

PART 1

For questions 1-12, read the text below and decide which answer A, B, C or D best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0

A first

B ideal

C special

D best

1	A	B	C	D
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THE BEST STUDENTS

According to most professors, mature students are (0) ideal students because they are hard-working and become actively (1) _____ in all aspects of the learning process.

The majority of mature students have a poor educational background but they (2) _____ to do exceptionally well at tertiary level. (3) _____ many of them have a mortgage, a job and children to (4) _____, they are always present at seminars and lectures and always hand (5) _____ essays on time. They like studying and writing essays and they enjoy the class discussions that take place. Consequently, they (6) _____ excellent results. In fact, as they have (7) _____ many of life's pleasures, they are content with their lives and this has a positive (8) _____ on their attitude, making them (9) _____ to learn.

On the other hand, despite their enthusiasm and commitment, mature students (10) _____ from anxiety. The fact that they have made many sacrifices to get into university puts extra pressure on them to succeed.

(11) _____, completing a degree gives mature students a sense of achievement, boosts their confidence and (12) _____ their job prospects.

ANSWER SHEET

1 A included	B related	C involved	D combined
2 A able	B succeed	C manage	D capable
3 A Although	B Despite	C However	D In spite of
4 A grow	B develop	C rise	D raise
5 A in	B over	C out	D up
6 A fulfil	B achieve	C reach	D earn
7 A known	B experienced	C found out	D recognised
8 A effect	B affect	C conclusion	D consequence
9 A eager	B anxious	C interested	D impatient
10 A tolerate	B resist	C suffer	D complain
11 A Likewise	B Furthermore	C Nevertheless	D Otherwise
12 A creates	B improves	C progresses	D advances

1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
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10	A	B	C	D
11	A	B	C	D
12	A	B	C	D

PART 2

For questions 13-24, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each space. Use only one word in each space. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0 down

TV RATINGS

As you settle (0) *down* in front of your television, have you (13) _____ wondered how TV ratings are calculated? Don't worry, we're not (14) _____ watched while we're in front of the TV. It's the Audience Research Board (ARB) that works (15) _____ the ratings for each programme. To (16) _____ this, the board appoints researchers whose task is to choose from a sample of viewers, who receive a small payment for (17) _____ cooperation. To gather the required information, the researchers connect the viewer's TV set and video recorder to electronic meters which record when these appliances are turned on and off and what is being viewed.

There is a difference (18) _____ counting TV programmes and those recorded on video. To count the latter, the day, time and channel are imprinted by the electronic meter. (19) _____, only when the video is watched does the programme recorder on the meter become activated. It sounds complicated but the ARB need to separate live recordings (20) _____ taped ones.

(21) _____ problem is the number of viewers in one household. If there is

(22) _____ than one viewer, then the household is given a special remote control.

Finally, (23) _____ all the figures are collected, they are compared to the TV guides and

(24) _____ the end the national viewing figures are calculated.

ANSWER SHEET

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PART 3

For questions 25-34, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of each line to form a word that fits in the space in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). Write your word on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0 philosopher 0

PYTHAGORAS

Pythagoras was a (0) philosopher born on the Aegean island of Samos. He was well known as a great (25) _____ and his academic excellence has been (26) _____ for over 2000 years. As a young man, he travelled and was (27) _____ influenced by some (28) _____ ideas he came across in Egypt and Babylon. Over time, he made (29) _____ mathematical investigations, which included "Pythagoras' Theorem", a great (30) _____ stating that the square of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is equal to the sum of the squares. In (31) _____, Pythagoras was one of the earliest (32) _____ to suggest that the earth was a sphere revolving around a (33) _____ fire. Without doubt, his (34) _____ to the scientific world will always be acknowledged.

PHILOSOPHY	
MATHEMATICS	
RESPECT	
GREAT	
REMARK	
EXTEND	
DISCOVER	
ADD	
- SCIENCE	
CENTRE	
CONTRIBUTE	

ANSWER SHEET

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PART 4

For questions 35-42, 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. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example at the beginning (O). Write only the missing words on the separate answer sheet.

→ Example: 0 When I was younger, I played tennis every Sunday.
used When I was younger, I used to play tennis every Sunday.

O *used to play* O

35 Judy is as old as Helen.

same Judy _____ Helen.

36 I would strongly advise you to apologise for your mistake.

better You _____ your mistake.

