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基础英语

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I. Vocabulary and Structure (40 points)

Part 1

Directions: Choose one of the four alternatives which is closest in meaning to the underlined word or phrase and mark the corresponding letter.

1. I am sure that the new job recently assigned to Tony provides him enough scope for his talents.

A. space B. capacity C. range D. opportunity

2. They are boycotting the store because the workers are on strike.

A. looting B. banning C. protecting D. destroying

3. John boasted that he could finish the job all by himself in no time.

A. very rapidly B. in time C. on time D. at any moment

4. The playing of the national anthem comes before all sports events.

A. precedes B. proceeds C. follows D. goes after

5. A judicious parent encourages his children to make their own decisions.

A. judicial B. illustrious C. wise D. precautionous

6. A fable is a didactic tale focused on a single character trait.

A. an authentic B. a muddled C. an instructive D. an old-fashioned

7. The near extinction of the leopard is the direct result of wanton destruction by humans.

A. ongoing B. senseless C. ignorant D. accelerated

write." He that writes to himself writes to an eternal public. That statement only is fit to be made public, which you have come at in attempting to satisfy your own curiosity. The writer who takes his subject from his ear, and not from his heart, should know that he has lost as much as he seems to have gained, and when the empty book has gathered all its praise, and half the people say, "What poetry! What genius!" it still needs fuel to make fire. That only profits which is profitable. Life alone can impart life; and though we should burst, we can only be valued as we make ourselves valuable. There is no luck in literary reputation. They who make up the final verdict upon every book are not the partial and noisy readers of the hour when it appears; but a court ~~of~~ of angels, a public not to be bribed, not to be entreated, and not to be overawed, decides upon every man's title to fame. Only those books come down which deserve to last. Gilt edges, vellum, and morocco, and presentation-copies to all the libraries, will not preserve a book in circulation beyond its intrinsic date. It must go with all Walpole's Noble and Royal Authors to its fate. Blackmore, Kotzebue, ~~and~~ Pollok may endure for a night, but Moses and Homer stand forever. There are not in the world at any one time more than a dozen persons who read and understand Plato: --never enough to pay for an edition of his works; yet to every generation these come duly down, for the sake of those few persons, as if God brought them in his hand. "No book," said Bentley, "was ever written down by any but itself." The permanence of all books is fixed by no effort friendly or hostile, but by their own specific gravity, or the intrinsic importance of their contents to the constant mind of man. "Do not trouble yourself too much about the light on your statue," said Michelangelo to the young sculptor; "the light of the public square will test its value."

In like manner the effect of every action is measured by the depth of the sentiment from which it proceeds. The great man knew not that he was great. It took a century or two for that fact to appear. What he did, he did because he must; it was the most natural thing in the world, and grew out of the circumstances of the moment. But now, every

thing he did, even to the lifting of his finger or the eating of bread, looks large, all-related, and is called an institution.

VI. Writing (20 points)

Directions: Write an expository composition of no less than 200 words on the topic

The Pleasure of Learning

8. Materials such as clay, wax, glass, and rubber are widely used in industry today because they are malleable.
- A. easy to manufacture B. readily available
C. pliable D. buoyant
9. The use of aspirin became common in 1899, after the serendipitous discovery of its superiority to pure salicylic acid.
- A. fortuitous B. momentous C. fundamental D. valiant
10. The book is a spin-off of his master's thesis.
- A. reproduction B. a copy C. offshoot D. a sketch
11. The comedian's takeoff of a fat man running for a bus was very amusing.
- A. carnage B. caress C. carriage D. caricature
12. The hot, humid day made me feel completely unnerve; I sank back weakly into the hammock.
- A. sedulous B. sapient C. enervated D. protracted
13. Variety is the spice of life.
- A. zest B. succession C. wisdom D. essence
14. After the long battle a few gaunt soldiers stumbled about on the battlefield.
- A. martial B. terrestrial C. dexterous D. haggard
15. Everyone else was too afraid to move, Jason however, the only intrepid one of the men, showed his bravery by quickly leaping forward to struggle barehanded with the beast.
- A. frightened B. masculine C. thoughtful D. fearless
16. The newly imported machine doesn't work in ambient humidity of 50 degrees.
- A. approximate B. surrounding C. convenient D. high
17. The North American desert, a vast belt of inhospitable terrain, stretches erratically down the western side of the continent.
- A. endlessly B. irregularly C. ominously D. longitudinally

18. Footnotes help to keep the body of a written text free of nonessential facts.

A. complemented by B. elucidated by C. imprisoned by D. unhampered by

19. Don't be callous to the suffering of others.

A. apathetic B. curious C. sensitive D. supercilious

20. If we are to succeed in this endeavor, we must seek effectual means of securing our goals.

A. efficient B. economical C. ignominious D. indecent

Part II

Directions: Choose one from the four alternatives that best completes the sentence and mark the corresponding letter.

