

III. ĐỒNG NGHĨA - TRÁI NGHĨA

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.

1. I am very **ambitious**. Nothing means more to me than winning.
A. hopeless B. determined C. unenthusiastic D. impressive
2. David is a **mischievous** boy who is always annoying and playing tricks on his parents.
A. obedient B. generous C. respectable D. naughty
3. The only way to improve is through hard work and dogged **perseverance**.
A. idleness B. achievement C. persistence D. reputation
4. She's **wavering** between buying a house in the city or moving away.
A. hesitating B. persisting C. encouraging D. enduring
5. The players like the coach because he's **down-to-earth** and honest with them.
A. practical B. insensible C. unrealistic D. ordinary
6. I was **overwhelmed** by all the flowers and letters of support I received.
A. overtaken B. overcome C. overdone D. overpaid
7. From the garden there was a **marvellous** view over open countryside which took my breath away.
A. ordinary B. chaotic C. wonderful D. informal
8. There was no food in the refrigerator, so I had to visit the grocery store to **replenish** our supplies.
A. install B. renovate C. purify D. refill
9. The company cannot preserve its **dominant** position in the market.
A. inferior B. superior C. unimportant D. trivial
10. Before the **advent** of the railways, communications were slow and difficult.
A. disappearance B. popularity C. occurrence D. departure
11. The Pope's speech will be **broadcast** on all channels at 6.00 this evening.
A. turned on B. kept up C. gone off D. sent out
12. John can speak five foreign languages fluently because he has an **aptitude** for learning languages.
A. interest B. talent C. difficulty D. sorrow
13. With the advent of mobile technology, people have come to expect a response **immediately**.
A. gradually B. slowly C. instantly D. hurriedly
14. He's more **vulnerable** to infection because of his injuries.
A. susceptible B. secure C. protected D. robust
15. Some animals have a remarkable ability to **adapt** to changing environments.
A. rescue B. adjust C. threaten D. expire
16. Shortly before the crash the pilot had reported a **malfunction** of the aircraft's navigation system.
A. perfection B. precision C. advantage D. breakdown
17. The Internet and all sorts of **high-tech** gadgets are changing the way children learn.
A. cutting-edge B. out-of-date C. old-fashioned D. far-fetched
18. He has succeeded in **resurrecting** his career in television.
A. restoring B. renovating C. reviving D. reminding
19. Millions of Jewish people were **exterminated** in concentration camps in the Second World War.
A. brought back B. wiped out C. gone off D. pulled away
20. The child was unable to offer an **articulate** description of what she had witnessed.
A. vague B. ambiguous C. obvious D. unintelligible
21. Our kitchen counters are always **cluttered**. How can I keep them looking neater?
A. shipshape B. untidy C. ordered D. intact