37 Take a coat because it might get colder in the evening.

case Take a coat
colder in the evening.

38 They had to postpone the match until Friday.

off The match until Friday.

39 Although he tries hard, he never manages to win a game.

matter He never manages to win a game he tries.

40 "No, I won't pick you up from the airport." said Nick to James.

refused Nick _____ from the airport.

41 You won't become fitter if you don't exercise more.

unless You won't become fitter more.

42 You should learn how to operate the washing machine.

about It is how to operate the washing machine.

ANSWER SHEET

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HERE

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41		41
42		42

GRAMMAR

1. _____ a doctor's appointment tomorrow?
 a. Have got
 b. Do you have
 c. you have
 d. You have
2. When I _____ the book, I'll return it to the library.
 a. will finish
 b. will have finished
 c. finish
 d. am finishing
3. She has many friends, one of _____ is a doctor.
 a. which
 b. that
 c. whom
 d. whose
4. My bike is the same _____ yours.
 a. to
 b. with
 c. like
 d. as
5. "I want to go to Eurodisney this year."
 "So _____ my brother."
 a. wants
 b. does
 c. is
 d. will
6. My husband prefers to cook rather than _____ the dishes.
 a. to wash
 b. washing
 c. to washing
 d. wash
7. Your car is twice _____ mine.
 a. as big as
 b. bigger than
 c. big to
 d. more bigger than
8. If only I _____ on vacation now.
 a. had been
 b. would be
 c. were
 d. have been
9. Our house looks dirty. It must definitely _____ this summer.
 a. been painted
 b. be painted
 c. being painted
 d. have been painted
10. She has her brother _____ the dishes every morning.
 a. do
 b. to do
 c. done
 d. doing
11. A friend of _____ called this afternoon.
 a. you
 b. your
 c. yourself
 d. yours
12. When the firefighters arrived, the fire was out of control but they managed to put it _____.
 a. off
 b. out
 c. up
 d. through
13. They wondered _____ the letter yet.
 a. if I had received
 b. if had I received
 c. whether did I receive
 d. whether have I received
14. She didn't go _____ last night. She stayed at home.
 a. somewhere
 b. nowhere
 c. everywhere
 d. anywhere

15. _____ earlier about your coming, we would have prepared something to eat.

- If we had informed
- If we were informed
- Had we informed
- Had we been informed

16. Sally bought _____ furniture that her apartment looks great after the renovation.

- such a nice
- so a nice
- such nice
- so nice

17. He _____ have caused the accident; he's a careful driver.

- can't
- mustn't
- didn't have to
- wouldn't

18. She _____ this book for five months.

- is reading
- reads
- has read
- has been reading

19. My father suggested _____ the National Museum.

- to visit
- us to visit
- us visit
- visiting

20. Susan always dresses _____ her mother.

- as
- such as
- the same like
- like

21. _____ the hotel was very luxurious, Alan was not satisfied with anything.

