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## I. Use of English Section

What is the opposite of these adjectives?

- Example: noisy    a. quiet    b. crowded    c. empty    d. dangerous
1. beautiful    a. ugly    b. handsome    c. attractive    d. gorgeous
2. long    a. short    b. tall    c. fat    d. straight
3. crowded    a. full    b. empty    c. dangerous    d. safe
4. wrong    a. incorrect    b. ill    c. right    d. short
5. ill    a. right    b. wrong    c. happy    d. well

Complete the following sentences with the correct word or phrase (a-d).

Example: I \_\_\_\_\_ school when I was five years old.

- a. start    b. started    c. finished    d. am starting
6. I can \_\_\_\_\_ another language.  
a. spoke    b. talking    c. talk    d. speak
7. He was born \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> June 1998.  
a. on    b. at    c. for    d. in
8. Albert Einstein was \_\_\_\_\_ than Homer Simpson.  
a. intelligent    b. intelligenter    c. intelligentest    d. more intelligent
9. What \_\_\_\_\_ your phone number?  
a. are    b. be    c. does    d. is
10. What \_\_\_\_\_ a tourist do in Ecuador?  
a. was    b. have    c. do    d. can
11. The students are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
a. happy    b. happier    c. happier    d. more happy
12. She likes \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.  
a. going    b. went    c. go    d. goes
13. Last night I \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio.  
a. am listening    b. heard    c. hearing    d. listened
14. She often \_\_\_\_\_ tennis with her friend.  
a. does    b. play    c. plays    d. did
15. I think Jim Carrey is \_\_\_\_\_ than Ben Stiler.  
a. funny    b. more funny    c. funnier    d. funnier
16. On Saturdays she usually \_\_\_\_\_ TV.  
a. see    b. saw    c. watch    d. watches
17. What \_\_\_\_\_ you do last night?  
a. do    b. does    c. did    d. was
18. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ books. It's boring.  
a. reading    b. writing    c. read    d. writes

19. She celebrates her birthday \_\_\_\_\_ May.  
a. on                      b. to                      c. of                      d. in
20. There \_\_\_\_\_ two armchairs in the living room.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. be                      d. being
21. What time does he \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning?  
a. wakes up              b. wake up              c. woke up              d. woken up
22. \_\_\_\_\_ you having a party on Saturday night?  
a. do                      b. are                      c. is                      d. was
23. Today he \_\_\_\_\_ a t-shirt and trousers.  
a. is using              b. is wearing              c. wears                      d. uses
24. Where \_\_\_\_\_ he going?  
a. do                      b. does                      c. are                      d. is
25. She's got a lot \_\_\_\_\_ DVDs  
a. in                      b. to                      c. of                      d. on
26. Rock music is \_\_\_\_\_ than rap.  
a. good                      b. gooder                      c. better                      d. best
27. Buses are \_\_\_\_\_ than taxis.  
a. cheap                      b. cheaper                      c. cheapest                      d. more cheap
28. How many brothers and sisters \_\_\_\_\_ you got?  
a. has                      b. have                      c. do                      d. does
29. I \_\_\_\_\_ a report for my boss at the moment.  
a. am writing              b. write                      c. writing                      d. wrote
30. She \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful cat.  
a. is                      b. has got                      c. have got                      d. is got
31. I like to stay \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
a. by                      b. at                      c. for                      d. in
32. Rosa doesn't like traveling \_\_\_\_\_ bus  
a. with                      b. by                      c. for                      d. in
33. The Galapagos Islands are \_\_\_\_\_ than Baños y Ambato.  
a. hot                      b. hoter                      c. hotter                      d. more hot
34. Where \_\_\_\_\_ you born?  
a. was                      b. were                      c. do                      d. are
35. \_\_\_\_\_ you like to order now?  
a. can                      b. have                      c. would                      d. do
36. They went for a \_\_\_\_\_ walk.  
a. long                      b. most long                      c. longest                      d. more long
37. Where \_\_\_\_\_ he from?  
a. is                      b. are                      c. do                      d. were

**Which word is different?**

- Example: a. rap                      b. jazz                      c. opera                      d. thrillers
38. a. milk                      b. cheese                      c. soup                      d. eggs
39. a. doctor                      b. teacher                      c. lawyer                      d. housewife
40. a. bicycle                      b. scooter                      c. motorbike                      d. boat
41. a. uncle                      b. aunt                      c. daughter                      d. sister
42. a. Portugal                      b. British                      c. German                      d. Mexican

Are these sentences correct (a) or incorrect (b)?

