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SECTION 1 LISTENING

Part 1. Listen to the recording and choose the best answer A, B, C or D for the following questions from 1 to 5. You will listen to the recording twice.

1. Where is Arches National Park situated?

A. South of the city of Moab

B. Northern desert of Utah

C. Southern desert of Utah

D. North of the city of Moab

2. When can people visit Arches National Park?

A. In summer

B. In winter

C. Any time of year

D. On rainy days

3. How can people get to some farther arches?

A. By bike

B. By car

C. By plane

D. By train

4. What is NOT mentioned as necessary things we should bring along with when hiking in Arches National Park?

A. hiking shoes

B. books

C. GPS

D. detailed map

5. According to the narrator, why should we bring a detailed map along with a compass and/or a GPS when hiking in this park?

A. To discover farther places in the park.

B. To let other people know your position.

C. To know where you are and find the way easily.

D. To find out new places in the park.

Part 2. Listen to the recording and fill in each blank with one suitable word or numbers. You will hear the recording twice. One has been done as an example. (10 pts)

One-Way Ticket to Mars Mission

NASA is looking for people to go to Mars, and never come back. This appealing career is for people who want a permanent change of scenery and planet. It is part of an (6) _____ new project to colonize Mars called the Hundred Years Starship. (7) _____ would travel to the Red Planet and live there forever. NASA says it would be too expensive to bring humans back to Earth. The space agency can afford, however, to send supplies to the (8) _____ pioneers. NASA has started the project with a modest \$ (9) _____, but hopes to attract investment from space-loving billionaires. Google (10) _____ Larry Page told NASA he'd be interested if they could get the cost of a one-way ticket down from \$10 billion to \$2 billion.

The journey to Mars could take just four months. Settling on the planet would be (11) _____, hazardous, especially the freezing temperatures and carbon dioxide atmosphere. Many scientists think (12) _____ space is essential. Stephen Hawking believes we must move to other planets to survive as a

(13) _____. He said: "Once we spread out into space and establish independent colonies, our future should be safe." Dirk Schulze-Makuch and Paul Davies call it a "(14) _____ goal" and part of our desire to explore saying: "It would require not only major international cooperation, but a return to the (15) _____ spirit and risk-taking character of the great period of Earth exploration, from Columbus to Amundsen."

SECTION 2 – PHONETICS

Part 1. Choose the word which has the underlined part pronounced differently from the rest.

16. A. Christmas B. character C. school D. church
 17. A. traveled B. surprised C. worked D. climbed
 18. A. tour B. pour C. your D. course
 19. A. towel B. down C. window D. flower
 20. A. cook B. food C. too D. pool

Part 2. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the word that differs from the rest in the position of the main stress in each of the following questions.

21. A. provide B. product C. promote D. profess
 22. A. develop B. adjective C. generous D. popular
 23. A. beautiful B. important C. delicious D. Exciting
 24. A. education B. development C. economic D. Preparation
 25. A. attend B. option C. percent D. Become

SECTION 3: LEXICO – GRAMMAR

Part 1: Choose the best answer to each question.

26. I'd like to _____ this old car for a new model but I can't afford it.
 A. replace B. interchange C. exchange D. convert
 27. By the end of next year, we _____ this advanced training course.
 A. will be finished B. will have finished C. are finishing D. have finished
 28. Having passed the entrance exam, _____ go away for a holiday.
 A. he is allowing to B. his parents allow him to
 C. his parents allow him D. he is allowed to
 29. Although he claims to have left this job voluntarily, he was actually _____ for misconduct.
 A. dispelled B. dismissed C. released D. resigned
 30. Many minerals near the earth's surface exist in small _____.

