

Practice test 9

Choose the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation.

1. A. bs B. busy C. butter D. bunch
2. A. wait B. rain C. laid D. said
3. A. reply B. climb C. sign D. limb
4. A. neighbour B. receive C. weight D. great

Choose the word that differs from the other three in the position of primary stress.

5. A. cultivate B. machine C. terminate D. operate
6. A. personal B. entry C. personnel D. sample
7. A. temperature B. decorator C. calculator D. individual
8. A. particular B. inferior C. several D. constructive

Choose the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following sentences.

9. (A) All the students (B) who wished to organize a picnic (C) was discouraged when they (D) saw the dark clouds.
10. (A) The Awakening, a novel (B) by Kate Chopin, shocked (C) readers and caused a storm of (D) criticize.
11. Our group (A) isn't (B) particularly excited (C) about the beach trip (D) due to it is supposed to rain all week.
12. Because there are (A) less members present tonight (B) than there (C) were last night, we must wait until the next meeting (D) to vote.

Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences.

13. Don't waste time looking _____ a cheap hotel when you arrive. They are all about the same price.
A. at B. by C. for D. on
14. The man was questioned by the police after acting in a(n) _____ way outside the bank.
A. suspicious B. gentle C. loyal D. unfriendly
15. Although Matt is a great football player, he is very _____ and refuses to talk to his fans.
A. selfish B. arrogant C. intellectual D. ridiculous
16. Mental attitude plays a _____ important role in a person's success or failure _____ mental capacity.
A. much/than B. so/that C. such/that D. far more/than
17. They spent _____ much time decorating the table _____ they did making the food.
A. as/as B. more/than C. too/that D. so/that
18. Is fencing _____ popular sport in _____ world? No, it isn't.
A. the/the B. a/the C. the/x D. x/the
19. _____ school is very cold. Hasn't it got _____ central heating system?
A. A/the B. The/x C. A/x D. The/a
20. Today, _____ people who enjoy winter sports is much greater than that of twenty years ago.
A. a number of B. many C. a great deal of D. the number of
21. According to the studies, dolphins, whales and _____ other sea creatures use highly sophisticated navigation systems.
A. any B. a little C. many D. much
22. It was _____ anything you said had frozen up before leaving your mouth.
A. such cold that B. so cold that C. as cold as D. too cold that
23. He has _____ high marks _____ he has applied for a scholarship.
A. so/that B. such/that C. as/as D. such/as
24. *Captain America* was another superhero movie _____ *Spider-Man* and *Superman*.
A. as B. such as C. like D. alike
25. The climbers stopped _____ themselves before descending the mountain.
A. to orient B. orienting C. to be oriented D. being oriented

26. I see that you have no time to clean the house on your own so you had better get somebody _____ it for you.
A. do B. to do C. done D. being done
27. Neither my mother's facial _____ nor her tone of voice made me aware of the fact she knew I was lying about skipping school.
A. attitude B. manner C. expression D. behavior
28. Seventy men at the factory were redundant _____ falling demand for our products.
A. because B. despite C. because of D. although
29. I believe that he arrived here two days ago, _____?
A. don't I B. didn't he C. wasn't he D. am not I
30. The brothers as well as their sister _____ good at their studies.
A. is B. was C. are D. has been
31. _____ the continuing recession, the government has asked people to keep faith with its reforms.
A. Though B. Despite C. In spite D. Despite the fact that
32. _____ his illness, Benny went to school _____ he had an important exam
A. Despite/due to B. Since/even though C. In spite of/because D. Because/though
33. _____ what technique is used, a fisherman cannot catch fish unless the bait or the artificial lure is placed where the fish are.
A. However B. No matter C. Although D. In spite of
34. _____ the first half of the 20th century California suffered several setbacks - a disastrous earthquake and a fire in San Francisco in 1906.
A. Since B. During C. By D. For
35. Perhaps no country in the world has developed _____ an extensive highway system _____ the United States with so many toll-free roads.
A. so/as B. such/that C. such/as D. so/that
36. She only sees her niece occasionally, so she _____ her with presents when she does.
A. appreciates B. honors C. values D. showers
37. It isn't wrong _____ yourself, is it? I think _____ yourself is the right thing to do if you have a good reason.
A. to defend/defend B. defend/defending C. defending/to defend D. to defend/defending
38. Why did you end up _____ in forestry? I've always loved _____ outdoors. And I've always had trouble _____ desk jobs.
A. majoring/being/to do B. majoring/to be/ doing C. major/being/doing D. being majored/to be/doing
39. If Kim _____ the theft just after it took place, her car _____ found before it was too late.
A. had reported/would be B. reported/would be C. reported/had been D. had reported/would have been
40. If I _____ the president of this company, I _____ the workers' salaries first instead of spending so much on building up new facilities.
A. was/raised B. am/will raise C. were/would raise D. had been/would have raised
41. As his leg was in plaster, John _____ for the next couple weeks.
A. can't play B. couldn't play C. won't be able to play D. isn't able to play
42. Do you remember _____?
A. how long we stayed in Qatar B. how long did we stay in Qatar
C. how long do we stay in Qatar D. how long we are staying in Qatar
43. At the present time, the oldest house in town _____ by the Historical Society.
A. is restoring B. is restored C. has been restored D. is being restored
44. _____ the car, I noticed a small scratch on the front right fender.
A. Being washed B. To wash C. Having washed D. To have washed
45. When the kid _____ his skateboard, almost 15 people came around him.
A. fell back B. fell off C. fell down D. fell away