22. Despite being a big star, she's very **approachable** and hospitable.
 A. unfriendly B. impolite C. selfish D. amiable
23. Candidates who are **shortlisted** for an interview will be contacted by the end of the week.
 A. selected B. rejected C. denied D. blamed
24. If you **tailor** your CV to suit the job requirements, you can increase your chances of getting an interview.
 A. refuse B. subscribe C. modify D. maintain
25. Our journey to the Yukon was a very **rewarding** experience and helped us relax after a hard-working week.
 A. worthless B. worthwhile C. reliable D. terrible
26. The council has spent an **enormous** amount of money on this project.
 A. immense B. trivial C. minor D. moderate
27. The team was unable to **secure** a victory because they lacked an excellent goalkeeper.
 A. fail B. achieve C. surrender D. managed
28. This chapter is so difficult to **digest**, I'll have to read it again later.
 A. confuse B. ignore C. succeed D. understand
29. Don't think your hard work has gone **unnoticed** because it will benefit you later on.
 A. disregarded B. valued C. discouraged D. appreciated
30. They snatched a dramatic 7-7 **tie** with Wales in the final match.
 A. equality B. failure C. draw D. injustice
31. It's not a big salary but it's **adequate** for our needs.
 A. scarce B. sufficient C. unacceptable D. incapable
32. Chimps are able to manipulate objects with a high degree of **precision**.
 A. drawback B. defect C. mistake D. accuracy
33. The new system offers a much greater degree of **flexibility** in the way work is organized.
 A. adaptability B. responsibility C. abnormality D. rigidity
34. We were delighted by the wonderful **hospitality** of the local people.
 A. aggression B. friendliness C. timidity D. anxiety
35. His favorite childhood **pursuits** were sailing, swimming, and cycling.
 A. hobbies B. objections C. hostilities D. memories
36. As a lifelong learner, you can also choose what and how to study. This type of learning is **self-directed**.
 A. reluctant to learn new things B. able to make your own decisions
 C. eager to motivate others D. anxious about the future
37. They use chemical treatments to **accelerate** the growth of crops.
 A. slow down B. keep on C. get over D. speed up
38. Judges are **imposing** increasingly heavy fines for minor driving offenses.
 A. admitting B. forcing C. adapting D. removing
39. From the **viewpoint** of teachers, there has been a great increase in work.
 A. opinion B. compassion C. objection D. value
40. We met a young businesswoman, **elegant** in a black suit.
 A. delicate B. casual C. stylish D. scruffy
41. Single parents have to be **self-reliant**, which means that they are capable of doing or deciding things by themselves, rather than depending on other people for help.
 A. well-informed B. autonomous C. decisive D. reliable
42. Effective action is needed to **eradicate** terrorism, drug trafficking, and corruption.

- A. keep out B. go on C. turn down D. wipe out
43. They use **creative** ways to market their services to customers.
A. athletic B. critical C. imaginative D. uninspired
44. There's no point buying him expensive wines because he doesn't **appreciate** them.
A. criticize B. value C. disrespect D. refuse
45. She wants to stay at home and **nurture** her children.
A. take after B. grow up C. look after D. turn up
46. It's difficult to persuade him to believe us because he's a **narrow-minded** person who isn't willing to accept new ideas.
A. dedicated B. fortunate C. helpful D. intolerant
47. The new design of this equipment is lightweight, **portable**, and easy to store.
A. heavy B. generous C. convenient D. bulky
48. Governments have been slow to **address** the problem of global warming.
A. solve B. sue C. force D. affect
49. She's extremely well **qualified** for the job because she has many good qualities.
A. abundant B. eligible C. remarkable D. incapable
50. The closure of the factory is a **tragedy** for the whole community.
A. comedy B. advantage C. hardship D. fortune
51. Many people in stressful jobs find it difficult to **switch off** when they come home.
A. pay attention to their jobs B. stop thinking about their jobs
C. worry too much about their jobs D. feel pleased with their jobs
52. He never uses that bike anymore, but he's very reluctant to **dispose of** it.
A. get rid of B. get away with C. get by D. get on
53. They **called for** the immediate release of the hostages.
A. declined B. admitted C. appealed D. declared
54. She's **come up with** some amazing scheme to double her income.
A. approved B. discovered C. concealed D. involved
55. She couldn't bake a cake because she had **run out of** sugar.
A. sustained B. replenished C. collected D. exhausted
56. On the way back, we **dropped in on** my parents.
A. visited B. attended C. presented D. escaped
57. I'm not going to **put up with** their smoking any longer because it makes me feel dizzy.
A. encourage B. prohibit C. tolerate D. satisfy
58. She's going to have to **face up to** the fact that he's not going to marry her.
A. deny B. disagree C. insist D. accept
59. You can use a calculator to **work out** the solution.
A. reveal B. express C. discover D. expose
60. David wishes to **set off** for his remote farmhouse in Connecticut.
A. begin a journey B. have a picnic C. go on a voyage D. take a cruise
61. He tried to **tidy up** because he didn't want the maid to see the disarray.
A. purify B. disorganize C. litter D. neat
62. The internet has **opened up** new opportunities for cost-effective brand building.
A. created B. subtracted C. prevented D. protested
63. Many of those old buildings will soon be **pulled down** to make way for the new school.
A. renewed B. destroyed C. constructed D. upgraded

