

1- Structure of the language and vocabulary

1- If you ----- out in the sun too long, you will burn.

- A- will stay B- stayed C- had stayed D- stay

2- The second world war generated so many atrocities that life will never be the same -----.

- A- still B- again C- already D- always

3- Who ----- predicted the huge growth of the Internet ?

- A- could have B- can have C- will have D- may have

4- ----- the government decide to increase the price of bread, people would demonstrate.

- A- Would B- When C- Should D- If

5- The young driver did not accelerate and the engine -----.

- A- stalled B- broke C- put out D- revved up

6- John left three hours ago. He ----- home by now.

- A- must have arrived B- must arrive C- must have arrived D- can have arrived

7- «Can I have some more meat please ?» «I'm sorry, there's -----».

- A- not some B- any left C- none left D- no left

8- My neighbour is driving a very expensive car but he is quite poor : he ----- it !

- A- can't have bought B- mustn't have bought
C- shouldn't have bought D- may not have bought

9- ----- student has passed the exam.

- A- Every B- All C- Each D- Any

10- With this cheap menu, you can have ----- cheese ----- pudding.

- A- neither / or B- either / or C- both / or D- any / or

11- Go and ----- that man what he is doing here. He wasn't invited.

- A- talk B- ask C- order D- say

12- ----- my parents are retired now.

- A- Both B- Both of C- Together D- Neither

13- The plane took ----- on time and arrived at the right time.

- A- up B- off C- away D- over

14- I've never tried whisky before, so do you think I could have a ----- of yours, Peter, just to see if I like it or not ?

- A- sip B- spoon C- scrap D- piece

15- If you can't afford to buy books, then you can always borrow them from the -----.

- A- bookshop B- library C- directory D- butcher's.

16- You can ----- the results on the screen before sending them.

- A- display B- print C- save D- call

- 17- If you cannot remember his phone number, you should look it ----- in the phonebook.
 A- up B- out C- away D- for
- 18- This piece of software sells very well, it's a ----- application.
 A- killer B- success C- used D- hot
- 19- The house next door is on fire ! Phone ----- the fire brigade.
 A- to B- at C- Ø D- for
- 20- Once a major ----- of our product designs, he now admires them.
 A- criticism B- critic C- critical D- criticized
- 21- He uses the phone a lot and I would not like to pay his phone -----.
 A- rates B- invoices C- bills D- tickets
- 22- I can't come with you right now because I'm on -----.
 A- duty B- work C- schedule D- activity
- 23- The ----- are often printed on the cover of the CD box.
 A- words B- phrases C- lyrics D- sentences
- 24- The ----- of the components on the board is not right.
 A- mount B- set C- place D- arrangement
- 25- This computer ----- data very quickly.
 A- processes B- is processing C- treats D- is developing
- 26- Everything went wrong but ----- I did not get ill !
 A- at last B- lastly C- lest D- at least
- 27- They cooked me a very nice meal. I was ill ----- one hour of eating it.
 A- within B- after C- in D- soon
- 28- I rang her ----- and she had already left.
 A- lately B- soon C- late D- slowly
- 29- If you look ----- you'll realise it's not so difficult.
 A- close B- closely C- careful D- hardly
- 30- ----- I work, ----- my school results are.
 A- The more / the best B- The most / the better
 C- The more / the better D- The most / the best
- 31- These application notes are ----- to give readers a basic understanding of electronic components.
 A- conceived B- designed C- prepared D- thought
- 32- ----- a computer requires a lot of time and money.
 A- Building B- To build C- Arranging D- To install
- 33- A very powerful ----- will be needed to build the international space station.

- 34- Remember to ----- all your papers and work documents before leaving.
 A- put out B- stock C- store D- file
- 35- The two companies ----- to create a new one with is now the largest in the world.
 A- fused B- merged C- founded D- split
- 36- I can ----- a lot of free software programs thanks to internet.
 A- get to B- reach C- buy D- download
- 37- Electricity travels along metal -----.
 A- files B- wires C- threads D- strings
- 38- If I ----- the money, I'd buy a new car.
 A- have B- had C- will have D- have had
- 39- What was the weather ----- during your holiday ?
 A- Ø B- like C- nice D- temperature
- 40- It was the most breathtaking view they -----.
 A- saw B- had ever seen C- had saw D- have ever seen
- 41- There's a ----- in the European Central Bank in Frankfurt and I'm going to apply for the job.
 A- position B- vacancy C- free job D- free place
- 42- The interviewer asked the young singer why ----- so anxious.
 A- he was B- was he C- he is D- is he
- 43- If Columbus had not discovered America, we ----- coke now.
 A- would not drink B- would not have drunk
 C- are not drinking D- don't drink
- 44- When we finally arrived in Asia, we ran ----- a couple of problems because we did not have any local money.
 A- into B- out of C- in D- Ø
- 45- My parents are not here, they ----- gone shopping.
 A- must B- must have C- are D- Ø
- 46- ----- many cancers can be cured thanks to new treatments.
 A- Actually B- In the moment C- Instantly D- Now
- 47- This country is wonderful. You ----- spend your holiday there.
 A- must B- can C- may D- will
- 48- Both of them are dead. They fought and killed ----- with their guns.
 A- together B- each other C- themselves D- them
- 49- Chemicals ----- arsenic can destroy wild life.
 A- such B- such as C- example D- like the

50- The teacher asked why the students were so tired ; they replied they ----- to work late to finish their homework.