46. Police were searching all over the city of Chicago, _____, their suspect was already on his way to Las Vegas.
A. meanwhile B. thus C. in addition D. furthermore
47. Mozart showed _____ even at the age of six, when he began to compose minuets.
A. incapability B. genius C. triumph D. conquest
48. We all told the boss that we wanted to have our salaries paid _____ advance but he just ignored us.
A. on B. in C. at D. for
49. The scouts in my school were sure to visit the flooded town, the condition _____ was not known.
A. of which B. whose C. in which D. that
50. The car _____ in Seattle was a vintage Mustang.
A. purchased B. purchasing C. which purchased D. to purchase
51. "What time does the next bus leave?" he said.
A. He asked what time did the next bus leave. B. He asked what time does the next bus leave.
C. He asked what time the next bus leaves. D. He asked what time the next bus left.
52. She asked that he _____ the window.
A. not opening B. not open C. didn't open D. not to open
53. Hardly _____ his speech when gunshots stormed the stadium.
A. were the minister finishing B. the minister finished
C. the minister had finished D. had the minister finished
54. Everybody _____ at the office at about 08:30 tomorrow as the meeting _____ at nine o'clock.
A. will be/will start B. are/starts C. will be/starts D. are/will be starting
55. The _____ people there are, the _____ everyone will be.
A. more/more merry B. less/most merry C. more/merrier D. most/merrier
56. Thomas graduated with a specialist degree in the _____ of criminology.
A. branch B. field C. division D. unit
57. A sniper must have extreme _____ while on a mission, since he must often hit a very small target from very far away.
A. concern B. precision C. adjustment D. awareness
58. My two cousins were so excited at the start of the war that they ran downtown and _____ up immediately.
A. wrote B. signed C. got D. brought
59. This machine _____ the user's eye and can confirm identity.
A. looks B. sees C. scans D. views
60. The _____ into the accident will be overseen by Malcolm Jones, a former army general.
A. inquiry B. case C. choice D. decision
61. Though Carla's remarks seem _____, if you see them in context, they're actually quite innocent.
A. insulter B. insulting C. insulted D. insult
62. The reasons for the sudden _____ of the Mayan civilization is still unknown.
A. collapse B. founding C. origin D. chase
63. The three teenagers spent a cold night on the exposed mountain before _____ arrived.
A. rescuers B. volunteers C. bank tellers D. athletes
64. My sister often _____ the dress fashion of movies stars when she was young.
A. imitates B. irritates C. mitigates D. irrigates
65. _____ from over 100 countries attended the International Peace Conference in Geneva.
A. Rebels B. Representatives C. Relatives D. Terrorists
66. Due to the lighting store having so many _____ items, parents must take responsibility if their children break something.
A. edible B. worthless C. hollow D. breakable

Choose the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

67. In the early days of baseball, the game was played by young men of means and social position.

- A. with skill B. with equipment C. with money D. with ambition

68. A thorough search of the suspect's house was conducted, with the police going through the place with a fine-tooth comb.

- A. detailed B. informal C. hasty D. casual

Choose the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following sentences.

69. The young professor thought he knew everything and was too arrogant to listen to his mentor's advice.

- A. luxurious B. humble C. reasonable D. logical

70. I couldn't wear my favorite jacket because it was filthy and needed washing.

- A. dirty B. clean C. obvious D. muddy