

## I - Structure of the language

*Give the right answer*

- 1) Nobody ----- John knew the answer.  
A) but                      B) but for                      C) otherwise                      D) unlike
- 2) ----- Peter, John is friendly.  
A) Alike                      B) Unlike                      C) Contrary                      D) On the contrary
- 3) The list of voters is more ----- that one.  
A) up-to-date                      B) up-to-date as                      C) up-to-date than                      D) up-to-date that
- 4) He will arrive ----- May, 1<sup>st</sup>.  
A) at                      B) in                      C) to                      D) on
- 5) Let's meet ----- 12.  
A) on                      B) in                      C) within                      D) at
- 6) She depends on her secretary for ----- .  
A) advice                      B) advise                      C) counsel                      D) council
- 7) The boss had Mr. Smith ----- the report.  
A) sent                      B) send                      C) sending                      D) sends
- 8) Please help me ----- the door!  
A) opening                      B) to opening                      C) open                      D) opened
- 9) I suggest she ----- to him.  
A) to write                      B) writes                      C) writing                      D) write
- 10) She ----- about the accidents before it was announced.  
A) would hear                      B) heard                      C) has heard                      D) hears
- 11) They have ordered a pizza ----- it has not arrived yet.  
A) and                      B) in addition                      C) but                      D) because
- 12) ----- it was late, he stayed on to finish his work.  
A) Whereas                      B) Since                      C) While                      D) Although
- 13) Remember ----- your passport tomorrow.  
A) to bring                      B) bringing                      C) you bring                      D) of bringing
- 14) I don't remember ----- this before.  
A) to see                      B) seeing                      C) to seeing                      D) I saw
- 15) Remind me ----- him tomorrow.  
A) of calling                      B) to call                      C) calling                      D) call
- 16) How long ----- each other when they got married?  
A) have they been                      B) do they know                      C) did they know                      D) had they known
- 17) It's the first time I ----- this.  
A) I see                      B) I have seen                      C) I saw                      D) I did see

- 18) I wish you ----- now.  
 A) can go                    B) could go                    C) go                    D) will go
- 19) John and ----- met in college.  
 A) I                    B) me                    C) myself                    D) mine
- 20) You have to be ----- time for your class.  
 A) at                    B) in                    C) on                    D) right
- 21) I can do it ----- you give me some notice.  
 A) unless                    B) provided                    C) whereas                    D) though
- 22) I won't do it ----- you ask me.  
 A) unless                    B) provided                    C) whereas                    D) though
- 23) I prefer tea ----- chocolate.  
 A) to                    B) with                    C) than                    D) that
- 24) If I ----- you I would go now.  
 A) was                    B) would be                    C) were                    D) had been
- 25) That man there is a friend ----- .  
 A) to me                    B) of mine                    C) of me                    D) to mine
- 26) He is not very good ----- maths.  
 A) with                    B) on                    C) to                    D) at
- 27) Could you, please read the ----- paragraphs?  
 A) two first                    B) first two                    C) both                    D) second
- 28) He ordered ----- oysters as a starter.  
 A) two dozen                    B) two dozens                    C) two dozens of                    D) two dozen of
- 29) The deficit has reached ----- dollars.  
 A) 200 million                    B) 200 millions                    C) 200 million of                    D) 200 millions of
- 30) If the doctor hadn't arrived on time, she ----- .  
 A) would have been dead                    B) would have died  
 C) would die                    D) was dying
- 31) He's at a meeting, he won't be back ----- late this morning.  
 A) until                    B) after                    C) within                    D) in
- 32) Your car will be ready ----- Tuesday.  
 A) within                    B) until                    C) by                    D) next to
- 33) ----- you say, I don't believe you.  
 A) However                    B) Whenever                    C) What                    D) Whatever
- 34) Paris is a city ----- attracts a lot of tourists.  
 A) who                    B) that                    C) where                    D) than