- A- had B- had had C- have had D- must have

51- This document, dated ----- March 12th, 1990, shows that the passenger left the country yesterday.

- A- Ø B- from C- of D- the

II- Idiomatic expressions :

«You must allow the engine to warm up» means :

- A- you must wait before starting the engine B- you cannot drive away right away
C- you must accelerate D- the weather is very cold

53- «This man is as thick as a brick» means :

- A- this man is very strong and sturdy B- this man's house is built with bricks
C- this man is very stupid D- the walls of this man's house are very wide

54- «He's as cool as a cucumber» means :

- A- his is totally unemotional B- he is always cold
C- he likes cucumbers D- he keeps cucumbers in his fridge

55- «What are you up to ?» means :

- A- why have you climbed on this ? B- what are you doing ?
C- do you like this person ? D- how much money do you still have ?

56- The teacher «went over»the exercises before we left :

- A- the teacher gave us exercises B- the teacher explained the exercises
C- the teacher walked on his books D- the teacher cancelled the exercises

III- Comprehension

Read the following texts and for each of them, choose the answer which you think best fits the text. Give only ONE answer per question.

Text 1

Although it may not look like it, the driver blocking the traffic in that huge four-wheel-drive vehicle ahead of you contains more processing power than was used by the Appollo spacecraft. Anything from 10% to 20% of the cost of the average car goes to pay for its electronic equipment. In luxury models, the percentage is double that. The rest of a modern car though is still a mixture of hydraulics and mechanical parts that have barely changed in 50 years. But during the next few years, car makers the world over will replace more and more of these relics from the past with new kinds of electronic sensors, microprocessors and actuators. The results should be vehicles that are inherently safer and more responsive, and also capable of acting intelligently in dangerous situations.

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57- In what way is a modern car more impressive than the Appollo spacecraft ?

- A- it is more powerful B- it has better brakes

58- Which part of a car has changed a lot in the past fifty years ?

- A- mechanical parts
- B- hydraulic parts
- C- body work
- D- electronic parts

59- The car of the future will be :

- A- more powerful
- B- more expensive
- C- more beautiful
- D- less dangerous

60- In the future cars will be able to :

- A- make intelligent decisions on their own
- B- be driven without a human on board
- C- generate electricity
- D- fly in the air

Text 2

The elephants of Thailand used never to be short of work hauling timber. But most of the country's forests have been cut down, and logging is now banned to save the few that are left. The number of domesticated elephants left in the country is now only 2,500 or so, down from about 100 ,000 a century ago. Though being the national animal of Thailand earns an elephant plenty of respect, that does not put grass on the table. Thai elephants these days take tourists on treks or perform in circuses, and are sometimes to be seen begging for bananas on the street of Bangkok.

Some of the 46 elephants living at the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, a former government logging camp near Lampang, have found a new life in music. The Thai elephant Orchestra is the creation of two Americans, Richard Lair, who has worked with Asian elephants for 23 years, and David Soldier, a musician and neuroscientist with a taste for the avant-garde. They provided six of the centre's elephants, aged seven to eighteen, with a variety of percussion and wind instruments. Those familiar with Thai instruments will recognise the slit drums, the gong, the bow bass, the xylophone-like renats, as well as the thundersheet. The only difference is that the elephant versions are a bit sturdier.

The elephants are given a cue to start and then they improvise. They clearly have a strong sense of rhythm. They flap their ears to the beat, swish their tails and generally rock back and forth. Some add to the melody with their own trumpeting. Elephant mood-music could have a commercial future, Mr Soldier believes. He has even produced a CD on the Mulatta label –it is available at www.mulatta.org– with 13 elephant tracks.

61- Elephants are now useless in Thailand because :

- A- there are fewer tourists
- B- there are fewer tree trunks to carry
- C- they cannot find food
- D- they are no longer the national symbol of Thailand

62- In order to survive Thai elephants have to :

- A- carry commodities to market places
- B- act in circuses
- C- sing songs
- D- carry a lot of wood

63- The musical instruments used by elephants are the same as those used by humans, except that :

- A- they are ruggedized
- B- they are made of metal
- C- they are bigger
- D- they have got fewer keys

64- The elephants know they have a sense of music by :

- A- dancing
- B- moving their tails and their ears
- C- standing up and down
- D- making sounds of their own

65- The CD made with elephant music :

- A- is available in Thailand only
- B- can be bought over the Internet