SECOND-SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION
MOCK TEST 2

I. Choose the word whose underlined part is pronounced differently from the others.

1. A. **a**pplause B. gen**e**ration C. gr**a**ffiti D. c**a**rtoon
2. A. pr**o**secute B. c**o**ntainer C. **o**riginal D. direct**o**r

II. Choose the word whose stress pattern is different from the others.

3. A. deliberately B. melodic C. interrupt D. composer
4. A. disappearance B. irritation C. combination D. circulate

III. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D:

5. Back in the days, my uncles would sometimes climb up to the roof to adjust the _____ for better TV signals.
   A. property B. antenna C. boulevard D. sensor
6. "Why are you not at the stadium yet? The match is about to **begin**!" *The word **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined word is*
   A. reduce B. commence C. restart D. finalise
7. Ms.Mai _____ some free onion and garlic while she was buying beef cuts.
   A. gave B. had given C. has been given D. was given
8. The opening of Cam Lâm - Vĩnh Hảo highway has **enabled** faster intercity traveling. *The word **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word is*
   A. encouraged B. accused C. restricted D. forced
9. Slight _____ could be seen in her left eye, because it seems really reddish.
   A. irritate B. irritative C. irritating D. irritation
10. His mother asked him to drop by the garden centre to pick up some _____.
    A. fertiliser B. fertilise C. fertilisation D. fertility
11. Could you tell us who _____ help from?
    A. may we seek B. we may seek C. may us seek D. us may seek
12. With the air-conditioner broken down, the combination of noise and sweat created such an **unpleasant** atmosphere. The word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word is
    A. comfortable B. extreme C. annoying D. unbearable
13. Most students find it difficult _____ sense of biochemistry.
    A. making B. made C. makes D. to make
14. Within the K-Pop community, Lisa is often known for her masterful _____, often pulling off very difficult body movements.
    A. rhythm B. portrait C. mime D. choreography
15. "Would you like to join me on this Sunday's opera show?" - "_____, so it would be fun!"

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A. I don't care about opera B. I'm really into opera
C. Opera isn't my cup of tea D. Opera doesn't do anything for me

16. This Saturday's event will be the only one _____ a live comedy show.
A. featuring B. be featured C. to be feature D. to feature

17. Once the documents had been proven to be **forged**, the old couple were arrested on the spot. *The word **CLOSEST** in meaning to the underlined word is*
A. falsified B. verified C. legitimate D. valid

18. Timmy's science project is sponsored by a company _____ in producing medical equipment.
A. specializing B. specializes C. to specialize D. specialized

19. Someone switched off the light by accident during the conference, _____?
A. did they B. didn't him C. didn't they D. did him

IV. Re-arrange the sentences to form complete paragraphs/conversations/letters.

20. Dear Liz,
a) The colors, movement, and atmosphere were unforgettable. It really gave me a new appreciation for his art.
b) The exhibition was held at Gigamall and featured a 360-degree immersive experience of Van Gogh's artwork.
c) I hope you're doing well! I just wanted to tell you about my visit to the Van Gogh Expo in Thu Duc—it was absolutely amazing!
d) Here, I saw many of his most famous pieces like The Starry Night and Sunflowers, and even got to experience a VR tour of his life and inspirations.
e) I walked through huge rooms where his paintings were projected on every wall, accompanied by beautiful music. It felt like stepping right into his world!
If you ever get the chance to visit, you definitely should!
Take care,
Molly
A. c – e – a – d – b B. c – b – d – a – e C. c – b – e – d – a D. c – e – d – a – b

21. a) Traffic congestion and overcrowding can make travel stressful, and parts of the city struggle with poor infrastructure and waste management.
b) New Delhi, the capital of India, is a city of contrasts, with both notable strengths and clear disadvantages.
c) One of its greatest strengths is its rich cultural and historical heritage, featuring impressive landmarks like India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, and the Qutub Minar.
d) However, New Delhi also faces several challenges, including the serious air pollution, especially in the winter months, often affecting health and daily life.

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e) It also serves as the center of India's political and administrative activities, making it a hub of national importance, with excellent educational institutions, diverse cuisine, and vibrant markets.