64. I wrote a letter of complaint, and the airline has promised to **look into** the matter.
 A. investigate B. neglect C. overlook D. respond
65. Her singing career **took off** after her TV appearance and she struck it rich easily.
 A. became successful B. seemed hopeless
 C. was unfortunate D. looked serious
66. I think the problem can be **got over** without too much difficulty.
 A. surrendered B. resorted C. overcome D. estimated
67. In the winter we should take vitamin C to **ward off** colds.
 A. prevent B. contract C. increase D. achieve
68. The job **turned out** to be harder than we thought.
 A. arrived B. proved C. required D. changed
69. He knew he could **depend upon** her to deal with the situation.
 A. blame B. deceive C. advise D. trust
70. He has been **turned down** for ten jobs so far, which made him feel depressed.
 A. accepted B. rejected C. recruited D. employed
71. I got bored with the job once the novelty **wore off**.
 A. appeared B. developed C. disappeared D. emerged
72. She gave him a bottle of wine to **make up for** missing his birthday.
 A. compensate for B. congratulate on C. accuse of D. blame for
73. I can't **make out** what he is saying because he always beats about the bush.
 A. accept B. concentrate C. imitate D. understand
74. The film was so intriguing that the audience was all **glued to** the screen until the end.
 A. paid attention to B. lost interest in C. got fed up with D. put up with
75. David has a cozy birthday party at home last Friday **in the company of** his close friends.
 A. apart from B. together with C. except for D. near to
76. Christmas is **around the corner** and I still haven't bought any presents.
 A. distant B. approaching C. remote D. previous
77. Laura feels like her boss is **taking her for granted**. She works harder than anyone else but her salary is still below average.
 A. overpaying her B. underestimating her value
 C. proving her worth D. depending on her ability
78. The president has failed to **come to grips with** the two most important social issues of our time.
 A. cope with B. look forward to C. turn down D. bring in
79. He wanted to **follow in his mother's footsteps** and be a ballroom dancer.
 A. get on well with his mother B. keep up with his mother
 C. lose touch with his mother D. do the same job as his mother
80. I think you should ask Linda for advice because she always **lends a sympathetic ear** if you have problems.
 A. feels anxious B. listens attentively
 C. ignores entirely D. lends a lot of money
81. We will be back **on air** on Channel 4 at 7 am tomorrow.
 A. disappearing B. publishing C. advertising D. broadcasting
82. Laura passed the exam **with flying colors**, which made her really delighted.
 A. badly B. successfully C. disappointingly D. poorly
83. The showroom was **in ruins** after the flood, which cost a huge amount of money to renovate.

