

I - Give the right answer

- 1- Yesterday I received an email ----- a friend in Ireland.  
A) of                      B) from                      C) at                      D) out of
- 2- The aim of the game is for teams ----- guess the age of a member in the audience.  
A) to                      B) Ø                      C) of                      D) about
- 3- There was an article ----- the war in Africa in yesterday's paper.  
A) of                      B) in                      C) about                      D) from
- 4- The museum has people ----- the staff whose only job is to promote the paintings.  
A) in                      B) on                      C) of                      D) round
- 5- I don't know what to do but I must think ----- a solution before tomorrow.  
A) of                      B) at                      C) in                      D) around
- 6- My brother says his marriage is a mess. He and his wife are considering splitting -----.  
A) up                      B) out                      C) away                      D) off
- 7- The pieces of a jigsaw puzzle are all mixed ----- in a bag.  
A) up                      B) away                      C) around                      D) out
- 8- My next door neighbour was attacked by a gang of youths and was beaten -----.  
A) up                      B) out                      C) down                      D) off
- 9- Last month my boss offered me a promotion but I turned it ----- because it meant moving to Berlin.  
A) up                      B) down                      C) away                      D) out
- 10- The wind was very strong and knocked ----- many trees.  
A) down                      B) away                      C) off                      D) round
- 11- My neighbours ----- are called Wilson, come from New Zealand.  
A) who                      B) whom                      C) which                      D) Ø
- 12- It takes very ----- time to boil an egg.  
A) few                      B) short                      C) quick                      D) little
- 13- Children should obey ----- their parents.  
A) to                      B) after                      C) Ø                      D) about
- 14- Slaves were very unfortunate because their masters could take away all ----- they had.  
A) what                      B) that                      C) when                      D) thing
- 15- Death penalty is supposed to deter people ----- killing their enemies.  
A) from                      B) of                      C) Ø                      D) to
- 16- Companies rely ----- profits in order to buy new equipment.  
A) on                      B) about                      C) to                      D) in
- 17- ----- French society is very divided over this problem.  
A) Ø                      B) Few                      C) The                      D) A
- 18- Although he claimed he had never seen the victim, he was charged ----- murder.  
A) of                      B) with                      C) about                      D) to
- 19- The teacher wants ..... the students ----- learn ten new words every day.  
A) Ø / to                      B) that / Ø                      C) for / to                      D) what / Ø
- 20- As time went on, he felt closer ----- his wife.  
A) of                      B) with                      C) from                      D) to

- 21- I don't feel very happy ----- this solution.  
 A) about                      B) with                      C) of                      D) in
- 22- I can't imagine ----- induced him to do such a thing.  
 A) what                      B) which                      C) that                      D) how
- 23- The two rugby players collided and hurt -----.  
 A) themselves                      B) each other                      C) their                      D) together
- 24- Last year there ----- much talk about terrorism.  
 A) was                      B) has been                      C) were                      D) had been
- 25- As soon as the police found the corpse the husband was ----- murder.  
 A) charged with                      B) sentenced to                      C) accused with                      D) guilty to
- 26- We must bear in ----- that death will come in the end.  
 A) mind                      B) heart                      C) head                      D) brain
- 27- Many things can go wrong : don't take success for -----.  
 A) won                      B) winning                      C) achieved                      D) granted
- 28- He was ----- after taking this new medicine for two weeks.  
 A) recovered                      B) cured                      C) healed                      D) repaired
- 29- ----- president Kennedy was murdered in 1963.  
 A) The                      B) This                      C) Ø                      D) That
- 30- You will ----- the traffic jams in the city center if you drive round the orbital.  
 A) avoid                      B) evict                      C) miss                      D) prevent
- 31- Transistors ----- vacuum tubes obsolete.  
 A) rendered                      B) made                      C) pushed                      D) did
- 32- France ----- a member of NATO since 1963.  
 A) is not                      B) was not                      C) has not been                      D) had not been
- 33- ----- usually eat tapas before having dinner.  
 A) The Spaniards                      B) The Spanish                      C) The Spain                      D) The Spinach
- 34- The people who first arrived in the USA ----- unskilled.  
 A) were                      B) had                      C) was                      D) have
- 35- I don't like my sister and I don't get ----- well with her.  
 A) on                      B) Ø                      C) at                      D) in
- 36- The USA accused the French ----- bad allies.  
 A) to be                      B) of being                      C) be                      D) that they are
- 37- The politician said the people had to ----- the facts and pay more for their pensions.  
 A) face with                      B) face                      C) face up to                      D) face up
- 38- The singer offered to sing ----- song.  
 A) another                      B) other                      C) another one                      D) a few
- 39- A lot of people feel sorry for the homeless but ----- are ready to take some at home.  
 A) few                      B) rare                      C) some                      D) a few
- 40- I've been to the United States quite ----- times.  
 A) many                      B) a few                      C) a lot of                      D) lots of
- 41- The text was very long, about ten pages, so the teacher asked the students to write -----.  
 A) a summary                      B) a sum up                      C) a resume                      D) a shortage

