

Grammar, Vocabulary and How to ...

GRAMMAR

1 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

1 We ____ the play now if we hadn't missed the train.

- A are enjoying
- B will be enjoying
- C were to be enjoying
- D would be enjoying

2 The weather is ____ perfect for the outdoor events today.

- A very
- B extremely
- C relatively
- D quite

3 ____ is a large glass of cold water, please.

- A All what I need
- B That I need
- C All do I need
- D All I need

4 If the phone signal ____ better here, I would have phoned you when I arrived.

- A had
- B is
- C were
- D would

5 I ____ remember meeting your sister once at a party.

- A totally
- B vaguely
- C quite
- D very

6 A friendly workplace atmosphere is conducive ____ good productivity.

- A for
- B at
- C of
- D to

7 The teacher ____ the difficulties facing the students in the upcoming tests.

- A asserted
- B acknowledged
- C professed
- D commented

8 A ____ of getting your driving licence is that you pass an eye test.

- A responsibility
- B must
- C given
- D requirement

9 I ____ the validity of the evidence that had been presented.

- A argued
- B questioned
- C wondered
- D asked

10 People ____ seen trespassing on the property will be reported to the police.

- A who are
- B who
- C been
- D what have been

11 I think we ____ accept changes to the schedules unless they prove unworkable.

- A should
- B provided
- C otherwise
- D unless

12 I was ____ irritated by the building noise outside our office, but I managed to focus on the task at hand.

- A totally
- B slightly
- C fully
- D perfectly

13 ____ must be easier to get to college now you have a car.

- A There
- B It
- C You
- D What

14 When the film started, the main character ____ in a factory for very little money.

- A worked
- B had worked
- C was working
- D used to work

15 Please accept an invitation to visit the college ____ you are in the area.

- A however
- B whenever
- C then
- D what

16 I finally went to see the doctor yesterday because I ____ for several days.

- A coughed
- B was coughing
- C had coughed
- D had been coughing

- 17 The job would have gone smoothly ____ for a slight problem with the initial paperwork.
A if
B but
C unless
D without
- 18 Not until the report came in ____ how successful the project had been.
A we realised
B did we realise
C had we realised
D we had realised
- 19 The vegetables in the garden ____ by some small animals, but we can't catch them.
A are being eaten
B are eaten
C eaten
D were being eaten
- 20 I still cannot park properly between two cars, ____ often I practise.
A however
B how
C whatever
D whenever
- 21 I finally went into the interview ____ to wait in reception for an hour beforehand.
A asked
B asking
C being asked
D having been asked
- 22 A ____ was pencilled in but changed at the last moment.
A meeting of three hours
B three hours meeting
C three-hour meeting
D lasting three hours meeting
- 23 We need students ____ about the change to the timetable.
A to inform
B informing
C to be informed
D being informed
- 24 The sand on the beach was so hot ____ to be almost impossible to walk on barefoot.
A like
B as
C that
D much
- 25 If I'd finished my assignment last night, I ____ to the dinner party with you.
A will definitely come
B would definitely come
C had definitely come
D am definitely coming
- 26 ____ the chance to travel to the football finals in Panama is something I'd never expected.
A Given
B Giving
C Being given
D To give
- 27 The police had no hesitation ____ closing the motorway after the collision.
A for
B on
C in
D to
- 28 Peter is going to ____ our concerns at the next meeting of the committee.
A say
B assert
C raise
D cite
- 29 ____ by the promise of promotion, I took on a lot of extra work last month.
A Encouraging
B Encouraged
C Having encouraged
D Been encouraged
- 30 I'd look for a job in hospitality if the pay ____ higher.
A be
B is
C would be
D were
- 31 I ____ there were huge crowds at the film premiere in New York.
A could guess
B will guess
C would guess
D might guess
- 32 It wasn't so ____ the delicious taste of the food that surprised me as the great value.
A more
B as
C like
D much

33 I'm sure the roads ____ by now, so let's take the normal route home.

- A will clear
- B would have cleared
- C could be clearing
- D will have cleared

34 Both candidates were ____ as well-experienced, so choosing between them was difficult.

- A equally
- B easily
- C such
- D most

35 The instructions for the wifi router ____ considerably from what the technician told me to do.

- A change
- B differ
- C alter
- D vary

36 ____ an hour ago that the train was delayed by 20 minutes, it's ridiculous that it still hasn't arrived.

