. Has he finished _____ the report?

- A. to write B. writing C. write D. to writing

20. Stunt performers have to do a lot of dangerous things, _____ falling off buildings.

- A, such as B. moreover C. despite D. for example

21. All three of my cousins are _____ work in our city.

- A. joining in B. taking after C. looking for D. filling in

22. Being a builder is hard work. _____, you're often on your feet all day.

- A. However B. What is more C. For example D. As a result

23. He's excellent in martial arts and very brave. He often plays the most dangerous scenes for actors. He is a(n) _____.

- A locksmith B. stunt performer C. journalist D. actor

24. He resigned from the company in order to take a more _____ job.

- A. tiring B. badly-paid C. challenging D. stressful

25. She suggests _____ another meeting next week.

- A. holding B. hold C. to hold D. being held

Choose the correct answer (A,B,C or D) for each gap to complete the following passage.

Some people return to college as mature students and take full-time or part-time training courses in a skill that will help them to get a job. The development of open learning, (26) _____ it possible to study when it is convenient for the students, has increased the opportunities available (27) _____ many people. This type of study was formerly restricted to book-based learning and correspondence course but now includes courses on TV, CD-ROM or the Internet, and (28) _____ access courses at language or computer centers.

Americans believe that education is important at all stage of life and should not stop (29) _____ people get their first job. About 40 percent of adults take part in some kind of formal education. About half of them are trying to get qualifications and skills to help them with their jobs, the rest (30) _____ taking recreational subjects for personal satisfaction. Schools and community colleges arrange evening classes, and a catalog of courses is published by local boards of education.

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| 26. A. making | B. keeping | C. enabling | D. finding |
| 27. A. about | B. with | C. to | D. by |
| 28. A. under- | B. mis- | C. over- | D. self- |
| 29. A. where | B. that | C. when | D. although |
| 30. A. is | B. are | C. was | D. were |