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Réponse juste : +3

Réponse fausse : -1

Pas de réponse : 0

DURÉE DE L'ÉPREUVE : 2H

PART 1: grammar and vocabulary.

Pick the right answer.

- 1) Have you ... tasted snails?
a) before b) ever c) never d) yet
- 2) When I was 10, I ... already quite tall for my age.
a) was b) were c) have been d) had been
- 3) Are you afraid of ...?
a) to ski b) ski c) skis d) skiing
- 4) "We did not understand you. What ...?"
a) did you say b) you said c) did you d) said you
- 5) She did not get ... answers to her application letters.
a) many b) lots c) much d) lot of
- 6) This feedback is ... the company policy.
a) critical with b) critical of c) criticized d) being criticizing
- 7) She ... really know what to answer to that strange request.
a) hasn't b) didn't c) wasn't d) don't
- 8) "Fancy going to the cinema tomorrow?"
"I'd rather ... in, sorry."
a) to stay b) stay c) staying d) stayed
- 9) "If I was given 400 euros for my birthday, I guess I ... save the money for my internship in Japan."
a) will b) would c) ought d) shall
- 10) I just love ...
a) electronical b) electronism c) electronics d) electronic
- 11) His bike is the same ... yours, isn't it?
a) that b) than c) as d) Ø
- 12) "A friend in need, is a friend ..."
a) in did b) in deed c) indeed d) in death
- 13) My friends and I used to party at ...
a) week-end b) week-ends c) Saturday night d) Saturdays
- 14) In today's world, everything is going ... and ...global.
a) more / less b) less / less c) more / Ø d) more / more

- 15) Fake news about the coup ... published last night.
a) were b) was c) have been d) has been
- 16) I can't stand ... next to somebody who is having a smoke.
a) seated b) seat c) sit d) sitting
- 17) It seems that he took a very ... step in joining this company.
a) infortunate b) unfortunate c) unfortunately d) imfortunate
- 18) She's not interested ... making friends with local people.
a) by b) in c) Ø d) at
- 19) Not ... a mask to protect oneself from diverse viruses is risky these days.
a) wearing b) wear c) worn d) to wearing
- 20) We'll phone you as soon as we're ...
a) done b) did c) dead d) doing
- 21) ... are problem solvers.
a) Engineers b) Ingeneers c) Engineers d) Engeniers
- 22) At school I wish we ... a cafeteria with a nice choice of sandwiches and snacks.
a) had b) have c) will have d) will be having
- 23) An empathic person is a person who puts themselves ... someone else's shoes.
a) in b) inside c) on d) onto
- 24) These days, you will find anything you need ... the Internet.
a) on b) in c) upon d) inside
- 25) Some day, I ... rich.
a) am b) would be c) will be d) am being
- 26) Most youngsters find ... hard ... choose the right language register when addressing people at work.
a) Ø/ to b) it/ to c) you/ to d) it/ you
- 27) You ... to quickly update the operating system on your computer or it might crash.
a) need b) should c) could d) needed
- 28) Watch out! There's dog mess on the pavement. Don't walk ... it!
a) over b) into c) in d) on
- 29) ... loves vacation.
a) All the people b) Everyone c) None d) All
- 30) "If she ... on every point of the contract, let's sign it today!"
a) is agree b) agree c) agreeing d) agrees

- 46) "Did he forget his phone?".
"I hope ..."
- a) no b) none c) never d) not
- 47) We are used to exercising ...
- a) twice the week b) twice times a week c) twice d) twice a week
- 48) In which ... will she intern next year?
- a) companie b) compagny c) company d) society
- 49) His strongest ... is obviously electronics.
- a) point b) fault c) assets d) skills
- 50) Which word is the odd one out?
- a) intern b) trainee c) apprentice d) stagist
- 51) When you ... the result, please give us a bell!
- a) will know b) have know c) know d) knew
- 52) I'm taking some vitamin supplements but I ... feel tired.
- a) still b) notwithstanding c) whatever d) however
- 53) What is she passionate ...?
- a) by b) about c) in d) into
- 54) ... are they talking to?
- a) Whom b) Whose c) What d) Why
- 55) It is a fantastic gift. I can't believe ... luck!
- a) my b) the c) such a d) ∅
- 56) Have you noticed that there are ... holiday-makers than last year?
- a) less b) lesser c) few d) fewer
- 57) Each state implements ... own policy in the US.
- a) their's b) its c) it's d) his
- 58) All my colleagues want ... students to become skilled electrical engineers.
- a) them b) that c) their d) theirs
- 59) ... are said to be heavy drinkers.
- a) Russians b) russian people c) Russia' people d) The Russian
- 60) Recently, many students had to get a part-time job for ... reasons.
- a) economical b) economic c) finance d) economics
- 61) He will go and study abroad ... he gets a grant.
- a) owing b) provided c) should d) nevertheless

