

Part A • Grammar, Vocabulary and How to ...

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1 I ____ in the office when I got a call from my wife.

- A work
- B am working
- C worked
- D was working

2 The plane ____ in Dubai before it flew on to Sydney.

- A did stop
- B has stopped
- C had stopped
- D will stop

3 She hopes ____ the summer in Scotland.

- A spend
- B to spend
- C will spend
- D spending

4 They all arrived on time ____ for Kieran.

- A apart
- B even
- C not even
- D except

5 We ____ this holiday since the beginning of the year.

- A planning
- B 're planning
- C were planning
- D 've been planning

6 How long ____ waiting to see the doctor?

- A have you been
- B you have been
- C are you
- D you are

7 I spoke to the neighbour ____ house is for sale.

- A which
- B who
- C who's
- D whose

8 Were you the last person ____ to Anna?

- A to speak
- B spoke
- C speaking
- D who speaks

9 I won't have tea ____ you've got sugar. I only like it sweet.

- A in case
- B even if
- C unless
- D whether

10 You ____ to pay a deposit before you can borrow books from the library.

- A necessary
- B need
- C needs
- D essential

11 We're ____ to make a lot of noise in the hotel after eleven o'clock. The manager will ask us to leave.

- A allowed
- B not allowed
- C essential
- D not essential

12 What ____ do this afternoon? Go to the cinema or go to the park?

- A you would prefer
- B would you prefer
- C you would rather
- D would you rather

13 I didn't ____ call you earlier. I dialled the wrong number.

- A hope
- B mean to
- C planning to
- D want

14 We thought it ____ fun if we dressed up for the party tomorrow night.

- A is
- B was
- C will be
- D would be

15 Can I ask where ____ your jumper?

- A you bought
- B bought you
- C you did buy
- D did you buy

16 ____ the film that Tom Hardy is in?

- A Doesn't that
- B That doesn't
- C Isn't that
- D That isn't

17 He needs to wear his glasses ____ read the newspaper these days.

- A in order
- B so as
- C so that
- D to

18 I turned the oven down ____ burn the food.

- A so not as to
- B so as not to
- C in order not
- D not in order

- 19 You need to take this job ____ than the last one.
 A much more seriously
 B more much seriously
 C much more serious
 D more much serious
- 20 This computer is getting _____. I need to get a new one.
 A slow and slow
 B slowly and slowly
 C slower and slower
 D more slow and slow
- 21 Your kitchen looks lovely. When did you ____?
 A have it decorated
 B have decorated it
 C was it decorated
 D was decorated it
- 22 What do you think of my haircut? I did it ____.
 A itself
 B myself
 C themselves
 D yourself
- 23 Hannah was ____ angry. I was afraid to talk to her.
 A such
 B such a
 C such an
 D so
- 24 We've had ____ warm weather lately. It's lovely.
 A such
 B such a
 C such an
 D so
- 25 It's great to see you. It's been ____ long time.
 A such
 B such a
 C such an
 D so
- 26 I ____ driving on the left-hand side of the road. It's really strange.
 A don't used to
 B 'm used to
 C get used to
 D 'm not used to
- 27 They ____ play volleyball on the beach, but now they play it in the park.
 A were used to
 B used to
 C get used to
 D not used to
- 28 I'll never ____ working from home. I need to work in an office.
 A used to
 B be used
 C get used to
 D not use to
- 29 Kato said he ____ his brother since the day before.
 A doesn't see
 B didn't see
 C hasn't seen
 D hadn't seen
- 30 They asked me ____ how to ride a motorbike.
 A if I knew
 B if I did know
 C I know
 D did I know
- 31 We ____ a nice welcome by the restaurant manager last night.
 A give
 B gave
 C are given
 D were given
- 32 His car ____ at the moment so he's driving mine.
 A is repairing
 B is being repaired
 C repairs
 D is repaired
- 33 A: Isn't she going to take you in the car?
 B: I _____. She hasn't offered.
 A guess not
 B hope not
 C think so
 D told her so
- 34 A: Would you like to see the photos from our holiday?
 B: Yes, I _____.
 A love
 B like to
 C 'd like to
 D 'd love
- 35 If Paula ____ the pizza to our house, we wouldn't have had anything to eat.
 A brought
 B didn't bring
 C had brought
 D hadn't brought

