**Unit 1. LIFE STORIES**

**Part I. PHONETICS**

***Exercise 1. Mark the letter A. B. C or D to indicate the word or phrase which does not contain the same sound as the other three.***

1. A. aid B. aide C. add D. ade

2. A. aisle B. all C. isle D. I'll

3. A. they're B. their C. there D. the

4. A. bus B. by C. bye D. buy

5. A. carrot B. carat C. carries D. caret

6. A. sense B. sents C. scents D. cents

7. A. does B. doze C. doughs D. dust

8. A. form B. four C. fore D. for

9. A. praise B. prays C. prize D. preys

10. A. cite B. site C. sink D. sight

**Part II. VOCABULARY**

***Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

11. Martin Luther King devoted his life to the \_\_\_\_ of voting right for black people.

A. effort B. realization C. achievement D. performance

12. His father used to be a \_\_\_\_ professor at the university. Many students worshipped him..

A. distinct B. distinctive C. distinguishing D. distinguished

13. Mark Zuckerberg's enormous success has taken a lot of hardwork and \_\_\_\_.

A. indifference B. dedication C. loyalty D. reputation

14. I can't believe she didn't do anything for the company. I will \_\_\_\_ and be in charge.

A. take over B. take on C. take up D. take in

15. During the Medieval period, people were made public \_\_\_\_ of being witches.

A. complaint B. criminal C. trouble D. accusation

16. That disable boy's victory in the race set the \_\_\_\_ example to all students in the school.

A. finest B. first-class C. rarest D. most convenient

17. A \_\_\_\_ once said “It is a sweet and honourable thing to die for your country.”

A. patriotism B. patriotic C. patriot D. patrol

18. He is \_\_\_\_-influenced by his father and grandfather. His behaviors and decisions are exactly the same.

A. mightily B. strongly C. terribly D. weakly

19. IPhone 7 is the latest \_\_\_\_ in the field of smartphone design of Apple.

A. creator B. create C. creativity D. creation

20. Einstein \_\_\_\_ a great impact on modern physics.

A. feels B. does C. a D. has

21. It is the underserved \_\_\_\_ that damaged his life and his family.

A. reputable B. repute C. reputation D. disrepute

22. At the age of 50, Robby William \_\_\_\_ his career after spending his twenty years playing electric guitar.

A. moved B. changed C. adjusted D. stopped

23. She has a wonderful voice but unfortunately, she never gets the \_\_\_\_ to sing in public.

A. event B. occasion C. ability D. chance

24. Michael Hart was the \_\_\_\_ of Project Gutenberg, one of the longest-lasting online library projects.

A. founder B. author C. architect D. father

25. She is not a very nice girl. She seems to enjoy the \_\_\_\_ of others.

A. unfortune B. misfortune C. disfortune D. infortune

26. We \_\_\_\_ the kittens carefully and sold them for a good profit.

A. brought up B. grew up C . rose D. aroused

27. The stores will inevitably end up \_\_\_\_ with each other to increase their market shares.

A. contesting B. contending C. competing D. completing

28. Bill Gates has made large donations to numerous \_\_\_\_ organizations.

A. charitable B. charitably C. charity D. charities

29. Thanks to the help of the teacher, she is \_\_\_\_\_ encouraging progress in math.

A. doing B. making C. checking D. stopping

30. The \_\_\_\_ of the soil reduced the productivity of the farm.

A. fertility B. hardship C. poverty D. inadequacy

***Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

31. The speaker paused. He hesitated to answer the direct question raised by the audience.

A. decided B. continued C. determined D. wavered

32. Her courage not only inspired her followers but moved her rivals as well.

A. depressed B. motivated C. overlooked D. rejected

33. The government's plans to cut taxes really stimulated the economy.

A. discouraged B. started C. weakened D. improved

34. Chauvet Jeans was a well-known nineteen century painter whose paintings are extraordinarily sophisticated.

A. old-fashioned B. basic C. primitive D. complex

35. Some rock stars started off as rebels with strong and broad principles.

A. beliefs B. honour C. formulas D. law

36. I used to idolize David Beckham because of his dedication and talent.

A. hate B. impress C. worship D. detest

37. Linda is very outgoing, however, her brother is quite reserved.

A. open B. sociable C. easygoing D. shy

38. Ideally, I'd like to work at home but there is no way my boss agrees with that.

A. Generally B. Luckily C. Preferably D. Fortunately

39. Morgan Freeman began to land big roles and won critical and popular acclaim after years of small parts and limited success.

A. arrive B. gain C. deliver D. Cause

40. Recognizable smaller than most of the kids in his age group, Lionel Messi was diagnosed by doctors as suffering from a hormone deficiency that restricted his growth.

A. inadequacy B. sufficiency C. abundance D. strength

***Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

41. During the Great Depression, many people suddenly found themselves jobless after a night.

A. unemployed B. redundant C. unoccupied D. supplementary

42. I was relieved by the news that they had gone home safe and sound.

A. comforted B. concerned C. relaxed D. lightened

43. She comes from an admirable and respectable family.

A. good B. respected C. unworthy D. dignified

44. They are going to have to amputate his left leg which was badly injured in the accident.

A. remove B. separate C. cut off D. mend

45. Her identity will never be revealed in order to protect her children from being judged.

A. uncovered B. proclaimed C. leaked D. hid

46. There are several interesting things emerging from the report.

A. fading B. rising C. coming up D. developing

47. This boy is poorly-educated and doesn't know how to behave properly.

A. uneducated B. knowledgeable C. ignorant D. rude

48. I prefer reading fictional stories to hearing about real events.

A. imaginary B. unreal C. existent D. legendary

49. It is not fair to give such a challenging task to an inexperienced staff like her.

A. comprehensible B. difficult C. provocative D. intriguing

50. White blood cells help defend the body against infection.

A. fight B. cover C. protect D. abandon

**Part III. GRAMMAR**

***Exercise 5. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

51. We \_\_\_\_ to the hospital to visit Mike when he \_\_\_\_ to say that he was fine.

A. were driving - was calling B. drove - called

C. were driving – called D. drove - was calling

52. What \_\_\_\_ to you on Sunday night?

A. happen B. happened C. was happening D. would happen

53. Last night, we \_\_\_\_ for you for ages but you never \_\_\_\_ up.

A. waited – showed B. would wait - showed

C. were waiting - were showing D. waited – was showing

54. We \_\_\_\_ our quality time when the unexpected guess \_\_\_\_.

A. had – came B. were having - came

C. had been having – came D. have had – would have come

55. Since they \_\_\_\_ us they \_\_\_\_ to visit us last Sunday, we \_\_\_\_ forward to the day.

A. were telling - came - looked B . would tell – would visit - would look

C. told – would come - were looking D. tell - are coming - will look

56. I \_\_\_\_ out last night but at the last minute I \_\_\_\_ that I had a quiz this morning.

A. was going to go – realized B. went – realized

C. had gone – would realize D. would go - have realized

57. She hasn't paid as much attention to her children as she \_\_\_\_ since she \_\_\_\_ working.

A. does – starts B. did - started

C. was doing - was starting D. has done - would start

58. My brother \_\_\_\_ at the road when he \_\_\_\_ into a hole.

A. wasn't looking - was falling B. didn't look - has fallen

C. wasn't looking – fell D. won't look - fall

59. Magellan \_\_\_\_ the first European who \_\_\_\_ through the strait.

A. was - was sailing B. was being - was sailing C. had been – sailed D. was - sailed

60. The first self-sufficient village in Britain \_\_\_\_ the Norman's idea. They were some strange invaders who \_\_\_\_ to change the country in a better way.

A. was – hoped B. is - have hoped C. have been - were hoping D. was being - had hoped

61. Who is \_\_\_\_ girl over there with Jimmy?

A. the B. a C. an D. Ø

62. The boss needs an assistant with \_\_\_\_ good knowledge of foreign trade.

A. a B. the C. any D. Ø

63. We are having \_\_\_\_ terrible weather which is quite strange. Usually \_\_\_\_ weather in UK is not this bad.

A. the – the B. a – the C. Ø - the D. the - a

64. Could you please close \_\_\_\_ window? I don't think it is necessary to open all the four.

A. a B. the C. some D. Ø

65. \_\_\_\_ Gordons is a very interesting family. They like to travel around \_\_\_\_ world.

A. A – the B . The - the C. A – a D. A-Ø

66. To absorb more oil from spring rolls, we can use materials like \_\_\_\_ newspaper to wrap them after frying.

A. the B. any C. Ø D. a

67. After a hard-working day, I went to \_\_\_\_ bed and had \_\_\_\_ most beautiful dream ever.

A. the - the B. a – the C. a – a D. Ø - the

68. I have visited \_\_\_\_ Portugal but I have never been to \_\_\_\_ Netherlands.

A. the – the B . Ø - the C. a – the D. a - a

69. Every week, his mother goes to \_\_\_\_ university to visit him while my mother has never come to visit me since I went to \_\_\_\_ university.

