

UNIT 9 – PRACTICE 3

Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.

1. a. dune b. funny c. hummock d. shrub
2. a. shurb b. delicious c. stretch d. branch
3. a. desert b. sandy c. across d. slopes
4. a. salt b. slope c. water d. short
5. a. mystery b. river c. territory d. corridor

Choose the word that has the main stress placed differently from that of the others.

6. a. desert b. hummock c. aerial d. enormous
7. a. interpreter b. aborigines c. European d. eucalyptus
8. a. Australia b. territory c. society d. petroleum
9. a. camel b. cactus c. crocodile d. banana
10. a. scientific b. expedition c. spinifex d. geographical

Choose the word or phrase - a, b, c or d - that best completes the sentence.

11. They continued their journey _____ the Sahara Desert.
a. over b. along c. across d. throughout
12. Most of the Sahara consists rocky; large sand dunes form only a minor part.
a. on b. of c. on d. with
13. Dry salt lakes _____ 70 kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide lie between long dunes.
a. to b. with c. of d. up to
14. Finally, the great expedition _____ for the long journey to the Sahara Desert.
a. went out b. came through c. set off d. got over
15. Many people think of deserts as barren region that many species of plants and animals have _____ to life there.
a. adapted b. survived c. altered d. reorganized
16. One report states that all of Africa could eventually become a/an _____ desert.
a. extreme b. magnificent c. significant d. massive
17. The Sahara is _____ southward at a rate of 30 miles per year.
a. expanding b. covering c. stretching d. sloping

18. The spreading of deserts is known as _____.
a. deserting b. desertation c. desertion d. desertification
19. The highest _____ in the Sahara is Emi Koussi (3415m) in the Tibesti Mountains in northern Chad.
a. point b. peak c. edge d. slope
20. The land loses its protective cover of _____ and soon turns into desert.
a. vegetables b. vegetative c. vegetation d. vegetal
21. A(n) _____ is an area of flat land that is higher than the land around it.
a. dune b. slope c. oasis d. tableland
22. After three hours of climbing, we finally reached the _____ of the mountain.
a. crest b. steep c. corridor d. foot
23. Dominant _____ in the Sahara are various Berber groups including Tuareg tribes.
a. ethnic b. ethnicity c. ethnicities d. ethnically
24. As the clouds drifted away an even higher peak became _____ to the climbers.
a. sighted b. visible c. obvious d. apparent
25. The Sahara _____ the continent of Africa into North and Sub-Saharan Africa,
a. separates b. diverges c. detachs d. divides
26. The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, _____ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.
a. whereas b. because c. though d. however
27. The building has a smoke detector _____ any fires can be detected immediately.
a. so that b. whereas c. but d. in case
28. Not everyone is happy about the new timetable. There are, _____, a number of advantages to it.
a. consequently b. but c. however d. moreover
29. Neither Jane nor I _____ to New York before.
a. was b. were c. has been d. have been
30. We're making a lot of progress, _____ we've still got a long way to go.
a. so b. and c. but d. for
31. There has been _____ media coverage of the coming election that people have got bored with it.
a. too much b. so many c. so much d. such a

32. I'd like a job that pays more, but _____ I enjoy the work I'm doing at the moment.
a. on the one hand b. on the other hand c. addition d. as a result
33. I'll do the washing up if my wife really wants me to _____.
a. and I'd rather she didn't b. so I'd rather she does
c. but I'd rather she did d. however, I'd rather she will
34. In some rural areas of this country, health care _____ by only a small number of doctors and nurses.
a. is providing b. provided c. provides d. is being provided
35. Morgan stopped working as a doctor in 1973. _____, he remained active in medical research until his death.
a. Therefore b. Nevertheless c. Otherwise d. Consequently
36. _____ hadn't understood his _____ asked him to repeat what he'd said.
a. directions. Therefore, I b. directions, and I
c. directions because I d. directions. However, I
37. I studied English for four years in high school. _____ had trouble talking with people when I was traveling in the U.S.
a. Therefore, I b. Otherwise, I c. Although I d. However, I
38. Not only my children but also I _____ from walking so far.
a. are tired b. am tired c. have tired d. were tired
39. My sister broke her leg in two places. _____, she had to wear a cast and use crutches for three months.
a. Moreover b. However c. Consequently d. For that
40. _____ your timely warning, we would have been unaware of the danger.
a. Despite b. But for c. Because of d. Instead of

Read the passage carefully, then choose the correct answer.

Most people think of deserts as dry, flat areas with little vegetation and little or no rainfall, but this is hardly true. Many deserts have varied geographical formations ranging from soft, rolling hills to stark, jagged cliffs, and most deserts have a permanent source of water. Although deserts do not receive a high amount of rainfall - to be classified as a desert, an area must get less than twenty-five centimeters of rainfall per year - there are many plants that thrive on only small amounts of water, and deserts are often full of such plant life.

Desert plants have a variety of mechanism for obtaining the water needed for survival. Some plants, such as cactus, are able to store large amounts of water in their leaves or stems; after a

rainfall these plants absorb a large supply of water to last until the next rainfall. Other plants, such as the mesquite, have extraordinarily deep root systems that allow them to obtain water from far below the desert's arid surface.

41. What is the main topic of the passage?
- Deserts are dry, flat areas with few plants.
 - There is little rainfall in the desert.
 - Many kinds of vegetation can survive with little water.
 - Deserts are not really flat areas with little plant life.
42. The passage implies that _____.
- the typical conception of a desert is incorrect
 - all deserts are dry, flat areas
 - most people are well informed about deserts
 - the lack of rainfall in deserts causes the lack of vegetation.
43. The passage describes the geography of deserts as _____.
- flat
 - sandy
 - varied
 - void of vegetation
44. According to the passage, what causes an area to be classified as a desert?
- The type of plants
 - The geographical formations
 - The amount of precipitation
 - The source of water
45. Which of the following is mentioned in the passage about cacti?
- They have deep root systems.
 - They retain water from one rainfall to the next.
 - They survive in the desert because they do not need water.
 - They get water from deep below the surface of the desert.

From the words or phrases - a, b, c or d - choose the one that best completes the sentences.

46. _____, she could not answer the questions.
- Not reading the article
 - Not having read the article
 - Having not read the article
 - Not read the article
47. The students liked that professor's course _____.
- therefore there was a lot of homework
 - if there was more homework
 - so that there was no homework
 - because there was little or no homework
48. Thomas Eakins studied _____ when he was training to become an artist,
- not only painting but also anatomy
 - painting and anatomy as well
 - painting nor anatomy
 - neither painting or anatomy
49. _____ that few buildings were left standing in the town.
- Such was the strength of the earthquake
 - So strong the earthquake was

- c. Such the strength of the earthquake was
 - d. So was the strength of the earthquake
50. Skiing is a popular American sport, _____.
- a. however it is quite expensive
 - b. despite its quite expensive
 - c. even though it is quite expensive
 - d. it is quite expensive