- 62) Something unexpected ... during the physics class this morning.
a) took places b) has happening c) occurred d) arrived
- 63) A scandal ... President Biden has just broken out.
a) showing off b) exposing about c) revealing about d) involving
- 64) Coaches are not people ... give their clients advice but they put you on the right path.
a) whom b) who c) whose d) which
- 65) Which set phrase means "very easy"?
a) it's a bed of daffodils b) it's a bed of peonies c) it's a bed of roses d) it's a bed of daisies
- 66) Are you staying at uni or going to your ... at the week-end?
a) sister place b) sister's c) sister d) sister'
- 67) She doesn't know ... about AI.
a) something b) nothing c) much d) a lot of
- 68) Do you prefer judo ... karate?
a) than b) that c) to d) at
- 69) I wish I ... languages and ... help those tourists.
a) speak ... can b) spoke ... could c) can speakcould d) have spokencan
- 70) Why not ... Chinese food for lunch?
a) to order b) order c) ordering d) orders
- 71) If we had not had the ... skills, we would not have applied for this position.
a) right b) good c) fine d) OK
- 72) Is there ... milk left by any chance?
a) any b) a c) no d) little
- 73) They should take some time to think ...
a) on it b) it about c) to it d) it over
- 74) "... is he?"
"He is 1.10 meters now."
a) How big b) How high c) How tall d) How
- 75) I know that all of you are ... the holidays most impatiently.
a) attending for b) waiting for c) expecting for d) waiting
- 76) My flatmate likes things ... neatly.
a) to do b) be done c) done d) doing
- 77) It's a pity we ... you last night but my son was sick.
a) did join b) can't join c) shouldn't join d) couldn't join

- 78) Owing to climate change, many people will have to migrate to more ... climates and countries.
 a) hospitable b) picturesque c) sunny d) balmy
- 79) How about ... a film at the cinema for tomorrow night?
 a) to find b) find c) she find d) finding
- 80) He ... no effort whatsoever to understand our viewpoint.
 a) made b) make c) making d) to make
- 81) Grandma's computer is out of order. Should I ...?
 a) make it repaired b) have it repaired c) let it repair d) get it repair
- 82) He was pretty miserable due to the fact that he was ...
 a) an only child b) lonely child c) an alone child d) alone
- 83) ... you go ... you stay, but I have to leave right now.
 a) Or / or b) Either / or c) Either / nor d) Either / Ø
- 84) The spectators ... the concert hall as soon as the doors opened.
 a) left b) leave c) are leaving d) have leave
- 85) What a lovely scooter. Is it ...?
 a) yours b) your c) you d) your's
- 86) While she ... in the park, she realized some passers-by were staring at her.
 a) is doing press-ups b) was doing press-ups c) had been doing press-ups d) has done press-ups
- 87) He'd love to quit ...
 a) to snack b) snacking c) the snacks d) the snacking
- 88) ... the weather was really terrible, we decided to stay in and watch some series.
 a) Consequently b) As a consequence c) So d) As
- 89) Which one is not synonymous with the others?
 a) weird b) strange c) bizarre d) special
- 90) "What ... tonight? Any plans?"
 a) have you been doing b) you doing c) do you do d) are you doing
- 91) Who knows if they ... up tomorrow. They often let us down.
 a) will turn b) turned c) are turning up d) have turned
- 92) The mafiosi did not know that the police had them ...
 a) under surveillance b) in surveillance c) surveilled d) over surveillance

