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Thời gian làm bài: 120 phút (Không kể thời gian giao đề)

I. LISTENING (15 pts)

A. You will hear a man called Toby Merchant talking on the radio about his job as an engineer with a company called Atkins Engineering. The recording will be played twice.

1. When did Toby get a job with Atkins Engineering?
A. when he was a university student.
B. as soon as he finished university
C. six months after he finished university.
2. What is Toby working on at the moment?
A. a new motorway. B. houses and flats. C. a new airport.
3. When Toby began working, he was surprised to spend so much time
A. talking to other people.
B. sitting in an office.
C. designing buildings
4. Young people often don't choose engineering because they think
A. It's hard to get a job.
B. It's probably boring
C. It's not very well paid.
5. What is a disadvantage of the job for Toby?
A. He finds it difficult to take holidays
B. He can't organize his spare time
C. He works too many hours
6. When Toby was at school, what job did he want to have?
A. a doctor B. an architect C. an engineer

B. You will hear a man talking on the radio about a new sports and fitness centre. Fill in the missing information in the numbered space. The recording will be played twice.

- The sport centre opens on (7)_____.
- The fitness centre has a view across the (8)_____.
- The indoor sports offered are (9)_____ volleyball, (10)_____ and (11)_____.
- The new swimming pool is (12)_____ metres in length.
- You can book a class at (13)_____ or by (14)_____.
- (15)_____ pay less on Wednesdays.

II. PHONETICS (4 pts)

Pick out the word that has the underlined syllable pronounced differently from the others.

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| 16. A. naked <u>ed</u> | B. sacred <u>ed</u> | C. wicked <u>ed</u> | D. looked <u>ed</u> |
| 17. A. mach <u>ine</u> | B. mat <u>ch</u> es | C. wat <u>ch</u> ing | D. kit <u>ch</u> en |
| 18. A. rob <u>b</u> er | B. lob <u>s</u> ter | C. clim <u>b</u> er | D. ker <u>b</u> |
| 19. A. be <u>a</u> ch | B. gr <u>ea</u> t | C. incre <u>a</u> se | D. le <u>a</u> k |

III. LEXICO-GRAMMAR (21 pts)

A. Select the best option for each of the following questions from 20 to 40.

20. You should pay _____ to what the instructor is saying.
A. attendance B. intention C. convention D. attention
21. Do you usually go _____ your notes before class?
A. over B. by C. on D. off
22. This ticket _____ one person to the museum.
A. admits B. enters C. permits D. allows
23. We're going to lose the game _____ our team starts playing better soon
A. if B. unless C. although D. since
24. New teachers have to _____ the respect of their students.
A. show B. take C. find D. earn

25. You can't stop me _____ what I want.
A. to do B. do C. doing D. that I do
26. Let's go downtown tonight, _____?
A. won't we B. shall we C. won't you D. let not you?
27. After Nancy _____ for forty minutes, she began to feel tired.
A. has been jogging B. has jogged.
C. jogging D. had been jogging
28. I don't blame you for not _____ outside in this awful weather.
A. wanting to go B. wanting go C. want to go D. to want
29. I have three brothers, _____ are businessmen.
A. all of whom B. who all of them.
C. that all of them D. who they all
30. Sue's heart was full _____ hope when she received the results.
A. in B. for C. with D. of
31. Your car is different _____ mine.
A. at B. of C. to D. from
32. "Many happy returns!" – "_____!"
A. Thanks B. The same to you C. You too D. Good luck
33. The jokes Jack tells are as old as _____.
A. the earth B. the mountains C. the hills D. the oceans
34. Matt will enjoy skiing more the next time he goes to the Alps _____ he has had skiing lessons.
A. and B. whereas C. because D. before
35. His father is a bank manager, _____ makes him easy to have a good job.
A. whom B. who C. that D. which
36. Actually it's a very friendly dog. If you _____ it, it _____ you.
A. touched/ wouldn't bite B. touch/ won't bite
C. touched/ would bite D. had touched it/ wouldn't have bitten

37. Pete: What a fantastic cook you are, Margaret!

Margaret: _____

A. Sorry, I don't think so.

B. No, no, it's not true.

C. It's kind of you to say so.

D. I'd prefer it.

38. She turned _____ the new job in New York, because she didn't want to move.

A. on

B. down

C. off

D. up

39. Steve: If you ask me, action movies are great.

Mariana: _____

A. You can say that again!

B. Sure. It's my pleasure.

C. That's that.

D. Never mind!

40. Jane _____ a car with the money he'd won in the lottery.

A. suggested that Pete bought

B. suggested Pete to buy

C. suggested that Pete buy

D. suggested that Pete must buy

B. Supply the appropriate form of the words in the brackets from questions 41 to 50. (10 pts)

Eg. Our city has some open spaces but they are not very accessible. (ACCESS)

41. The _____ made the job sound very exciting but in fact it was pretty boring.

(ADVERTISE)

42. Many people enjoy the pleasures and _____ of living in a city centre.

(CONVENIENT)

43. All the _____ had to take part in tests for drugs before the race could start.

(COMPETE)

44. Pete's clothes are always ten years out of date, which is why he always looks so _____.

(FASHION)

45. John Irving is my favourite _____ and I've just finished his latest book.

(NOVEL)

46. The cruise ship that we were on was fantastic – there were different _____ every evening, including a jazz singer and an amazing magician. (ENTERTAIN)

47. That soup was very _____. Could I have some more? (TASTE)
48. I really enjoy doing _____ experiments and finding out how things work. (SCIENCE)
49. The most useful _____ of the past few decades must be the clockwork radio. (INVENT)
50. The next stage in the development of television is _____. (INTERACT)

IV. READING COMPREHENSION (30 pts)

A. Read the following passage and select the best answer to each of the questions (10 pts)

Alfred Bernhard Nobel, a Swedish inventor and philanthropist, bequeathed most of his vast fortune in trust as a fund from which annual prizes could be awarded to individuals and organizations who had achieved the greatest benefit to humanity in a particular year. Originally, there were six classifications for outstanding contributions designated in Nobel's will, including chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature and international peace.

