I. READING

Can talking on a mobile phone be hazardous to your health? It is difficult to know for sure. Some research suggests that heavy users of mobile phones are at a greater risk of developing cancerous brain tumours. However, many other studies suggest there are no links between cancer and mobile phone use.

The main problem with the current research is that mobile phones have only been popular since the 1990s. As a result, it is impossible to study long-term exposure to mobile phones. This concerns many health professionals who point out that certain cancers can take over twenty years to develop. Another concern about these studies is that many have been funded by the mobile phone industry or those who benefit from it.

Over five billion people now use mobile phones daily, and many talk for more than an hour a day. Mobile phone antennas are like microwave ovens. While both rely on electromagnetic radiation (EMR), the radio waves in mobile phones are lower in frequency. Microwave ovens have radio wave frequencies that are high enough to cook food, and they are also known to be dangerous to human tissues like those in the brain. The concern is that the lower-frequency radio waves that mobile phones rely on may also be dangerous. It seems logical that holding a heat source near your brain for a long period of time is a potential health hazard.

Some researchers believe that other types of wireless technology may also be dangerous to human health, including cordless phones, wireless gaming consoles, and laptop or tablet computers with wireless connections. They suggest replacing all cordless and wireless devices with wired ones where possible. They also say that many cordless phones can emit dangerous levels of Electromagnetic Radiation even when they are not in use. They even suggest keeping electronic devices such as desk-top and tablet computers out of the bedroom, or at least six feet from the head while we are sleeping.

A growing number of health professionals worldwide are recommending that mobile phone users err on the side of caution until more definitive studies can be conducted. They use the example of tobacco to illustrate the potential risks. Many years ago, people smoked freely and were not concerned about the effects of cigarettes on their health. Today, people know that cigarettes cause lung cancer, though it is still unknown exactly how or why. Some doctors fear that the same thing will happen with mobile phones. In May 2016, the UK's Independent newspaper reported on research by the US government's National Toxicology Program that showed a slight increase in brain tumours among rats exposed to the type of radio frequencies commonly emitted by mobile phones. This does not prove that mobile phones can cause brain tumours in humans, but it does show that it's possible. As a result, many experts now recommend texting or using headsets or speaker phones instead of holding a mobile phone to the ear.

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1. The text mentions the 1990s because this was when mobile phones ..... .

◯A) were invented ◯B) caused cancer
◯C) became popular ◯D) became unhealthy

2. Which waves mentioned below are form of electromagnetic radiation?

◯A) sound waves ◯B) radio waves
◯C) microwaves ◯D) sea waves

3. If mobile phones are shown to be hazardous, the mobile phone industry's profits will ..... .

◯A) increase
◯B) decrease
◯C) not mentioned in the text
◯D) stay the same

4. Which of the following is mentioned in the article?

◯A) video game consoles
◯B) digital televisions
◯C) laptop computers
◯D) mobile phones

5. How is mobile phone use compared to tobacco use in this article?

◯A) both cause brain tumours
◯B) both need long-term studies
◯C) they are equally hazardous
◯D) not mentioned in the text

II. COMMUNICATION AND VOCABULARY

6. Three prisoners ..... from the central prison this morning. Police have described them as dangerous and warned the public not to approach them if seen.

◯A) emptied ◯B) abandoned
◯C) escaped ◯D) rushed

7. I hope you have finished ..... your suitcases - the taxi has just arrived!

◯A) making ◯B) having
◯C) packing ◯D) wrapping

8. I didn't sleep very well at all last night. It was too cold; I will put another ..... on the bed tonight.

◯A) blanket ◯B) pillow
◯C) sheet ◯D) headboard

9. The boat sank when it hit a ..... that was hidden under the water. Everyone had to swim to the beach.

◯A) rock ◯B) cliff
◯C) coast ◯D) wave

10. When he asks me the questions, just ..... the answers quietly in my ear and he will never know.

◯A) shout ◯B) talk
◯C) whisper ◯D) yell

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11. If you want to pass that exam, I ..... you to start studying for it immediately.

◯A) advice ◯B) push
◯C) convince ◯D) advise

12. Hayley is a very ..... girl. She knows where she wants to be in five years' time and how she is going to get there.

◯A) arrogant ◯B) ambitious
◯C) snobby ◯D) wealthy

13. Our new cook Maria was thrown in at the deep end on her first day when she had to ..... .

◯A) cook breakfast for a family of eight
◯B) cater for a wedding of 200 people
◯C) come to work 4 hours later
◯D) take the afternoon off

14. Even though it looked like Rafael was going to lose the match, he wouldn't give in. He ..... .

◯A) stopped trying ◯B) kept trying
◯C) never tried ◯D) started trying

III. GRAMMAR

15. ..... that the president is a very private man in a very public job.

◯A) There seems ◯B) It would seem
◯C) It seems ◯D) There might be

16. We ..... married in July.

◯A) are getting ◯B) get
◯C) are going to get ◯D) will have get

17. There's no point ..... for a culprit now.

◯A) looking ◯B) to look
◯C) in looking ◯D) in to look

18. I hate (1) ..... in August. I would rather (2) ..... a day off on the beach.

◯A) (1) have to work, (2) be enjoying
◯B) (1) having to work, (2) to be enjoying
◯C) (1) to have to work, (2) being enjoying
◯D) (1) having to work, (2) be enjoying

19. This might never have happened ..... me earlier.

◯A) if you would have told
◯B) had you told
◯C) if you had told
◯D) if you told

20. Choose gramatically correct sentences.

◯A) The news gave to the employees.
◯B) They were given the news to the employees.
◯C) The employees were given the news.
◯D) The news was given to the employees.