- A. upgraded B. remained C. damaged D. intact
84. It's not easy to **make ends meet** with a big family, so everyone has to tighten their belt.
A. get on B. get over C. get up D. get by
85. I don't know about you but I'm **in need of** a drink because I'm really thirsty.
A. wanting B. requiring C. ordering D. requesting
86. The governor's speech will **set the tone** for the whole conference with some good financial news.
A. establish the mood B. change the subject
C. discuss the problem D. break the record
87. Mr. Knight cannot be here, so his wife will accept the prize **on his behalf**.
A. in the absence of him B. in advance of him
C. as the representative of him D. as the substitution for him
88. I can't **make up my mind** whether to go or not because I have a lot of assignments.
A. waver B. hesitate C. decide D. determine
89. The plant closed in November 2010, leaving 400 people **out of work**.
A. unemployed B. recruited C. hired D. interviewed
90. The company can't expect me to move my home and family **at the drop of a hat**.
A. gradually B. slowly C. originally D. immediately
91. **A chill runs down my spine** every time I walk by that creepy old house.
A. I feel excited B. I feel frightened
C. I feel comfortable D. I feel delighted
92. Being recognized in the street is **part and parcel** of being a celebrity.
A. a feature B. a talent C. a privilege D. a role
93. She's **in two minds** about accepting his invitation.
A. sure B. uncertain C. confident D. undoubted
94. Frank and I will never get along. We're **chalk and cheese**.
A. different B. similar C. equal D. same
95. One day, **out of the blue**, she announced that she was leaving without a specific reason.
A. unsurprisingly B. unexpectedly C. hopefully D. fortunately
96. She's been in the same job **for donkey's years** and she really wants to try something different.
A. for a short time B. in the nick of time
C. for a long time D. in the meantime
97. The investment has been **a chapter of accidents** from start to finish and we're in big debt now.
A. a series of unpleasant events B. a series of expected events
C. a series of normal events D. a series of important events
98. I **had butterflies in my stomach** as I went to get my exam results.
A. felt confident B. felt happy C. felt excited D. felt anxious
99. I can't give **chapter and verse**, but that's the rough outline of our legal position.
A. layouts B. drafts C. details D. plans
100. It is a very hard assignment, and I had to **burn the midnight oil** to get it completed on time.
A. study late at night B. give up halfway
C. become lazy at night D. burn off calories

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.

101. We need to recognize that we live in a culturally **diverse** society.
A. different B. various C. similar D. major

102. The University has a **well-established** tradition of welcoming postgraduate students from overseas.
- A. prestigious B. famous C. secure D. temporary
103. Refusing to eat what was offered would be **impolite**.
- A. rude B. courteous C. disrespectful D. sensitive
104. I went through about four years of being **addicted** to computer games.
- A. absorbed B. engrossed C. indifferent D. attached
105. School uniform is no longer **compulsory** in many British schools, so students can wear clothes that they like.
- A. mandatory B. required C. imperative D. optional
106. This amount of exercise is **equivalent** to walking about three miles.
- A. unequal B. similar C. comparable D. parallel
107. The competition is held with the aim of demonstrating **solidarity** with fellow students.
- A. teamwork B. harmony C. disagreement D. alliance
108. It is important to **maintain** the culture of your country because it reflects your national identity.
- A. preserve B. continue C. protect D. abandon
109. There's a **tremendous** amount of information that is available on the internet, so you can take advantage of it for the report.
- A. terrific B. remarkable C. limited D. worldwide
110. The lower primary pupils are well **integrated** into the life of the school.
- A. combined B. assimilated C. blended D. segregated
111. These orangutans are critically **endangered** due to habitat loss.
- A. dangerous B. protected C. threatened D. extinct
112. The speed of her recovery seemed almost **incredible** because she had been in a critical condition.
- A. wonderful B. astonishing C. believable D. strange
113. Her request won an **unexpectedly** large amount of support.
- A. suddenly B. accidentally C. surprisingly D. predictably
114. Doctors are **pessimistic** about his chances of making a full recovery because he's in bad condition.
- A. optimistic B. hopeless C. gloomy D. upset
115. Once we have all the **relevant** information, we can make a decision.
- A. proper B. inappropriate C. related D. significant
116. Learning a new computer program can be a **tedious** process because it's repetitive.
- A. boring B. dreary C. interesting D. monotonous
117. Unemployment, inflation, and greater inequality are often the **downside** of a market economy.
- A. defect B. advantage C. weakness D. drawback
118. It was an interesting book, full of **fascinating** insights into human relationships.
- A. absorbing B. compelling C. glamorous D. tedious
119. Sarah was finally **reunited** with her children at the airport.
- A. separated B. reconciled C. rejoined D. involved
120. Smoking in restaurants is now **prohibited** by law.
- A. banned B. forbidden C. permitted D. restricted
121. The home team had the support of the **overwhelming** majority of the spectators.
- A. dominant B. superior C. inferior D. overpowering
122. The use of computers has greatly **facilitated** the firm's ability to keep accurate records.
- A. supported B. deterred C. enhanced D. promoted

