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I. Find the word that has its underlined part pronounced differently from the other three in each question.

1. A. gift B. game C. go D. genius
2. A. would B. shoulder C. should D. could
3. A. monitor B. moment C. opponent D. component
4. A. enough B. dough C. rough D. tough

II. Find the word with the stress pattern different from that of the other three words in each question.

5. A. terrific B. tertiary C. territory D. terminal
6. A. compliance B. competent C. computer D. commuter
7. A. recompense B. temperature C. reminiscent D. marvelous
8. A. momentous B. monetary C. monastery D. monument

III. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order for the sentence to be correct.

9. I tell you, Joan, you had better tell Tom that it's high time he should start learning.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
10. My brother said that he didn't feel like overworking because he could end up in the hospital.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
11. When I was younger, we often talked long hours. We were used to sit up late at night.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
12. What you are saying suggests that you are unwilling to agree with me, does it?
(A) (B) (C) (D)
13. I really wouldn't like that friend of yours to treat me as something that belongs to him.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
14. My brother was watching TV during I was doing my homework.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
15. With his annual income of about \$30,000, he can afford travelling quite a lot.
(A) (B) (C) (D)
16. When I was a secretary, the boss often made me to stay in the office in the evenings.
(A) (B) (C) (D)

IV. From the four words or phrases (A, B, C, or D), choose the one that best completes the sentence.

17. If you eat sensibly, you are not likely to _____ weight.
A. gain B. put C. earn D. win
18. Surprisingly, some of the things we take _____ granted today were invented completely _____ accident.
A. up - through B. for - by C. in - on D. after - in
19. Rosamunde Pilcher's books are very popular in Germany _____ the fact that the national TV station, ZDF, has produced many of her stories for TV.
A. because B. by the time C. in order that D. due to
20. When the volcano erupted, the _____ of the explosion was such that thousands of trees fell down.
A. impact B. effect C. consequence D. reaction
21. The driver _____ in order to avoid hitting a dog in the road.
A. swerved B. crashed C. overtook D. skidded
22. The _____ of the shipwreck were picked up by the coast guard.
A. injured B. missing C. survivors D. crew
23. They have a charming cottage on the south _____ of England.
A. side B. coast C. shore D. bank
24. Although _____ the tricks David Copperfield performs on stage are _____ old, people still wonder how he does them.
A. plenty of - more B. most - very
C. the whole - too D. some of - rather
25. It is important to have a special day to _____ those who lost their lives in the wars.
A. remind B. support C. honour D. demonstrate
26. She _____ a light meal of steamed chicken and salad as she wasn't very hungry.
A. ordered B. asked C. commanded D. demanded
27. I don't know what all the fuss was about - it was just a(n) _____ in a teacup.
A. flood B. storm C. earthquake D. blaze
28. If you go on _____ me like this, I will never be able to finish writing my report.
A. disturbing B. afflicting C. concerning D. affecting
29. Polio _____ a wide range of effects, from mild to severe, _____ paralysis, permanent disability, and even death.
A. is having - to include B. has - being included
C. can have - including D. may have - includes
30. Turn off this machine, please. The harsh sound really _____ me crazy.
A. takes B. worries C. bothers D. drives

31. Everyone knew that _____ this task would require a considerable effort.
A. completing B. engaging C. making D. working
32. Italy began to tackle its hooligan issues _____ serious problems a few months ago _____ a football match.
A. upon – over B. since – toward
C. on – for D. after – during
33. Mr Tanner did his best to fix the faulty oven, but his _____ at repairing electrical devices wasn't good enough to succeed.
A. service B. technique C. skill D. craft
34. Judy didn't _____ for a second to agree to Mike's proposal as she had been in love with the boy for a long time.
A. decide B. linger C. await D. hesitate
35. The romance associated _____ Valentine's Day may have come from the medieval belief that birds select their mates _____ 14 February.
A. with – on B. to – at C. for – in D. by – up to
36. A Slovenian man battled piranhas and exhaustion _____ the first person _____ the entire length of the Amazon river.
A. having become – swam B. has become – having swum
C. to become – to swim D. became – swimming
37. When the original star of the play _____ ill, Margaret _____ an unexpected chance to play the leading role.
A. fell – got B. has fallen – would get
C. was falling – has got D. falls – has been getting
38. The inconsiderate driver was _____ for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.
A. inflicted B. fined C. harassed D. condemned
39. Don't get so nervous about his coming late. When you get to know him better, you'll learn to take it _____.
A. fine B. loose C. nice D. easy
40. The idea to _____ a visit to the local council residence was welcomed by all the visitors.
A. do B. pay C. go D. walk
41. His _____ of the safety regulations really can't be ignored any longer.
A. inattention B. unfamiliarity C. carelessness D. disregard
42. Let's _____ the place, it looks so gloomy and unpleasant.
A. miss B. depart C. abandon D. disappear
43. What you are saying is quite _____, so give us, please, more details on the situation.
A. famous B. obvious C. accustomed D. familiar

