VOCABULARY FCE 1

Choose the correct item.

1 It took us almost four hours to ..... to London.
A reach C get
B arrive D approach

2 Some medicines are only available on ..... .
A description C inscription
B instruction D prescription

3 She had to pay the adult ..... on the bus because she was 18.
A fare C toll
B amount D finc

4 If you're on a diet, you should ..... honey for sugar in your tea.
A change C substitute
B replace D convert

5 Be ....., you can't expect to learn a language in a week.
A just C fair
B sane D reasonable

6 It's difficult to ..... the difference between margarine and butter.
A speak C say
B tell D look

7 Without her ..... help they would never have survived the terrible ordeal.
A priceless C invaluable
B worthy D treasured

8 I remember seeing him on one other ..... with his wife.
A incident C occasion
B moment D celebration

9 The two small companies are going to ..... at the end of the year.
A mix C merge
B blend D meet

10 Be careful not to ..... your finger with that needle.
A bite C prick
B scratch D sting

11 After you've eaten those sweets, make sure you throw the ..... in the bin.
A waste C litter
B junk D debris

12 How can I ..... you of her innocence?
A convince C assume
B influence D prove

13 The general was found guilty of dishonourable conduct and ..... of his rank.
A stolen C ripped
B robbed D stripped

14 Every ..... must take a drug test before the race.
A contestant C opponent
B winner D rival

15 Gavin was hired to ..... young police cadets in the art of self-defence.
A practise C instruct
B inform D rehearse

16 My headmaster made a ..... at his retirement party.
A lecture C debate
B speech D talk

17 Can you ..... the children from school since you're going out?
A take C carry
B bring D fetch

18 That coat is far too .....; I'll never be able to afford it.
A rich C expensive
B reasonable D precious

19 She spends a great ..... of her time in London.
A period C quantity
B number D deal

20 The scientists ..... the behaviour of the laboratory animals.
A observed C uncovered
B recognised D discovered

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21 She used the ..... of the cloth to make a patchwork quilt.
A leftover C ending
B rest D remaining

22 Many birds ..... south during the winter months.
A emigrate C immigrate
B originate D migrate

23 Certain medicines can now help to ..... life.
A delay C stretch
B prolong D expand

24 Workers are paid money for their ..... .
A labour C job
B duty D career

25 When he is nervous, his hands ..... .
A shake C shiver
B vibrate D shudder

26 He ..... something under his breath.
A shouted C muttered
B mentioned D told

27 He often gets lost because he never pays attention to the road ..... .
A signals C posts
B signs D symbols

28 If you ..... your gloves there, you'll never remember to pick them up.
A leave C forget
B misplace D lose

29 The baby tried to walk, but it kept falling .....
A back C on
B off D over

30 The sun is too hot - let's sit in the ..... .
A shadow C shade
B darkness D cover

31 The Republican Party have been in ..... in the U.S.A since 2000.
A force C authority
B rule D power

32 He was so tired that he fell ..... during the lecture.
A sleeping C sleepy
B asleep D sleepless

33 A huge ..... spread across her face when she saw her boyfriend.
A grin C chuckle
B giggle D laugh

34 The driver had to ..... quickly to avoid hitting a tree.
A swing C twist
B sway D swerve

35 James won a ..... to go and study in America.
A grant C donation
B scholarship D charity

36 Working in the bar at night provided another source of ..... for Paul.
A wage C salary
B pay D income

37 The ..... of the roses was beautiful.
A flavour C odour
B savour D scent

38 My friends and I are going to ..... a house together.
A lend C rent
B hire D borrow

39 Be careful skating on that pond – the ice might ..... .
A crash C crack
B smash D tear

40 You need a ..... to be able to park your car there.
A licence C certificate
B permit D diploma

41 I didn't have time to read the newspaper but I had a quick ..... at the headlines.
A glance C wink
B gaze D stare

42 I had to ..... out of the window to shout to him.
A bend C bow
B lean D stick

43 Look in the telephone ..... for his phone number.
A directory C leaflet
B catalogue D brochure

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44 There was a long ..... on his face.
A bruise C scar
B blister D bump

