III. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. The city's__needs upgrading to meet the demands from its citizens.

A. leisure **B.** convenience **C.** infrastructure **D.** unemployment

2. Youth crime in the inner city has increased_____in recent months, requiring tightened security.

A. reliably **B.** affordably **C.** conveniently **D.** rapidly

3. Air pollution and traffic congestion are two majoramong city dwellers.

A. concerns **B.** residents **C.** unemployment **D.** Infrastructure

4. The urban__can threaten the unique charm of the countryside.

A. unemployment **B.** housing **C.** leisure **D.** sprawl

5. Traffic in the_____is a nightmare for commuters.

A. resident **B.** rush hour **C.** urbanisation **D.** concern

6. Many fresh graduates are struggling to___a nine-to-five job.

A. expand **B.** seek **C.** afford **D.** modernise

7. The municipal authority is implementing new policies to address affordable ___ shortages.

A. housing **B.** resident **C.** concern **D.** infrastructure

8. This is the first time my father___Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum.

A. visited **B.** visits **C.** has visited **D.** had visited

9. The well is gettingpolluted, forcing villagers to seek alternative clean watersources.

A. much and more **B.** much and much **C.** most and most **D.** more and more

10. The higher property prices are,__city dwellers can afford.

A. the fewest **B.** fewer than **C.** the fewer **D.** the fewer than

11. Steve Jobs _____ the first iPhone in 2007.

A. has developed B. developed C. develops D. was developing

12. She has _____ designing a new website for the company.

A. just finished B. just finishes C. finished just D. has just finish

13. While she _____ on her laptop, the power suddenly went out.

A. works B. worked C. was working D. has been working

14. I _____ programming languages since I was at secondary school.

A. learned B. learn C. have learning D. have learned

15. At 8 p.m. yesterday, he _____ code for a new software feature.

A. writes B. is writing C. wrote D. was writing

16. _____ any technology conferences recently?

A. Did you attend B. Have you attending

C. Have you attended D. Are you attending

17. When I called, they _____ the latest breakthrough in robotics.

A. discuss B. were discussing C. has discussed D. had discussed

18. He _____ his computer to the latest operating system lately.

A. upgrades B. did upgrade C. has upgraded D. is upgrading

19. They _____ a tech conference in Silicon Valley last year.

A. attend B. has attended C. attended D. are attending

20. _____ the latest smartphone model in stores?

A. Do you see B. Did you see C. Have you seen D. Are you seeing

21. They hope to ____ a cure for the disease.

A. catch up on B. come up with C. fill up with D. go out with

22. Don't worry, we'll try to ____ the problems and find a solution for everyone.

A. carry on B. make up C. sort out D. switch off

23. Tony was totally opposed but if you give him some time to think about what you said. I'm sure he will ____ to your point of view.

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A. come round B. deal with C. fit out D. keep down

24. The rapid rise in the global population is not expected to start ____ until past the middle of this century, by which time it will have reached 9 billion.

A. falling off B. knocking down C. looking over D. passing out

25. In order to apply for a credit card, Tom first has to ____ a four-page form at the bank.

A. catch on B. come up with C. fill in D. hand out

26. The teacher explained so much stuff in just one lesson that most of the students could ____ only half of it.

A. break up B. get through C. let out D. take in

27. The map of top ten most densely ____ countries in the world includes Monaco, Singapore, Bahrain, Malta and Bangladesh.

A. populated B. populating C. population D. popular

28. Interactive games could be used in order to keep students ____.

A. engage B. engaged C. engagement D. engaging

29. We could mention some solution and government ____ in the conclusion.

A. initiates B. initiatives C. initiations D. initiators

30. Women who ____ due to marriage are not considered to be ____.

A. migrate – migrants B. migrate – migrators

C. migrant – migrators D. migrant - migrations

31. Each child had to ____ a short speech to the rest of the class.

A. do B. carry out C . make D. take

32. Although it was more than an hour late, the superstar finally showed up and ____ the attention of the audience.

A. grabbed B. held C. paid D. took

33. Has the interviewer ____ the date? Yes, it's on next Monday.

A. amend B. fixed C. moved D. revised

34. Don't worry. We're in good time; there's ____ to hurry.

A. impossible B. no need C. no purpose D. unnecessary

35. Overpopulation in urban areas tends to create unfavourable conditions, which may result in ____ of food in developing countries.