A. b – c – e – d – a B. b – c – d – e – a C. b – a – d – c – e D. b – d – a – c – e

V. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D:

Nhã nhạc cung đình Huế (the Royal Court Music of Huế) is a sophisticated and elegant form of traditional Vietnamese music that originated in the imperial court of Huế during the Nguyễn Dynasty (1802-1945). It managed (22) _____ by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2003.

This musical tradition features a diverse array of musical instruments, including percussion, string, and wind instruments, such as the zither, moon-shaped lute, and monochord. (23) _____, the music is often accompanied by poetic lyrics sung in classical Vietnamese. It reflects the grandeur and intricacy of the imperial court, with (24) _____ melodies, rhythms, and movements meticulously composed and choreographed.

Despite its historical significance and cultural richness, Nhã nhạc cung đình Huế faced challenges during periods of (25) _____ upheaval and cultural change in Vietnam. However, efforts (26) _____ and promote this traditional art form have been ongoing, with initiatives aimed at training new generations of musicians, revitalizing performances, and raising awareness of its cultural importance both domestically and internationally.

22. A. recognized	B. to be recognized	C. being recognized	D. recognizing
23. A. Nevertheless	B. Regardless	C. As a result	D. Moreover
24. A. various	B. a great deal of	C. plenty	D. much of
25. A. politician	B. politics	C. political	D. politic
26. A. preserving	B. preserved	C. to be preserved	D. to preserve

VI. Read the passage and choose the correct answer.

The Mekong River, which is over 4,000 kilometres long, is the world's twelfth longest river and the Southeast Asia's longest **transboundary** river. The Mekong River started round 17 million years ago due to increased erosion from monsoon precipitation. Its original name is Mae Nam Khong. In Lao language, Mae Nam (Mother of Waters) means large rivers, and Khong is a proper name.

From Tibetan Plateau the Mekong River runs through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam. It not only is rich in plant and fish diversity but also provides very important transport links in Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Viet Nam. The Mekong River plays an important role in the life of the people in Southeast Asia, providing a means for people to access natural resources, and social facilities such as schools or health services. In addition, passenger transport along the river also makes a nice contribution to tourism development.

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[I] The Mekong River is also a major trade route in Southeast Asia. **[II]** However, though the river brings about great income and different job opportunities, the navigation potential of this river is not fully exploited. **[III]** The geographical features greatly vary along its length. For instance, the upper part of this river in Laos contains a number of physical obstacles and turbulent sections and only experienced skippers and boats **that** are small in size can safely navigate this part of the river. **[IV]** Improvements are expected to make the river passable for much larger cargo boats, which will increase potential for both regional and international exchange of goods.

Nowadays, the Mekong River confronts various challenges, including dam construction altering its flow and ecosystem, leading to habitat loss and declining fish stocks. Pollution from agricultural runoff, industrial waste, and urban development threatens water quality and biodiversity. Climate change intensifies these issues, contributing to extreme weather events, sea level rise, and strange rainfall patterns. **These challenges put the livelihoods of millions at risk.** Collaborative efforts among countries are essential to address these issues and ensure the sustainable management of the Mekong River.

27. Which of these statements is TRUE about the Mekong River?
    A. It is nearly 4,000 kilometers long.
    B. It runs through 7 countries in Asia.
    C. It began because of erosion from monsoon preciptation.
    D. It has since been renamed Mae Nam Khong.
28. The word transboundary means:
    A. running into the sea
    B. running through countries
    C. running in reverse
    D. running intranational
29. Where in paragraph 3 does the following sentence best fit?
    A lot of cargo is transported along this river every day, and the cargo ranges from petroleum, coal to fertilisers and farming products.
    A. **[I]**
    B. **[II]**
    C. **[III]**
    D. **[IV]**
30. Which of these is NOT mentioned as a function of the Mekong River?
    A. It gives water used in health services.
    B. It is used for cargo transportation in Southeast Asia.
    C. It allows people to access natural resources.
    D. It contributes to tourism development.
31. The word "that" refers to:
    A. the upper part of this river
    B. geographical location
    C. physical obstacles
    D. skippers and boats
32. Paragraph 3 mainly discusses:
    A. The lack of development of trade routes on the river.
    B. The unexploited potential of better transportation on the river.
    C. The transportation of experienced skippers and boats along the river.

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D. The plans to expand regional and international trade routes.