123. The outdoor center organizes lots of **energetic** activities for the kids, like cycling and canoeing.
 A. dynamic B. strenuous C. powerful D. lethargic
124. The driver was more than three times over the **legal** limit.
 A. lawful B. illicit C. legitimate D. valid
125. Our country has enjoyed a long period of peace and **stability**.
 A. balance B. security C. variability D. constancy
126. He seemed **sincere** enough when he said he wanted to help.
 A. dishonest B. selfish C. modest D. generous
127. I'd like to thank everyone for helping to make this day **memorable** for us.
 A. meaningful B. terrifying C. respectful D. forgettable
128. During the emergency, many staff **volunteered** to work through the weekend.
 A. were willing B. were forced
 C. were prepared D. were available
129. The law bans discrimination against anyone with a mental or physical **impairment**.
 A. degradation B. disability C. wreckage D. fitness
130. He urged better **coordination** between NATO and the United Nations.
 A. collaboration B. cooperation C. agreement D. separation
131. She was gazing at him with a soft, **contented** smile on her face.
 A. pleased B. cheerful C. upset D. satisfied
132. New developments in research could prove directly **applicable** to the treatment of some cancers.
 A. irrelevant B. practical C. useful D. efficient
133. Man is still far more **intelligent** than the cleverest robot.
 A. intelligible B. studious C. clever D. stupid
134. I had obtained **authentic** details about the birth of the organization.
 A. genuine B. accurate C. realistic D. counterfeit
135. The Taj Mahal is a **magnificent** building that attracts millions of visitors every year.
 A. splendid B. gorgeous C. ordinary D. impressive
136. I'll send you a map of how to get here. It's a bit too **complicated** to describe.
 A. sophisticated B. straightforward C. complex D. advanced
137. We should replace fossil fuels with **renewable** sources of energy such as wind and solar power.
 A. sustainable B. stable C. energetic D. depleted
138. The positive change of management has **boosted** morale throughout the company.
 A. worsened B. improved C. increased D. endowed
139. It would be **risky** to invest all your money in the project.
 A. secure B. threatening C. disastrous D. dangerous
140. **Favorable** market conditions helped him to make a big profit.
 A. Beneficial B. Adverse C. Advantageous D. Convenient
141. John and Lien **are two of a kind** - both perfectionists!
 A. differ from each other B. lead healthy lifestyles
 C. overcome cultural differences D. share common values
142. My parents wanted me to go to a more **prestigious** university.
 A. distinguished B. respected C. unknown D. prominent
143. Doing puzzles and crosswords regularly keeps your mind **alert** and active.
 A. mindful B. unconscious C. cautious D. thoughtful
144. Much of the coast has been **contaminated** by nuclear waste.