45 I remember the amazing mountain ..... from my holiday in Austria.
A display C sight
B spectacle D scenery

46 Late arrivals to the theatre will be ..... entry until the interval.
A neglected C ignored
B refused D rejected

47 The princess hoped one day to marry a ..... prince.
A handsome C beautiful
B pretty D delightful

48 Ruth is a very ..... person who enjoys going to parties.
A solitary C bold
B communal D sociable

49 It was a terrible accident, but fortunately there were very ..... casualties.
A little C few
B small D less

50 She really should get a new coat because her old one is so ..... .
A messy C untidy
B scruffy D careless

51 The murderer was ..... to life imprisonment.
A accused C charged
B sentenced D tried

52 She ..... herself with her new perfume.
A showered C sprayed
B sprinkled D scattered

53 The school was very small, with a ..... of only three teachers.
A team C cast
B crew D staff

54 Somebody's loss is often somebody else's ..... .
A win C gain
B achievement D rise

55 The cinema is right on the corner – you can't ..... it.
A lose C avoid
B miss D drop

56 The cricket match was stopped early due to ..... rain that lasted two hours.
A huge C big
B heavy D powerful

57 The jury ..... their verdict of not guilty.
A mentioned C announced
B presented D said

58 The TV was very expensive so I've arranged to pay for it in ..... .
A deposits C instalments
B sections D portions

59 We arrived early at the airport and were able to check ..... for our flight straight away.
A in C up
B out D off

60 I'm going to buy some ..... in order to make myself a new dress.
A clothes C costumes
B cloth D clothing

61 It took us ages to get here, but ..... we're home!
A lately C at last
B eventually D in the end

62 Since I live on the ..... of the city, I have a long drive into town every day.
A suburbs C outskirts
B outside D border

63 Large companies sometimes try to take ..... smaller companies by buying a majority of the shares.
A in C down
B after D over

64 The only tourist ..... in the town was the medieval church.
A fascination C charm
B appeal D attraction

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65 Sally ..... down on everyone who isn't as clever as her.
A puts C takes
B pushes D looks

66 John decided to ..... his subscription to the magazine.
A delay C cancel
B undo D delete

67 His injuries seemed minor at first, but in the end they were ..... .
A deathly C fatal
B lethal D terminal

68 I grew up in a small town on the south ..... of England.
A shore C bank
B coast D side

69 Julie decided to break ..... with her boyfriend after they'd been together for two years.
A down C up
B out D away

70 To get the best view, we drove right to the ..... of the cliff.
A border C edge
B limit D margin

71 The astronauts' landing on the moon was a historic ..... for the world.
A moment C instant
B interval D period

72 I haven't yet ..... all my ambitions.
A managed C succeeded
B achieved D reached

73 Bill managed to get ..... a lot of paperwork today.
A along C by
B over D through

74 He gave a ..... of relief when the exam was over.
A yawn C cough
B sigh D breath

75 It's easier to ..... a pill if you take it with water.
A bite C swallow
B chew D lick

76 I've just seen an interesting news ..... about global warming.
A study C announcement
B account D report

77 My rich uncle ..... a large estate in England.
A belongs C claims
B owns D holds

78 This brooch has been passed ..... through three generations as a family heirloom.
A over C down
B away D off

79 I'm feeling quite ill and may not be ..... such a long journey.
A in with C up to
B in for D over to

80 The lion gave such a ..... that we all ran away.
A purr C grunt
B bark D roar

81 I'm quite good at golf but I need to ..... my swing.
A train C exercise
B coach D practise

82 Jake got up early and left quietly without ..... anyone.
A bothering C annoying
B upsetting D disturbing

83 Tom bought a ..... of bananas at the supermarket yesterday.
A group C stack
B pile D bunch

84 It was rather childish of her to ..... into tears when you corrected her mistake.
A fall C burst
B melt D break

85 Donna knew that she was right and was determined to ..... up for herself.
A stay C stand
B shout D support

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86 The plumber changed into his ..... before he started work.
A suit C overalls
B uniform D costume

