

I. Multiple choice

Choose the word which has a different stress pattern from the others.

1. A. beauty B. career C. fireworks D. harvest
2. A. award B. drama C. actor D. hero

Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

3. A. solar B. biogas C. hydroelectric D. environment
4. A. renewable B. energy C. plentiful D. electric

5. All critics said the film was really _____; nevertheless, I was so _____ that I saw it from beginning to end.

- A. interesting – boring B. boring – interesting
- C. interested - bored D. boring - interested

7. _____ having a happy ending, the film starts with a terrible accident.

- A. Despite B. Although C. However D. Nevertheless

8. In spite of the silly _____, many people enjoyed that comedy.

- A. actor B. scene C. character D. plot

9. Although the acting is wonderful, the ending is very _____

- A. exciting B. fantastic C. interesting D. boring

10. They spent a huge amount of money on the film; _____, it was not a big success

- A. although B. however C. but D. because

11. _____ Johnny Depp is a famous actor, he has failed in his recent films.

- A. Although B. Despite C. However D. Because

12. Who is going to _____ the Oscar for Best Actor this year?

- A. get B. take C. win D. pass

13. The film Titanic was the most successful – it _____ \$1.750 million and _____ eleven Oscars.

- A. did - got B. made - won C. won - made D. got - did

14. Charlie Chaplin was the most famous _____ of the silent films.

- A. star B. acting C. plot D. scene

15. Cameron Diaz and Julia Roberts are the best-paid actresses – both _____ \$20 million for their last films.

- A. took B. did C. paid D. earned

16. Does your bike ever _____ down on the way to school?

- A. break B. take C. do D. turn

17. I _____ go on foot when I was in primary school.

- A. have to B. used to C. can D. may

18. Give a _____ before you turn left or right.

- A. sign B. turn C. sound D. signal

20. A lot of dancers go to Rio de Janeiro to _____ the Rio Carnival.

- A. join B. perform C. attend D. appear

21. Everybody attends the festival _____ fun.

- A. with B. for C. in D. of

22. On Thanksgiving, families and friends _____ to have a feast.

- A. meet B. arrive C. gather D. appear

23. The end of the film was so _____.

- A. moved B. moving C. move D. moveable

24. Although they spent a lot of money on the film, it wasn't a big _____.

- A. success B. failure C. performance D. show

25. _____ the film was gripping, Tom slept from beginning to end.

- A. However B. Although C. In spite of D. Despite

II. Word form

1. A masquerade is a _____ gathering of people wearing masks, (festival)
2. We went out for a _____ dinner at a nearby beach restaurant, (celebrate)
3. _____ in a lion dance outfit show off their moves at the Rio Carnival, (perform)
4. The Rio Carnival Samba _____ are known as the greatest show on Earth! (parade)
5. This is an movie. I was afraid when watching it. (frighten)
6. My daughter felt at my gift on her birthday. (excite)
7., fossil fuels are harmful to the environment. (fortunate)

III. Verb form

1. you (wait) for her when her plane arrives tonight?
2. Don't phone me between 7 and 8. We (have) dinner then.
3. I (send) you my book tomorrow.
4. We hope the new Director (find) more jobs for his employees.

5. Nam is a hard-working student. He (pass) the exam easily this year.

IV. Reading

Running of The Bulls - Pamplona, Spain

The Running of the Bulls is a (1) _____ of the famous San Fermin festival - a practice that involves running in front of a small group of bulls (typically a dozen) that have been let loose on a course of a town's streets. A first firework is set off at 8 a.m. to alert the runners that the corral gate is (2) _____. A second firework signals that all six bulls have (3) _____ released. The third and fourth fireworks are signals that all of the herd has entered the bullring, marking the end of the event. Every year between 200 and 300 people (4) _____ injured during the run (5) _____ most injuries are due to falls and are not serious. So you think you support it?

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| 1. A. part | B. whole | C. section | D. piece |
| 2. A. to close | B. closed | C. open | D. opening |
| 3. A. be | B. been | C. being | D. to be |
| 4. A. are | B. were | C. have been | D. had been |
| 5. A. because | B. so | C. although | D. but |

I'll never forget my visit to Hong Kong. When I arrived, everybody was very busy with the preparations involved. The atmosphere was fantastic. There were bright colours and delicious smells everywhere. The local people were cleaning every corner of their houses and decorating the walls with red pieces of paper. Another custom is to cook fish on New Year's Eve and eat it the next day. My friend told me that they wanted to have something to eat on the first day of the year.

I was really looking forward to New Year's Eve Dinner. The whole family got together and everyone was really happy. I noticed that the grandparents and parents gave children red envelopes with money inside. After dinner they all started playing cards for good luck. Nobody went to sleep before midnight. At midnight the great event begins: fireworks! I was really amazed. All around the city I could see and hear colourful fireworks. It was incredible and I was really excited.

Answer the questions below

1. How was Hong Kong when the writer arrived?
2. Why do people cook fish on New Year's Eve?
3. What did grandparents and parents do during New Year's Eve Dinner?
4. Did anybody go to sleep early?

V. Writing

1. My uncle drove carelessly some years ago, but now he doesn't. (USED)

2. Although she is so young, she performs excellently. (AGE)

3. Critics found his performance as King Lear disappointing. (AT)

Critics were

4. The music festival was held although the weather was bad yesterday, (In spite of)

The music festival

5. The festival took place in a remote area. However, a lot of people attended it. (although)

6. They will use biogas for cooking soon.

(BE)

Biogas _____ for cooking soon.

7. When more people drive cars, we will release more carbon dioxide into the air.

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