

I. Grammar and Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer. Only ONE answer is possible.

- 1) Why not _____ him?
A) asking B) ask C) to ask D) to asking
- 2) He has _____ told me.
A) never B) ever C) currently D) perhaps
- 3) What _____ nice cake!
A) such B) a such C) a D) one
- 4) He asked me _____ tell her.
A) to not B) not to C) not D) don't
- 5) I have been here _____ one hour.
A) since B) during C) for D) while
- 6) How long is it since you _____ John?
A) have seen B) will see C) would see D) saw
- 7) Jim is interested _____ electronics.
A) by B) on C) in D) about
- 8) It depends _____ what you have to say.
A) on B) by C) in D) about
- 9) Nine _____ ten people know this.
A) of B) out C) out of D) on
- 10) Prices have increased _____ 10%.
A) by B) in C) per D) about
- 11) I will tell you as soon as I _____ .
A) knew B) will know C) have known D) know
- 12) They are brothers. They look _____ .

- A) alike B) like themselves C) themselves D) like one
- 13) It is _____ rain tonight.
A) likely B) alike C) ready D) likely to
- 14) Where did you have your car _____ ?
A) washed B) wash C) washing D) to wash
- 15) Why did you change _____ , Mary?
A) your mind B) your advice C) your minds D) of your mind
- 16) If I have _____ time, I'll go next week.
A) enough of B) no C) not any D) enough
- 17) I must be careful _____ her.
A) not to disturb B) to not disturb C) of not disturbing D) in not disturbing
- 18) It's no use _____ over spilt milk.
A) to cry B) to crying C) crying D) cry
- 19) She could not bear _____ anymore and left him.
A) that he drinks B) that he is drinking C) his drinking D) him to drink
- 20) If I _____ you I would speak to him now.
A) were B) was C) am D) had been
- 21) He used _____ smoke a lot when he was in the army.
A) to smoking B) to C) 0 D) smoking
- 22) There's no point _____ it now, we have time.
A) in doing B) to do C) of doing D) to doing
- 23) If only I _____ before the test, I wouldn't have made a mistake.
A) knew B) had known
C) would have known D) have known
- 24) He was caught driving without _____ driving licence.
A) a B) the C) none D) no
- 25) She lives _____ .
A) on his own B) on her own C) on herself D) by her own
- 26) I like _____ of humour.
A) their senses B) the sense C) sense D) their sense
- 27) You must be ready _____ 10.
A) in B) on C) by D) 0

- 28) Please _____ your seat belt.
 A) tie B) connect C) attach D) fasten
- 29) Each ring is _____ thousands of dollars.
 A) valuable B) valid C) valued D) worth
- 30) Your ticket is no longer _____ .
 A) valuable B) valid C) valued D) worth
- 31) I need to _____ money to buy a car.
 A) hire B) lend C) rent D) borrow
- 32) If you look _____ you'll see it.
 A) close enough B) enough close C) closely enough D) nearly enough
- 33) It is _____ 12.
 A) nearly B) closely C) close D) sharply
- 34) He helped me _____ the door.
 A) opening B) open C) opened D) can open
- 35) He gave _____ .
 A) a two-hour speech B) a two-hours speech
 C) a speech of two hours D) about two hours' speech
- 36) He is not _____ to come tonight
 A) lucky B) unlikely C) likely D) luckily
- 37) This is _____ of your business.
 A) none B) no C) no one D) nothing
- 38) I wish you _____ me, I would have done it.
 A) told B) would tell C) would have told D) had told
- 39) Welcome _____ Paris!
 A) In B) to C) at D) into
- 40) He avoided _____ the question.
 A) to ask B) ask C) asking D) to have asked
- 41) How long ago _____ this film?
 A) have you seen B) did you see C) had you seen D) would he see
- 42) They _____ married for 5 years.

- A) have been B) got C) are D) get
- 43) _____ served?
A) Are you B) Did you C) How you D) Are you being
- 44) _____ in public is difficult for him.
A) Speaking B) To speak C) Speech D) The speech
- 45) I suggest you _____ on time.
A) be B) should C) are D) to be
- 46) Take the _____ of the two.
A) cheapest B) cheap C) cheaper D) cheaply
- 47) I prefer tea _____ coffee.
A) at B) to C) in D) from
- 48) This is different _____ what I expected.
A) from B) to C) of D) by
- 49) I don't have the solution _____ your problem.
A) of B) from C) to D) at
- 50) The exercise is over _____.
A) at least B) lastly C) at last D) lately

II. Reading Comprehension

Read the following texts carefully and fill in the blanks with the word below that best fits the text.