- 42- My friend was ----- to buy another copy book to replace the one he has misled.  
 A) say                      B) said                      C) tell                      D) told
- 43- The police didn't do ----- job properly and the criminal escaped.  
 A) his                      B) their                      C) her                      D) them
- 44- The workers get paid, even if they are ----- sick leave.  
 A) with                      B) in                      C) into                      D) on
- 45- The new manager has ----- himself to be efficient at cost cutting.  
 A) proved                      B) showed                      C) shown                      D) proof
- 46- I don't own my flat, I ----- it from a real estate company.  
 A) locate                      B) rent                      C) hire                      D) use
- 47- ----- the rain, they left early and walked home.  
 A) In spite                      B) Despite                      C) Although                      D) Though
- 48- Many wars have been fought ----- religion.  
 A) in the name of                      B) because                      C) pushed by                      D) on top of
- 49- To be efficient, workers have to ----- regularly.  
 A) recycle                      B) repeat                      C) train                      D) overhaul
- 50- I regret ----- you that your bill is overdue.  
 A) informing                      B) to inform                      C) information                      D) informed
- 51- I was reading a newspaper when I ----- an ad for this new car.  
 A) have seen                      B) see                      C) seen                      D) saw
- 52- My younger brother ----- born two years after me.  
 A) is                      B) were                      C) was                      D) has been

## II - Idiomatic expressions

- 53- The expression : « The president wants America to put people on Mars by year 2020 » means :  
 A- The USA will have sent one or several astronauts to Mars before the end of year 2020.  
 B- Men will settle on Mars after year 2020.  
 C- Mars will be permanently inhabited in 2020.  
 D- Some astronauts will have gone to and returned from Mars before year 2020.
- 54- The expression : « The likely effect of telecommuting will be an improvement in family life » means :  
 A- people will like telecommuting  
 B- telecommuting will make family life more enjoyable  
 C- family life will be ruined by telecommuting  
 D- Telecommuting will not really change family life
- 55- The expression : « we will run out of crude oil in a couple of decades » means :  
 A- oil will soon be very expensive  
 B- cars will not run on oil any more  
 C- oil will not be needed in the near future  
 D- we will face oil shortages twenty years from now
- 56- If someone asks you : « what do you do for a living », they want to know :  
 A- Where do you live ?  
 B- Do you have a wife ?  
 C- What is your job ?  
 D- What medicine do you take to remain healthy ?

57- If someone asks you : « how do you do ? » they want :

- A- to be introduced to you
- B- to know if you are in good health
- C- to know how you manage in life
- D- to know how you managed to be so successful

58- If a telephone switchboard operator tells you, 'I'll put you through', it means :

- A- you will be connected very shortly
- B- you have to wait for a while
- C- the person you want to talk to is busy
- D- the operator will call you back very soon

### III - Reading comprehension

Fill in the gaps with the most suitable word :

When President Kennedy first used the term in the .....59..... sixties, 'affirmative action' .....60..... taking extra measures to ensure integration in federally .....61..... jobs. Forty years .....62....., a wide .....63..... of programs fall .....64..... this rubric, .....65..... all are meant to encourage .....66..... of underrepresented minorities –generally blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans. Schools vary in how much .....67..... they assign to the student's race. For some, it's a decisive consideration ; for others, it's just one among a number of factors such as test scores , grades, family .....68....., talents and .....69..... activities.

In 2003, the debate over the merits of affirmative action essentially boils .....70..... to questions of fairness for .....71..... black and white .....72.....

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|-----|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 59- | A- begin      | B- beginning       | C- soon       | D- early      |
| 60- | A-means       | B- meant           | C- meaning    | D- said       |
| 61- | A- founded    | B- grounded        | C- funded     | D- find       |
| 62- | A- late       | B- now             | C- later      | D- into       |
| 63- | A- range      | B- game            | C- span       | D- serial     |
| 64- | A- under      | B- on              | C- in         | D- over       |
| 65- | A- through    | B- although        | C- even       | D- if         |
| 66- | A- enrollment | B- inscription     | C- curriculum | D- register   |
| 67- | A- heavy      | B- weight          | C- height     | D- burden     |
| 68- | A- ground     | B- domain          | C- area       | D- background |
| 69- | A- outside    | B- extracurricular | C- aside      | D- next       |
| 70- | A- down       | B- over            | C- Ø          | D- back       |
| 71- | A- two        | B- the             | C- both       | D- the two    |
| 72- | A- applicants | B- applications    | C- applies    | D- examine    |