21. When I was at school, we ..... wear a uniform.

◯A) ought to ◯B) had to
◯C) were supposed to ◯D) must

22. The next day we (1) ..... to Germany where we (2) ..... a press conference.

◯A) (1) would fly, (2) attended
◯B) (1) were going to fly, (2) attended
◯C) (1) will fly, (2) would attend
◯D) (1) were flying, (2) were due to attend

23. They've caught the driver ..... caused the car accident.

◯A) who ◯B) —
◯C) that ◯D) which

24. ..... interested in hiring Wilson.

◯A) It seems that 14 companies to be
◯B) There are understood to be 14 companies
◯C) 14 companies are understood to be
◯D) There are understood to be 14 companies are

25. If you feel tired tomorrow, you ..... enough sleep.

◯A) won't have had
◯B) haven't had
◯C) aren't going to have
◯D) didn't have

26. I'm sorry but Mr. Banks isn't here. He ..... left.

◯A) can't have ◯B) might have
◯C) must have ◯D) should have

IV. ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORLD

27. Which is the largest English-speaking country by territory?

◯A) the USA ◯B) Canada
◯C) Australia ◯D) the UK

28. Name the country which DOESN'T BELONG to the Commonwealth of Nations?

◯A) India
◯B) Pakistan
◯C) Republic of Ireland
◯D) South Africa

29. What National Park(s) can you find in the USA?

◯A) Grand Canyon National Park
◯B) Yellowstone National Park
◯C) Death Valley National Park
◯D) Snowdonia National Park

30. Which countries united under the Union of the Crown in 1603?

◯A) England and Scotland
◯B) England and Wales
◯C) England and Ireland
◯D) England and the USA

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9. Well, both machines were in perfect running order only this morning, but this one is now definitely out of ..... . You'll have to use the other one.

◯A) order ◯B) business
◯C) work ◯D) employment

10. I heard that Simon is over £500,000 in .....!

◯A) credit ◯B) check
◯C) debit ◯D) bill

11. She had a paper cut on her palm, she said it really ..... .

◯A) stung ◯B) hurt
◯C) iched ◯D) cuddled

12. Did you know you can put bananas and apples in one bag to make them ..... quicker?

◯A) fried ◯B) ripe
◯C) bland ◯D) raw

13. People with no previous and appropriate ..... need not apply.

◯A) skills ◯B) experience
◯C) background ◯D) expectations

14. Normally, e-mails are ..... seconds after they have been sent. Did you check your spam inbox?

◯A) delivered ◯B) checked
◯C) erased ◯D) copied

15. I'm ..... to hearing from you soon.

◯A) waiting anxiously
◯B) looking forward
◯C) getting disappointed
◯D) expecting eagerly

III. GRAMMAR

16. We had ..... fun we stayed for an extra night.

◯A) so many ◯B) such
◯C) so much ◯D) many

17. Do you know the musician ..... is playing the guitar.

◯A) who ◯B) —
◯C) that ◯D) he

18. We are really busy now. I have ..... time to spend with my family.

◯A) little ◯B) few
◯C) no ◯D) bit

19. You ..... me if you had gone to the party.

◯A) would have seen ◯B) could see
◯C) might have seen ◯D) seen me

20. I think there ..... a mistake in your tax return. You should check it.

◯A) can't be ◯B) might be
◯C) may be ◯D) could be

21. You mustn't use swimming pool before 10. You ..... use the swimming pool before 10.

◯A) aren't allowed to ◯B) don't have to
◯C) can't ◯D) couldn't to

22. I like this bed; ..... is cheap but uncomfortable.

◯A) other ◯B) the other bed
◯C) the other one ◯D) another

23. He ..... since he was a little boy.

◯A) is fishing ◯B) has fished
◯C) has been fishing ◯D) was fishing

24. The peregrine falcon is ..... .

◯A) the fastest animal of the world
◯B) the mostest fast animal of the world
◯C) the fastest animal in the world
◯D) the most fast animal of the world

25. I ..... . I've hired a very good decorator.

◯A) 'm redecorating my kitchen
◯B) will be redecorating my kitchen
◯C) will have my kitchen redecorate
◯D) 'm having my kitchen redecorated

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26. You can find this city/those cities in United States of America.

◯A) Houston ◯B) Dallas
◯C) Chicago ◯D) New Orleans

27. The British monarchs are crowned in ..... .

◯A) Westminster Abbey
◯B) St. Paul's Cathedral
◯C) the Tower
◯D) Buckingham Palace

28. Loch Ness is ..... .

◯A) a person ◯B) a lake
◯C) a valley ◯D) a river

29. "Yankee" may mean ..... .

◯A) a Northerner ◯B) an American
◯C) an Englishman ◯D) an Indian

30. The largest part of Australia is ..... .

◯A) sandy beaches ◯B) fertile soils
◯C) forests ◯D) a desert

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