- 93) Cergy is ... from Paris than I thought.
 a) further b) farther c) far d) farrer
- 94) At the party, the man's unusual mannerisms drew ... attention to him.
 a) everybody b) anybody c) all d) everybody's
- 95) Which one is not synonymous with "to work very hard"?
 a) to work around the clock b) to work as crazy c) to work tirelessly d) to be extremely hardworking
- 96) Sarah was making dinner; ..., Matt was setting a nice table.
 a) meanwhile b) meantime c) a while d) during
- 97) What is the meaning of "to be out of hands" for a person or a situation?
 a) to become uncontrollable b) to fall from a user's hands c) to become difficult d) to disappear
- 98) ... the spectacular growth of online shopping, many people still enjoy window shopping.
 a) Although b) Despite c) In spite d) However
- 99) Which one is the odd one out?
 a) For starters b) To start with c) To put it in a nutshell d) To begin with
- 100) Not only ... not drink alcohol, but he doesn't approve of others doing so.
 a) does he b) he does c) he d) he would

PART 2 : READING COMPREHENSION

Text 1: Focus on the article carefully and answer the questions. **Only one** answer is possible.

THE SURPRISING UPSIDES OF BAD MOODS

By David Robson, 4th January 2022

It's sometimes tempting to beat yourself ___101___ for not feeling ___102___ – but there's good reason to embrace those grumps.

Imagine that you've just experienced something ___103___ – your friend has forgotten your birthday, you ___104___ for a new job, or you've just ___105___ up on 4 January and remembered you need ___106___ go to work. How would you typically respond to those feelings?

You might try to tell ___107___ that it doesn't matter, and not to let it get ___108___ you. You might try to avoid thinking about the bad news, and when it does seep into your consciousness, you'll question why you're ___109___ thin-skinned.

This tendency to screen out and self-punish could be described ___110___ "mood shame": the belief that having bad feelings is a personal ___111___.

Continually looking on the ___112___ side of life might seem strong, even courageous. But if it's taken too far, we may beat ___113___ up for perfectly reasonable responses to ___114___ . While it's natural that we might prefer to avoid ___115___ feelings like disappointment, worry, anger, or sadness, recent psychological ___116___ supports the idea that they serve useful purposes in our lives. ___117___ to see that value and accept those feelings without judgement, we may enjoy ___118___ physical and mental health.

To be clear, when I write about our need to accept ___119___ emotions, I'm not talking about ___120___ depression, anxiety – or ___121___ other chronic mood disorder that needs professional help.

- 101) a) up b) down c) off d) on
- 102) a) sunshine b) sun c) sunnier d) shining
- 103) a) happy b) unpleasant c) joyful d) depressed
- 104) a) reject b) rejected c) 've rejected d)'ve been rejected
- 105) a) waken b) woken c) wake d) waked
- 106) a) to b) ∅ c) for d) so as to
- 107) a) you b) yours c) yourself d) them
- 108) a) to b) at c) off d) into
- 109) a) such b) such a c) so d) so much
- 110) a) like b) by c) as d) ∅
- 111) a) highlight b) upside c) asset d) failing
- 112) a) bright b) light c) sunniest d) joyful
- 113) a) ours b) yourselves c) themselves d) ourselves
- 114) a) events b) actions c) thing d) happenings
- 115) a) unsure b) unexpected c) unintended d) uncomfortable
- 116) a) books b) research c) investigations d) article
- 117) a) Learn b) By learning c) For learning d) So as to learn
- 118) a) worse b) average c) better d) bad
- 119) a) no b) few c) positive d) negative
- 120) a) worse b) nasty c) big d) severe
- 121) a) an b) any c) no d) the

Answer the questions according to the context.

THE SURPRISING UPSIDES OF BAD MOODS (continued)

By David Robson, 4th January 2022

(...) There is nothing to be gained from prolonged and unbearable suffering if you need and are able to seek medical treatment and mental health support.

Instead, I'm referring to the **temporary clouds** that may gather over our lives for a few hours or days. Those **transient emotions** don't really pose a threat to our long-term wellbeing, but we often act as if they do – and it's tempting to try to avoid them.

Plenty of negative emotions pass like transient clouds – but that doesn't mean they should be ignored.

As the Italian philosopher Ilaria Gaspari notes in her recent book *Vita Segreta Delle Emozioni* (The Secret Life of Emotions), our attempts to suppress our emotions can simply add layers of "shame" and "fear" to what we are already feeling, alongside an envy of those who appear to be happier in their life. The resulting sentiment, she writes, is even "stronger and more tenacious" than the thing we were trying to avoid.

"It took me a long time to understand that being emotional does not mean being unstable or unbalanced, but being alive, open and vulnerable to the experience of the world," she writes.

