

## PRACTICE TEST 15

### I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

1. A. failure      B. injure      C. sculpture      D. measure  
2. A. telescope      B. folk      C. nomad      D. companion

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

3. A. solar      B. career      C. complex      D. fiction  
4. A. orphanage      B. versatile      C. abundant      D. discipline

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

5. According to a team of scientists, there are evidence that Mount Everest is

A

B

C

still rising.

D

6. There are more potatoes cultivated than any the other vegetable crop worldwide.

A

B

C

D

7. Some metals such gold, silver, copper, and tin occur naturally, and are easy to work.

A

B

C

D

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

8. Neptune is \_\_\_\_\_ any planet except Pluto.

A. to be far from the Sun      B. far from the Sun being  
C. farther than the Sun is      D. farther from the Sun than

9. I didn't really want to play football on Saturday, but since there was no one else to take my place I couldn't really \_\_\_\_\_ it.

A. go over      B. get out of      C. turn down      D. take off

10. He retired early \_\_\_\_\_ ill health.

A. on behalf of      B. ahead of      C. on account of      D. in front of

11. I had no \_\_\_\_\_ that the unemployment rate was so high in this country.

A. knowledge      B. idea      C. question      D. understanding

12. He \_\_\_\_\_ being given a receipt for the bill he had paid.

A. asked to      B. demanded      C. insisted on      D. required

13. Children with \_\_\_\_\_ diseases should not be allowed to go to school.

A. contacted      B. infectious      C. constant      D. influential

14. Mr and Mrs Hudson are always \_\_\_\_\_ with each other about how to bring up their children.

A. annoying      B. arguing      C. explaining      D. shouting

15. He was very upset by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his English examination.

A. result                    B. outcome                    C. effect                    D. success

16. The noise of the traffic stopped me \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep.

A. falling                    B. starting                    C. coming                    D. going

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the following exchanges.

17. - "I'm going to the beach with my parents this Saturday!"

- " \_\_\_\_\_ "

A. It's quite normal.                    B. Lucky you! I'm having a karate lesson,  
C. Good luck, and take care!                    D. I'm waiting for your news.

18. - "Do you think I could borrow your dictionary?"

- " \_\_\_\_\_ "

A. Yes, you may borrow.                    B. Yes, come on.  
C. Yes, help yourself.                    D. It doesn't matter!

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

19. It hasn't rained for a long time. If the crops are not irrigated soon, the harvest will be affected.

A. plowed                    B. watered                    C. planted D                    D. fertilized

20. In the 1920s, amateur theater performances benefited poor families and other charitable causes.

A. untrained                    B. inexperienced                    C. non-profit                    D. nonprofessional

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21. Later that evening, when I was almost asleep, the sound of a crowd brought me back to full consciousness.

A. afraid                    B. tired                    C. awake                    D. aware

22. Your poster is very good. I think that you could enhance it by adding some more color. That will tend to attract everyone's attention.

A. draw again                    B. throw away                    C. make better                    D. make worse

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

In England, there is a traditional belief that whoever first arrives at the threshold of the household will bring good luck to the family for the coming year. The tradition is (23) \_\_\_\_\_

'First Footing'. As part of 'First Footing' tradition, English people pray for a young, healthy, handsome, and dark-haired male to be their first footer of the New Year. A woman, a blonde, or a red-colored person is not welcome for the day, (24) \_\_\_\_\_ they are considered to bring bad luck for the entire year.

Moreover, if that person carries coal, money, bread, salt, or holy mistletoe with him, then

it is considered to be a (25) \_\_\_\_\_ of good luck and prosperity for the rest of the year. Traditionally, the first footer is meant to follow certain customs and traditions. One of them is that the first footer (26) \_\_\_\_\_ always enter the house from the front door, and exit from the back door. Also, the first footer should place the fuel (as carried along) on the fire, should place the loaf on the table, and should (27) \_\_\_\_\_ water on the head of the householder. Tradition also calls for gifting of the mistletoe by the visitor to any household member.

23. A. called	B. known	C. thought	D. believed
24. A. although	B. yet	C. whereas	D. as
25. A. notice	B. sign	C. warning	D. coming
26. A. may	B. would	C. should	D. could
27. A. flow	B. flood	C. pour	D. empty

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

There are some unattended level crossings, with gates which road-users have to open themselves, 'Stop' signs, and small red and green lights. Do not cross when the red light is showing, as a train is coming. There is a special railway telephone, and if you are driving a very large or slow moving vehicle, or are on foot with animals, you must first telephone the nearest station to make sure it is safe for you to cross. Open both gates before you cross and close them after you. When you have crossed, telephone the station to let them know you are over.

Some other unattended level crossings have gates but have no red lights. At such crossings, stop, look both ways, listen and make sure there is no train coming. If there is a special railway telephone, first telephone to make sure it is safe for you to cross. Before you cross with a vehicle or with animals, open the gates on both sides wide, and then check once again that no train is coming. Drive your vehicle or animals right across and well clear of the crossing and then close both gates.

28. All the level crossings described in the passage have \_\_\_\_\_.

A. flashing lights      B. attendants      C. telephones      D. gates

29. According to the instructions, you should cross level crossings \_\_\_\_\_.

A. without hesitating      B. as cautiously as possible  
C. in vehicle      D. as far as possible from the car in front

30. You should never drive onto any level crossing if \_\_\_\_\_.

A. another vehicle is approaching  
B. the attendant has not operated the lights  
C. the exit isn't clear  
D. a green light is flashing

31. At a crossing with gates you open yourself, you are told to telephone the station if \_\_\_\_\_.

