FURTHER PRACTICE 3 (LEXICO-GRAMMAR)

TEST 1

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. The president said he would rather let the economy……..than try to manipulate it with a stimulus package.
A. take the charge B. do its action C. run its course D. perform the task

12. Paula thought the song would be a big hit,……..?
A. didn't it B. wouldn't it C. wouldn't she D. didn't she

13. Other than the face, hands are the most visible part of one's body and invariably … volumes about a person.
A. tell B. speak C. talk D. say

14. It is essential that all top security documents…….CONFIDENTIAL.
A. are stamped B. will be stamped C. be stamped D. would be stamped

15. You……such a long essay. The teacher only asked for 300 words, and you wrote 600 words.
A. needn't have written B. didn't need to write C. haven't needed to D. needn't write

16. The situation is so complex that many people are unable to see the……for the trees.
A. jungle B. wood C. foliage D. root

17. A quarter is……much as 25%.
A. almost as B. nowhere near as C. nothing like as D. just as

18……anyone object, the plan will be reconsidered.
A. If B. Unless C. Should D. Might

19. It's time she……promotion, in my view.
A. got B. gets C. has got D. will get

20. Peter: "You don't need a raincoat! The weather's fine!" Mary: "……., I think I'll take one; you never know."
A. Same again B. One and the same C. All the same D. Same old, same old

21. You've got to be……certain before you make up your mind.
A. deadly B. dead C. dearly D. deathly

22. By the time he……out on a Saturday afternoon, the kitchen had been full of water.
A. got a plumber to come B. had a plumber coming C. had a plumber to come D. got a plumber come

23. The cameraman……tired because he……through the night.
A. was feeling - was filming B. felt - had been filming C. had felt - had filmed D. felt - filmed

24. If you need anything during your stay, our staff is……your disposal.
A. in B. under C. on D. at

25. I don't understand why people can't just……instead of trying to bend everyone to their will.
A. live and let live B. live and breathe C. live rough D. live in clover

TEST 2

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. It has been a good year. I……two books and several short stories, all of which are now in print.
A. have written B. have been writing C. will have written D. had written

12. Liverpool beat local……., Everton, by two goals to one last Saturday.
A. opponents B. supporters C. enemies D. foes

13. Most newspapers are usually……towards a certain political outlook.
A. prejudiced B. justified C. presumed D. biased

14. Do you expect him……treated in this way?
A. to not object to be B. not to object to be C. not to object to being D. not object to being

15. She……for her parents' support during her university education, but she preferred to work part-time and support herself.
A. should have asked B. could have asked C. must have asked D. ought to ask

16. It took the woman a few minutes to……. after she had fainted.
A. get round B. come round C. get by D. come by

17. Dr. Nguyen is a brilliant and dedicated scientist who had expected to be selected as the director of the institute. She was very surprised not……the position.
A. having offered B. having been offered C. to have offered D. to have been offered

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18. A special feature of the room is the huge picture window which…….a splendid view of the Quantock hills.
A. allows B. enables C. affords D. presents
19. He still suffers from a rare tropical disease which he…….while in Africa.
A. infected B. complained C. gained D. contracted
20. Most engineers agreed that the car's design was……..
A. pass the time B. behind the times C. gain time D. ahead of its time
21. I didn't see anyone but I felt as though……..
A. I have been watched B. I be watched C. I am watched D. I was being watched
22…….have at least four hours of hazardous materials response training is ordered by federal law.
A. All police officers B. All police officers must C. That all police officers D. For all police officers
23. During the starvation, we used to keep a…….of dried food in the factory.
A. conserve B. substitute C. reserve D. preserve
24. If we…….over the details, we'll never finish filming this episode by today.
A. discuss B. niggle C. huddle D. mob
25. Nick: "How about an evening riverboat tour?" Helen:"……."
A. No, it's good to do so. B. Actually I've never gone on an evening riverboat tour.
C. Actually I've gone twice this week. D. No, I've never gone on an evening riverboat tour.