Gaspari was writing from personal experience, but a series of scientific studies confirm that our "**mood shame**" can be detrimental to our wellbeing.

122) The journalist believes that:

- a) suffering is indispensable and useful
- b) there is no point in suffering if medical treatment can help
- c) one should suffer for some time before seeking medical treatment
- d) enduring stoically is the best of attitudes

123) “Temporary clouds” is an image for:

- a) positive emotions
- b) mixed feelings
- c) negative emotions
- d) the weather forecast

124) “Transient emotions” refer to emotions that:

- a) come and go quickly
- b) are noxious to your health
- c) are unmanageable
- d) turn your life into hell

125) According to Italian philosopher Ilaria Gaspari, trying to suppress our emotions:

- a) is our best option
- b) is problematic but remains the best option
- c) adds to other negative feelings
- d) is quite impossible

126) She sees emotional people as:

- a) unbalanced and vulnerable people
- b) people showing no vitality and no zest for life
- c) people who are closed to the outside world and focusing on their inner world
- d) people who are connected to reality, life, and the world at large

127) I.Gaspari’s theory is based on:

- a) her personal life
- b) a lot of case studies
- c) doctors’ and psychologists’ reports and works
- d) a strong intuition

128) “Mood shame” comes from:

- a) trying to suppress your negative emotions
- b) trying to analyse your negative emotions
- c) talking to friends about your negative emotions
- d) opening up to your doctor about your negative emotions

Text 2: choose the right answer according to the context.

Everywhere, All at Once

It's time to get serious about regulating artificial intelligence

By Harry Goldstein, June 2023 in [SPECTRUM.IEEE.ORG](https://spectrum.ieee.org)

It's been a frenetic six months since OpenAI introduced its large language model ChatGPT to the world at the end of last year. Every day since then, I've had at least one conversation about the consequences of the global AI experiment we find ourselves conducting. We aren't ready for this, and by we, I mean everyone – individuals, institutions, governments, and even the corporations deploying the technology today.

The sentiment that we're moving too fast for our own good is reflected in an open letter calling for a pause in AI research, which was posted by the Future of Life Institute and signed by many AI luminaries, including some prominent IEEE members. As News Manager Margo Anderson reports online in *The Institute*, signatories include Senior Member and IEEE's AI Ethics Maestro Eleanor "Nell" Watson and IEEE Fellow and chief scientist of software engineering at IBM, Grady Booch. He told Anderson, "These models are being unleashed into the wild by corporations who offer no transparency as to their corpus, their architecture, their guardrails, or the policies for handling data from users. My experience and my professional ethics tell me I must take a stand...."

But research and deployment haven't paused, and AI is becoming essential across a range of domains. For instance, Google has applied deep-reinforcement learning to optimize placement of logic and memory on chips, as Senior Editor Samuel K. Moore reports in the June issue's lead news story "Ending an Ugly Chapter in Chip Design." Deep in the June feature well, the cofounders of KoBold Metals explain how they use machine-learning models to search for minerals needed for electric-vehicle batteries in "This AI Hunts for Hidden Hoards of Battery Minerals."

Somewhere between the proposed pause and headlong adoption of AI lie the social, economic, and political challenges of creating the regulations that tech CEOs like OpenAI's Sam Altman and Google's Sundar Pichai have asked governments to create.

To help make sense of the current AI moment, I talked with *IEEE Spectrum* senior editor Eliza Strickland, who recently won a Jesse H. Neal Award for best range of work by an author for her biomedical, geoengineering, and AI coverage. Trustworthiness, we agreed, is probably the most pressing near-term concern. Addressing the provenance of information and its traceability is key. Otherwise, people may be swamped by so much bad information that the fragile consensus among humans about what is and isn't real totally breaks down.