36 We ____ in the sea if we'd taken our swimming costumes.

- A could go
- B could have gone
- C had gone
- D can have gone

37 You ____ old clothes on to do the gardening. Your clothes are really dirty now.

- A have put
- B will have put
- C must have put
- D should have put

38 The shopkeeper ____ give me a sweet every time we went in his shop.

- A will
- B used
- C would
- D did

39 We ____ eat healthily when I was a child. We ate a lot of tinned food.

- A never used to
- B never would
- C used never to
- D never used

40 He ____ buy her flowers on their wedding anniversary.

- A would always
- B always would
- C used always
- D always used

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VOCABULARY

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

41 This chair was ____ when I found it, but I've repaired it now.

- A worth
- B damaged
- C inherited
- D belonged

42 It can't be a ____ 15th-century painting. It looks too new.

- A cool
- B leather
- C steel
- D genuine

43 The walls of the house are made of ____ so they're very strong.

- A denim
- B glass
- C rubber
- D stone

44 I prefer ____ jewellery. It looks nice and it's cheaper than other metals.

- A iron
- B plastic
- C silver
- D wood

45 She ____ owning a small farm in Scotland.

- A dreams of
- B gives pleasure
- C hopes
- D tastes

46 I'm going to ____ the meeting until next week because I don't have time.

- A keep on
- B put off
- C stick to
- D take up

47 I didn't ____ to go to the gym. I was too busy.

- A achieve
- B manage
- C resist
- D stick

48 Linda ____ a comment about my hair. She likes it.

- A did
- B got
- C made
- D said

49 Why don't you ____ arguments? Arguing isn't good for you.

- A avoid
- B break
- C have
- D miss

50 I didn't ____ comfortable telling a stranger about my life.

- A be
- B feel
- C get
- D speak

51 I hope we ____ the deadline. I don't want to be late.

- A avoid
- B get
- C lose
- D meet

52 I need to ____ to a routine when I'm working.

- A deal
- B get
- C keep
- D start

53 Has she got a(n) ____ in nursing? We need someone with experience.

- A background
- B charge
- C opportunity
- D responsibility

54 I can't ____ with people who complain. I don't want to hear their negative comments.

- A arrange
- B deal
- C handle
- D take

55 They offered me a(n) ____ contract, but I don't want a temporary job.

- A exploited
- B long-term
- C permanent
- D short-term

56 She couldn't ____ a lie any longer.

- A come
- B deceive
- C live
- D pretend

57 Did you ____ that story? Surely it's not true.

- A do out
- B do up
- C make out
- D make up

58 The actress Priyanka Chopra will ____ in their new film.

- A star
- B produce
- C shoot
- D direct

59 The film's ____ is a secret so people don't go there.

- A footage
- B location
- C soundtrack
- D script

60 I couldn't finish the book because it was too ____.
Nothing seemed to happen.

- A dramatic
- B extraordinary
- C slow
- D powerful

61 Try to stay _____. The spider won't hurt you.

- A angry
- B calm
- C mad
- D shy

62 He's always been _____. He doesn't worry about making mistakes.

- A aggressive
- B anxious
- C confident
- D excited

63 They were very _____. They waited for a long time without complaining.

- A annoyed
- B direct
- C noisy
- D patient

64 Rufus is a real bargain _____. He always looks for the best deal.

- A consumer
- B finder
- C hunter
- D looker

65 There's limited _____. We should buy one before they sell out.

- A availability
- B deal
- C loyalty
- D purchase

66 We need to increase the price or we won't make a ____.

- A bargain
- B discount
- C loss
- D profit

67 She couldn't pay the ____ so the driver wouldn't let her get on the bus.

- A charge
- B fare
- C fee
- D receipt

68 There's a long tree-lined ____ which you walk up to get to the monument.

- A avenue
- B building
- C mural
- D square

- 69 This is a(n) ____ spot for views across the city. There's nowhere better.
 A high-rise
 B ideal
 C run-down
 D wealthy
- 70 We want to stay where there's a ____ nightlife.
 A historic
 B lively
 C sense of
 D tourist
- 71 It was ____ climbing the mountain, but it was worth it.
 A challenge
 B difficulties
 C risk
 D tough
- 72 We weren't happy with the ____ in the hostel. It was quite dirty.
 A challenging