1) "The Real Rain Man"

The genius who ___51___ Dustin Hoffman's character in Rain Man and astonished ___52___ with his phenomenal ___53___ has died from a heart attack at the age of 58.

Kim Peek was classed as a "mega-savant" and had memorized 12,000 ___54___, including the entire Bible, but ___55___ had difficulty with ordinary tasks such as getting dressed and combing his ___56___.

His astonishing abilities included being able to ___57___, one page of a book with his left ___58___ and the other with his right. It took him just eight seconds to ___59___ a page. He could also tell a stranger what day of the week they were born ___60___, and what was in the news ___61___ day, from their birth ___62___ alone. Mr. Peek was classed as a genius in 15 subjects, yet still scored ___63___ average in IQ tests. He died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- 51) A) took B) categorized C) inspired D) acted
- 52) A) scientists B) politicians C) mankind D) children
- 53) A) souvenirs B) memories C) memory D) feelings
- 54) A) pages B) newspapers C) documents D) books
- 55) A) has B) had C) have D) would have
- 56) A) hairs B) face C) hair D) eyes
- 57) A) write B) understand C) memorize D) read
- 58) A) ear B) eye C) eyes D) brain
- 59) A) remind B) write C) memorize D) turn
- 60) A) at B) in C) of D) on
- 61) A) this B) these C) those D) that
- 62) A) day B) place C) date D) mark
- 63) A) below B) above C) over D) behind

2) **“GO ABROAD TO LEARN A LANGUAGE ? GOING ONLINE MIGHT SUFFICE”**

The looks and style of the young __64__ seated next to us at the sushi bar made it __65__ , we thought, that she was not American born.

But then she spoke in perfect American English. As it turned out, __66__ , she was not from the United States after all; she had been born in Iran and had __67__ only Farsi until her __68__ two years ago. What classes, we __69__ , had she attended to learn the language so well?

“ __70__ ” she said. “I used Rosetta Stone.” With the __71__ of broadband connectivity and social __72__ , companies have __73__ a wide range of Internet-based products, both free and fee-based, that __74__ students to interact in real time with instructors in other countries, get access to their lesson plans __75__ they are in the __76__ and

communicate with like-minded ___77___ pen pals who are also trying to remember whether bambino means “girl” or “boy”.

Often, the key ___78___ learning a language is to figure out how to stay interested after the novelty ___79___. To counter ___80___, online language programs ___81___ introduced crossword puzzles, ___82___ videos and ___83___ games in a programmed ___84___ approach of continual reward for ___85___ progress.

Online courses are either fee-based, free or a mix of both. Starter kits of fee-based programs may cost just a few hundred dollars, but to reach the higher levels of comprehension and speaking one can easily spend \$1,000.

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| 64) A) man | B) boy | C) woman | D) waiter |
| 65) A) luckily | B) lucky | C) unlikely | D) likely |
| 66) A) although | B) however | C) but | D) since |
| 67) A) spoken | B) spoke | C) written | D) wrote |
| 68) A) departure | B) visit | C) stay | D) arrival |
| 69) A) answered | B) wondered | C) demanded | D) wandered |
| 70) A) I didn't | B) I did | C) I hadn't | D) I had |
| 71) A) reduction | B) growth | C) growing | D) grown-up |
| 72) A) community | B) meetings | C) parties | D) networks |
| 73) A) introduced | B) borrowed | C) bought | D) conceived |
| 74) A) tell | B) say | C) show | D) allow |
| 75) A) whenever | B) wherever | C) whoever | D) whatever |
| 76) A) city | B) land | C) street | D) world |
| 77) A) real | B) actual | C) virtual | D) virtually |
| 78) A) to | B) at | C) of | D) from |
| 79) A) cuts off | B) wears off | C) takes off | D) drops off |
| 80) A) worry | B) concern | C) interest | D) boredom |

- 81) A) would B) had C) have D) should
- 82) A) international B) interconnected C) interesting D) interactive
- 83) A) another B) others C) other D) the other
- 84) A) learning B) hearing C) listening D) writing
- 85) A) doing B) improving C) making D) having