A. damages B. failures C. shortages D. supplies

36. He wasn't able to ____ with the stresses and strains of the job.

A. catch up B. come down C. cope D. handle

37. Urbanization can bring social health and benefit; ____, it also has its drawbacks.

A. by the way B . furthermore C. however D. moreover

38. During the lesson, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to ____ them.

A. enlarge B. increase C. go up D. raise

39. We have to come to the conclusion. We are ____ out of time.

A. driving B. going C. running D. walking

40. Thanks to the development in technology, students have ____ to good resources.

A. been accessed B. access C. accessing D. assessed

41. The rate of urbanization is low ____ the rate of urban growth is high.

A. but B. however C. so D. therefore

42. The level of urban unemployment and numbers of ____ are high.

A. joblessness B. the jobless C. the joblessness D. the jobs

43. A high increase in crime rates is ____ by the majority of the people in urban cities.

A. affected B. gone through C. influenced D. suffered

44. Anna organized a few games to ____ the ice when the new students first arrived.

A. break B. crack C. drill D. melt

IV. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

1. He has lived here since he _____ here.

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A. came B. has came C. comes D. come

2. John_____ as a journalist since he _____ from university in 2000.
A. is working / graduate B. worked / graduated
C. had worked / will be graduate D. has been working / graduated

3. She has not written to me_____ we met last time.
A. before B. since C. ago D. meanwhile

4. Since motion pictures_____ we have had a new kind of entertainment.
A. were invented B. have been invented
C. will have been invented D. had been invented

5. How many times_____ them so far?
A. have you seen B. did you see C. were you seeing D. had you seen

6. I haven't seen him for months.
A. It's months since I last saw him B. It's months when I last saw him
C. It's months before I last saw him D. It's months after I last saw him

7. Tim_____ his hair while I _____ up the kitchen
A. washed-was cleaned B. was washing-was cleaning
C. was washing-cleaned D. washed-cleaned

8. Working for 12 hours a day _____ her very tired.
A. makes B. made C. make D. making

9. I am so happy to hear from Mary because I haven't seen her _____ last year.
A. for B. on C. since D. later

10. As she _____ a letter last night, the lights suddenly _____ out.
A. was writing/ went B. wrote/ went
C. was writing/ was going D. writes/ went

11. How _____ since we _____ school?
A. are you/ left B. will you be/ had left
C. have you been/ had left D. have you been / left

12. I _____ my uncle's home many times when I _____ a child.
A. visited/ is B. visits/ was C. visited/ was D. visited/ were

13. It _____ me half an hour to get to the supermarket yesterday.
A. take B. takes C. took D. spent

14. I _____ here for more than 10 years.
A. have taught B. taught C. teach D. is teaching

15. As I _____ my homework, he came yesterday afternoon.
A. did B. were doing C. am doing D. was doing

16. At this time yesterday, everyone _____. in the room.
A. is dancing B. was dancing C. dances D. danced

17. After Mary_____ her degree, she intends to work in her father's company.
A. will finish B. is finishing C. finishes D. will have finished

18. A small stone struck the windshield while we _____ down the road.
A. drive B. were driving C. had driven D. had been driving

19. Mr. Hân is going to the USA for his holiday. He _____ up for nearly a year now.
A. has saved B. is saving C. saves D. has been saving

20. The carpet _____.
A. hasn't been cleaned yet. B. hasn't cleaned yet.
C. have yet been cleaned. D. has cleaned.

21. _____ this letter _____ last night?
A. Is/ written B. Is/ wrote C. Was/ written D. Were/ written