A. the - Ø B. the - the C. Ø - Ø D. a - the

70. He left on \_\_\_\_10 o'clock train yesterday to see his father who was taken to \_\_\_\_ hospital last week when he broke \_\_\_\_ right leg.

A. the - the - the B. the - a - a C. a - a - the D. the - Ø - Ø

***Exercise 6. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.***

71. Last month, while my friend was traveling round England by the car, he crashed the car into a tree.

 A B C D

72. She was walking to the library to borrow some books when she was seeing a robbery.

 A B C D

73. He can speak French very well and is studying Latin.

 A B C D

74. Please turn off television. I also like watching TV but now I am having to study for the exam.

 A B C D

75. The researchers of Harvard University reported that the tigers are one of the most dangerous species in the jungle.

 A B C D

76. I think a good health is important, and so is education while money, to some extent, is not.

 A B C D

77. He was reading out the data while Sara wrote it down carefully.

 A B C D

78. He would live in the countryside but now he is living in a big city.

 A B C D

79. Many people used to think learning English is full of the difficulties.

 A B C D

80. The biggest problem with eating too much sugar is that it can cause the diabetes.

 A B C D

81. The most people need healthy eating and enough exercise every day.

 A B C D

82. The doctor said that she was making a relatively slow progress because she was quite old.

 A B C D

83. Now J. K. Rowling is a multi-millionaire, but she was not born into the fame and fortune.

 A B C D

84. Last night, suddenly my mother was deciding to ban me from using the Internet so we ended up having a huge row.

 A B C D

85. It was the day like any other and Martin was doing his normal round as a safeguard.

 A B C D

86. In contrast to my brother is hardworking, I am quite a lazy boy.

 A B C D

87. I went into the city center today because I need to get my phone repaired.

 A B C D

88. It was so short-sighted for Mai to leave school.

 A B C D

89. The moment I was seeing him, I realized I had met him somewhere before.

 A B C D

90. I was having a black cat three years ago but now it is no longer with me.

 A B C D

**Part IV. SPEAKING**

***Exercise 7. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.***

91. Have you decided who to talk about?

A. I see. I will talk to him. B. Let's talk about your study.

C. I need to talk to you now. D. Not yet. I am still considering.

92. What do you think about Steve Jobs?

A. That's right! B. I doubt it. It is not true.

C. Well, he is talented. D. I agree with you about him.

93. Good luck to you in your exam!

A. Thank you! Same to you. B. Yeah. That's the one. C. Well, I'll see. D. Don't worry! I'll be fine.

94. What a wonderful party!

A. I am fine. Thank you! B. I don't know. Let me check. C. I am happy you like it. D. Same to you. Thanks!

95. What's new with you?

A. Me too. B. Nothing much. C. See you later D. Help yourself.

96. Hello. May I speak to Fred, please?

A. Thanks, I'd love to. B. Good. I'll call you. C. Just a minute. D. Fine, I'll be ready

97. What are you doing?

A. I see. I will tell Tom about it. B. I am seeing Tom. Do you have anything to tell him?

C. I am reading the note Tom left to me. D. I am doing fine.

98. I am so happy. I have just passed my history exam.

 A. Congratulations! B. What's the matter? C. Get well soon! D. Thanks a lot

99. Would you mind moving your suitcase?

A. Yes, please! B. No, not at all. C. Of course! D. Oh, I am sorry to hear.

100. Do you know anything about Mrs. Jackson?

A. Yes, that's the way it is. B. Oh, I know how you feel. C. No, nothing . D. Excuse me.

101. Would you like some cookies? I have just baked them.

A. Thank you. Yes, I would. B. Take it easy. C. Yes, I think so. D. Here you are.

102. Shall we talk about Larry or Oprah?

A. Never mind. There is always something to do. B. We'd better talk about them both.

C. Wow! They are adorable. D. Oh, I see what you mean.

103. What kind of books do you like?

A. No, I don't have any hobbies. B. Nothing special.

C. Novels. I believe. D. I believe novels are boring.

104. I think it is the best movie I have ever seen.

A. Me neither. B. Me too. C. Not me. D. Same to you.

105. Did you watch The Voice last night?

A. For a while, then I had to study. B. Not now. I am studying. C. Yes, sir. D. Yes, please.

**Part V. READING**

***Exercise 8. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.***

Nowadays, everybody knows Apples and (106) \_\_\_\_ everybody knows that the company was founded by Steve Jobs, an American inventor and entrepreneur. He is (107) \_\_\_\_ recognized as a pioneer in the field of microcomputer revolution. He helped design the first Macintosh computer, (108) \_\_\_\_ a small computer graphics company into Pixar, the company behind Toy Story and The Monster Inc.

His countercultural lifestyle and philosophy was a product of the time and place of his (109) \_\_\_\_. Jobs was adopted and raised in San Francisco Bay Area during the 1960s. In 1972, Jobs attended Reed College from which he (110) \_\_\_\_ in next to no time. Jobs co-founded Apple in 1976 in order to sell Apple I personal computer. At that moment, he might (111) \_\_\_\_ imagine that only a year later the company tasted impressive victory with Apple II, one of the first highly successful (112) \_\_\_\_ personal computers. (113) \_\_\_\_, in 1985, following a long power struggle, Jobs was forced out of Apple. After leaving Apple, Jobs took (114) \_\_\_\_ of its members with him to found NeXT, a computer development company which was then bought by Apple. The purchase (115) \_\_\_\_ Jobs to become the company's CEO once again.

Steve Jobs died in 2011 after battling with pancreatic cancer (116) \_\_\_\_ nearly a decade. Millions first learned of Job's death on a (117) \_\_\_\_ which had been invented by himself.

106. A. most B. almost C. the most D. mostly

107. A. widely B. hardly C. legally D. nationally

108. A. translated B. transferred C. transformed D. transited

109. A. increase B. upbringing C. rising D. grow

110. A. dropped in B. dropped up C. dropped out D. dropped by

111. A. hardly B. truly C. effortlessly D. frequently

112. A. massly-produced B. mass-produced C. massive-produced D. mass-producing

113. A. Generally B. Frankly C. Fortunately D. Unfortunately

114. A. few B. a few C. a little D. little

115. A. was allowing B. has allowed C. allowed D. had allowed

116. A. for B. since C. during D. of

117. A. devil B. deviation C. deviant D. device

***Exercise 9. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

Born on June 30, 1985 in Baltimore, Maryland, to Fred and Debbie Phelps, the youngest of three children, Michael Phelps and his sisters grew up in the neighbourhood of Rodger Forge. His father, Fred, a former all-rounded athlete, was a state trooper and his mother Debbie was a middle-school principal. When Phelps's parents divorced in 1994, he and his siblings lived with their mother, with whom Michael grew very close. Even at the age of 7, Phelps was still a little scared to put his head under water, so his instructors allowed him to float around on his back. Not surprisingly, despite the fact that later he is very good at butterfly swimming, the first stroke he mastered was not the easily-practised breaststroke but the backstroke.

At the age of 15, Phelps became the youngest American male swimmer to compete at an Olympic Games in 68 years. While he didn't win any medals at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, he would soon become a major force in competitive swimming.

In the spring of 2001, Phelps set the world record in the 200-meter butterfly, becoming the youngest male swimmer in history at the age of 15 years and 9 months. At the 2001 World Championships in Japan, he then broke his own record with a time of 1:54:58, earning his first international medal. In 2002, Phelps continued to establish several records including the 100-meter butterfly and the 200-meter individual medley. The following year, at the same event, he broke his own world record in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4:09.09.

After the London Olympics in 2012, Phelps announced he was retiring from his sport. However, at the 2016 Olympic Games, he came out of retirement and returned to professional competition. This was also the event which he won one silver and five gold medals, becoming the oldest individual gold medalist in Olympic swimming history, as well as the first swimmer to win four **consecutive** golds in the same event, the 200-meter individual medley.

118. Phelps's father used to be a comprehensive \_\_\_\_.

A. principal B. trooper C. athlete D. instructor

119. The first style of swimming Phelps was good at is \_\_\_\_.

A. butterfly B. freestyle C. breaststroke D. backstroke

120. He didn't win any medals at the Olympics of \_\_\_\_

A. 2002 B. 2000 C. 2012 D. 2016

121. At the 2001 World Championships in Japan, he broke the record of \_\_\_\_.

A. 200-meter butterfly B. 100-meter butterfly C. 200-meter individual D. 400-meter individual

122. The word **consecutive** in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. stoppable B. unending C. uninterrupted D. unrestricted

***Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

Theresa May, the second female Britain's prime minister following Margaret Thatcher, revealed in 2013 that she had been given a diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes, a condition that requires daily insulin injections. Asked later how she felt about the diagnosis, she said her **approach** to it was the same as toward everything in her life: “Just get on and deal with it.” That kind of steeliness brought her to center stage in the aftermath of Britain's vote to leave the European Union and the feuding that erupted in the Conservative Party over who would succeed David Cameron.