- A We are informed
- B Having been informed
- C Being informed
- D Informing us

37 It was the reaction of the audience ____ surprised me.

- A what
- B it
- C when
- D that

38 The other recipients of the email ____ to have been added in error.

- A are being thought
- B think
- C have thought
- D are thought

39 Not for a long time ____ such beautiful weather this late in the year.

- A we have had
- B we are having
- C have we had
- D we have been having

40 My manager ____ me extra work just when I think I'm finished for the day.

- A will be giving
- B won't give
- C would give
- D will give

VOCABULARY

2 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

41 There's been a ____ agreement between the company and employees that they can leave early on Fridays.

- A deeply-rooted
- B long-standing
- C widely-felt
- D long-accepted

42 People should get the same access to medical care ____ of where they live.

- A respectful
- B irrespective
- C disrespectful
- D unlinked

43 When telling jokes on stage to an appreciative audience Alexis is in his ____.

- A area
- B element
- C strides
- D patch

44 I got ten rejection letters after job applications, and it definitely ____ my confidence.

- A lost
- B soaked
- C watered
- D knocked

45 Paula ____ me in on the complaints you've been having recently, and I think I can help.

- A let
- B filled
- C allowed
- D completed

46 The meeting won't take longer than an hour, give or ____ a few minutes.

- A need
- B reduce
- C put
- D take

47 Please ____ my curiosity and tell me where you bought that amazing outfit.

- A accept
- B allow
- C reduce
- D satisfy

- 48 The team coach will select players for Saturday's match as he sees ____.
- A correct
 - B fit
 - C working
 - D acceptable
- 49 The results of the last two surveys will have a ____ on the future direction of the company.
- A link
 - B reflection
 - C lasting
 - D bearing
- 50 Maya had to run to work through the wind and rain this morning and arrived looking slightly ____.
- A distinctive
 - B dishevelled
 - C disconcerting
 - D self-deprecating
- 51 Our new house in the town centre is very different from the ____ old country house we used to live in.
- A panoramic
 - B primeval
 - C rugged
 - D rambling
- 52 There is nothing I like more on holiday than sunbathing by the pool with a good ____!
- A howdunnit
 - B whodidit
 - C whodoneit
 - D whodunnit
- 53 I'm planning to read ____ on the history of Istanbul before we go on holiday there.
- A about
 - B up
 - C out
 - D around
- 54 We wanted to go out to celebrate Ella's birthday, but she ____ her heels in and insisted on a party at home.
- A fixed
 - B put
 - C ground
 - D dug
- 55 Some of the weird paintings in the new exhibition really ____ with your mind.
- A upset
 - B muddle
 - C mess
 - D confuse
- 56 I like to listen to some ____ music before bedtime, as it relaxes me and helps me sleep.
- A poignant
 - B melancholic
 - C simplistic
 - D soothing
- 57 The spectators burst into a ____ song to encourage the football players.
- A melodic
 - B rousing
 - C confrontational
 - D resonant
- 58 The plan could work – it's not as ____ as people might think.
- A far-reaching
 - B hard-wired
 - C long-term
 - D far-fetched
- 59 Let's meet up and ____ through our options before making a decision.
- A talk
 - B speak
 - C discuss
 - D argue
- 60 Sports coaches are looking for ____ talent when they visit school and college matches.
- A fertile
 - B critical
 - C raw
 - D developed
- 61 She has an amazing memory and can reel ____ the names of all her classmates she ever had.
- A off
 - B out
 - C on
 - D down
- 62 The ____ benefits the festival will bring to the town will be evident immediately.
- A felt
 - B tangible
 - C touching
 - D revealed
- 63 The ____ polls after the by-election indicated a swing to the environmental party.
- A post
 - B outer
 - C exit
 - D survey