44. The blast, two kilometres _____ the parliament building, was, _____ doubt, caused by a bomb.
A. away from – without B. ahead of – off
C. back to – with D. out of – for
45. When an animal's _____ is in danger, we should do everything we can to protect it.
A. property B. habitat C. location D. possession
46. Although he is a well-paid _____ basketball player, he has never actually scored a basket for his team.
A. amateur B. champion C. savage D. professional
47. Our team _____ the match against all odds.
A. won B. earned C. beat D. defeated
48. A fight started in the school cafeteria _____ who is the most handsome boy in class, but a few teachers quickly put it _____.
A. of – with B. in – up C. over – down D. about – out
49. When it comes to crime, _____ is always better than punishment.
A. protection B. prevention C. conservation D. competition
50. The judge _____ the criminal to ten years in prison.
A. arrested B. prosecuted C. accused D. sentenced
51. Pandas look gentle, but in fact they are quite _____.
A. fierce B. thoughtful C. intelligent D. graceful
52. Could you please _____ me to send my cheque to the World Wildlife Fund?
A. remain B. remember C. remind D. recall
53. The fans in the football stadium cheered for the players on the _____.
A. pitch B. ring C. court D. rink
54. My parents were so neglectful _____ me that, when I think _____ my childhood, all I remember is loneliness.
A. towards – away from B. for – up against
C. to – down with D. of – back on
55. After the performance, the actors came back onto the _____ to take their bows.
A. scene B. screen C. stage D. script

V. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C, or D) best fits each space.

WEATHER WISE

All sorts of people need to know what the weather is going to do. They do not all want to know the same information for the same (56) _____ of time, however. For someone (57) _____ a small boat across the English Channel, it's the next six hours or so that (58) _____. Whereas a farmer might be more interested in the (59) _____ of rain over the next six months. The one thing they (60) _____ need,

however, is totally dependable information. And it is for this (61) _____ that forecasting is a very big international business. Today, because the (62) _____ of forecasts is important to so many people, weather satellites cross from pole to pole every hour and a quarter, (63) _____ back to earth from fifty miles up. (64) _____ of course, it hasn't always been so easy.

Ancient Greek philosophers like Aristotle started weather forecasting by trying to (65) _____ logically what was happening in the sky (66) _____ them. They weren't always right, but they understood the importance of systematic observation. But forecasting remained limited (67) _____ people only knew what was happening in their own section of sky. It was the arrival of the electric telegraph in the 1830s that (68) _____ forecasters to get a wider picture of the weather that was on its (69) _____. This information could then be (70) _____ on to those in its path while it was still of use.

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| 56. A. period | B. term | C. season | D. stage |
| 57. A. blowing | B. sailing | C. cruising | D. floating |
| 58. A. bother | B. amount | C. concern | D. matter |
| 59. A. chances | B. occasions | C. opportunities | D. fortunes |
| 60. A. own | B. either | C. both | D. everyone |
| 61. A. motivation | B. explanation | C. question | D. reason |
| 62. A. strictness | B. accuracy | C. justice | D. honesty |
| 63. A. translating | B. describing | C. reviewing | D. reporting |
| 64. A. Moreover | B. Therefore | C. Although | D. Despite |
| 65. A. pick up | B. work out | C. come across | D. check over |
| 66. A. above | B. beyond | C. over | D. across |
| 67. A. in case | B. because of | C. due to | D. so long as |
| 68. A. allowed | B. got | C. granted | D. let |
| 69. A. route | B. train | C. way | D. road |
| 70. A. put | B. passed | C. given | D. brought |

VI. Read the passages and the questions or unfinished sentences. Then choose the answer – A, B, C, or D – that you think fits best.

When Louise Roberts was eighteen, she began to feel pain in her joints. Within six months, she was in so much pain that it was like walking on glass. Just pulling up a zip brought tears to her eyes. The worst thing was that she was too weak to play the violin. She had been playing since the age of seven and had planned to become a professional. Louise's doctor told her she had arthritis, a condition which makes the joints become painful. Louise was forced to give up playing the violin to avoid damaging her joints, and given pain-killer drugs, which she still takes.