129) The reaction to OpenAI introducing ChatGPT to the world in the 6 months that followed its introduction was:

- a) not much of a reaction
- b) lots of rather wild and uncontrolled energy
- c) a very negative one
- d) mixed feelings

130) Harry Glostein, Spectrum's editor and journalist, is convinced that:

- a) people were looking forward to it
- b) people are afraid of this
- c) there are a variety of diverging opinions on this topic
- d) people aren't prepared for this

131) An initiative from those who believe this is all going too fast for our own good was taken in the form of an open letter calling for a pause in AI by:

- a) some university lecturers specialized in AI
- b) AI experts and IEEE members
- c) the American government
- d) AI Ethics Maestro Eleanor "Nell" Watson

132) According to Grady Booch, the main problem with AI is:

- a) the non-transparent practices of some companies in their development of AI
- b) the lack of hindsight in the use of AI
- c) the excessive use of AI by companies
- d) the use of the users' data by AI

133) Grady Booth feels he has to take a stand owing to his:

- a) being a father
- b) being experienced in the matter
- c) being a responsible American citizen
- d) being experienced and ethically aware

134) Today, when it comes to research and deployment, it's obvious that:

- a) the message of the open letter about AI has been heard
- b) the research goes on but the development is at a standstill
- c) research and development have not stopped
- d) Google only got the message

135) It looks like Sundar Pichar from Google:

- a) has reached the government with an appeal for more regulations concerning AI
- b) has got a very personal opinion about AI which is not shared by other CEOs
- c) disagrees with Sam Altman
- d) couldn't care less about the deployment of AI

136) Eliza Strickland:

- a) deserves more recognition by her peers
b) has, to date, won a prize for her work on AI, geoengineering and biomedical
- c) is an aspiring journalist
d) is a renowned AI luminary

137) According to the journalist, the main values at stake with AI are:

- a) trustworthiness and traceability
b) trustworthiness
- c) trustworthiness and profitability
d) regulating traceability

Text 3 : answer the questions according to the context.

‘Killers of the Flower Moon’ is a true story, but it underplays extent of Osage murders

By Marco della Cava in USA TODAY

The new Martin Scorsese movie “Killer of the Flower Moon” plays like an improbable human horror story, brimming with deceit and death in 1920s Oklahoma.

The almost 3½-hour film, starring Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio and Lily Gladstone, tells the story of Osage Nation tribal members, newly wealthy from the discovery of oil on their otherwise parched reservation lands, and the duplicitous non-Native Americans who swoop in to steal their bounty.

But while it plays like an allegory, the story is true. Based on the best-selling 2017 book by journalist David Grann, “Killers” is the result of years of research and interviews with Osage elders. The tale explored both the deaths surrounding the family of Mollie Burkhart (Gladstone) as well as the exploits of the nascent Federal Bureau of Investigation (...).

People of the Osage Nation had been moved around by the federal government for years before winding up in a barren stretch of Oklahoma, which wasn’t worth much at the turn of the 20th century. But when oil deposits were discovered, everything changed.

Grann says that in 1923, with roughly 2,000 people on the tribal rolls, the group “collectively got more than \$30 million (in payments from oil companies leasing their land),” which translates to about \$500 million in today’s dollars. And while “few Americans owned a car at that time, many Osage had numerous cars, as well as many servants, often white.”

138) It “underplays” means :

- a) It lays a strong emphasis on
- b) It stresses the importance of the Osage murders
- c) It plays down the importance of the Osage murders
- d) It overlooks the Osage murders

139) According to the journalist, the film “Killers of the Flower Moon” is:

- a) a romance
- b) a comedy
- c) a story full of fear and loathing
- d) a supernatural story

140) The film takes place in:

- a) today’s America
- b) America before the Civil War
- c) America at the beginning of the 20th century
- d) America at an unknown dark time of its history

141) In the article, we learn that Native Americans and non-Native Americans:

- a) enjoyed a very good relationship
- b) were not on equal footing the ones with the others
- c) had a relationship fraught with hypocrisy
- d) had no contact whatsoever the ones with the others

142) The film was:

- a) unrealistic and romanticized so as to make a good film
- b) based on no real facts
- c) documented with interviews from Osage people
- d) a remake from a French film

143) Osage nation people

- a) had always travelled across the USA for the fun of it
- b) had never found a place where they wanted to settle down
- c) were constantly moved around by the government
- d) were travellers who enjoyed moving out often

144) When the Osage got to Oklahoma:

- a) they found the place hospitable and pleasant to live in
- b) they found themselves in a place with a lot going on and lots of opportunities
- c) they could see the place was ideal for harvesting with rich soil
- d) they could see that the place was pretty arid and desolate

145) When oil was discovered and the Osage people got rich, they:

- a) did not change lifestyles
- b) drastically changed lifestyles and lived lavishly
- c) saved most of their money for a rainy day
- d) gave a lot of money to not so lucky Native American tribes