 B conditions
 C unfamiliar
 D safety
- 73 He never _____. He always packs more than he needs.
 A breaks the journey
 B lives out of a suitcase
 C travels light
 D weathers the storm
- 74 When they got lost, they had to think on their ____ in order to find their way home.
 A feet
 B heads
 C hands
 D legs
- 75 They ____ if there was a sauna in the hotel.
 A argued
 B confirmed
 C enquired
 D mentioned
- 76 He said he hadn't seen Lara. Then he ____ that he had seen her sister.
 A added
 B convinced
 C warned
 D wondered
- 77 If I ____ in English, it helps me improve my pronunciation.
 A read aloud
 B scream
 C talk over
 D whisper
- 78 A: Did you say something?
 B: Don't worry. I was just ____ to myself.
 A screaming
 B shouting
 C talking
 D telling
- 79 Don't ____ me in that photo. I don't want everyone to know it's me.
 A forward
 B post
 C spam
 D tag
- 80 I've got an app to stop ____ appearing because I don't like getting lots of advertisements.
 A back ups
 B pop-ups
 C profiles
 D usernames
- 81 You can control what you see by ____ the screen in different directions.
 A downloading
 B refreshing
 C scrolling down
 D swiping
- 82 Bitcoin is created by a global ____ of computers connected together.
 A folder
 B icon
 C network
 D upload
- 83 Let's ____ of this weekend. It's going to be great.
 A be ready
 B make the most
 C stop worrying
 D take time
- 84 Please be ____ to step on the flowers. They get broken easily.
 A afraid
 B careful not
 C ready
 D worried

85 If you ____ attention, you can hear the birds singing.

- A give
- B have
- C pay
- D take

86 She's ____ me to start singing lessons because I can't sing very well.

- A achieved
- B deepened
- C encouraged
- D made

87 I've had a lifelong ____ for collecting postcards.

- A inspire
- B interest
- C master
- D passion

88 You've ____ good progress so far. Keep up the good work!

- A made
- B had
- C given
- D done

89 If we ____ the story down into parts, it's easier to understand.

- A break
- B figure
- C think
- D write

90 I'd like to ____ up on your idea. Can you tell me more?

- A dream
- B follow
- C get
- D take

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HOW TO ...

3 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

91 I wonder ____ sending me some information?

- A you do mind
- B if you do mind
- C if you would mind
- D you would mind

92 It ____ me nuts when people throw their rubbish on the floor.

- A annoys
- B drives
- C bugs
- D bears

93 A: What would you ____ to the company?

B: I've got more than twenty years' experience in IT.

- A bring
- B carry
- C have
- D take

94 The protestors are going to ____ from the main square to the government offices.

- A march
- B quit
- C rescue
- D strike

95 Taking everything ____, the latest smartwatch is great value for money.

- A long story short
- B into account
- C in the end
- D to the reviews

96 There are ____ of 25–30 km/h in most of the city centre.

- A cycle lanes
- B e-scooters
- C rush hours
- D speed limits

97 Can you ____ a museum where I can take the children?

- A get
- B know
- C mean
- D recommend

98 A: I'm not going to France now.

B: How ____?

A: I couldn't get a flight.

- A because
- B come
- C not
- D that

99 Can I just get a ____ of hands for people who are under thirty?

- A plan
- B point
- C show
- D recap

100 Her main ____ is that you don't do enough housework.

- A argument
- B delivery
- C outline
- D subject matter

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Total: /100

Part B • Listening, Reading and Writing

LISTENING

1 [Audio ET.01] Listen to a talk about making the most of life. Number the topics (A–G) in the order you hear them.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____

- A Spending time with people can make us more relaxed.
- B Meeting people in different places helps us understand ourselves.
- C Worrying about the past can make people ill.
- D Visiting different places can be difficult.
- E Dealing with difficulties can prepare us for the future.
- F Making unnecessary purchases can cause anxiety.
- G Not being with people can be bad for our health.

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2 [Audio ET.01] Listen again. Complete the notes with a word, number or short phrase.