TEST 3

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. We……..up the hill for half an hour when we realized we……..in the direction of the castle.
A. were walking - haven't been going B. had been walking – weren't going
C. have been walking - didn't go D. had walked - wouldn't be going
12. Neither my travel's cheques nor the money I had with me sufficient to pay the bill.
A. have been B. are C. were D. was
13. I sometimes find it hard to……..a balance between work and my home life.
A. remain B. make C. check D. maintain
14. I couldn't……..laughing when he fell in the pool with all his clothes on; it was so funny.
A. give up B. help C. stand D. afford
15. John won four medals at the competitions. His parents……..very proud of him.
A. can't be B. can't have C. must have been D. couldn't have been
16. A strange rattling noise forced the driver to……..onto the hard shoulder.
A. stop over B. pull over C. get away D. throw away
17. On Sundays, many people take their cars to service stations……..
A. to get the oil refilled B. to get the oil refill C. to refill the oil D. to make the oil refilled
18. The search……..had no luck in finding the missing child.
A. crew B. group C. staff D. party
19. The bank is reported in the local newspaper……..in broad daylight yesterday.
A. to be robbed B. robbed C. to have been robbed D. having been robbed
20. This school has……..since its first year in operation, when it only had twenty students.
A. had its way B. come a long way C. made its way D. been under way
21. There is still a……..of hope that the rescuers will find survivors.
A. ray B. spray C. light D. spot
22. You will see it is not a very difficult job. All……..is to keep the guests interested.
A. what matters really B. that really matters C. what really matters D. which will really matter
23. Before the product is put on the market, the company must……..whether it complies with safety standards.
A. calculate B. predict C. anticipate D. ascertain
24. I'd like to take this……..of wishing you all the best of luck with your exams.
A. likelihood B. possibility C. probability D. opportunity
25. Susan: "Would you like another coffee?" Demi: "……."
A. I'd love one. B. Willingly. C. Very kind of your part. D. It's a pleasure.

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TEST 4

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. Mike's tendency towards forgetting things is a……..joke among his closest friends.
A. continuing B. lasting C. constant D. standing

12……..rare artefacts were they that the museum decided to insure them.
A. So B. Too C. Such D. Very

13. I said Ricardson, but I meant Richardson. It was just a……..of the tongue.
A. mistake B. slip C. fault D. lapse

14. My uncle has just bought……..car.
A. luxurious modern black German sports B. German black luxurious black modern
C. modern black German sports luxurious D. black luxurious modern German sports

15. Mr. Bond,…….. honour the reception will be held next Saturday, has worked for this company for exactly thirty years.
A. about what B. for whom C. of which D. in whose

16. The findings of the report read that by the year 2028 famine in the Third World countries will have reached epidemic …...
A. proportions B. ratio C. spread D. range

17. The authorities probably want to be tough and won't……..to the hijackers' absurd demands.
A. abandon B. resign C. yield D. collapse

18. The portrait is believed……..by Picasso.
A. to be painted B. that was painted C. having been painted D. to have been painted

19. Selena: "Thanks for the nice bunch of flowers you gave me!" Katy: "……."
A. Welcome! It's very nice of you. B. Not at all. Don't mention it.
C. All right! Do you know how much it costs? D. Actually speaking, I myself don't like it.

20……., I just couldn't find a solution to the problem.
A. However hard I might B. No matter what C. Try as I might D. Might I try

21. Jack: "What's the……..rate for this bungalow?" David: "It's ten thousand dollars."
A. running B. going C. making D. setting

22. In my opinion, Cristiano Ronaldo is……..the most talented footballer in the world.
A. a far sight B. an awful lot C. not quite D. far and away

23. The instructor blew his whistle and……...
A. off ran the runners B. off were running the runners C. the runners run off D. off the runners were running

24. It's a shame the candidate allowed himself to fly off the……..like that during the debate, since it undermines a lot of the really solid arguments he'd been making up to that point.
A. roof B. sauce C. handle D. knob

25. If I……..good at cooking, I……..dinner by myself last night.
A. were - would have cooked B. am - would cook
C. had been - would cook D. had been - would have cooked

TEST 5

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

6. I'll be in the office all afternoon……5 o'clock, but after that I'll be at home.
A. by B. for C. around D. until

7. Mary: "Ralph is finding life stressful at the moment."
Sarah: "…….in a similar situation myself, I really sympathize."
A. When I was B. I was also C. Having been D. That I have been

8. It was an exciting election campaign, with the two main candidates……..
A. level pegging B. level off C. level headed D. level-crossing

9. The police officer asked me what time ……..
A. the accident was occurring B. did the accident occur C. the accident occurred D. was the accident occurred

10. The practical component lasts six months,…….trainees will be able to demonstrate what they have learnt.
A. at that time B. during which time C. the time when D. whenever

11. That new TV series had viewers……to their screens.

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A. screwed B. fixed C. riveted D. nailed

12.……that it is still a favourite others.