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22. The houses where I used to live _____ very comfortable.
A. is B. was C. are D. were
23. He started living here three years ago.
A. He lived here three years ago. B. He has lived here for three years.
C. He had been living here for three years. D. He had lived here three years ago.
24. Who _____ when I came?
A. were you talking to B. are you talking to C. you are talking to D. you were talking to
25. The foreign guest _____ here almost a week.
A. was B. are C. has been D. is
26. He is the most wonderful person I _____.
A. have ever met B. had ever met C. ever meet D. am meeting
27. Millions of dollars _____ spent on advertising every year.
A. is B. was C. are D. were
28. I haven't seen him for ages.
A. It's ages since I last saw him. B. It's ages when I last saw him.
C. It's ages before I last saw him. D. It's ages after I last saw him.
29. He found a watch in the street, and then he _____ to return it to the loser.
A. had tried B. was trying C. tried D. had been trying
30. _____ any letters from him lately?
A. Do you receive B. Have you received C. Are you receiving D. Had you received
31. A new style of jeans _____ in the USA.
A. has just introduced B. were just introduced
C. has just been introduced D. have just been introduced
32. Nam _____ smoking two years ago.
A. stops B. has stopped C. stopped D. is stopping
33. They _____ in our country since January, 1st 2002.
A. are B. have been C. were D. had been
34. He started working as a teacher five years ago.
A. He has been working as a teacher for five years.
B. He has worked as a teacher since five years.
C. He is working as a teacher since five years.
D. He had been working as a teacher for five years
35. As the sun _____ , I decided to go out.
A. shines B. has shine C. shine D. was shining
36. She came into the room while they _____ television
A. have watched B. watched C. have been watching D. were watching
37. The baby_____ non-stop for half an hour.
A. cried B. is crying C. has been crying D. was crying
38. Last year, they _____ to Europe with their best friends on their summer holidays.
A. visited B. traveled C. will travel D. are visiting
39. What are you going to do this weekend?- We _____ visit our grandfather in the countryside.
A. are going to B. were going to C. have gone to D. went
40. Our Singaporean friends_____ to visit our school last year.
A. is coming B. come C. came D. have come

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IX. Read the following flyer and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correctoption that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 17 to 19.

EXPLORE THE EVOLUTION OF CITY LIFE AT OUR EXHIBITION!

- Compare past and present urban (17) ____
- Discover the cultural shifts and (18)_____advancements
- Engage (19)_____interactive exhibits showcasing modern urban innovations

Date: March 15th - March 30th, 2024
Location: City Museum, 123 Main Street, Anytown

Question 17. A. purposes **B.** intentions **C.** landscapes **D.** challenges
Question 18. A. technologist **B.** technologically **C.** technology **D.** technological
Question 19. A. for **B.** with **C.** to **D.** Of

MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SHINE: JOIN THE CLEANUP CAMPAIGN!

The Neighborhood Association is proud to launch our annual Cleanup Campaign.
Residents of all ages **(13)** _____ to participate in this community event.
We will be focusing on cleaning parks, streets, and public spaces.
Volunteers are asked to **(14)** _____ at the Community Center at 9:00 AM on Saturday.
(15) _____ you need more details, please visit our website or call us.
To sign up or for more information:
Website: www.neighborhoodcleanup.org
Phone: 555-CLEAN

Question 13: A. are encouraged B. encouraging C. have encouraged D. encourage
Question 14: A. notify B. gather C. accommodate D. see
Question 15: A. What B. If C. When D. While

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct arrangement of the sentences to make a meaningful paragraph/letter in each of the following questions.

Question 16:

a. Furthermore, it opens up opportunities to connect with people from different backgrounds, fostering friendships and expanding social networks.
b. In addition to career benefits, learning a foreign language has positive effects on brain health such as such as enhancing cognitive flexibility and increasing creativity.
c. The benefits of learning a foreign language are multifaceted and extend beyond communication.
d. To begin with, learning a foreign language opens up numerous job opportunities in today's globalized world.
e. Lastly, it allows for deeper cultural understanding and greater appreciation of different cultures.

A.kc-a-b-d-e B. c-d-b-a-e C. d-a-b-e-c D. d-b-a-c-e

Question 17:

a. Regular physical activity is essential for maintaining good health.
b. Additionally, it improves mental well-being by reducing stress and anxiety.
c. First, it not only helps in weight management but boosts our immune system as well.

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d. Dear Jane, I was thinking about our conversation on staying fit and wanted to share some thoughts on exercise.
e. Take care.
f. Exercise can also be a fun social activity, whether it's a team sport or a group fitness class.
A. d-c-f-a-b-e B. d-c-a-b-f-e C. d-f-a-c-b-e D. d-a-c-b-f-e

X. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct option that best fits each of the numbered blanks from 18 to 23.