Ms. May, 59 years old, is the country's longest-serving home secretary in half a century, with a reputation for seriousness, hardwork and above all, determination. She is one of a growing number of women in traditionally male-dominated British politics rising to the upper position of leadership.

Born in 1956, Ms. May grew up mainly in Oxfordshire, an only child who was first drawn to the Conservative Party at age 12. As a conscientious student, she never rebelled against her religious upbringing and remains a regular churchgoer. Tellingly, her sports hero was Geoffrey Boycott, a solid, stubborn cricketer who specialized in playing the long game.

Like many other Britain's prime minister including Tony Blair, Sir Robert Peel and Margaret Thatcher, she won a place at Oxford. But while almost every other political leader got there by way of Eton College and joined Oxford's **hedonistic** Bullingdon Club, she attended a state secondary school and had a more sedate university career. After unsuccessful attempts to be elected to the House of Commons in 1992 and 1994, she finally became an MP in 1997 general election.

May is known for a love of fashion and in particular distinctive shoes. She even wore leopard-print shoes to her final Cabinet meeting as Home Secretary in early 2016. However, she has been quite critical of the media focusing on her fashion instead of her achievement as a politician. May also describes cooking and walking as primary hobbies, and if someone is raising questions about why walking can be classified as a hobby, she elaborates in a column for Balance magazine, in which she wrote of her battle with diabetes.

123. According to the passage, who is the prime minister coming before Theresa May?

A. Tony Blair B. Margaret Thatcher C. Sir Robert Peel D. David Cameron

124. The most prominent characteristic of Theresa May is \_\_\_\_.

A. stubbornness B. seriousness C. determination D. hard work

125. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

A. British political life is conventionally controlled mainly by men.

B. The number of women in politics is increasing.

C. Conservative Party didn't have to discuss about who would be the next prime minister.

D. Theresa May's toughness was one of the reasons for the Party to choose her for the prime minister position.

126. Which of the following facts is TRUE about Theresa May?

A. She graduated from Eton College. B. As a child, she was quite rebellious.

C. She didn't work part time as a university student. D. She used not to be a home secretary.

127. She first became a member of parliament in \_\_\_\_.

A. 1992 B. 1994 C. 1997 D. 2013

128. Her reason to consider walking as one of her main hobbies is \_\_\_\_.

A. she is quite critical B. it helps her fight diabetes

C. someone asks about it D. it is written on Balance magazine

129. The word **approach** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. means B. advance C. technique D. trick

130. The word **hedonistic** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. ordinary B. luxurious C. economical D. simple

**Part VI. WRITING**

***Exercise 11. Mark the letter A. B. C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.***

131. Connor is said to be very ambitious and aggressive.

A. People regard Connor as an ambitious and aggressive person.

B. People talk Connor as an ambitious and aggressive person.

C. People believe in Conor as an ambitious and aggressive person.

D. People feel Conor as an ambitious and aggressive person.

132. You can always count on me.

A. I'll never take you down. B. I'll never let you down. C. I'll never hold you down. D. I'll never make you down.

133. Nobody in my class is as outgoing as I am.

A. I am as outgoing as nobody in my class. B. I am the more outgoing than nobody in my class.

C. I am the most outgoing person in my class. D. I am not as outgoing as people in my class.

134. It is pointless to ask me about it because I know nothing.

A. It's no use asking me about it because I know nothing. B. It's no use to ask me about it because I know nothing.

C. It's not use asking me about it because I know nothing.D. It's not use to ask me about it because I know nothing.

135. I have accustomed myself to getting up very early.

A. I have used to getting up very early. B. I have been used to getting up very early.

C. I have put getting up very early to good use. D. I have made use of getting up very early.

136. I think we should change the topic of our presentation.

A. It's high time that we change the topic of our presentation.

B. I'd rather our presentation change the topic.

C. It's high time that we changed the topic of our presentation.

D. I suggest we to change the topic of our presentation.

137. When I was young, I wasn't allowed to watch much TV.

A. When I was young, my parents did not make me watch much TV.

B. When I was young, my parents did not let me watch much TV.

C. When I was young, my parents did not ask me to watch much TV.

D. When I was young, my parents did not take me to watch much TV.

138. I only glimpsed her briefly, but I am sure it was Mary.

A. Mary only had a brief glimpse, but I am sure.

B. I only had a brief glimpse of her, but I am sure it was Mary.

C. I only glimpsed briefly but I am sure it was Mary.

D. Mary only glimpsed me briefly but I am sure it was her.

***Exercise 12. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.***

139. A car hit the fence of my garden. I was cleaning the swimming pool.

A. While a car hit the fence I was cleaning the swimming pool.

B. A car hit the fence and I was cleaning the swimming pool.

C. I was cleaning the swimming pool when a car hit the fence.

D. I was cleaning the swimming pool then a car hit the fence.

140. My daughter asks for money every day. I am really annoyed by it.

A. I am really annoyed by my daughter asks for money every day.

B. My daughter is asking for money every day.

C. I am really annoyed by it, my daughter asks for money every day.

D. My daughter is always asking for money every day.

141. She looked up. She saw a big tiger approaching.

A. Looking up, a big tiger approached her. B. Looked up, she saw a big tiger approaching.

C. Looking up, she saw a big tiger approaching. D. Look up, she saw a big tiger approaching.

142. I have presented about Oprah Winfrey. I hope the story would inspire you all.

A. I have presented about Oprah Winfrey to hope the story would inspire you all.

B. I have presented about Oprah Winfrey hoping the story would inspire you all.

C. I have presented about Oprah Winfrey hope for the story would inspire you all.

D. I have presented about Oprah Winfrey hoped the story would inspire you all.

143. Harry's life is rather dull. That's the reason why I don't want to talk about him.

A. The reason why I don't want to talk about Harry is that his life is quite dull.

B. Harry's life is rather dull because I don't want to talk about it.

C. What I don't like to talk about is Harry's dull life.

D. Reasonably, I don't want to talk about Harry's rather dull life.

144. She got so tired of waiting for him. She just got married to another man.

A. She got so tired of waiting for him that at the end she got married to another man.

B. She got so tired of waiting for him while she got married to another man.

C. She got so tired of waiting for him afterwards she got married to another man.

D. She got so tired of waiting for him as a result she got married to another man.

145. Why do you take an umbrella? It is not even raining.

A. You need not to take an umbrella because it is not even raining.

B. You must not take an umbrella because it is not even raining.

C. You need not take an umbrella because it is not even raining.

D. You cannot take an umbrella because it is not even raining.

**Unit 2. URBANISATION**

**Part I. PHONETICS**

***Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word whose underlined part differs from the other three in pronunciation in each of the following questions.***

1. A. none B. phone C. stone D. zone

2. A. life B. like C. live D. lively

3. A. beard B. hear C. rear D. swear

4. A. ancient B. educate C. stranger D. transfer

5. A. account B. astound C. country D. mounting

***Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the position of the primary stress in each of the following questions.***

6. A. emigrate B. immigrate C. advocate D. inhabit

7. A. confide B. comfort C. inflate D. severe

8. A. biology B. environment C. geography D. scientific

9. A. estimate B. prestigious C. proportion D. urbanity

10. A. drawback B. greenhouse C. mindset D. overload

**Part II. VOCABULARY**

***Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

11. She's a down-to-earth woman with no pretensions.

A. ambitious B. creative C. idealistic D. practical

12. It is crucial that urban people not look down on rural areas.

A. evil B. optional C. unnecessary D. vital

13. Polish artist Pawel Kuzinsky creates satirical paintings filled with thought-provoking messages about the world.

A. inspirational B. provocative C . stimulating D. universal

14. She was brought up in the slums of Leeds.

A. downtown area B. industrial area C. poor area D. rural area

15. The Freephone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf.

A. in the same country B. in the same family

C. in the same office D. in the same school

16. The promise of jobs and prosperity pulls people to cities.

A. education B. employment C. stabilization D. wealth

17. With so many daily design resources, how do you stay up-to-date with technology without spending too much time on it?

A. connect to Internet all day B. update new status C. get latest information D. use social network daily

18. Online Business School also offers interest free student loans to UK students.

A. no extra fee B. no limited time C. no repayment D. no interest payments

19. Many illnesses in refugee camps are the result of inadequate sanitation.

A. cleanliness B. dirtiness C. pollution D. uncleanliness

20. There has been a hot debate among the scientists relating to the pros and cons of using robotic probes to study distant objects in space.