A. It is such elegant couture evening dress B. Such is the elegance of this couture evening dress

C. So elegant this couture evening dress is D. It is so elegant couture evening dress

13. The actor insisted that the reporter keep his remarks…….

A. off the cuff B. off the beaten track C. off the deep end D. off the record

14. My new personal trainer says he…….by the end of the month.

A. has 100 sit-ups a day done B. will have done me 100 sit-ups a day

C. had done 100 sit-ups a day D. will have had me doing 100 sit-ups a day

15. Derek was wearing…….tie at the party.

A. a ridiculous wide yellow silk B. a yellow wide ridiculous silk

C. a ridiculous yellow wide silk D. a wide silk yellow ridiculous

16. The board proposes that the majority of this year's profits…….in new product development.

A. will be invested B. be invested C. to be invested D. being invested

17. His new film has received…….reviews.

A. rave B. keen C. wild D. vigorous

18. The first thing for all of you to remember is that…….your duties may result in an instant dismissal.

A. escaping B. neglecting C. resisting D. missing

19. So you don't like the play, but when you are given complimentary tickets to the theatre you shouldn't……..

A. cry for the moon B. look for a needle in a haystack

C. look a gift horse in the mouth D. take the rough with the smooth

20.…….the books in the series that the publisher anticipates record sales for the latest title.

A. Such was the success of B. It was so successful

C. How much was the success of D. So successful has

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

21.Shares in the company are **taking a nosedive** ever since news of the tax scandal went public.

A. increasing rapidly B. remaining stable C. declining gradually D. falling sharply

22. I searched for hours but I had to **call it a day** when darkness fell.

A. stop B. ask for help C. start D. continue

23. I love **pulling my sister's leg** - it's almost too easy to annoy her.

A. arguing with my sister B. teasing my sister C. controlling my sister D. playing with my sister

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

24. His extravagant spending habits led everyone to believe that he was **a man of means**.

A. wealthy B. generous C. selfish D. poor

25. Nils' trick of playing guitar whilst trampolining on stage **went down a storm** last night.

A. failed B. became successful C. surprised everyone D. beat a storm

TEST 6

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

11. I expect your Chinese……a great deal by the time you……back from China.

A. has been improving - have got B. will have improved - get

C. had improved - would get D. improves - will be getting

12. The elementary means of communicating with other people……messages by voice.

A. are conveying B. is transferring C. is conveying D. are transferring

13. The paper had to make several journalists……last week due to loss of sales.

A. redundant B. unnecessary C. ineffective D. abundant

14. The President mentioned pension reform and went on……that he would reduce unemployment figures.

A. adding B. add C. to be adding D. to add

15. The tyres of my car have……I must get new ones.

A. worked out B. held up C. kept off D. worn out

16. Tom: "I loved Christmas as a child."

Nick: "So did I. Every Christmas Eve all the family……the tress together."

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A. would have decorated B. would decorate
C. had been decorating D. used to decorating

17. The car park……is responsible for parking customers' cars.
A. employee B. attendant C. officer D. assistant

18. The Roman people are believed……to Europe around the beginning of the last millennium.
A. to have migrated B. having migrated C. migrating D. to be migrating

19. My parents told me that taking the car on Saturday night was ……
A. out of season B. out of reach C. out of question D. out of place

20. I'm really sleepy today. I wish I……Bob to the airport late last night.
A. weren't taking B. hadn't had to take C. didn't have to take D. didn't take

21……as taste is really a composite sense made up of both taste and smell.
A. That we refer to it B. What we refer to C. To which we refer D. What do we refer to

22. Although……, he has been to more than 30 countries in the world and gained a lot of experience.
A. his young age B. young C. been young D. he was young

23. If you wash that pullover in the boiling water, it will…….
A. crumple B. contract C. shrink D. dwindle

24. His change of job has……him with a new challenge in life.
A. led B. initiated C. presented D. introduced

25. Cashier: "All right. Keep your receipt. If something comes up, you can show it to us and you can get a refund."
Customer: "……"
A. OK, I won't use it. B. Thanks. I'll put it in a safe place.
C. You're welcome. See you. D. Thank you. I'll keep it for you.

