Your name: _____ Date: _____

GRAMMAR TEST 1

Choose the correct answer.

1 Most university students ..... on campus in their first year.
A lives
B live
C are living

2 From this graph we can see that the economy ..... at the moment.
A improves
B improve
C is improving

3 They ..... personal computers when my father was a student.
A hadn't
B didn't have
C weren't having

4 I ..... want to be a practising doctor but now I'm more interested in research.
A was used to
B used to
C would

5 The teacher ..... us how to do the experiment when the fire bell rang.
A showed
B shown
C was showing

6 I finished my essay yesterday but ..... it in to the tutor yet.
A I've given
B I haven't given
C I didn't give

7 ..... the experiment three times now with different results each time!
A We've done
B We did
C We've been doing

8 When I arrived the lecture ..... so I didn't find it easy to follow.
A started
B had started
C had been starting

9 She ..... well at school but that changed when she became friends with a different group of girls.
A did
B had done
C had been doing

10 ..... the doctor at 2.00 this afternoon so I can't go to the lecture.
A I'm seeing
B I see
C I will see

11 My sister ..... economics and politics when she goes to university.
A is going to study
B studies
C will study

12 While we're working on the project our boss ..... on a beach in Greece!
A will sit
B will have sat
C will be sitting

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13 If the trend continues, the average income ..... by 107% by 2020.
A will increase
B will have increased
C will be increasing

14 You can base your geography assignment on ..... country – it doesn't matter which.
A a
B some
C any

15 There aren't ..... places left on the course so you'd better apply soon.
A much
B many
C lots of

16 I don't know whether to accept the job offer. It's ..... .
A a difficult decision
B the difficult decision
C difficult decision

17 For those of you new to the company, this leaflet is full of ..... .
A a valuable information
B the valuable information
C valuable information

18 The manager interviewed ..... candidates in turn.
A each of the
B each
C every

19 I know it's not much of a present but I made it ..... .
A me
B myself
C by myself

20 You should visit Bath. It's ..... city.
A a historical and interesting
B a historical interesting
C an interesting historical

21 The government has released some ..... data showing how schools are not providing an adequate education to our children.
A shocking
B shock
C shocked

22 You really should go to Namibia. The scenery is ..... stunning and the people are very friendly.
A very
B fairly
C absolutely

23 This factory produces some of ..... cameras in the world.
A best
B the best
C the most best

24 ..... people live in the countryside than 100 years ago.
A Less
B Few
C Fewer

25 The bookshop ..... the end of the road is excellent.
A at
B on
C in

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26 There were millions of people around the world ..... the football match live on television.
A watched
B watching
C were watching

27 Scientists finally ..... find a cure for the disease after years of research.
A managed to
B can
C could

28 She got a terrible mark in the exam so she ..... very hard at all.
A mustn't have worked
B can't have worked
C didn't work

29 What ..... in order to get a permit to work in your country?
A do I need to do
B must I do
C ought I do

30 When you write your essays you ..... copy ideas from books without referencing them properly.
A mustn't
B don't have to
C have to

31 Doctors have ..... us to cut down on salt in our diets if we want to reduce the risk of getting heart disease.
A insisted
B suggested
C advised

32 ..... this newspaper report, more women smoke than men nowadays.
A Apparently
B According to
C Supposedly

33 My parents encouraged ..... this course.
A me to do
B me doing
C me do

34 What will you do if .....
A you don't get a good IELTS score?
B you didn't get a good IELTS score?
C you won't get a good IELTS score?

35 A recent government report has warned that ..... we act immediately to reduce pollution, there will be serious consequences for the planet.
A provided that
B in case
C unless

36 If I didn't have to work tonight, ...
A I'd be able to relax now.
B I'm able to relax now.
C I'll be able to relax now.

37 I wish that man ..... tapping his fingers on the table. It's really annoying me.
A stopped
B had stopped
C would stop

38 I'm aiming ..... a band 7 in IELTS.
A on
B for
C to

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39 Do you have any knowledge ..... how our education system works?

A of
B on
C for

40 The minister ..... is responsible for education has just resigned.

A which
B who
C what

41 The University of St Andrews ..... is the oldest university in Scotland.

A which was founded in 1413
B , which was founded in 1413,
C , that was founded in 1413,

42 Many children these days do not have a healthy diet. ..... is possible that this is because less healthy foods are cheaper than healthy ones.

A What
B That
C It

43 The charity is trying to find ways to save and ..... the world's endangered animal species.

A the charity is trying to find ways to protect
B to find ways to protect
C protect

44 In the past we threw a lot of our kitchen waste away, but today many items such as plastic bottles and newspapers ..... .

A are recycled
B recycle
C need recycling

45 I can't pick you up from the station on Wednesday because ..... on that day.

A I'm fixing my car
B I'm having my car fixed
C I need my car fixed

46 These drugs are the best medicine available as a treatment at the moment, ... they are expensive, unfortunately.

A although
B because
C so

47 Learning a foreign language is important because it helps you to understand other cultures better. ..... it can be a useful skill in many areas of work.

A However,
B Despite this,
C In addition,

48 ..... I can't go to the conference as I've got to go to Sydney on business.

A Frankly
B Unfortunately
C Personally

49 ..... I think it's useful to write an outline of your essay before you start to write the first draft.

A Interestingly,
B Definitely,
C Personally,

50 The ..... of dark red spots is one of the first signs of the disease.

A appearance
B appearing
C appear

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