A. problems and solutions B. advantages and disadvantages

C. solutions and limitations D. causes and effects

21. Her style of dress was conservative. She never wears items that are too tight, short or low-cut.

A. high-fashion B. traditional C. trendy D. up to date

22. Many of the immigrants have intermarried with the island's original inhabitants.

A. foreigners B. landlord C. newcomer D. dwellers

***Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

23. This restaurant was highly recommended for good service, delicious food and kind-hearted boss.

A. ambitious and greedy B. attentive and helpful C. generous and gracious D. polite and friendly

24. Since 1979, ULI has honored outstanding development projects in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors with the ULI Global Awards for Excellence program, which today is widely recognized as the development community's most prestigious awards program.

A. important B. notable C. ordinary D. respected

25. Many people move to urban areas seeking for job opportunity as well as stable employment.

A. durable B. long-lasting C. steady D. temporary

26. In cities, two of the most pressing problems facing the world today also come together: poverty and environmental degradation.

A. destruction B. poisoning C. pollution D. progression

27. Unemployment is a massive problem for the government at the moment.

A. main B. major C. minor D. primary

28. A cost-effective way to fight crime is that instead of making punishments more severe, the authorities should increase the odds that lawbreakers will be apprehended and punished quickly.

A. economical B. practical C. profitable D. worthless

29. I propose that we wait until the budget has been announced before committing ourselves to any expenditure.

A. approve B. recommend C. reject D. suggest

30. Until 1986 most companies would not even allow women to take the exams, but such gender discrimination is now disappearing.

A. unfairness B. injustice C. partiality D. equality

31. The best hope of' avoiding downmarket tabloid TV future lies in the pressure currently being put on the networks to clean up their act.

A. expensive B. famous C. poor quality D. uncreative

32. Without economie security and amid poor living conditions, crime is inevitable.

A. assured B. compulsory C. inescapable D. preventable

33. Increases in motor vehicle usage have resulted in congestion on the roads.

A. blockage B. obstruction C. opening D. overcrowding

34. Urbanization is the shift of people from rural to urban areas, and the result is the growth of cities.

A. maintenance B. movement C. transposition D. variation

***Exercise 5. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.***

35. Urban development ean magnify the risk of environmental hazards for example flash flooding.

 A B C D

36. Even if rural areas are winning or losing from increased trade, however, remains uncertain.

 A B C D

37. Strong city planning will be essential in managing those and others difficulties as the world's urban areas well.

 A B C D

38. Because of urbanization continues, not only the infrastructure for health but also other social services in

 A B C

cities need improving,

 D

39. Government should be used national resources in a more efficient way in order to meet the needs of growing populations.

 A B C D

40. What problems could it cause and how citizens should prevent these challenges will be covered in my essay.

 A B C D

41. Overpopulation is an undesirable condition where the number of existing human population exceeding the

 A B C

carrying capacity of Earth.

 D

42. The loan is interest-free, which means that you will only pay the fee listing on our website, with no extra

 A B C

payment in the form of interest.

 D

43. Food prices have raised so rapidly in the past few months that some families have been forced to alter their

 A B C D

eating habits.

44. Because of severe asthma attacks, the doctor suggested his patient to stop smoking.

 A B C D

45. Improving the status of women through increasing access to reproductive health care affecting migration

 A B C D

and urbanization trends.

46. Poor air and water quality, insufficient water available, and high energy consumption are exacerbated by

 A B C

demands of urban environments.

 D

47. Starting with, the foremost problem engendered by overpopulation is traffic congestion.

 A B C D

48. Between the time of the plague and the 21st century, there were hundreds and thousands of wars, natural

 A B C

calamities and hazards man-made.

 D

49. It is argued that high costs of living and rising transport difficulties being two of the most serious problems

 A B C

brought about by overpopulation in cities.

 D

50. Overpopulation and negative effect of it has been major concerns in cities all around the globe.

 A B C D

**Part III. GRAMMAR**

***Exercise 6. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

51. It is necessary that you \_\_\_\_ able to come with us.

A. are B. be C. being D. to be

52. I suggest that Peter \_\_\_\_ the directions carefully before assembling the bicycle.

A. read B. reading C. reads D. to read

53. We request that she \_\_\_\_ the window.

A. not open B. not to open C. not opening D. to not open

54. The UK is considering the proposal that it \_\_\_\_ compensations for damages of the Indian embassy.

A. been paying B. is paying C. paid D. pay

55. Howard prefers that I \_\_\_\_ to his party.

A. am going B. go C. going D. will go

56. Mary demanded that the heater\_\_\_\_ immediately. Her apartment was freezing.

A. repaired B. be repaired C. being repaired D. been repaired

57. The monk insisted that the tourists \_\_\_\_ the temple until they had removed their shoes.

A. not enter B. not entering C. not to enter D. to not enter

58. The recommendation that she \_\_\_\_ a holiday was carried out.

A. has taken B. take C. taken D. taking

59. Was it really necessary that I \_\_\_\_ there watching you the entire time you were rehearsing for the play? It was really boring watching you repeat the scenes over and over again.

A. am sitting B. be sitting C. being sitting D. sitting

60. I propose that we all \_\_\_\_ together so that nobody gets lost along the way.

A. be driving B. drive C. driven D. driving

61. It is impolite that you \_\_\_\_ there when he gets off the plane.

A. be not standing B. been not standing C. not be standing D. not been standing

62. It is recommended that the vehicle owner \_\_\_\_ present at the court.

A. be B. be not С . not being D. not to be

63. Congress has decreed that the gasoline tax \_\_\_\_.

A. abolish B. abolished C. be abolished D. been abolished

64. The doctor recommended that she \_\_\_\_ a specialist about the problem.

A. be seen B. seeing C. should be seen D. should see

65. It is essential that she \_\_\_\_ the truth.

A. told B. should be tell C. should be told D. should been told

66. It has been proposed that we \_\_\_\_ the topic.

A. not change B. not to change C. to change D. to not change

67. They hope to \_\_\_\_ a cure for the disease.

A. catch up on B. come up with C. fill up with D. go out with

68. Don't worry, we'll try to \_\_\_\_ the problems and find a solution for everyone.

A. carry on B. make up C. sort out D. switch off

69. Tony was totally opposed but if you give him some time to think about what you said. I'm sure he will \_\_\_\_ to your point of view.

A. come round B. deal with C. fit out D. keep down

70. The rapid rise in the global population is not expected to start \_\_\_\_ until past the middle of this century, by which time it will have reached 9 billion.

A. falling off B. knocking down C. looking over D. passing out

71. In order to apply for a credit card, Tom first has to \_\_\_\_ a four-page form at the bank.

A. catch on B. come up with C. fill in D. hand out

72. The teacher explained so much stuff in just one lesson that most of the students could \_\_\_\_ only half of it.

A. break up B. get through C. let out D. take in

73. The map of top ten most densely \_\_\_\_ countries in the world includes Monaco, Singapore, Bahrain, Malta and Bangladesh.

A. populated B. populating C. population D. popular

74. Interactive games could be used in order to keep students \_\_\_\_.

A. engage B. engaged C. engagement D. engaging

75. We could mention some solution and government \_\_\_\_ in the conclusion.

A. initiates B. initiatives C. initiations D. initiators

76. Women who \_\_\_\_ due to marriage are not considered to be \_\_\_\_.

A. migrate – migrants B. migrate – migrators

C. migrant – migrators D. migrant - migrations

77. Each child had to \_\_\_\_ a short speech to the rest of the class.

A. do B. carry out C . make D. take

78. Although it was more than an hour late, the superstar finally showed up and \_\_\_\_ the attention of the audience.

A. grabbed B. held C. paid D. took

79. Has the interviewer \_\_\_\_ the date? Yes, it's on next Monday.

A. amend B. fixed C. moved D. revised

80. Don't worry. We're in good time; there's \_\_\_\_ to hurry.

A. impossible B. no need C. no purpose D. unnecessary

81. Overpopulation in urban areas tends to create unfavourable conditions, which may result in \_\_\_\_ of food in developing countries.