- Despite
- Even though
- Despite of
- In spite of

22. She was so beautiful in that dress that I couldn't take my eyes _____ her.

- from
- out of
- by
- off

23. Chris would rather _____ to work today.

- to not go
- not to go
- not go
- don't go

24. It was the first time she _____ sushi.

- has ever tasted
- had ever tasted
- ever tastes
- was ever tasted

25. Our teacher gave us _____ homework for the weekend.

- far much
- too much
- such much
- a lot much

26. We objected _____ on vacation alone.

- to his going
- him going
- him to go
- his to go

27. It wasn't long _____ I realised I had lost my wallet.

- when
- before
- just as
- as soon as

28. The new government promised to bring _____ changes in the country's economy.

- about
- up
- along
- back

29. It's about time she _____ studying for her exams.

- starts
- started
- has started
- had started

30. You had better _____ to Jeremy for your bad behaviour.

- apologise
- to apologise
- apologised
- have apologised

ECCE test

31. I always shop _____ credit because I don't want to carry cash on me.

- a. by
- b. with
- c. on
- d. in

32. Why not _____ camping this year?

- a. to go
- b. to going
- c. go
- d. going

33. I will write to you provided you _____ back.

- a. will write
- b. have written
- c. write
- d. wrote

34. Anne accused Tim _____ breaking her sunglasses.

- a. of
- b. for
- c. about
- d. to

35. She's clearly superior _____ the other candidates; she should definitely get the job.

- a. of
- b. from
- c. to
- d. on

VOCABULARY

36. I _____ an ironic tone in his voice when I spoke to him about my promotion.

- a. detected
- b. found out
- c. discovered
- d. invented

37. The demonstrators asked the _____ to join in the demonstration.

- a. witnesses
- b. sightseers
- c. onlookers
- d. viewers

38. A lot of famous artists have _____ themselves how to paint.

- a. learnt
- b. educated
- c. instructed
- d. taught

39. The zoologist was studying the _____ of tigers in their natural habitat.

- a. attitude
- b. behaviour
- c. mood
- d. temper

40. This weekend I have more homework than _____.

- a. usual
- b. regular
- c. typical
- d. ordinary

41. Over the years we have grown rather fond of foreign _____.

- a. expedition
- b. excursion
- c. travel
- d. voyage

42. Curry powder is _____ to most European dishes.

- a. strange
- b. peculiar
- c. foreign
- d. unaware

43. There will be a one-hundred-dollar _____ for anyone who finds my Siamese cat.

- a. bonus
- b. donation
- c. award
- d. reward

44. Kim got a twenty per cent _____ when she bought her vacuum cleaner during the sales.

- account
- fee
- receipt
- discount

45. I _____ Craig thirty dollars, but I can't pay him back until I get paid.

- borrow
- let
- owe
- own

46. I don't usually carry _____. I prefer to use my credit card.

- change
- currency
- budget
- cash

47. Famous people know that even when they wear dark glasses, they are sometimes _____.

- realised
- recognised
- distinguished
- neglected

48. You shouldn't _____ that your house is safe just because you have installed a burglar alarm.

- guess
- assume
- estimate
- appreciate

49. His _____ as mayor was an occasion for celebration.

- selection
- choice
- election
- option

50. "Be _____, Jack! How can I lend you my car when you're only fifteen."

- responsible
- reliable
- relevant
- reasonable

51. You _____ something about a reduction in prices. What did you mean by that?

- reported
- mentioned
- referred
- expressed

52. He gave me detailed _____ how to operate the fax machine.

- directions
- recipe
- advice
- instructions

53. The Supreme Court _____ the appeal due to lack of evidence.

- rejected
- resisted
- denied
- refused

54. Trespassing is _____ and offenders will be prosecuted.

- prevented
- convicted
- prohibited
- sentenced

55. Two police officers _____ the bank robbers who ran down the alley.

- hunted
- chased
- banned
- forbade

56. I pretended to be sick so that I wouldn't have to do my homework, but my mother knew that I was trying to _____ her.

- cheat
- blackmail
- pursue
- deceive

57. The Titanic sank after _____ an iceberg.

- hitting
- knocking
- beating
- omitting

ECCE test

58. Cyclists should always wear helmets to _____ their heads in case of an accident.

- a. secure
- b. defend
- c. protect
- d. save

59. Mary is very _____ to criticism so be careful what you say.

- a. sensitive
- b. sensible
- c. sensational
- d. emotional

60. The police officer waved her hand as a _____ for the driver to stop.

- a. notice
- b. warning
- c. caution
- d. signal

61. I have never played golf, as it's never _____ to me.

- a. impressed
- b. appealed
- c. attracted
- d. urged

62. _____ me to show you the way.

- a. Accept
- b. Oblige
- c. Allow
- d. Let

63. The exam _____ will be out tomorrow.

- a. results
- b. effects
- c. influences
- d. consequences

64. Don't throw that box away! It may _____ in handy.

- a. come
- b. get
- c. be
- d. go

65. I think that Cathy has become _____ to chocolate. She eats at least four bars a day.

- a. fond
- b. keen
- c. addicted
- d. adjusted

66. I disliked the place the moment I _____ eyes on it.

- a. put
- b. kept
- c. set
- d. got

67. Andrew _____ greater responsibilities when he was promoted.

- a. went over
- b. put up
- c. took on
- d. got over

68. This picture is _____ to one my mother has in her living room.

- a. identical
- b. same
- c. equal
- d. engaged

69. Every now and then, I _____ my grandparents a visit just to keep them company.

- a. give
- b. have
- c. take
- d. pay

70. When we got off the bus, the tour guide told us to _____ of pickpockets.

- a. beware
- b. warn
- c. compete
- d. distinguish