The prizes are administered by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm. In 1969, a prize for economics endowed by the Central Bank of Sweden was added. Candidates for the prizes must be nominated in writing a qualified authority in the field of competition. Recipients in physics, chemistry, and economics are selected by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; and physiology or medicine by the Caroline Institute; in literature by the Swedish Academy; and in peace by the Norwegian Nobel Committee appointed by Norway's parliament. The prizes are usually in Stockholm on December 10, with the King of Sweden officiating, an appropriate tribute Alfred Nobel on the anniversary of his death. Each one includes a gold medal, a diploma, and a cash award of about one million dollars.

51. *What does this passage mainly discuss?*

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| A. Swedish philanthropy | B. The Nobel prizes |
| C. Great contributions to mankind | D. Alfred Bernhard Nobel |

52. *Why were the prizes named for Alfred Bernhard Nobel?*
A. He won the first Nobel prize for his work in philanthropy.
B. He serves as chairman of the committee to choose the recipients.
C. He left money in his will to establish a fund for the prizes.
D. He is now living in Sweden.
53. *How often are the Nobel prizes awarded?*
A. Once every two years. B. Twice a year.
C. Five times a year. D. Once a year.
54. *The word "outstanding" in line 5 most closely means _____.*
A. established B. unusual C. exceptional D. recent
55. *The word "endowed" in line 9 could best be replaced by _____.*
A. owned B. taken C. invested D. provided
56. *A Nobel prize would NOT be given to _____.*
A. a composer who wrote a symphony
B. an author who wrote a novel
C. a diplomat who negotiated a peace
D. a doctor who discovered a vaccine
57. *The word "one" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.*
A. tribute B. anniversary C. candidate D. prize
58. *The word "appropriate" in the passage most closely means _____.*
A. suitable B. transitory C. customary D. prestigious
59. *Which individual or organization serves as administrator for the trust?*
A. The Nobel Foundation.
B. Swedish and Norwegian academies and institutes.
C. The King of Sweden.
D. The Central Bank of Sweden.
60. *Why are the awards presented on December 10?*
A. The Central Bank of Sweden administers the trust.
B. Alfred Bernhard Nobel died on that day.
C. That date was established in Alfred Nobel's will.
D. It is a tribute to the King of Sweden.

B. Choose the best word that fits each gap of the passage. (10 pts)

(61)_____ communication, or "body language", is communication by (62)_____ expressions, head or eye (63)_____, hand signals and body postures. It can be just as important to understand as words are. (64)_____ – often amusing but sometimes serious – can arise between people from different cultures if they (65)_____ nonverbal signals. For example, (66)_____ the differences in meaning of a gesture that is very common in the United States: a circle (67)_____ with the thumb and (68)_____ finger. To an American, it means that everything is OK. To a Japanese, it means that you are talking about money. In France, it means that something is worthless. Meanwhile in Greece, it is an obscene (69)_____. Therefore, an American could unknowingly (70)_____ a Greek by using that particular hand signal.

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| 61. A. instant | B. speakable | C. non-verbal | D. verbal |
| 62. A. vocal. | B. showing | C. expressing | D. facial |
| 63. A. movements | B. gestures | C. sight | D. balls |
| 64. A. disappointing | B. misusing | C. misunderstandings | D. talking |
| 65. A. understand | B. happen | C. use | D. misinterpret |
| 66. A. make | B. take | C. do | D. use |
| 67. A. done | B. made | C. offered | D. used |
| 68. A. ring | B. little | C. index | D. middle |
| 69. A. gesture | B. attitude | C. behavior | D. polite |
| 70. A. attack | B. offend | C. satisfy | D. spoil |

C. Fill in each numbered space with one appropriate word (10 pts)

One of the main sources for the spreading of the news and events (71)_____ the world is the newspaper. The purpose of newspaper is to (72)_____ the public of political, social, economic and entertainment happenings, among other things.

Generally, there are three (73)_____ of newspapers: daily newspapers, weekly newspapers, and special interest newspapers. Daily newspapers (74)_____ at least one edition every weekday. Most dailies also have a weekend (75)_____. Daily newspapers often have sections (76)_____ news, sports, arts and entertainment, business and classified advertising. Weekly newspapers print (77)_____ a week

and covers news of interest to readers in a smaller area (78)_____ that of daily paper. They focus on local happenings (79)_____ than national or international events. Special-interest newspapers may publish daily, weekly, monthly, or even less frequently.

(80)_____ the development of the Internet, we can now get access to electronic newspapers. To some extent, e-newspapers are cheap, up-to-date, and convenient for most readers in the world.

V. WRITING (20 pts)

A. Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. (8 pts)

81. My mother is in her eighties, but she is still remarkably active.

Although _____.

82. "Why don't we go to the cinema tonight?" said Tam.

Tam suggested _____.

83. Miss Jones is the best teacher in this school.

There is no _____.

84. "I don't think John will come", said Bill.

Bill doubted _____.

85. John has not had his hair cut for over six months.

It is _____.

86. Thanks for reminding me about his meeting, otherwise I would have missed it.

If you _____.

87. "I'm sorry, I was rude to you yesterday, Peter" Tom said

Tom apologised _____.

88. We spend five hours getting to London.

It takes _____.

B. Composition (12 pts)

Films can tell us a lot about the country where they were made. What have you learned about country from watching its movies? Use specific examples and details to support your response.

(Write at least 150 words)