A. damages B. failures C. shortages D. supplies

82. He wasn't able to \_\_\_\_ with the stresses and strains of the job.

A. catch up B. come down C. cope D. handle

83. Urbanization can bring social health and benefit; \_\_\_\_, it also has its drawbacks.

A. by the way B . furthermore C. however D. moreover

84. During the lesson, if you have questions or comments, please feel free to \_\_\_\_ them.

A. enlarge B. increase C. go up D. raise

85. We have to come to the conclusion. We are \_\_\_\_ out of time.

A. driving B. going C. running D. walking

86. Thanks to the development in technology, students have \_\_\_\_ to good resources.

A. been accessed B. access C. accessing D. assessed

87. The rate of urbanization is low \_\_\_\_ the rate of urban growth is high.

A. but B. however C. so D. therefore

88. The level of urban unemployment and numbers of \_\_\_\_ are high.

A. joblessness B. the jobless C. the joblessness D. the jobs

89. A high increase in crime rates is \_\_\_\_ by the majority of the people in urban cities.

A. affected B. gone through C. influenced D. suffered

90. Anna organized a few games to \_\_\_\_ the ice when the new students first arrived.

A. break B. crack C. drill D. melt

**Part IV. SPEAKING**

***Exercise 7. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.***

**91-99: Three friends Mark, Anna and Jenny are talking about their up-coming English presentation on urbanization.**

91. Mark: "How do you do?"

 Jenny: “\_\_\_\_”

A. I'm well. Thank you. B. How do you do? C. Not too bad. D. Yeah, OK.

92. Mark: “\_\_\_\_”

 Jenny: "I think there are various reasons."

A. Do you mind if I think about reasons for urbanization?

B. I'd like to invite you to think about reasons for urbanization.

C. What do you think about reasons for urbanization?

D. Would you mind thinking about the reasons for urbanization?

93. Jenny: "I think higher living standard is one of the reasons that many people want to be a city dweller."

 Mark: “\_\_\_\_”

A. I couldn't agree more. B. It's nice of you to say so.

C. That's quite all right. D. Why not?

94. Anna: "Personally, I love peaceful and quiet life in rural areas."

 Jenny: “\_\_\_\_”

A. Neither do I. B. No, I won't. C. So do I. D. Yes, I like it.

95 Anna: "In my opinion, some people should stay in rural areas as well as work on agriculture."

 Mark: “\_\_\_\_”

A. I'm not afraid I don't agree. B. I'm not sure about that.

C. I'm so sorry, but I agree. D. Not at all, thanks.

96. Jenny: "Do you think we'll finish in time?”

 Anna: “\_\_\_\_”

A. I know so. B. I think not. C. Well, I hope so. D. Yes, that's right.

97. Mark: "What about starting the presentation with results of our research?

 Jenny: “ \_\_\_\_ “

A. Congratulations! B. Sounds great! C. Well done! D. What a pity!

98. Anna: “So do you think we should add some pictures and videos?”

 Jenny: “\_\_\_\_”

A. None. B. Not much. C. Please do. D. Sure.

99. Mark: “Let's collect information and then create the PowerPoint slides.”

 Jenny: "Oh, \_\_\_\_?

A. good idea. B. I don't. C. I need it. D. why is that?

**100-105: Mark is talking to his classmate Alex after their performance at the first round of the English presentation competition.**

100. Mark: “We've passed the first round."

 Alex: “\_\_\_\_”

A. Congratulations! B. Do you? C. It's nice of you to say so. D. That's a good idea.

101. Alex: "You've got a brilliant performance today!”

 Mark: “ \_\_\_\_”

A. I do. B. Okay. C. Thank you. D. You, too.

102. Alex: "We've tried hard but we couldn't make it!”

 Mark: “Oh. \_\_\_\_”

A. I'm sorry. B. What a pity! C. Thank you. D. You are welcome.

103. Alex: “\_\_\_\_”

 Mark: “Oh, it's great!”

A. How is the English presentation competition like?

B. What do you like about the English presentation competition?

C. What do you think of the English presentation competition?

D. Would you like the English presentation competition?

104. Mark: "In the next round, we are going to present about the pros and cons of urbanization."

 Alex: “\_\_\_\_”

A. Good chance. B. Good day. C. Good luck. D. Good time.

105. Alex: "It was nice meeting you. Have a nice weekend”.

 Mark: "Thanks. \_\_\_\_”

A. I hope so, too. B. The same to you. C. Wish the same to me. D. Wish you be the same.

**Part V. READING**

***Exercise 8. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.***

Rapid urbanization can (106) \_\_\_\_ long-term economic, social and environmental promise for developing countries (107) \_\_\_\_ investments made now in infrastructure, housing and public services are efficient and sustainable, the World Bank says in a new report.

In the next two decades, cities are (108) \_\_\_\_ to expand by another two billion residents, as people move in unprecedented (109) \_\_\_\_ from rural areas to pursue hopes and aspirations in cities. More than 90 (110) \_\_\_\_ of this urban population growth is expected to occur in the developing world, (111) \_\_\_\_ many cities are already struggling to provide basic (112) \_\_\_\_ such as water, electricity, transport, health services and education.

Report authors note that (113) \_\_\_\_ new urban growth will not take (114) \_\_\_\_ in the “megacities” of the world e.g. Rio de Janeiro, Jakarta or New Delhi (115) \_\_\_\_ rather in less commonly recognized “secondary” cities - places like Fushun in China, and Surat in India.

To help policymakers prepare for and manage growth, the report distills lessons (116) \_\_\_\_ from 12 countries across all geographic regions and stages of urbanization. It then translates these global lessons (117) \_\_\_\_ practical policy advice.

106. A. bring B. carry C. hold D. take

107. A. if B. unless C. whether D. while

108. A. predictable B. predicted C. predicting D. predictions

109. A. amounts B. numbers C. ranges D. sums

110. A. per cent B. percentage C. proportion D. rate

111. A. what B. where C. which D. why

112. A. demands B. needs C. orders D. uses

113. A. almost B. most C. mostly D. nearly

114. A. form B. hand C. place D. time

115. A. but B. nor C. or D. yet

116. A. are learned B. being learned C. learned D. learning

117. A. by B. into C. up to D. up with

***Exercise 9. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

The increase in urbanization causes different problems. Air and water pollution are amongst the major issue we have to **tackle**.

In the first place, cars, factories and burning waste emit dangerous gases that change the air quality in our cities and pose threats to our health. Dangerous gases such as carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides cause respiratory diseases, for instant, bronchitis and asthma. **Those** are also proved to have long-term effects on the environment.

Furthermore, with the increased population, it becomes difficult to manage the waste generated in cities. Most of the waste is discharged or dumped into rivers or onto streets. The waste pollutes water and makes it unfit for human consumption. Subsequently, it becomes more and more difficult for city dwellers to get clean water. Some cities in Africa are unable to provide adequate water supply because most of the water is lost in pipe leakages. In fact, most city dwellers in developing countries are forced to boil their water or to buy bottled water, which is very expensive.

There are several actions that could be taken to eradicate the problems described above. Firstly, a simple solution would be joining community efforts to address problems affecting your city. Ask your parents, friends and relatives to join in as well. These efforts might include clean-up campaigns, recycling projects and a signature campaign to ask the government to do something about the situation. A second measure would be encouraging your teacher to talk about these problems and to discuss how young people can help to solve them. Finally, writing to local organizations working on these issues for ideas on how you can contribute to solve them.

118. The word **tackle** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. deal with B. make up C. try on D. turn down

119. The word **those** in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_.

A. bronchitis and asthma B. carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides

C. dangerous gases D. respiratory diseases

120. According to the passage, in some cities in Africa \_\_\_\_.

A. people are allowed to dump waste into rivers and on streets

B. people aren't provided enough water due to leaking pipes

C. people have found some solutions to the problems

D. people would rather use boiling water and bottled water

121. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. City problems should be taught and be topic for students to discuss at school.

B. Children must ask for their parent's permission before joining community efforts.

C. Participators might take part in different kinds of projects and campaigns.

D. People can contribute in solving the problems by writing to local organizations working on these issues.

122. Which of the following would serve as the best title for the passage?

A. Environment degradation: Air and water pollution

B. Environmental pollution: Problems and actions

C. Increasing urbanization: Causes and effects

D. Increasing urbanization: Effects and solutions

***Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

Buying a house is the single largest financial investment an individual makes. Yet, in India this act is fraught with risk and individuals depend on weak laws for justice. Occasionally, deviant promoters are called to account as was the case in the detention of Unitech's promoters. This incident shows up the fallout of an absence of proper regulation to cover contracts between buyers and real estate promoters. A real estate bill, which is presently pending in Rajya Sabha, seeks to fill this gap. It has been debated for over two years and should be passed by Parliament in the budget session.

India is in the midst of rapid urbanization and urban population is expected to more than double to about 900 million over the next three decades. Unfortunately, even the current population does not have adequate housing. A government estimate in 2012 put the shortage at nearly 19 million units. If this shortage is to be **alleviated** quickly, India's messy real estate sector needs reforms.

The real estate bill seeks to set standards for contracts between buyers and sellers. Transparency, a rare commodity in real estate, is enforced as promoters have to upload project details on the regulators' website. Importantly, standard definitions of terms mean that buyers will not feel cheated after taking **possession** of a house. In order to protect buyers who pay upfront, a part of the money collected for a real estate project is ring-fenced in a separate bank account. Also, given the uncertainty, which exists in India on land titles, the real estate bill provides title insurance. This bill has been scrutinized by two parliamentary committees and its passage now brooks no delay.