A year after the diagnosis she went to university to do teacher training. It was upsetting for Louise to listen to other students practicing their instruments, knowing she could not play her beloved violin. She begged her mother to sell it, but her mother would not.

Teacher training was tough. Standing for long periods made her knees and feet ache, especially in cold weather. There were times when she felt she couldn't cope with it. Nevertheless, she has now got a job in a primary school teaching a class of five year olds. She also plays the piano in school hall. Her fingers are still stiff at that hour of the morning and she misses lots of notes but the children don't seem to mind.

After four years away from her violin, Louise has just started teaching a ten-year-old boy to play. Before the arthritis started, she used to play in a symphony orchestra, and she still dreams that one day she will perform on stage again.

Louise's condition has improved, partly because of the drugs, but also because, since visiting an allergy clinic, she has changed her diet completely. She has cut out all wheat, dairy products, beef and pork. Even so, her energy is limited and there are times when she is so tired that she has to stay in bed all weekend. She envies healthy people sometimes.

On the plus side, however, she is more determined than most to get the best from life. She's also been taking singing lessons, as arthritis doesn't affect the voice, and as a result, has achieved a higher standard in singing.

71. When Louise tried to get dressed, _____.
A. she could do it easily.
B. her mother had to help her.
C. it was so painful that she was crying.
D. it was like walking on glass.
72. Why did Louise want her mother to sell her violin?
A. She was unable to play it.
B. She didn't know how to play it.
C. She wanted to buy a better one.
D. She needed the money.
73. Why does Louise play the piano badly at school hall?
A. She can't concentrate.
B. Her joints can't move freely.
C. She hasn't woken up yet.
D. She doesn't care about it.
74. What is Louise's strong desire?
A. to learn to drive.
B. to act.
C. to teach the violin.
D. to play music in public.
75. Louise occasionally wishes she was not disabled because _____.
A. she doesn't like staying in bed.
B. she has to spend every weekend in bed.
C. she can't eat chocolate and yogurt.
D. she gets so tired.

Johnny was three when he ran away from home for the first time. Somebody left the garden gate open. Johnny left the place, crossed some fields, and two hours later, arrived in the next village. He was just able to give his name and address.

By the time he was seven, Johnny used to vanish from home two to three times a year. Sometimes he covered quite long distances on foot. On other occasions he got on a bus or even a train, and simply sat there until someone asked for his ticket. Generally the police brought him home. "Why do you do it?" they used to ask. "You aren't unhappy at home, are you?" "Of course not," Johnny replied. "Then why?" "I just like seeing places," Johnny told them.

Johnny continued to "see places" although everyone tried to stop him. His parents used to watch him closely, and so did his teachers; but sooner or later, Johnny managed to slip away. As he grew older, his favourite trick was to hide on a long distance lorry. Sometimes he used to travel hundreds of miles before anyone discovered him.

It is hardly surprising that one day Johnny managed to get onboard a plane. He was twelve at the time. It was a cargo plane and, a few hours later, Johnny found himself in Cairo. How did he get on board? No one knows! According to Johnny himself, it was easy: he just went into the airport, walked along some corridors and got on board the nearest plane.

In spite of all this, Johnny did well at school. He enjoyed maths and languages and, perhaps not surprisingly, he was especially good at geography. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" his teachers asked him. Johnny did not take long to answer that question. "An explorer!" he answered. "But it's difficult to become an explorer in this modern age," they tried to tell him, "unless you go into space!" But it was no use: Johnny knew what he wanted!

Just before he left school, Johnny saw a notice in one of the daily papers. An expedition was about to go to Brazil to travel up the Amazon. There were vacancies for three young people "willing to work hard and with a sense of adventure." Johnny applied and, two months later, he was on his way to Brazil.

76. Johnny ran away from home because _____.
 A. he was young. B. he was unhappy.
 C. he liked travelling. D. his parents watched him closely.
77. As he grew older, Johnny began to _____.
 A. stay at home. B. travel further.
 C. hide in a car. D. hide on long distance lorries.
78. Johnny went to Cairo because _____.
 A. he liked geography. B. he liked flying.
 C. it was a passenger plane. D. a plane was going there.
79. Johnny wanted to become an explorer, but his teachers said _____.
 A. "You're too young." B. "Go to the moon instead."
 C. "It isn't easy these days." D. "Don't go into space."
80. In the end, Johnny _____.
 A. joined an expedition. B. found an interesting job in Brazil.
 C. worked for a newspaper. D. ran away from school.

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