A. amounts B. number C. numbers D. amount

31. The director retired early _____ ill -health.

A. on account of B. ahead of C. on behalf of D. in front of

32. Coffee is the second most valuable _____ after oil

A. ware B. production C. producing D. commodity

33. The government is determined to _____ terrorism.

A. put the stop to B. put stop to C. put stops to D. put a stop to

34. Out _____ for a walk after she finished doing her homework

A. did Mary go B. Mary went C. Mary did go D. went Mary

35. Lucia was surprised when her guests _____ late for the party

A. came up B. turned up C. looked up D. put up

36. He's left his book at home; he's always so _____.

A. forgetful B. forgettable C. forgotten D. forgetting

37. We are going to build a fence around the field with _____ to breeding sheep and cattle

A. a goal B. an outlook C. a reason D. a view

38. When his parents are away, his oldest brother _____.

A. knocks it off B. calls the shots C. draws the line D. is in the same boat

39. If he had been more careful, he _____.

A. won't fall B. wouldn't fall C. wouldn't have fallen D. would haven't fallen

40. We should participate in the movements _____ the natural environment.

A. organizing to conserve B. organized conserving
C. which organize to conserve D. organized to conserve

41. Over 20 years _____ but I never forgot the time we first met each other.

A. have gone down B. have gone up C. has gone by D. has gone out

42. The new manager explained to the staff that she hoped to _____ new procedures to save time and money.

A. manufacture B. establish C. control D. restore

43. I don't think you have been watering the plants near the gate. The soil is _____.

A. as dry as rice B. as dry as a tile C. as dry as a bone D. as dry as wood

44. The company has just got a big order and the workers are working round the _____.

- A. day B. clock C. hour D. night

45. The university is proud of their students, _____ earn national recognition.

- A. many of who B. many of whom C. many of that D. many of them

Part 2:

Use the correct form of the word in brackets to complete each sentence.

46. After the storm life _____ got back to normal. (**quick**)

47. The music show was really _____ (**entertain**).

48. We are waiting to have the new _____ installed. (**equip**)

49. He expressed strong _____ to the plan. (**object**)

50. Many young people _____ work for charity organization. (**volunteer**)

51. There are some music _____ between the two lectures. (**perform**)

52. The _____ of Vietnamese trademarks has been remarkably increasing. (**popular**)

53. It is important to create a safe, _____ environment for children. (**threat**)

54. He was an _____ successful mayor from 1981 to 1984. (**stand**)

55. They were _____ to accept all of the conditions of the contract. (**prepare**)

Part 3:

Each of the following sentences has an error. Find the errors and correct them.

56. Unless we polish metals frequently, they rust or tarnish when exposure to air. _____

57. Will Linh mind if I took his motorbike without asking him? _____

58. Julie failed her driving test because she hasn't practiced enough. _____

59. Several people have apparent tried to change the man's mind, but he refuses to listen.

60. The teacher found a great deal of mistakes in his students' writing. _____

Part 4:

Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

61. Going to Australia has always appealed _____ me.

62. Jamie insisted _____ helping me clean up after the party.

63. The winning numbers for the National Lottery are chosen _____ random.

64. I've known her _____ sight for a long time, but I haven't been introduced to her yet.

65. Although there isn't a ban _____ cars, they prefer people to use public transport to get to work.

SECTION 3: READING

Part 1.

Read the passage below and choose the best answer to each question.

Public awareness of the value of recycling materials such (66) _____ plastic, paper, and glass is increasing daily in all corners of the globe. In some countries these efforts are being (67) _____ by the local governments and in others, by individuals. Participation in these programs is at an all-time high. In the small town of Truro in eastern Massachusetts, for example, space in the local landfill has run out; therefore, residents have had to think of new ways to (68) _____ of their trash. With no room for items such as newspaper, bottles, and old lumber at the land fill, local residents have come up with many (69) _____ programs to recycle and/ or reuse what was once (70) _____ of as only trash. For instance, yard waste such as leaves and grass which used to be thrown in the landfill is now broken down and made (71) _____ compost used by local people as fertilizer in their gardens. In addition, (72) _____ plastics, newspapers, bottles and cans are sold to a recycling company, thereby bringing in revenue for the town. The most popular local innovation, though has been the founding of a "swap shop". This is a building to which people bring their unwanted clothing, books, and toys so that others who need them can (73) _____ them. Since there is so much (74) _____ in all the recycling programs, the dump is seen as a place to meet with friends and neighbors and catch up on local news. There is even an annual September evening "dump dance", where locals dance to live music and have picnics by candlelight at the dump. This has become a high light of the summer vacation season. As humankind continues to (75) _____ and the population grows, recycling efforts become even more important. These efforts must continue so that we will soon see new innovations and ideas concerning the use of recycled materials.

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| 66. A. as | B. alike | C. with | D. like |
| 67. A. introduced | B. brought | C. initiated | D. participated |
| 68. A. disapprove | B. dispose | C. throw | D. discard |
| 69. A. reforming | B. progressive | C. improved | D. innovative |
| 70. A. believed | B. regarded | C. thought | D. considered |
| 71. A. by | B. into | C. of | D. from |
| 72. A. reproductive | B. wasted | C. circulating | D. recyclable |
| 73. A. take | B. offer | C. steal | D. bring |
| 74. A. distribution | B. participation | C. approval | D. fertilization |
| 75. A. reproduce | B. fertilize | C. survive | D. exist |

Part 2.

