

**MIDTERM EXAM 1**

**(45 MINUTES)**

**A. PHONETICS**

**I Find the word which has a different sound in the underlined part.**

1. A. marriageg                      B. massage                      C. collage                      D. shortage  
2. A. education                      B. individual                      C. Indian                      D. production  
3. A. released                      B. pleased                      C. passed                      D. watched

**II Find the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.**

4. A. oceanic                      B. botanical                      C. identical                      D. romantic  
5. A. commercial                      B. economic                      C. traditional                      D. intelligent

**B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR**



**III Fill in the blank with a suitable word/ phrase, based on the first letter(s) given.**

6. The water in the lakes in this area has been .....for a long time. It is because of the factories nearby that dump waste into them. (**CONTAMINATION**)  
7. The overuse of lights result in light .....(**POLLUTE**)  
8. The governments of some foreign countries have decided to lend financial support to the country after that ..... earthquake.( **DESTROY**)  
9. Students should be provided with the first aid skills in case of emergencies. They need to know how to survive in .....situations. ( **DANGER**)

**IV Choose the best answer (A, B, c or D).**

10. People believe that the ..... water has brought cancer to the local residents.  
A. pollutant                      B. pollution                      C. polluted                      D. polluting  
11. Factories need to stop dumping industrial ..... into the lakes and rivers immediately.  
A. trash                      B. rubbish                      C. waste                      D. litter  
12. If local people drink this untreated water, they ..... have cholera.  
A. will probably                      B. probably will                      C. would probably                      D. probably would

13. The number of horses in Canada .....slightly over the past few years.  
A. has decreased    B. have decreased    C. decreased    D. had decreased
14. By the time you ..... to England, I ..... there for two days.  
A. come-was    B. came-was    C. came – had been    D. had come-was
15. At present, the Holi Festival of Colors ..... in India.  
A. is occurring    B. is occuring    C. are occurring    D. are occuring
- 16.. Few people know that before hurricane Katrina, there..... two more destructive hurricanes occurring in the US.  
A. was    B. were    C. have been    D. had been
17. When the city ....., the storm suddenly .....and ..... everything away.  
A. slept - hit - sweep    B. were sleeping - was hitting - swept  
C. was sleeping - hit - swept    D. slept - hit - was sweeping
18. Three out of five newly-built houses in this area ..... by this accidental fire.  
A. was burnt down    B. was burnt out    C. were burnt down    D. were burnt out
19. Fortunately, the injured people ..... by a passerby before his health condition ..... worse.  
A. was rescued - became    B. had been rescued - became  
C. rescued - became    D. was rescued - had become

**V Put the verbs into the correct tenses.**

20. This is the first time I (experience) ..... such a terrifying flood.
21. If I (have) ..... one million US dollars, I (build) ..... more parks in our city.
22. Before I moved to Florida, I (spend) ..... three days visiting Texas.

**VI Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.**

23. By the time I had went to India, I had known about its Holi festival of Colors through my English book.
24. If I save enough money for my Europe tour at the end of this year, won't waited until the next year to make it.

## C. READING



### VII Read the passage.

At the top of the list of the costliest natural disasters in the history of the United States is Hurricane Katrina. Hurricane Katrina was the third strongest hurricane ever to hit the U.S. It affected 90,000 square miles in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama. The hurricane formed over the Bahamas and turned into a Category 1 hurricane by the time it hit the southeastern tip of Florida. It got stronger as it traveled across the Gulf of Mexico. It had become a category 4 hurricane when it reached Louisiana. The storm surge that followed caused destruction from central Florida to Texas. Louisiana, experienced even more damage because its levees were breached, letting water flood a large portion of the city. The National Weather Service warned people of the tropical monster that was heading towards the southern coast. Residents were told to expect power outages.

They were told they might lose their rooftops and to expect water shortages. About 4/5 of the population evacuated. The estimate was that around 100,000 people remained in the metro area. Some were stranded tourists; others did not own a car and had no way out.

### Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

- 25. Katrina is the most economically damaging hurricane to the US. ....
- 26. Katrina was the strongest hurricane in the US's history. ....
- 27. Louisiana suffered the most in the hurricane. ....
- 28. The US residents had no information about the hurricane. ....
- 29. Those who got stuck in the metro area were all local residents. ....

## D. WRITING

### VIII Rewrite the following sentences.

30. Britain recognized the independence of the United States in 1781.

→ The independence .....

31. People are not fully aware of the dangerous consequences of pollution, so they keep polluting the environment.

→ If people .....

32. European explorers arrived in Canada in the late 15th and early 16th centuries. Before that, some of the Canadian cultures had collapsed.

→ By the time .....

33. The student gave the teacher a bunch of flowers on her birthday.

→ The teacher .....

34. I had dinner with my family. Then I went to the cinema with my friends.

→ After.....