33. Which of these is NOT a challenge facing the Mekong River?
    A. Climate change
    B. Dam construction
    C. Livelihood of millions
    D. Pollution
34. We can infer from the passage that:
    A. The upper part of the river will never be used for large cargo boats.
    B. Dam construction and urban development should be stopped.
    C. Agricultural runoff and industrial waste have contributed to climate change.
    D. Countries need to work together for more sustaintable management.
35. Which of these best paraphrases the underlined sentence?
    A. These challenges endanger the lives of millions of people.
    B. Millions of dollars have to be spent on overcoming these challenges.
    C. Millions of people risk their lives for these challenges.
    D. Countries are at risk of losing millions of dollars to these challenges.

VII. Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D:

Records show that only two out of all Japanese pagodas have collapsed during the past 1400 years. The disastrous Hanshin earthquake in 1995 killed 6,400 people, destroyed elevated highways, flattened office blocks and devastated the port area of Kobe. (36) _____. How could this happen?

Japanese scholars have been confused for ages about why these tall, slender buildings are so stable. It was only thirty years ago (37) _____ to erect office blocks of steel and reinforced concrete that had more than a dozen floors. With its special shock absorbers to dampen the effect of sudden sideways movements from an earthquake, the thirty-six-storey Kasumigaseki building in central Tokyo - Japan's first skyscraper - was considered a masterpiece of modern engineering when it was built in 1968.

Yet years ago, using only pegs and wedges to keep his wooden structure upright, (38) _____ in sending his majestic Toji pagoda soaring fifty-five metres into the sky - nearly half as high as the Kasumigaseki skyscraper. Clearly, Japanese carpenters back then knew a few tricks about allowing a building to sway and settle itself rather than fight nature's forces.

To discover (39) _____, we need to look at the structure within Japanese pagodas. They often have a massive trunk-like central pillar at the centre, known as “shinbashira”, which is suspended loosely down through the middle of the building. Furthermore, each floors of a Japanese pagodas do not connect with each other in any way. In fact, the floors are stacked one on top of another like a pile of hats. During an earthquake, each floor will vibrate and move in different directions. The shinbashira, running up through a hole in the centre of the building, (40) _____. As the different floors banged into it, energy is transmitted away along the column, prevent the structure from collapsing.

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36. A. Almost all of the five-storey pagodas at the Toji temple in nearby Kyoto were destroyed.
    B. Yet the magnificent five-storey pagoda at the Toji temple in nearby Kyoto was unaffected.
    C. The earthquake also did damage to the five-storey pagoda at the Toji temple in nearby Kyoto.
    D. The five-storey pagoda at the Toji temple in nearby Kyoto was left in ruins.
37. A. when the building industry felt confident enough
    B. for the building industry felt confident enough
    C. that feeling confident enough about the building industry
    D. that the building industry felt confident enough
38. A. the master builder Kobodaishi had no hesitation
    B. no hesitation was shown by the builder Kobodaishi
    C. there was no hesitation from the builder Kobodaishi
    D. the Toji pagoda was built by the builder Kobodaishi
39. A. what tricks did they use B. what were the tricks they used
    C. what tricks they used D. what they used the tricks
40. A. constrained individual storeys from moving too far
    B. constraining individual storeys from moving too far
    C. to constrain individual storeys from moving too far
    D. will constrain individual storeys from moving too far

VIII. Word form:

41. At the time, the Dalton gang was _____ for their bank robberies across the US. (FAME)
42. These paintings are only some examples of his various _____ of art classics. (FORGE)
43. Soil _____ is an on-going problem for the Mekong delta, due to excessive use of chemical fertilisers. (ERODE)
44. Following the pay cut, poor miners went on strike to express disagreement towards their _____. (EXPLOIT)
45. Despite controversies, it was Steve Jobs' _____ mind that led to the constant evolution of iPhones. (INNOVATION)

IX. Rewrite the following sentences:

46. They were fixing the pipeline, so we couldn't use water faucets.
    The pipeline _____
47. Some bullies at school stole Joey's bike. (STOLEN)

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Joey had _____

48. Hannah took notes using paper and pen since she had left her tablet at home.
    Hannah wouldn't _____
49. Neil Armstrong was the first person who stepped on the Moon. (TO)
    Neil Armstrong _____
50. We called security because that customer had no intention of paying for her goods. (INTEND)
    We called _____

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