Read the passage below and choose the best answer to each question

Lake Baikal, the world's largest lake, is located in southern Siberia, in Russia. It measures 395 miles long by 50 miles wide and it has 1,245 miles of coastline. The lake's rocky basin consists of three depressions, **which** hold a total volume of 14,656 cubic miles of water, 20 percent of the freshwater in the world. The lake is also very deep, with its deepest point at over 1 mile and an average depth of 2,066 feet. Furthermore, scientists have determined that Lake Baikal is the oldest lake in the world. From sediment obtained by drilling deep down below the lake, researchers estimate it to be at least 25 million years old.

To scientists, Lake Baikal is of particular interest because of its unique and isolated ecosystem. More than 1,000 species of plants and animals found at Lake Baikal exist nowhere else on earth and some can be dated to prehistoric times. Among its unique fauna is the Baikal freshwater seal. This creature, which local people call nerpa, is the only mammal which inhabits the lake. Researchers speculate that these seals, which have been breeding at Lake Baikal for 22 million years, are the descendents of ocean-dwelling seals which migrated inland in search of food, when the lake was still connected to the sea. Another creature that is unique to this Siberian Lake is the omu, a fish, which is caught by local fisherman and is considered a great delicacy.

For centuries, the water in Lake Baikal was so clear that it was possible to see down to depths of 40 to 60 feet. Several factors contributed to keeping the water crystal clear. First, the lake contained certain small zoo plankton and small crustaceans that consumed waterweeds, bacteria, and other material that would otherwise **cloud** the water. Furthermore, the water in the lake consisted of rainwater and melted snow that flowed down from a mountain range in about 300 streams and through uninhabited forest. Finally, most of the watershed has a rocky surface, so the water flowing into the lake did not accumulate mud or organic matter and had little mineral or chemical content.

76. The word "**which**" in the first paragraph refers to _____.

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| A. the rocky basin | B. the lake |
| C. the total water volume | D. three depressions |

77. All of the following is mentioned EXCEPT that _____.

- A. Lake Baikal is the world's largest lake
- B. Lake Baikal is located in Russia
- C. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world
- D. Lake Baikal is the oldest lake in the world

78. All of the following are true about Lake Baikal EXCEPT that _____.

- A. it has a great variety of fish
- B. it is near the sea
- C. it has the biggest amount of freshwater in the world
- D. it is about 25 million years old

79. Scientists are particularly interested in Lake Baikal because _____.

- A. its ecosystem is special
- B. the animals there are similar to elsewhere
- C. it has more species of plants than anywhere else
- D. it is isolated

80. Baikal fresh seal is _____.

- A. the only habitants of the lake Baikal
- B. only found in the lake Baikal
- C. has been breeding at the lake for 32 million years
- D. a species of plant

81. Omu is mentioned in the passage as _____.

- A. a local fisherman
- B. an animal migrating in land from the sea
- C. descendents of ocean-dwelling seals
- D. an animal unique to the lake

82. The water of the lake Baikal is _____.

- A. transparent
- B. toxic
- C. made of crystal
- D. used to make crystal

83. According to the passage, there are _____ factors contributing to the clarity of the water in Lake Baikal.

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 4

84. The word **cloud** in the final paragraph can be best replaced by _____.

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

85. The water in the lake is from all of the following EXCEPT _____.

- A. snow
- B. rainwater
- C. streams
- D. forests

SECTION 4. WRITING Part 1:

Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed before

86. The storm blew the roof off the house.

The house _____.

87. This is the quickest way to get into the town centre.

There is no _____.

88. You were rude to that woman's husband, and she's upset now.

The woman _____.

89. The only way to eliminate world terrorism is by united opposition. Eliminate.

Only by _____.

90. Thousands of people were unable to get to work because of the bad weather.

The bad weather _____.

91. They arrived very late because they had a flat tire.

If _____.

92. Driving on the left feels strange to him.

He isn't _____.

93. He was annoyed because his secretary came late for work.

He objected _____.

94. Susan started keeping a diary five years ago.

Susan _____.

95. Someone has suggested abolishing income tax.

It _____.

Part 2:

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

96. The teacher postponed the class trip until the summer term. (**off**)

The class trip _____ the teacher until the summer term.

97. "What is the width of this cupboard?" Rebecca asked her sister. (**wide**)

Rebecca asked her sister _____ was.

98. George spent ages tidying up his room. (**took**)

It _____ up his room.

99. A famous architect designed Dr Schneider's house for her. (**had**)

Dr Schneider _____ a famous architect.

100. "Peter, you've eaten all the ice cream!" said his mother. (**accused**)

Peter's mother _____ all the ice cream.