21. It was with great delight that I read in your February _____ the Letter to the Editor written by Prof. Johnson.

A. issue B. printing C. magazine D. copy

22. Anyone who has a sore throat should _____ from alcohol.

A. detain B. abstain C. sustain D. pertain

23. The doctor's _____ is that she'll soon be as good as new if she takes insulin and watches her diet.

A. agnosticism B. anticipation C. diagnosis D. prognosis

24. An editor is responsible for accepting or rejecting _____ for publication.

A. manuscript B. inscription C. scriptures D. subscribers

25. The band is doing the last _____ on their world-tour later this week in Sydney.

A. gin B. gig C. glee D. glen

26. Henry wasn't paid because he was the _____ secretary of the association.

A. honorable B. honored C. honorary D. honor

27. India is _____ to China.

A. contagious B. contiguous C. contingent D. contentious

28. The once separate issue of environment and development are now _____ linked.
 A. intangible B. indispensable C. inextricably D. incredibly
29. The little boy behaved so _____ that people began to call him a freak.
 A. docilely B. perversely C. constantly D. persistently
30. We did not have time to read the whole novel, so the teacher found a _____ from the library for us.
 A. synopsis B. symposium C. symmetry D. synthesis
31. The appeal to the senses known as _____ is especially common in poetry.
 A. imaginative B. imaginable C. ingenious D. imagery
32. The scheme for rebuilding the city center _____, owing to the refusal of a Council to sanction the expenditure of the money it would have required.
 A. fell down B. fell off C. fell out D. fell flat
33. Just as there are occupations that require college or even higher degrees, _____ occupations for which technical training is necessary.
 A. so too there are B. so also there are C. so there are too D. so too are there
34. There have been several attempts to introduce gayer colors and styles in men's clothing, but none of them _____.
 A. has caught on B. has caught him out C. has caught up D. take roots
35. _____ my wife's consistent encouragement I wouldn't have accomplished my graduate study.
 A. But for B. But with C. Except for D. Except that
36. Most insulation devices of this kind, _____ manufactured for such purposes, are extremely expensive to install.
 A. that are B. which is C. those are D. as are
37. To be sure, there would be scarcely no time left over for other things if school children _____ all sides of every matter on which they hold opinions.
 A. would have been expected to have considered

- B. were expected to consider
- C. will be expected to have been considered
- D. were expected to have considered

38. This, they say, is proof that the more primitive species was not simply supplanted by an advanced one _____ into one.

- A. but also developed
- B. but reformed sharply
- C. but merely turned
- D. but evolved slowly

39. Australia provides the only separate, _____ laboratory in which dramatic Quaternary extinction occurred.

- A. natural continent-sized
- B. natural and continent-sized
- C. continent-sized natural
- D. continent-sized and large

40. The issuance for psychologists will impact not only on the role of current practitioners, but on the training and justifying of future _____, as well as the function and public image of the profession.

- A. one
- B. ones
- C. case
- D. cases

II. Error spotting (20 points)

Directions: Decide which underlined part is incorrect and mark the corresponding letter.

41. Tokyo Bay shook as if huge rug had been pulled from under it.

- A
- B
- C
- D

42. Nobody besides little children thinks that a trip by bus is exciting.

- A
- B
- C
- D

43. Huge waves swept over the city; boats were driven inland, and buildings and people

- A
- B
- C

were dragged out sea.

- D

44. I regret having left the work unfinished; I should plan everything ahead carefully.

A B C D

45. The amount of pressure which the materials are subject to affect the quality of the

A B C D

products.

46. There is a delicate balance of nature which many squares miles of ocean and

A B

vegetation and clean air are needed to maintain only a relatively few human beings.

C D

47. Each cigarette which a person smokes does some harm, and eventually you may get

A B C

a serious disease from its effect.

D

48. The moon has a mass that is nearly one hundred times less than the earth; in

A B

consequence, the force of gravity at the moon's surface is one-sixth of that at the earth's

C D

surface.