Example: He said that he was tired.

a. correct      b. incorrect

43. I love play basketball.

a. correct      b. incorrect

44. How much chairs are there in the living room?

a. correct      b. incorrect

45. She's fifteen years old.

a. correct      b. incorrect

46. I haven't any cats or dogs.

a. correct      b. incorrect

47. There isn't some cheese.

a. correct      b. incorrect

48. He practises sport every day.

a. correct      b. incorrect

49. I'd like a cheese burger and chip, please.

a. correct      b. incorrect

50. Whose bag is this?

a. correct      b. incorrect

## II. Reading Section

Read the restaurant reviews.

### Richard's Place

When we entered the restaurant, we were surprised by the lovely interior design of it. So stylish, so modern! This is one of the most popular restaurants in town and it's very easy to see why. The quality of the food was extremely good and we all had very tasty meals. The starters were wonderful. However, the staff were unfriendly and very slow. They were also disorganized - they gave us the wrong food and forgot to bring the wine. So the food was great and excellent value for money but it was ruined by very, very poor service!

### The Orchard

I had a very nice meal at the Orchard restaurant. The food was lovely - really delicious and full of flavour. The only disappointment was the dessert - the apple pie was far too sweet and it was cold too. We chose to eat in the garden which was full of beautiful flowers and very relaxing. The service was quite good but as we were in the garden it was more difficult to find a waiter when we wanted to order something. Apart from that it was an enjoyable evening. As for the price - what a bargain, excellent value for money!

### The Riverside

It was lovely sitting outside and looking over the river. There were lots of little lanterns and fairy lights everywhere and it all looked very pretty. The food was good, nothing very special but quite tasty. We went last year and I saw that the menu was the same. I had a steak for my main course which was a little overcooked but the dessert was delicious. The service was OK, we didn't have to wait too long for our food but the waiter never looked very happy! It's quite an expensive place but with the view I think it's quite good value for money.

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Are the statements true (a) or false (b)?

Example: The food wasn't very good at any of the restaurants.

a. True      b. False

51. The writer sat inside all three restaurants.

a. True      b. False

52. *Richard's Place* is quite old.

a. True      b. False

53. The waiters were OK at *Richard's Place*.

a. True      b. False

54. The dessert at *The Orchard* was nice.

a. True      b. False

55. It wasn't difficult to get a waiter at *The Orchard*.

a. True      b. False

56. The writer liked the view at *The Riverside*.

a. True      b. False

57. This isn't the first time the writer has been to *The Riverside*.

a. True      b. False

Choose the best meaning (a-d) for the words.

58. lovely (paragraphs one, two and three)

a. pretty      b. nice      c. friendly      d. beautiful

59. ruin (paragraph two)

a. make something better      b. make someone happy      c. have a good time      d. make something bad

60. lantern (paragraph three)

a. a kind of cake      b. a kind of song      c. a kind of light      d. kind of menu

### Read the newspaper article.

Thursday March 24, (Reuters) - Dean Karnazes is 42-years-old and lives in San Francisco.

He loves running - he often runs all night. He runs 70 to 120 miles a week.

He puts his two children to bed on a Friday night, and runs 70 miles to a hot spring. He meets his family at the hot spring in the morning.

He takes his credit card and his cell phone and runs. He phones and orders pizza. He tells the pizza company man where to meet him and he brings a hot pizza.

Karnazes has a natural foods company. He runs in 10 races over 100 miles each year. People ask him why he runs. His wife, Julie says, "Just look at him: He's so happy."