- 1 Sometimes we don't remember that it's the _____ that really make us happy.
- 2 It's believed that anxiety is a problem for _____ people around the world.
- 3 You will become _____ if you're able to learn from your mistakes.
- 4 Social media is not the best way of maintaining relationships in the _____.
- 5 We shouldn't believe things which _____ tells us are true.
- 6 Our lives will be happier if we only purchase _____ things.
- 7 Most people are _____ in places which they know well.
- 8 We shouldn't be worried about dealing with _____ when we are travelling.

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READING

3 Read an article in which people talk about unusual friendships. Match the people (1–3) with the statements (A–F). There are two statements for each person.

- 1 Chen: _____
- 2 Iris: _____
- 3 Rufina: _____

- A I don't mind that this person is much older than I am.
- B I became friends with this person after an accident in a public place.
- C I can relax with this person although we have different social backgrounds.
- D I haven't had the chance to meet this person face to face.
- E I have benefitted from this person's wisdom and knowledge.
- F I'm grateful for this person's help in dealing with some problems.

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Unusual friendships

Three readers tell us about unusual friendships and why they are special.

Chen (27)

Simon is the same age as me, but we're from opposite sides of the world. Actually, I've never met him in person, but we chat online all the time. We got to know each other while we were playing video games. I mentioned that I wanted to improve my English and he suggested practising with him. I was a bit nervous at first because I'd never done a video call with a stranger before. However, we realised we had a lot in common and not just video games. Now we talk about three times a week and I'm making good progress with my English. He's also helped me figure out some issues at work. It's not always easy to express myself in English, but Simon's very patient and he never speaks over me. If I hadn't met him, I don't know who I'd have spoken to about my worries.

Iris (24)

Sally is sixty-two so I'm much younger than her. Once somebody made a comment about our age difference. They thought she was my mum! It doesn't bother either of us, though, because we've got such a good relationship. We're employed in the same company and we started chatting in the cafeteria one lunchtime. I realised I had more in common with her than people of my own age. Most of my friends are more interested in nightlife at the weekend, but I've never been into that. Like me, Sally enjoys walking so we usually go hiking in the hills. We make the most of the peace and quiet to disconnect from our busy lives in the city. It's also a good chance to hear some of Sally's extraordinary stories about her life. I definitely wouldn't have learnt so much about the world if I hadn't met her.

Rufina (37)

Penelope is just a little bit older than me and she lives in one of the wealthier areas of town. The funny thing is, I'm from a more run-down area, so you wouldn't think we have much in common. I got to know her after meeting her at the cinema. Actually, she spilt my drink when she was sitting down next to me, which gave us something to talk about. She felt really guilty so, after the film, she offered to buy me another drink. We started chatting and we discovered that we've both got a lifelong passion for classic films. Now we get together once a fortnight and have a night out together. I really look forward to our nights out because I feel so comfortable around her. It doesn't matter that our lives are so different.

4 Read the text again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 It was Chen's idea to practise English with Simon. T / F
- 2 Chen feels that his English has been improving. T / F
- 3 Chen doesn't know anyone else he can discuss his problems with. T / F
- 4 Iris was annoyed when somebody thought Sally was her mother. T / F
- 5 Iris prefers not to spend her weekends visiting restaurants and clubs. T / F
- 6 Iris would rather not listen to Sally's stories about her life. T / F
- 7 Rufina doesn't live in such a nice part of town as Penelope. T / F
- 8 Penelope didn't think it was her fault when Rufina's drink got spilt. T / F
- 9 Rufina would like it if she had more in common with Penelope. T / F

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WRITING

5 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 At the end of the film, the family are **dramatically** / **wonderfully** rescued from the sinking yacht.
- 2 By this point I was beginning to **complain** / **regret** booking a room in your hotel.
- 3 The swimming pool is just **down the road** / **on the corner** from the sports ground.
- 4 **Apparently** / **Funny thing** is, I'd never spoken to him before.
- 5 I can't eat nuts. For that **reason** / **result**, I'm always careful about what I order in a restaurant.

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- 6 Write a short biography about a person who inspires you. It could be someone famous or someone you know. Include facts about their life and say why they have inspired you.

Write 100–140 words.

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Total: /50