- 64 Companies need to encourage customer ____ if they want repeat business.
A loyalty
B encouragement
C shares
D feedback
- 65 A(n) ____ young boy rescued a cat when it fell into the river and took it to a shelter.
A intuitive
B compassionate
C conscientious
D enterprising
- 66 Theo ____ denied having leaked the story to the media.
A infinitely
B bitterly
C gravely
D vehemently
- 67 Some fans will go to extraordinary ____ to try to meet their idols.
A lengths
B distances
C measurements
D heights
- 68 I am astonished by some of the ridiculous videos that ____ viral on social media.
A go
B get
C become
D do
- 69 The students are ____ divided over which author they'd like to study next term.
A blindingly
B hotly
C deeply
D gravely
- 70 ____ on the fence is not an option – you have to make a decision now.
A Resting
B Sitting
C Standing
D Posing
- 71 Bethany opened ____ to her teacher about the problems she was experiencing with her studies.
A up
B out
C over
D about
- 72 The team is in good ____, so we should do well in the competition.
A fitness
B form
C shape
D mood
- 73 It was a ____ idea to bring in extra volunteers to help out, and I think it will be appreciated.
A flash
B sweeping
C rigorous
D novel
- 74 Karina had her ____ share of problems with management when she first joined the company.
A equal
B accepted
C just
D fair
- 75 We don't want to ____ the problem so let's take no action for the time being.
A embellish
B aggravate
C embolden
D incite
- 76 We viewed an apartment yesterday and, after talking it through, I think it ____ a second look.
A accepts
B desires
C warrants
D manages
- 77 I suffer from insomnia and after a bad night's sleep it can be hard to ____ the day.
A face
B look
C address
D enter
- 78 The teacher was very ____ of the present her students gave her when she retired.
A grateful
B satisfied
C appreciative
D astonished
- 79 The ____ and turns in the plot of the film are so clever.
A bends
B circles
C spirals
D twists

80 His novels broke new ____ at the time and discussed themes no one had previously talked about.

- A ground
- B soil
- C fences
- D limits

81 When you're a child, the world seems to ____ around you, but as an adult you learn that it certainly doesn't.

- A revolve
- B rotate
- C circle
- D evolve

82 It's ____ that Sandrine can't be here, but we'll manage.

- A concerned
- B inappropriate
- C vexing
- D confronting

83 When my best friend and I meet we spend a while ____ out all our most recent problems to each other.

- A pouring
- B watering
- C flowing
- D streaming

84 I'm afraid you're ____ mistaken if you think I can change the manager's mind on this.

- A vehemently
- B immediately
- C gravely
- D blindingly

85 ____ head teachers have failed to invest in extensions to the current school buildings.

- A Following
- B Restrictive
- C Successive
- D Leading

86 I prefer to read straightforward articles where the details have not been ____.

- A boosted
- B escalated
- C embellished
- D bolstered

87 I've watched the film several times and the ending never fails to ____ me to tears.

- A take
- B lessen
- C reduce
- D subtract

88 Books about ____ cultures fascinate me and make me want to learn more about them.

- A quintessential
- B authentic
- C turbulent
- D indigenous

89 I've ____ down my university options to three and now I need to visit them all.

- A reduced
- B tightened
- C narrowed
- D pressed

90 The garden of the house is quite ____, and no other buildings overlook us.

- A isolated
- B secluded
- C privatised
- D barren

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HOW TO ...

3 Choose the correct answer, A, B, C or D.

91 I'm sorry, I didn't mean to ____ you off there.

- A stop
- B cut
- C chop
- D interrupt

92 I'm sorry but I think there's a ____ in your argument.

- A failing
- B fault
- C flaw
- D spot

93 So, am I right ____ thinking that you agree with us?

- A on
- B for
- C by
- D in

94 The ____ picture resulting from the survey was one of positivity.

- A wide
- B overall
- C complete
- D final

95 There are no two ____ about it, the answer is to have another vote.

- A sides
- B paths
- C alternatives
- D ways

96 We met up for a coffee and chatted about college and friends and ____ like that.

- A stuff
- B bits
- C types
- D matter

97 I take your point and in that ____ I'm definitely with you.

- A opinion
- B relation
- C front
- D respect

98 Well, this might be true to some ____, but we have to consider the wider picture.

- A length
- B extent
- C edge
- D limit

99 With the benefit of ____, it is clear that we made the wrong decision.

- A memory
- B perception
- C reflection
- D hindsight

100 I'm ____ from experience when I say that there will be significant benefits.

- A suggesting
- B giving
- C speaking
- D explaining

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Total: /100