- 35) ----- do you call this strange object?  
 A) How                      B) What                      C) Which                      D) Whose
- 36) It was ----- expensive, I could not afford it.  
 A) so                      B) such                      C) a such                      D) such a
- 37) London is a city ----- traditions are kept alive.  
 A) which                      B) of which                      C) whose                      D) that
- 38) Would you like ----- more tea?  
 A) some                      B) any                      C) no                      D) not
- 39) I only have ----- friends in Dublin.  
 A) few                      B) a little                      C) no                      D) a few
- 40) After Christmas, there were ----- customers in the shops.  
 A) not                      B) hardly any                      C) any                      D) hardly few
- 41) Your hair is too long, it needs ----- .  
 A) to cut                      B) cut                      C) being cut                      D) cutting
- 42) Would you mind ----- louder, I can't hear.  
 A) to speak                      B) speaking                      C) speak                      D) to speaking
- 43) It's not going to rain, you ----- take your umbrella.  
 A) needn't                      B) don't need                      C) mustn't                      D) have not to
- 44) I'd rather ----- than ----- .  
 A) to go/to stay                      B) going/stay                      C) go/staying                      D) go/stay
- 45) He is said ----- a good player.  
 A) being                      B) he is                      C) to be                      D) be
- 46) Do you think you ----- by next month?  
 A) will finish                      B) will have finished                      C) have finished                      D) would finish
- 47) If you wish to meet him, you ----- arrive early.  
 A) should                      B) ought                      C) had to                      D) would
- 48) I'll do it when I ----- ready.  
 A) will be                      B) would be                      C) was                      D) am
- 49) He broke ----- leg last year.  
 A) the                      B) his                      C) a                      D) has
- 50) John is ----- of the two brothers.  
 A) youngest                      B) the youngest                      C) the younger                      D) younger

## II - Error Recognition

- 51) Making sure to complete the evaluation form before you leave the conference.  
A B C D
- 52) He didn't manage to talk to the president and I did.  
A B C D
- 53) I have been looking at that car, but which it is too expensive for me.  
A B C D
- 54) The United States attract the highest number of students in the world.  
A B C D
- 55) If I had the time I would have done it much earlier.  
A B C D
- 56) Most students I met while I was in college had a scholarship.  
A B C D
- 57) She learnt Russian since 10 years, but has forgotten most of it.  
A B C D
- 58) After checking different models, we finally decided to buy the another one.  
A B C D
- 59) Could you please tell me where is the bank as I am a stranger in this town.  
A B C D
- 60) He said me I would have to be on time at the meeting tonight.  
A B C D
- 61) They moved closer to the city last month as they were tired for driving so much everyday.  
A B C D
- 62) Whereas we had been ahead of schedule for a few weeks we couldn't manage to finalize the project on time.  
A B C D
- 63) Before submitting your proposal to the president make sure you have reviewed it thorough.  
A B C D

### III - Reading Comprehension

#### Planet thwarts two thirds of missions (The Independent, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003)

MARS has earned ---64--- as the Bermuda ---65--- of the ---66--- system for the number of spacecraft that have come to grief there.

---67--- the Soviet Union attempted to send a probe to the Red Planet in 1960, more than two thirds of all Mars missions have foundered. Of the 34 attempts on the planet, 21 have ended in ---68--- , while another four generated minuscule amounts of data before they, too were ---69---.

---70--- nine probes have completed their missions, and only three have landed successfully on the Martian surface. The most ---71--- failure was in September 1999 when Nasa's *Mars Climate Orbiter* burnt up in the atmosphere after approaching on the wrong trajectory.

An investigation into the disaster found that engineers had ---72--- by 60 miles, as one team had used imperial units which another had failed to convert into metric. The Russians have ---73--- to succeed in 19 tries. Their most recent attempt in 1996 ---74--- when the *Mars 96* mission crash-landed in the Pacific Ocean after failing even to reach Earth orbit.

Two Soviet landers, *Mars 3* and *Mars 6*, did reach the surface in 1973, but neither sent more than a few minutes of data before contact was lost. The ---75--- scientist of all is a Briton, Fred Taylor, of Oxford University, whose instrument was lost aboard *Mars Observer*, a Nasa craft that lost ---76--- with Earth before it was due to enter orbit in 1993. He built the same instrument to fly again on *Mars Climate Orbiter*, with the ---77--- result.

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|-----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 64) | A) a reputation | B) a success     | C) money        | D) repetition    |
| 65) | A) square       | B) circle        | C) triangle     | D) quadrangle    |
| 66) | A) Martian      | B) Solar         | C) Planet       | D) Universe      |
| 67) | A) Before       | B) While         | C) Because      | D) Since         |
| 68) | A) failure      | B) success       | C) gain         | D) failing       |
| 69) | A) wasted       | B) gained        | C) found        | D) lost          |
| 70) | A) Only         | B) Just          | C) Hardly       | D) Almost        |
| 71) | A) strange      | B) embarrassment | C) embarrassing | D) scandalous    |
| 72) | A) increased    | B) decreased     | C) calculated   | D) miscalculated |
| 73) | A) again        | B) evenly        | C) yet          | D) often         |
| 74) | A) started      | B) ended         | C) began        | D) finished      |
| 75) | A) unluckiest   | B) luckiest      | C) happiest     | D) worst         |
| 76) | A) hope         | B) contact       | C) connection   | D) link          |
| 77) | A) different    | B) even          | C) odd          | D) same          |