49. He cannot tell the difference between true praise and flattering statements making

A B C

only to gain his favor.

D

50. Over the years, a large number of overseas students have studied at that university in

A B

the result that it has acquired substantial experience in dealing with them.

C D

51. The changes that took place in air travel during the last sixty years would have

A B

seemed completely impossible to even the most brilliant scientists at the turn of the 19th

C D

century.

52. Even if automakers modify commercially produced cars to run on alternative fuels,

A B

the cars won't catch on in a big way when the drivers can fill them up at the gas station.

C D

53. Communication skills seem to count for little in comparison with reputation when it

A B C D

came to invitations to speak.

54. If they think they are going to win over us by obstinately holding up and refusing to

A B C

make the slightest concession, they are mistaken.

D

55. The impact of Thoreau's "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience" might not have been

A B

so far-reaching it had not been for Elizabeth Peabody, who dared to publish the

C D

controversial essay.

56. The Portuguese give a great deal of credit to one man for having promoted the sea

A B

travel, that man was Prince Henry the navigator, who lived in the 15th century.

C D

57. Jean Wagner's enduring contribution to the study of Afro-American poetry is his

A B

insistency that it is to be analyzed in religious, as well as worldly, frame of reference.

C D

58. Allen has stated that he has always had a great interest and admiration for the work

A B C D

of the British economist Keynes.

59. He also conceived that the solar system and the universe would come into existence

A B

by a natural process and would disappear one day.

C D

60. As for the influence of computerization, nowhere we have seen the results more

A B

clearly than in the U.S., which really have surprised us all.

C D

III. Cloze (10 points)

Directions: Fill in each underlined space with one word that best suits the context of the following passage.

The American millionaire is the personification of the American Dream. In the "Land of the Free", they worked their 61 up to the top from the factory floor. Many, 62 devoted their youth to making and saving money, 63 their later years giving money 64. For example, the Rockefeller family who made their money through banking and oil, 65 \$530million to medical research and education. They founded two national parks and built the vast Rockefeller Center in the middle of Manhattan. The first Rockefeller, 66 started life as a clerk, led a life of complete 67.

Many find it hard to understand why these American 68 labored so hard to acquire wealth, then gave so much of it away. The 69 may be guilt or even pride.

Perhaps it is only that materialism and generosity, the urge to acquire wealth and the urge to share it, 70 side by side in the character of many Americans.

IV. Translation from Chinese into English (30 points)

假日连锁酒店的住客每年从它的 2,638 家分店中卷走 50 万条毛巾, 酒店想知道这些毛巾后来的遭遇。不过, 假日酒店并没有对顺手牵羊者兴师问罪的意思, 只是想让他们为一次全国性的促销活动添砖加瓦。酒店宣布对这些客人实行特赦, 条件是要他们讲讲这些年中被拿走的那些毛巾都派上了什么用场。每收到一个故事, 假日酒店就向一个慈善机构捐款 1 美元。这个机构是假日酒店在 1986 年成立的, 目的是帮助患有致命疾病的儿童。假日酒店品牌管理高级副总裁马克·辛德尔说: “这是一件轻松愉快的事情, 只不过是让人们站出来讲述自己的故事。如果他们心里还因衣橱里存有一条假日酒店的毛巾而残留些许愧疚的话, 这一来也就烟消云散了。” 这家连锁酒店要求客人们把自己的故事放到酒店的网站上, 然后评出 25 个最佳故事, 故事的主人将获得一条限量珍藏版的假日酒店毛巾。网站已经收到了数百个故事。一名男子说他在墨西哥蒙特雷的假日酒店拿了一条毛巾作为蜜月夜晚的纪念, 后来伊人已去, 毛巾犹存。辛德尔说, 失去一条毛巾会给酒店造成 3 美元的损失, 但酒店并不介意客人拿走毛巾, 而大多数客人也认为房价中已经包含了毛巾的费用。

V. Translation from English into Chinese (30 points)

The effect of any writing on the public mind is mathematically measurable by its depth of thought. How much water does it draw? If it awaken you to think, if it lift you from your feet with the great voice of eloquence, then the effect is to be wide, slow, permanent, over the minds of men; if the pages instruct you not, they will die like flies in the hour. The way to speak and write what shall not go out of fashion is, to speak and write sincerely. The argument which has not power to reach my own practice, I may well doubt, will fail to reach yours. But take Sidney's maxim: --“Look in thy heart, and