This bill is an important step in cleaning up the real estate market, but the journey should not end with it. State governments play a significant role in real estate and they are often the source of problems. Some estimates suggest that real estate developers have to seek approvals of as many as 40 central and state departments, which lead to delays and an **escalation** in the cost of houses. Sensibly, NDA government's project to provide universal urban housing forces states to institute reforms to access central funding. Without real estate reforms at the level of states, it will not be possible to

meet the ambition of making housing accessible for all urban dwellers.

123. It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_.

A. buying house is not a single largest individual investment

B. in India, no one depends on laws for justice

C. the real estate bill does not provide title insurance

D. urbanization in India has increased rapidly

124. According to the passage, which of the following is the pending in Rajya Sabha?

A. NDA government's new scheme B. Universal rural housing programme

C. Real estate bill D. Universal urban housing programme

125. Which of the following is NOT true according to the passage?

A. Current population does not have adequate housing in India.

B. India's real estate sector needs reforms.

C. Real state bill has been scrutinized by two parliamentary committees.

D. Urban population is expected to more than double to about 850 million over the next three decades.

126. According to the passage, what is the source of problem in real estate?

A. Buyers and sellers B. Central governments

C. Market money makers D. State governments

127. The word **alleviated** in the second paragraph is OPPOSITE in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. aggravated B. deaden C. diminished D. relieved

128. The word **possession** in the third paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_.

A. lease B. need C. proprietary rights D. renting

129. The word **escalation** in the forth paragraph refers to \_\_\_\_.

A. decrease B. growth C. reduction D. sustainability

130. It is impossible to meet the ambition of making housing accessible for urban dwellers \_\_\_\_.

A. with real estate reforms at state level B. without support of central government

C. without passing the bill in Rajya Sabha D. without real estate reforms at the level of states

**Unit 3. THE GREEN MOVEMENT**

**Part I. PHONETICS**

***Exercise 1. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the phrase which contains the sound that is assimilated differently from the other three.***

1. A. mixed bag B. basket maker C. direct methode D. bad pain

2. A. good morning B. blood bank C. white paper D. old man

3. A. food poisoning B. iron man C. one pair D. chicken breast

4. A. garden party B. credit card C. sun bath D. wine box

5. A. fat girl B. that cake C. short cut D. hard copy

6. A. cold cream B. red carpet C. golden gate D. good cook

7. A. tin can B. nice shoes C. in camera D. iron curtain

8. A. cheese shop B. rose show C. these sheep D. both sides

9. A. earth science B. brown bear C. foreign minister D. pen pal

10. A. good man B. red bag C. custard powder D. private part

**Part II. VOCABULARY**

***Exercise 2. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

11. The council wants to \_\_\_\_ the character of the city while reconstructing the Old Quarter.

A. preserve B. store C. defense D. abandon

12. Heavy traffic \_\_\_\_ us so we came to the meeting rather late.

A. promoted B. arrested C. canceled D. delayed

13. It turned out to be a \_\_\_\_ journey when the weather became bad.

A. hazard B. hazardous C. hazarded D. hazarding

14. Poaching \_\_\_\_ the greatest threat to many species.

A. creates B. presents C. poses D. produces

15. In Africa, people's interference in the rhino's \_\_\_\_ leads to habitat loss.

A. sector B. territory C. domain D. country

16. \_\_\_\_ the wild, giant pandas eat bamboo.

A. On B. Into C. Onto D. In

17. This species of African elephants is \_\_\_\_.

A. dying out B. dying of C. dying on D. dying down

18. \_\_\_\_ is wiping out many kinds of plants and animals.

A. Defoliation B. Deforestation C. Deformation D. Degradation

19. The tiger is \_\_\_\_ of extinction. It is difficult to find them in the wild.

A. on the wing B. on the rocks C. on the verge D. on the ground

20. Switching to \_\_\_\_ eco light bulb is one way to protect the environment.

A. energy-wasting B. energy-expending C. energy-lacking D. energy-saving

21. \_\_\_\_ batteries or solar chargers are some of the solutions to the lack of energy.

A. Rechargeable B. Reversible C. Repeatable D. Returnable

22. I never leave any electrical appliances on standby and I think it is a good way to \_\_\_\_ energy in the home.

A. take care of B. use C. keep D. conserve

23. Nowadays, people are searching for more \_\_\_\_ materials to build their houses.

A. environment-friendly B. environmentally-friendly

C. environmental-friendly D. environmental-friend

24. Every \_\_\_\_ piece of equipment was sent to the fire.

A. consumable B. spendable C. available D. disposable

25. In the \_\_\_\_ agriculture, farmers try to limit the use of chemicals and fertilizers.

A. sustainable B. conserving C. preserving D. supporting

26. In Singapore, people try to \_\_\_\_ 80% of all waste.

A. reprocess B. reclaim C. recycle D. reuse

27. A good leader in globalization is not to impose but \_\_\_\_ change.

A. facilitate B. cause C. show D. oppose

28. Information technology has \_\_\_\_ our lives.

A. evolved B. reserved C. assimilated D. transformed

29. We need to act quickly to \_\_\_\_ to climate change, or it will be a disaster for the whole planet.

A. adapt B. go back C. reverse D. transit

30. There is little \_\_\_\_ of things improving soon.

A. probability B. probably C. probable D. probabilities

***Exercise 3. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) CLOSEST in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

31. For environmental safety, we need to find ways to reduce emission of fumes and smoke of factories.

A. leak B. release C. poison D. pollutant

32. Nylon is a man-made fibre, the use of which has helped more people to have cheaper and more colourful clothes to wear.

A. natural B. plastic C. synthetic D. artificial

33. The advances of commercial airplanes resulted in a shrinking world.

A. decreasing B. reduced C. smaller D. compressing

34. We have to suffer from traffic congestion and pollution every day.

A. accident B. fullness C. mass D. crowd

35. Many animals were born in captivity. Resultantly, they do not always breed well.

A. imprisonment B. lock C. detention D. freedom

36. The African rhino is an endangered species and needs protecting.

A. unstable B. dangerous C. insecure D. indefensible

37. We can protect many species by keeping them in wildlife reserves.

A. protected land B. saved land C. park D. Zoo

38. Scientists are trying to find an energy that consumes less fuel.

A. waste B. destroy C. eat up D. use

39. Modern buildings are designed to maximize natural light.

A. absorb B. increase C. let D. diminish

40. It's wise to use local fresh produce which is in season.

A. cars B. restaurants C. crops D. water

***Exercise 4. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the word(s) OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word(s) in each of the following questions.***

41. The new policy will help generate more jobs.

A. bring out B. form C. produce D. terminate

42. Her only problem is the limited experience because she is too young.

A. narrow B. considerable C. insufficient D . restricted

43. The river is badly polluted with toxic chemicals from that factory.

A. poisonous B. harmful C. all right D. deadly

44. I don't believe in anything he says, he is unreliable.

A. inaccurate B. unstable C. trustworthy D. irresponsible

45. 'If we continue to deplete our planets natural resources, we will damage the environment significantly.

A. use up B. add to C. reduce D. exhaust

46. She stays incredibly focused and is never distracted by others.

A. disturbed B. confused C. bewildered D. concentrated

47. Globally, farmers encroach on forest land to grow crops.

A. leave B. invade C. make road to D. intrude

48. Poverty in many African countries increases the likelihood that people poach animals to earn their living.

A. chance B. prospect C . possibility D. improbability

49. Funds are diverted from conservation to military because of war.

A. redirected B. shifted C. stayed D. turned aside

50. The number of rhinos is in steady decline. There are fewer rhinos than ever before.

A. occasional B. constant C. stable D. Persistent

**Part III. GRAMMAR**

***Exercise 5. Mark the letter A, B or C to indicate the correct sentence type for each of the following questions.*** 51. The yoga room of this fitness centre smells of rose and lemongrass.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

52. My mother wants me to take up violin but I don't want to do it.

A. simple B. compound C . complex

53. The students' interests are in maths and science rather than history and literature.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

54. My group is being involved in a competition for the best singers.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

55. Most people in this town like to play sport, but they don't have enough time.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

56. Because the game is brand new, numerous students are attracted to it.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

57. My father and my brother are having a big argument over where our family will spend the summer vacation.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

58. During the disastrous storm, a tree fell down and destroyed our roof top.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

59. The maple leaf, which is Canada's national emblem, was selected in the eighteenth century.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

60. He can sing and dance very well, but he has never performed in public.

A. simple B. compound C. complex

***Exercise 6. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.***

61. \_\_\_\_ he was waiting for Sam outside the cinema, Jim realized that the street was funnily crowded.