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### Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

61. What is the best title for the article?

- a. Special Pizza Delivery
- b. I'm Happy Because I Run
- c. Man Goes to Hot Springs
- d. Natural Foods Make You Healthy

62. What is Dean Kamazes's job?

- a. a runner
- b. he delivers pizzas
- c. a salesman
- d. he owns a company

63. Where does he usually sleep on Friday nights?

- a. at a hot spring
- b. at home
- c. he doesn't sleep
- d. at a hotel

64. He enters competitions. How long are the races?

- a. 120 miles
- b. 100 miles
- c. 70 miles
- d. 10 miles

### Read the newspaper article.

## Racehorse Loses Again

TOKYO Tue Mar 23 (Reuters) - A Japanese racehorse, who is famous because she has lost so many races, lost another race on Monday.

Haru-urara lost her 106th race at the Kochi Racecourse, southwest of Tokyo. 13,000 people came to watch the race. They wanted to see if Japan's most respected jockey, Yutaka Take, could help her win a race.

There were 11 horses in the race. Haru-urara came 10th.

"All the fans seem to be going home happy," said a reporter for Asahi TV. "They feel that it was OK for her to lose."

"I don't really know why she's so popular," her trainer, Dai Muneishi said in an interview. "But I guess the biggest reason is that the sight of her running with all her heart despite having lost more than 100 times gives comfort to people's hearts," he said.

Haru-urara will star in a movie later this year. When she retires, she will live on a farm in northern Japan.

#### Words:

**fan** - a person who likes something or somebody very much

**with her heart** - trying very hard

**comfort** - something that makes you feel better

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### Choose the best answers (a-d) to the questions.

65. How many races has Haru-urara run?

- a. 0
- b. 10
- c. 100
- d. 106

66. How many races has she won?

- a. 0
- b. 10
- c. 100
- d. 106

67. What did Yutaka Take do?

- a. watch Haru-urara run the race
- b. ride Haru-urara in the race
- c. train Haru-urara for the race
- d. help Haru-urara win the race

68. Why do people like to go and see Haru-urara?

- a. because they are fans of Yutaka Take
- b. because they like watching a horse try hard, even though she is not very good
- c. because it was Haru-urara's 100th race
- d. because Haru-urara is a movie star

69. What is Haru-urara's next project?

- a. another race                      b. retirement on a farm                      c. a film                      d. a jockey

Read the email and choose the best words to fill in the gaps.

Dear Claire,

How are you? I'm (Example) \_\_\_\_\_.

I (70) \_\_\_\_\_ having a really exciting week here at university. Last Saturday I (71) \_\_\_\_\_ to a concert (72) \_\_\_\_\_ I met a really nice guy called Brian. (73) \_\_\_\_\_'s studying economics and he's (74) \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent. Last night, we ate (75) \_\_\_\_\_ together at my favourite restaurant and he invited me to go to the cinema next (76) \_\_\_\_\_. I really like (77) \_\_\_\_\_.

I have exams next month so I'm (78) \_\_\_\_\_ really hard at the moment. After the exams, I'd like (79) \_\_\_\_\_ visit my grandmother. She's ill at the moment

Anyway, my phone (80) \_\_\_\_\_ ringing! It's probably Brian! I'll write to you soon,

Lucy

Example: a. bad                      b. old                      c. fine                      d. attractive

70. a. go                      b. is                      c. am                      d. have

71. a. see                      b. saw                      c. go                      d. went

72. a. but                      b. and                      c. in                      d. who

73. a. She                      b. His                      c. Her                      d. He

74. a. too                      b. really                      c. happy                      d. being

75. a. out                      b. off                      c. of                      d. up

76. a. Mall                      b. shops                      c. Friday                      d. free

77. a. her                      b. his                      c. he                      d. him

78. a. studying                      b. going                      c. saving                      d. having

79. a. really                      b. much                      c. go                      d. to

80. a. was                      b. very                      c. is                      d. have