Environmental Conservation

It is very important to take care of our environment. A big part of this is reducing pollution. When we don't waste things and use products that are good for the environment, we can make our planet cleaner and healthier. **(18)** ____. For example, recycling or taking the bus instead of a car will help reduce pollution a lot.

Saving our natural resources is also important. **(19)** _____we make sure there will be enough for people in the future. This means using less water and energy and supporting businesses that don't harm the environment. Doing this also helps in **(20)** _____.

Protecting animals and plants is another important thing. Many animals are in danger because they are losing their homes or because of changes in the weather. If we take care of places where animals live and help save them, **(21)** _____. This keeps nature healthy and balanced.

Teaching people about how to protect the environment is also key. Humans need to know how **(22)** _____can hurt or help the environment. By learning about this, we can all live in a way that's good for the environment.

To sum up, everyone needs to help protect the environment. Whether it's by not wasting things, saving resources, looking after animals, or learning more, **(23)** _____. If we all work together, we can make our planet a better place.

Question 18:
A. This helps make less pollution
B. Making less pollution happens this way
C. Which helps make less pollution
D. Making less pollution

Question 19:
A. By saving natural resources
B. Saving natural resources
C. To save natural resources
D. Saving of natural resources

Question 20:
A. the fight for bad weather changes
B. fighting bad weather changes
C. to fight bad weather changes
D. fighting against bad weather changes

Question 21:
A. these important animals can save
B. saving these important animals becomes impossible
C. it becomes possible to save these important animals
D. these important animals are helped to save

Question 22:
A. their actions B. these actions C. actions D. its actions

Question 23:
A. we help make the environment healthier
B. helping to make the environment healthier
C. to help make the environment healthier
D. making the environment healthier

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XI. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Ice melting adds to rising sea levels, (1) _____ increases coastal erosion and storms as warming air and ocean temperatures create more frequent and stronger coastal storms like hurricanes and typhoons. Specifically, the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets are the largest contributors (2) _____ global sea level rise. Right now, the Greenland ice sheet is disappearing four times faster than in 2003 and already contributes 20% of (3) _____ sea level rise.

How much and how quickly the Greenland and Antarctic ice melts in the future will largely determine how much ocean levels rise in the future. (4) _____ emissions continue to rise, the current rate of melting on the Greenland ice sheet is expected to double by the end of the century. Alarmingly, if all the ice on Greenland melted, it (5) _____ global sea levels by 20 feet.

Adapted from: https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/why-are-glaciers-and-sea-ice-melting

Question 1: A. whom	B. who	C. which	D. that
Question 2: A. on	B. in	C. from	D. of
Question 3: A. current	B. old	C. important	D. wonderful
Question 4: A. While	B. If	C. Although	D. Despite
Question 5: A. will raise	B. raised	C. had raised	D. would raise

XII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

Rapid urbanization can (1) ____ long-term economic, social and environmental promise for developing countries (2) ____ investments made now in infrastructure, housing and public services are efficient and sustainable, the World Bank says in a new report.

In the next two decades, cities are (3) ____ to expand by another two billion residents, as people move in unprecedented (4) ____ from rural areas to pursue hopes and aspirations in cities. More than 90 (5) ____ of this urban population growth is expected to occur in the developing world, (6) ____ many cities are already struggling to provide basic (7) ____ such as water, electricity, transport, health services and education.

Report authors note that (8) ____ new urban growth will not take (9) ____ in the "megacities" of the world e.g. Rio de Janeiro, Jakarta or New Delhi (10) ____ rather in less commonly recognized "secondary" cities - places like Fushun in China, and Surat in India.

To help policymakers prepare for and manage growth, the report distills lessons (11) ____ from 12 countries across all geographic regions and stages of urbanization. It then translates these global lessons (12) ____ practical policy advice.

1. A. bring	B. carry	C. hold	D. take
2 . A. if	B. unless	C. whether	D. while
3. A. predictable	B. predicted	C. predicting	D. predictions
4. A. amounts	B. numbers	C. ranges	D. sums
5. A. per cent	B. percentage	C. proportion	D. rate
6. A. what	B. where	C. which	D. why
7. A. demands	B. needs	C. orders	D. uses
8. A. almost	B. most	C. mostly	D. nearly
9. A. form	B. hand	C. place	D. time
10. A. but	B. nor	C. or	D. yet
11. A. are learned	B. being learned	C. learned	D. learning
12. A. by	B. into	C. up to	D. up with

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XII. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Millions of animals are killed by plastics every year, from birds to fish to other marine organisms. Nearly 700 species, including endangered ones, are known to have been affected by plastics. Nearly every species of seabird eats plastics.