A. So B. While C. Unless D. Even though

62. I didn't meet him right away \_\_\_\_ he had to talk to his boss first.

A. while B. if C. because D. or

63. \_\_\_\_ what has happened, I think she will never return.

A. If B. Unless C. While D. After

64. There wasn't a chair for the headmaster, \_\_\_\_ is a big problem.

A. what B. which C. that D. where

65. The student wiped the board \_\_\_\_ was full of notes and drawings.

A. that B. while C. after D. so

66. True Blood is my favourite TV series, \_\_\_\_ I don't have much time to watch it often.

A. although B. before C. if D. yet

67. After the children finished their dinner, they went to bed \_\_\_\_ listened to a bedtime story before falling asleep.

A. that B. and C. so D. while

68. The kids show some hatred towards him, \_\_\_\_ he was really nice to them.

A. because B. before C. unless D. even though

69. We can leave \_\_\_\_ you are ready.

A. whatever B. whoever C. whenever D. whichever

70. I like swimming \_\_\_\_ my sister likes jogging and dancing.

A. whereas B. when C. whenever D. so

***Exercise 7. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.***

71. At the end, everybody cleaned up the whole room, that I hadn't expected before.

 A B C D

72. My mother lives next to me which is really convenient.

 A B C D

73. He shouted at his girlfriend, that really disappointed me.

 A B C D

74. He drinks quite a lot, what is why he is so ill.

 A B C D

75. While wait for the paint to dry, I walked around and talked to the engineers.

 A B C D

76. My beautiful and intelligent sister turned off TV, sit down and started to cry.

 A B C D

77. As if the debt is written off, they will have to sell their house.

 A B C D

78. And they love to sing, they love to dance.

 A B C D

79. I came to class very early so the teacher was late due to heavy traffic.

 A B C D

80. The temperature increases significantly, what makes the ice melt faster.

 A B C D

81. I don't think that he has responsed to my email as I have received nothing.

 A B C D

82. You are not rich enough to buy all what you like.

 A B C D

83. He knows New York very well because he has gone to the city many times.

 A B C D

84. They will not go nowhere special because they don't have enough money.

 A B C D

85. Neither Lan or her friends care about the coming exam.

 A B C D

86. Which is good for such an old lady like her is that she is healthy enough to cycle.

 A B C D

87. Jane talks as if she knows all the story.

 A B C D

88. I heard everything which he said and I was really upset.

 A B C D

89. I spent my holiday in a country which is peaceful and picturesque.

 A B C D

90. The sign is one of the five senses that are vital to anyone.

 A B C D

**Part IV. SPEAKING**

***Exercise 8. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct response to each of the following exchanges.***

91. Did you have a good weekend?

A. Yes, let's keep in touch. B. Yes, I am a teacher.

C. Yes, it is lovely. D. Yes, I didn't do much.

92. During the trip, we can visit some wildlife reserves to see lions and giraffes.

A. That's great. How does it work? B. Oh, I see. No problem.

C. Really? I am so excited. D. That was OK at first.

93. Can I leave a message to Jim?

A. I'll ask him to call you. B. Of course, you can.

C. If you don't mind. D. Yes, you can take it.

94. You should not leave the light on when you are away.

A. OK, let's do it. B. That's a good idea. C. Try me! D. You are right.

95. Excuse me! Can you show me the way to Main Street?

A. Um, I am sorry I have no idea. B. It's easy to do it.

C. Continue. D. Am I going right?

96. What's the matter?

A. No, I don't think so. B. A few problems. C. Well, sort of. D. I am not very well.

97. Would you mind closing the door?

A. Yes, I do. B. No, of course not. C. Yes, please D. No, thank you.

98. The shop opens from Monday to Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day.

A. Really? That's wonderful. B. There's no way I can do it.

C. There's one around the corner. D. Yes, of course, I will join you.

99. Hi, what are you looking for?

A. Yes, I usually look for things. B. No way I am gonna show you.

C. Oil. Oil that we use for cooking. D. OK, I'll take it.

100. Hi, Alice. Would you like to go to the movies tonight?

A. Fine. I'll be there. B. Thanks. I love to.

C. I'll be ready in no time. D. Why? What's the matter?

101. Anything to drink?

A. Well-done! B. Just water please.

C. Yes, I will have soup and beef. D. Maybe I will go.

102. Excuse me, is this seat taken?

A. No, it isn't. B. No never. C. No, I am OK. D. No, I don't want to.

103. Do you know which animal sleeps the most?

A. Let me see it. B. Let me think. C. Let me try it. D. Let me down.

104. Excuse me, could I talk to the manager?

A. Yes, I would love to. B. Yes, I will give it to you.

C. Yes, of course. D. Yes, thank you.

105. Everyone should learn more about how to treat the environment well.

A. I am sure about that. B. That's not sure. C. I don't think so. D. It's not true.

**Part V. READING**

***Exercise 9. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct word or phrase that best fits each of the numbered blanks.***

Every night, almost one billion people go to bed hungry. How can we feed all these (106) \_\_\_\_ people? Farmers all over the world have to content with weather, insects, and natural disasters, which are capable of (107) \_\_\_\_ crops and ruining years of hard work. And the population is set to rise to nine billion by 2050. Here are four possible solutions.

**GM crops**

Proponents of genetically modified crops (GM crops) claim that they will hugely (108) \_\_\_\_ food production. Scientists have developed drought-resistant and disease-resistant crops, more productive crops, and crops with increased vitamins. Anti-GM protesters worry (109) \_\_\_\_ health risks and damage to other plants that grow near the GM crops.

**Vertical farming**

Another answer could be to grow food in buildings. (110) \_\_\_\_ of vertical farming are suggesting we construct multistory, climate-controlled farm buildings in the heart of our cities. One indoor hectare of land would be (111) \_\_\_\_ to above five hectares outdoors, so we could grow year-round crops that would easily feed whole cities. Opponents point to the cost, the increased energy used and the effect on farmers.

Eat less meat Others say the solution lies not (112) \_\_\_\_ new technologies, but in eating less meat. It takes about seven kilos of corn to produce one kilo of beef. That quality of corn will keep more people (113) \_\_\_\_ than that quality of beef. But this is a message the world doesn't want to hear. Meat consumption is rising steeply.

**Increase aid**

Rich countries have far more food than they need and waste vast amount of it - 6.7 million tons a year in the UK (114) \_\_\_\_. We can afford to send surplus food to people (115) \_\_\_\_ need it. We could also simply give more money to developing countries, (116) \_\_\_\_ they can buy food. (117) \_\_\_\_ say that this makes people dependent on rich countries and is only a short-term solution.

106. A. undernourished B. unhealthy C . unbelievable D. undeniable

107. A. wasting B. destroying C. killing D. harvesting

108. A. strengthen B. rise C. increase D. enlarge

109. A. about B. to C. with D. on

110. A. Promoters B. Advocates C. Champion D. Spokesmen

111. A. same B. parallel C. alike D. equivalent

112. A. on B. to C. in D. over

113. A. alive B. lively C. vital D. active

114. A. lonesome B. lone C. lonely D. alone

115. A. whom B. which C. who D. what

116. A. because B. but C. so D. since

117. A. Reviewers B. Critics C. Analysts D. Judges

***Exercise 10. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

Coral reefs are the most diverse of all marine ecosystems. They are full of life, with perhaps one quarter of all ocean species depending on reefs for food and shelter. This is a remarkable statistic when you consider that reefs cover just a tiny fraction of the earth's surface and less than two per cent of the ocean bottom. Because they are so diverse, coral reefs are often called the rainforests of the ocean. Coral reefs are very important to people. They even provide seventy per cent of the food demands for some marine species, protection of shorelines, jobs based on tourism (nine out of twelve activities for tourists in Nha Trang, for example, involve the coral reefs), and even medicines.

Unfortunately, climate change is the greatest global threat to coral reef ecosystems. Scientific evidence now clearly indicates that the Earth's atmosphere and ocean are warming, and that these changes are primarily due to greenhouse gases derived from human activities.

As temperatures rise, mass coral bleaching events and infectious disease outbreaks are becoming more frequent. Additionally, carbon dioxide absorbed into the ocean from the atmosphere has already begun to reduce calcification rates in reef-building and reef-associated organisms by altering seawater chemistry through decreases in pH. This process is called ocean acidification.

Climate change will affect coral reef ecosystems, through sea level rise, changes to the frequency and intensity of tropical storms, and altered ocean circulation patterns. When combined, all of these impacts dramatically alter ecosystem function, as well as the goods and services coral reef ecosystems provide to people around the globe.

There are also many things you can do to ensure that you are environmentally **conscious** when you visit coral reefs or coastal areas. These include things such as hiring local guides to support the economy, removing all trash from an area, never touching or harassing wildlife in reef areas, and avoiding dropping your boat anchor or chain nearby a coral reef.