TEST 7

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

9. A lot of his fans think that the love affair added a little **zest** to the actor's life.
A. gusto B. adventure C. concern D. spice

10. He has been sitting there with a **pensive** expression on his face for hours.
A. oppressed B. caged C. thoughtful D. happy

11. What that woman said was just a **flat-out** lie.
A. white B. transparent C. deliberate D. complete

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

12. There is a **dearth** of international schools in this fast-developing city.
A. scarcity B. abundance C. mixture D. cluster

13. She was left totally speechless by his **fatuous** remark.
A. crafty B. frugal C. sensible D. inane

14. Due to thespread of the coronavirus, doctors and nurses from all over the country have been working **round the clock.**
A. interruptedly B. permanently C. continuously D. accurately

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

15. She asks too much……..me but I can't always be there to help her.
A. for B. about C. to D. of

16. The chairperson invited the next speaker to……..the floor.
A. share B. get C. take D. own

17. I'll never forgive……..so many lies.
A. his telling me B. his to telling me C. him to tell me D. him telling me

18. The accident happened……the bus not having been properly serviced.
A. on account B. inconsequence C. owing to D. given that

19. There have been a few cases of seasonal flu recently but there……..no cause for alarm.
A. feels to be B. is felt to be C. was felt being D. has been felt there is

TEST 8

Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

11. Low self-esteem is…….a huge amount of unhappiness and mental illness.
A. of B. for C. behind D. with

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12. People are much more likely to go…….you if you do things their way.
A. along with B. together with C. on with D. away with
13. Has John decided whether he is going to accept or is he still sitting on the……..?
A. line B. fence C. border D. edge
14. As living abroad, he can only afford to see his…….family once a year.
A. enlarged B. expanded C. excepted D. extended
15. Children coming from a…….family tend to have emotional and mental problems.
A. spoiled B. dysfunctional C. destructive D. malfunctional
16. Their phones look quite similar but one costs…….the other.
A. twice as much as B. twice more than C. twice as more as D. twice higher than
17. To apply for U.S visa, you…….out the DS-160 application form and submit it online.
A. are filled B. to fill C. are filling D. are to fill
18. Since Doi Moi in 1986, Vietnamese people have been optimistic about the…….for their economy.
A. future B. perspective C. prospect D. potential
19. Many Asian families nowadays still give…….treatment to their sons and grandsons.
A. favourite B. preferential C. sensible D. influential
20. Australia's wildfires…….to be over now.
A. are appeared B. appear C. are appearing D. have appeared
21. During the 2008 global financial crisis, thousands of companies went bankrupt or had to ….
A. shrink B. diminish C. downsize D. decrease
22.The show was successful mainly because they…….for months.
A. had rehearsed B. have rehearsed C. has been rehearsing D. had been rehearsing
23. Mary's brother: "Where have you been all day?" Mary: "Curiosity killed the…….
A. cat B. crab C. cow D. dog
24. Sharing a flat with her made me go through a…….of emotions as she was a drama queen.
A. swing B. seesaw C. roller coaster D. slide
25…….we haven't spoken with each other since we left school.
A. Until then B. Not yet C. Recently D. As yet
26. It was so rude of him to…….the door in our face the other day.
A. beat B. slam C. slap D. shut
27. Gender equality and support for women have come…….in the past few decades.
A. a long way B. into bloom C. forward D. towards light
28. Most flights to China were…….amid the coronavirus outbreak earlier this year.
A. dismissed B. discharged C. expelled D. suspended
29. Although he is the breadwinner, his salary is…….inadequate for the needs of the whole family.
A. sadly B. nearly C. pitifully D. regrettably
30…….Emily better tell her father what happened?
A. Mustn't B. Oughtn't C. Shouldn't D. Hadn't

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

31. Because of a **foolish mistake,** she failed to meet the deadline.
A. blunder B. haste C. failure D.misfortune
32. The scar on his forehead only made him look more **distinguished**.
A. distracted B. injured C. dignified D. intelligent
33. They were paid a **ridiculous** amount of money for such a simple job.
A. contemptible B. huge C. reasonable D. ludicrous

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.