87 Her diamond necklace ..... in the sunlight.
A polished C brightened
B sparkled D lightened

88 I've left you a ..... on the table.
A note C mark
B sign D notice

89 We spent a fortune ..... the living room in our grandparents' house.
A repairing C renovating
B restoring D renewing

90 I prefer to pay for everything in ..... so I always know how much money I have.
A credit C currency
B cash D change

91 I live near the office so I only have a short ..... to work.
A trip C travel
B expedition D excursion

92 The house is in a(n) ..... location, very near the shops and public transport.
A essential C convenient
B comfortable D beneficial

93 The old man strolled down the quiet country ..... with his dog.
A lane C way
B route D alley

94 To promote their product, the company is going to give ..... free samples.
A over C up
B off D away

95 There's still speculation that one day they will ..... the Titanic from the sea bed.
A pull C increase
B raise D tow

96 The farmer led his ..... of cows into the field to graze.
A flock C herd
B swarm D school

97 Banking is a respected ..... .
A task C work
B employment D career

98 He decided it wasn't ..... reading the report as he'd been informed of all the changes already.
A worthy C worthwhile
B valuable D important

99 Don't forget to ..... off the lights before you go to bed.
A turn C make
B put D close

100 I got the ..... for goulash from my colleague. She's Hungarian.
A receipt C formula
B recipe D menu

101 He's a very lively child who doesn't sit ..... for one minute.
A unmoving C peaceful
B still D inactive

102 She could barely ..... out the cottage in the darkness.
A spot C see
B make D draw

103 After all that walking, my legs were so ..... that I could hardly bend them.
A tight C solid
B stiff D hard

104 The build-up of fumes in cities results in terrible ..... .
A smog C fog
B haze D mist

105 This book ..... a glossary of popular terms.
A includes C contains
B consists D involves

106 'What ..... of hair gel do you usually use, Lisa?'
A mark C name
B brand D label

107 John can still recite poems he learnt off by ..... at school.
A memory C mind
B head D heart

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108 The police tried to catch the thief, but he ran ..... too quickly.
A away C past
B forward D after

109 It's your ..... that everything has gone wrong.
A mistake C error
B blame D fault

110 After the accident they took him to the ambulance ..... a stretcher.
A onto C in
B with D on

111 Have you got the ..... for your mother's chocolate cake?
A recipe C method
B prescription D formula

112 The ..... of Italy is very mountainous.
A interior C inside
B core D middle

113 Some of the ..... tried to help the victims of the accident.
A spectators C audience
B viewers D onlookers

114 Martin found an ..... coin in his garden.
A aged C elderly
B ancient D old-fashioned

115 There are many small brown ..... on the beach.
A rocks C pebbles
B bricks D boulders

116 He ..... some jam on his toast.
A spread C scattered
B spilt D sprinkled

117 If you ..... the cheese, I'll make the sauce for the spaghetti.
A grate C beat
B chop D cut

118 When the bread dough had risen, I ..... it in the oven.
A baked C grilled
B fried D boiled

119 I can't eat this apple, it's too ..... .
A salty C sour
B peppery D spicy

120 That sculpture is a very interesting ..... of art, actually.
A part C piece
B bit D unit

121 There will be a twenty-minute ..... halfway through the performance.
A stop C interval
B pause D gap

122 Stress brings out the worst ..... of his character.
A area C view
B side D point

123 He expects to be given everything he wants because his parents have ..... him.
A ruined C damaged
B destroyed D spoiled

124 I have many business ..... in Germany, but I don't know them well.
A allies C companions
B friends D associates

125 It is his ..... to become a famous singer.
A fortune C chance
B destiny D opportunity

126 We were ..... up for five hours in heavy traffic.
A put C held
B picked D hurried

127 This diet is ..... in vitamins.
A deficient C short
B inadequate D insufficient

128 You can see the ..... of the mountain on a clear day.
A point C tip
B cap D summit

129 He is so ..... to criticism that you can't say a thing about his work.
A aware C conscious
B sensitive D sensible

130 Clara has got perfect ..... and can even see well in the dark.
A view C sight
B eyesight D site

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