- A. polluted B. damaged C. degraded D. purified
145. What this country needs is a **long-term** policy for investment in science and technology.
A. constant B. continuous C. temporary D. permanent
146. Normally he was a stickler for **punctuality** but today he was late.
A. not being on time B. having responsibility
C. not being responsible D. taking a rest
147. He gave a very **vivid** and often shocking description of his time in prison.
A. obvious B. bright C. detailed D. vague
148. The teacher said that he found it difficult to **cope with** a class of disaffected teenagers.
A. deal with B. attend C. approve of D. neglect
149. Large amounts of dangerous waste are **discharged** daily by the factory.
A. released B. retained C. emitted D. dismissed
150. I still find it **terrifying** to find myself surrounded by large numbers of horses.
A. frightening B. scary C. appalling D. pleasant
151. The doctor told him to **cut down on** his drinking to improve his health.
A. reduce B. contain C. increase D. maintain
152. It's important that you **get on** with your colleagues.
A. harmonize B. argue C. approach D. accord
153. She thinks they **look down on** her because she doesn't have a job.
A. despise B. underestimate C. respect D. detest
154. I don't know why you **insist on** talking about the failure although it's over.
A. persist in B. keep on C. go over D. give up
155. Fighting **broke out** in the stands five minutes before the end of the match.
A. finished B. exploded C. emerged D. commenced
156. I **went off** the idea of buying a sports car after I found out how much it would cost.
A. finished thinking B. stopped liking
C. felt bored with D. became interested in
157. They decided to **break up** just a few years later because of ongoing arguments.
A. be in relationship B. come into conflict
C. be on bad terms D. get into trouble
158. The police are determined to **find out** who killed Louise.
A. obtain B. discover C. ignore D. reveal
159. He **dropped out of** school when he was 16 to help share the financial burden.
A. abandoned B. deserted C. withdrawn D. remained
160. The prime minister reiterated that he would **stand up for** British interests abroad.
A. defend B. support C. advocate D. oppose
161. They said the operation had been successful and they expected his wife to **pull through**.
A. recover B. heal C. deteriorate D. rejuvenate
162. The mother **told the boys off** for making so much noise.
A. scolded the boys B. rebuked the boys
C. criticized the boys D. appraised the boys
163. My daughter is **falling behind** with her school work after being absent for two weeks.
A. keeping level B. failing to keep up with
C. making less progress D. making no difference
164. The telephone system has **broken down**, so I couldn't contact you.

- C. provided reliable information D. discussed effectively
184. Your first drink is **on the house** and if you want to have another, you will pay a small amount of money.
 A. expensive B. available C. free D. unpaid
185. Dad will **hit the roof** when he finds out I dented the car.
 A. be furious B. be angry C. be insane D. be calm
186. Their house is always **spic and span** because the housekeeper always cleans it.
 A. neat B. untidy C. orderly D. uncluttered
187. My sister lives in Alaska, so I only see her **once in a blue moon**.
 A. rarely B. hardly C. regularly D. barely
188. All the police's efforts to find him were **in vain** because of the dense forest.
 A. unluckily B. successfully C. helplessly D. unfavorably
189. Fresh evidence has recently **come to light** that suggests that he didn't in fact commit the murder.
 A. become known B. been obvious
 C. been revealed D. become ambiguous
190. My sisters don't **see eye to eye** with me about the arrangements.
 A. concur B. clash C. agree D. ally
191. I can't do everything **all at once**—you'll have to be patient.
 A. simultaneously B. suddenly C. gradually D. immediately
192. You are **at liberty** to make an official complaint if you wish.
 A. having no freedom B. having no restriction
 C. getting approval D. getting satisfaction
193. When I suggested he was mistaken he got rather **hot under the collar**.
 A. got emotional B. became furious C. felt anxious D. remained calm
194. Until now, the mayor has **turned a blind eye to** the city's homelessness problem.
 A. taken no notice of B. had no feeling for
 C. showed respect for D. paid attention to
195. I took most of the big things to the new house, but there are a few **odds and ends** left to pick up.
 A. familiar objects B. personal belongings
 C. valuable items D. trivial things
196. Despite sharing viewpoints on many issues, Linda and her husband are **at odds** when it comes to money.
 A. under pressure B. in conflict C. in agreement D. on purpose
197. Sooner or later, I'm going to have to **face the music** because of my lies and deceit.
 A. be criticized B. be blamed C. be praised D. be scolded
198. We need a **cut-and-dried** decision by the end of the week.
 A. unchanged B. fixed C. decisive D. changeable
199. We've asked the neighbors to **keep an eye on** the house for us while we are away.
 A. be alert B. be watchful C. be inattentive D. be cautious
200. It's a mistake to **sell your audience short** - they're more intelligent than you think they are.
 A. underestimate your audience B. value your audience too much
 C. belittle your audience D. look down on your audience