Finally, stay informed and spread the word! Educate yourself about why healthy coral reefs are valuable to the people, fish, plants, and animals that depend on them. Your excitement will help others get involved.

118. Though the coverage of coral reefs on the sea bed is \_\_\_\_, its vital role is undeniable.

A. remarkable B. small C. diverse D. huge

119. \_\_\_\_ of all the ocean species find food and home in the coral reefs.

A. Two per cent B. Seventy per cent C. Twenty-five per cent D. Nine per cent

120. Carbon dioxide from the atmosphere directly caused \_\_\_\_.

A. infectious disease outbreaks B. reef-building

C. sea level rise D. ocean acidification

121. Which of the following statement is NOT true?

A. Coral reefs can be compared to rainforests due to its diversity.

B. The effects of global warming are only on the ecosystems themselves.

C. You can help the coral reefs by educating not only yourself but people around you.

D. Human activities which cause greenhouse gases are major reasons for the climate change.

122. The word **conscious** in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. knowledgeable B. curious C. aware D. acknowledgeable

***Exercise 11. Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions.***

The poaching crisis wiping out Africa's elephants is costing the continent's economies millions in lost tourism revenue, according to a new study. Researchers looked at visitor and elephant data across 25 countries, and modeled financial losses from fewer visitors in protected areas due to the illegal wildlife trade, which has caused elephant numbers to **plummet** by more than 100,000 in the last decade. (A)

The study team combined visitor numbers across 164 protected areas in 25 countries in forest and savannah elephants, and elephant population data from 2009 to 2013, to reach a “per elephant" value in terms of tourism income.

They concluded that Africa was most likely losing $26m in tourism revenue a year. (B) Around $9m of that is lost from tourists' direct spending, such as staying at hotels and buying crafts, with the rest through indirect value in the economy such as farmers and other suppliers supporting the tourist industry.

The study, published in the journal Nature Communications, found that in most cases the revenue losses were higher than paying for stronger anti-poaching measures to keep elephant populations stable. (C) Dr. Robin Naidoo, the paper's lead author and , senior conservation wildlife scientist at WWF and his team found. In the case of central Africa's forest elephants, which are harder for tourists to see and therefore attract fewer visitors, the costs of protecting them exceed the benefits from tourism. Demand from south-east Asia has seen the price of ivory triple since 2009 and it is estimated that one elephant is killed every 15 minutes. (D) Corruption, a lack of resources, and, most importantly, increasingly **sophisticated** poachers have hamstrung African countries' efforts to stem the trade.

Naidoo said that the research was not suggesting economic issues should be the only consideration when protecting elephants, but framing the poaching crisis as a financial one could **motivate** African governments and communities.

“It gives an additional reason for some groups of people, who may not necessarily be motivated by intrinsic reasons for conversation, to engage with biodiversity conservation. It makes it clear to them that it's not just in the best interests of the world to conserve this stuff, but tangible reasons for a whole different group," he said.

123. The overall profit that the continent lost a year can be estimated to \_\_\_\_.

A. 25 million USD B. 100,000 USD C. 26 million USD D. 9 million USD

124. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

A. To get to the conclusion, scientists compared the changes in number of tourists and number of elephants in 2009.

B. The only reason why illegal poaching is so difficult to stop is corruption.

C. Protecting elephants is for the both the practical and immaterial reasons.

D. There is an argument over the differences in the balance between the loss and the cost to protect the elephants.

125. Which of the following statements is NOT true?

A. Across the continent, the amount of money spent on protecting the elephant is smaller than the loss tourist industry is suffering from.

B. The number of tourists reduces because now it is more difficult for them to see the elephants in the wild.

C. One reason why elephants are killed in mass volume is from the increasing market of ivory in South East Asia.

D. Relating poaching to financial benefits can be considered as one of the solutions to the problem.

126. Which of the positions marked in the passage does the phrase "but the financial argument did not stack up in all areas,” best fit?

A. (A) B. (B) C. (C) D. (D)

127. The word **plummet** in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. fall B. fluctuate C. rise D. Stabilize

128. The word **sophisticated** in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. simple B. outdated C. advanced D. basic

129. The word **motivate** in paragraph 5 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_.

A. change B. design C. form D. inspire

130. Which of the following is the best title for the passage?

A. Elephant poaching costs African millions in tourism revenue

B. Elephant poaching does more good than harm

C. Elephant poaching brings an opportunity for Africa to change

D. Elephant poaching reduces the number of elephants in Africa

**Part VI. WRITING**

***Exercise 12. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that is closest in meaning to each of the following questions.***

131. You must never take the helmet off when you drive.

A. Helmets must be worn at all times when driving.

B. Helmets must be taken around with you when you drive.

C. Wearing helmets is never taken into consideration when driving.

D. Helmets are an optional part of you when you drive.

132. People in Australia are so environmentally-friendly that they create the greenest country in the world.

A. Australia is the greenest country in the world though the people are environmentally friendly

B. Australia is the greenest country in the world because the people are environmentally friendly.

C. Australia is the greenest country in the world while the people are environmentally-friendly.

D. Australia is the greenest country in the world if the people are environmentally friendly.

133. We might stop here if you don't change your way of speaking.

A. We might stop here unless you don't change your way of speaking.

B. We might stop here if you change your way of speaking.

C. We might stop here unless you change your way of speaking.

D. We might stop here if not you change your way of speaking.

134. When the class was over, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

A. As long as the class finished, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

B. No sooner was the class over, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

C. As soon as the class had finished, the students ran out, screamed and shouted.

D. If the class was over, the students would run out, scream and shout.

135. At no time Jane asks me when she uses my bathroom.

A. Jane is always using my bathroom without asking!

B. It is very unusual for Jane to ask me when she uses my bathroom.

C. Jane has no time to ask me when she uses my bathroom.

D. Sometimes Jane asks me when she uses my bathroom.

136. He was about to do something when his mother suddenly shouted out.

A. He was doing something when his mother suddenly shouted out.

B. He refused to do something about his mother suddenly shouting out.

C. He was on the point of doing something when his mother suddenly shouted out.

D. His mother's sudden shouting out helped him to do something.

137. Merry allows her children to stay up late on Saturday evenings.

A. Merry makes her children stay up late on Saturday evenings.

B. Merry gets her children to stay up late on Saturday evenings.

C. Merry helps her children stay up late on Saturday evenings.

D. Merry lets her children stay up late on Saturday evenings.

138. I was under a strong impression that she had not told the truth.

A. I believed that she had not told the truth.

B. I doubted that she had not told the truth.

C. I protested that she had not told the truth.

D. I insisted that she had not told the truth.

139. He acts like an innocent man even if the evidence shows the contradiction.

A. Even though he acts like an innocent man, the evidence shows the contradiction.

B. He acts like an innocent man because the evidence shows the contradiction.

C. The evidence shows the contradiction so he acts like an innocent man.

D. He acts like an innocent man, as a result, the evidence shows the contradiction.

***Exercise 13. Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the sentence that best combines each pair of sentences in the following questions.***

140. We paid for the meal. We wanted to say sorry for what we had done.

A. In order to pay for the meal, we wanted to say sorry for what we had done.

B. We paid for the meal in order to say sorry for what we had done.

C. We paid for the meal although we wanted to say sorry for what we had done.

D. The meal we paid for is what we want to say sorry for what we had done.

141. My sister thinks the film is too frightening. I am not scared at all.

A. My sister thinks the film is too frightening because I am not scared at all.

B. My sister thinks the film is too frightening so I am not scared at all.

C. My sister thinks the film is too frightening whereas I am not scared at all.

D. My sister thinks the film is too frightening although I am not scared at all.

142. He bought her flowers and diamond rings. This action made her fall in love with him.

A. He bought her flowers and diamond rings, what made her fall in love with him.

B. He bought her flowers and diamond rings, that made her fall in love with him.

C. He bought her flowers and diamond rings, which made her fall in love with him.

D. He bought her flowers and diamond rings which made her fall in love with him.

143. He was so angry with his boss. He quitted his job immediately.

A. Angry with his boss, he quitted his job immediately.

B. He quitted his job immediately, angry with his boss.

C. Angry with his boss he is, he quitted his job immediately.

D. He was so angry with his boss although quitting his job immediately.

144. Something hit the door. I heard a slam.

A. Something hit the door but I heard a slam.

B. Something hit the door when I heard a slam.

C. Something hit the door though I heard a slam.

D. Something hit the door for I heard a slam.

145. He doesn't like going out. He doesn't invite any friends home.

A. He either goes out or invites any friends home.

B. He neither goes out nor invites any friends home.

C. He not only goes out but also invites any friends home.

D. He goes out but not invites any friends home.