Most of the deaths to animals are caused by starvation. Seals, whales, turtles, and other animals are trapped by fishing nets. Microplastics have been found in more than 100 marine species, including fish and shrimp **which** are for our dinner plates. In many cases, these tiny bits pass through the digestive system and are released without consequence. But plastics have also been found to have blocked digestive organs, causing death. Stomachs **packed** with plastics reduce the urge to eat, causing starvation.

Plastics have been consumed by land-based animals, including elephants, zebras, tigers, cattle, and other large mammals, in some cases causing death.

Tests have also confirmed damage to liver and reproductive systems, causing some species, such as oysters, to produce fewer eggs. New research shows that fish are eating nanoplastics in the first days of life, raising new questions about the effects of plastics on fish populations.

Source: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/plastic-pollution

Question 1: What would be the most suitable title for the passage?
A. How to Deal with Plastic in Ocean B. Plastic Pollution: A Threat to wildlife
C. The Role of Nanoplastics in Ecosystems D. Plastic Pollution and Its Causes
Question 2: How do most animals die when affected by plastics?
A. starvation B. accident C. poisoning D. disease
Question 3: The word "**which**" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
A. microplastics B. species C. cases D. fish and shrimp
Question 4: The word "**packed**" in paragraph 2 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.
A. big B. hurt C. filled D. harmful
Question 5: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?
A. Plastics have been found in more than 100 marine species, including fish and shrimp.
B. Plastics have been consumed by both marine and land-based animals.
C. All species of seabirds consume plastics.
D. Micro plastics have been found to block digestive organs, causing death in some cases.

XIV. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.

Forests cover 31% of the land area on our planet. They help people **thrive** and survive by, for example, purifying water and air and providing people with jobs; some 13.2 million people across the world have a job in the forest sector and another 41 million have a job that is related to the sector. Many animals also rely on forests. Forests are home to more than three-quarters of the world's life on land. Forests also play a critical role in reducing climate change because **they** act as a carbon sink - **soaking up** carbon dioxide that would otherwise be free in the atmosphere and contribute to ongoing changes in climate.

But forests around the world are under threat, which affects these benefits. The threats are deforestation and forest degradation. The main cause of deforestation is agriculture (poorly planned infrastructure is developing as a big threat too) and the main cause of forest degradation is illegal tree-cutting. In 2019, the tropics lost close to 30 soccer fields' worth of trees every single minute.

Deforestation is a particular concern in tropical rain forests because these forests are home to much of the world's biodiversity. For example, in the Amazon around 17% of the forest has been lost in the last 50 years, mostly due to forest change for cattle raising. Deforestation in this region is particularly common in more populated areas, roads and rivers,

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but even remote areas have been polluted when valuable gold and oil are discovered.

Adapted from: https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/deforestation-and-forest-degradation

Question 1: What would be the most suitable title for the passage?

A. The Threats to Biodiversity in Tropical Rainforests

B. The Impact of Deforestation on Climate Change

C. Forests: Our Treasure in Danger

D. Jobs in the Forest Sector and Related Industries

Question 2: The word "**thrive**" in paragraph 1 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. protect B. decline C. ban D. develop

Question 3: The word "**they**" in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

A. animals B. forests C. people D. changes

Question 4: How do forests help in reducing climate change?

A. by providing jobs B. by purifying water and air

C. by acting as a carbon sink D. by being wildlife

Question 5: The phrase "**soaking up**" in paragraph 1 is CLOSEST in meaning to _____.

A. absorb B. refuse C. conserve D. plant

Question 6: Which of the following is a major cause of deforestation in tropical rainforests?

A. population growth B. industrialisation C. cattle raising D. road construction

Question 7: Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Agriculture is becoming a big threat to forests.

B. Deforestation is the main cause of forest degradation.

C. The Amazon has lost 17% of its forest in the last 50 years.

D. 41 million people across the world have a job in the forest.

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