34. In 1991, the British government made it **mandatory** to wear rear seat belts in cars.
A. compulsory B. optional C. superior D. imperative
35. Frequent facial massage can somehow **stimulate** collagen production in your skin.
A. hinder B. stop C. destroy D. minimize

TEST 9

PART B: LEXICON AND GRAMMAR (40 POINTS)

Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

11. Child actors often show great……. for their age.
A. credibility B. curiosity C. maturity D. imitation

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12. Journalists are supposed to maintain their……., but theatre critics often praise their friends.
A. clearance B. ignorance C. complexity D. objectivity
13. The CEO refused**……**.to discuss any of the staffs demands for more pay.
A. down and about B. outright C. outlook D. downright
14. My sister was so engrossed…….the book that she didn't hear I come in.
A. in B. into C. with D. to
15. Tom: "Hi Lee, I'm just calling to see how you are."
Lee: "It's funny you should call. I…….about you."
A. had just thought B. was just thinking C. was just to think D. just think
16. Our landlord…….more helpful during our stay.
A. mustn't have been B. had to be C. will have been D. couldn't have been
17. Would the job involve…….Spanish regularly?
A. to be speaking B. my speaking C. me to speak D. I speaking
18. Vietnamese football fans came from…….to celebrate the victory of their national football team.
A. far and wide B. round and about C. there and then D. round and round
19. All the plans have been made. You can't…….out now.
A. step B. stamp C. back D. punch
20…….that you consult an experienced financial advisor.
A. It is advisable B. You are advised C. There is advice D. You are advisable
21. There need to be…….changes in the health system to bring it up to date.
A. strong B. liberal C. primitive D. radical
22…….the rain has stopped can the repair work begin.
A. Until B. Only when C. At no time D. No sooner
23……., she didn't attend her neighbour's pool party.
A. Not inviting B. Not being invite C. Being not invited D. Having not invited
24. Everything will be fine. Just keep your…….on!
A. chin B. head C. hair D. leg
25. Our teacher promised to contact us…….out.
A. until the exam results come B. the minute the exam results come
C. as soon the exam results will come D. the moment the exam results will come

TEST 10

PART B: LEXICON and GRAMMAR (45 POINTS)

Choose the correct answer to each of the following questions.

6. I have a habit of making a list of my……so I can keep track of where my money is going.
A. dividends B. expenses C. incomes D. revenues
7. You can't miss the deadline if you put your mind……it.
A. on B. in C. into D. to
8. The sport center near my house has courts for tennis and badminton and the…….
A. like B. same C. similar D. alike
9. "Please don't…….the pots and pans or you'll wake the baby up."
A. whoosh B. squeak C. clatter D. crush
10. He drove 300 miles to his girlfriend, only that she had already left two hours before.
A. finding B. to be finding C. to find D. found
11…….he tries, he can't win her heart.
A. How hard B. However hard C. No matter hard D. For as hard as
12. A few of…….are planning to spend our two-week holiday in Hoi An.
A. us girls B. we girls C. girls we D. girls
13. Mr. Miller…….his daughter's boyfriend up and down, and then asked him a question.
A. watched B. checked C. observed D. looked
14. When we were children, our parents…….us to tidy up our room.
A. were always told B. told always C. forever told D. were forever telling
15. A barbecue in the rain is…….ridiculous idea.
A. an utterly B. a fully C. a highly D. a deeply
16. If you act on……., you risk making mistakes.
A. purpose B. impulse C. sense D. attitude

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17. Surely Martin wouldn't be so stupid.……his savings in the house.
A. keeping B. enough to keep C. to be kept D. as to keep
18. Thomas is a quiet child with a.……imagination.
A. fertile B. docile C. fruitful D. restless
19. It's so sad that she didn't.……to help me out when I was in trouble.
A. open an eye B. lift a finger C. break a leg D. bend an arm
20. Ana: "How kind, you really shouldn't have bothered." Tom: "……."
A. Don't worry, I didn't bother at all B. It was a good thing to do
C. It was nothing, really D. Why not? I was happy

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.
21. It has been a longtime since he last **came up trumps** in such a thrilling game.
A. failed unwisely B. made mistakes C. shined brightly D. succeeded unexpectedly
22. "Are you sure you want him to join us?" Rachel asked **incredulously.**
A. irritatingly B. discontentedly C. skeptically D. impatiently
23. The principal's disappearance last Monday morning caused **consternation** among students.
A. distaste B. dismay C. discourage D. distract
Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.
24. My cousin is living in an **affluent** area of London.
A. wealthy B. privileged C. impoverished D. unpopular
25. She felt **hard done-by** as her parents left her nothing.
A. fairly treated B. oddly pleased C. bitterly hurt D. justifiably proud

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