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COMPULSORY PREPARATION PROGRAM (ENGLISH)
PROFICIENCY TEST

NAME –SURNAME :

Vocabulary : ____ / 11 Points

Grammar : ____ / 25 Points

Reading : ____ / 24 Points

Writing : ____ / 20 Points

Listening : ____ / 20 Points

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LISTENING SECTION (10x2=20 POINTS)

You are going to hear two people (Joanne and Ralph) talking about memories they preserved from their childhood. Listen to the text and choose the best answer (1-10). There is an example (0) at the beginning. You are going to hear the text twice.

(Example)

0. As a child Joanne lived in a

- A) big town in the south-west.
- B) small place near the sea.**
- C) village with 600 inhabitants

1. She did not swim in the sea

- A) until she began to use wetsuits.
- B) because she found the water cold.
- C) before the age of thirteen

2. On Friday morning they were

- A) taught how to use the bus.
- B) picked up at the car park.
- C) taken off to swim in the sea

3. Those who were late

- A) had to be with older students.
- B) were given extra lessons later.
- C) had to do exercises in the room.

4. Joanne finally learned to swim because

- A) she got chocolate for that.
- B) there were Smarties in the water.
- C) a friend of her family taught her.

5. When swimming in the sea she

- A) never chased fish.
- B) used to wear a wetsuit.
- C) swam around buoys.

6. Swimming is a skill that people

- A) should be taught at a young age.
- B) do not appreciate until they are old.
- C) often seem to be afraid of.

7. During the past three years Joanne's dad

- A) learned to swim within two weeks.
- B) spent little money on travelling.
- C) went on five residential courses

8. Earlier, when he could not swim

- A) he could not travel to the beach.
- B) he could not appreciate his holidays.
- C) his wife had to catch fish for him.

9. When she goes into the water

- A) she splashes it around her.
- B) she puts cream on her face.
- C) it takes her a long time

10. She no longer goes swimming because

- A) her favourite pool was closed.
- B) she was kicked out of the pool.
- C) she became afraid of swimming

GRAMMAR SECTION A-B (25x1=25 POINTS)

A. Choose the best word or phrase to complete the sentence for the questions 11-31.

11. The problem of inflation became ____ severe ____ the people stopped using paper Money, which they saw as “worthless paper”.

- A) such /that
- B) too / as
- C) so / as
- D) so / that
- E) much / than

12. ____ I known that the film was so boring, I ____ to the party with you.

- A) If / would come
- B) Were / would come
- C) Should / will come
- D) Unless / might have come
- E) Had / would have come

13. Valentine’s Day is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for _____ by presenting flowers.

- A) themselves
- B) others
- C) each other
- D) the others
- E) another

14. I would rather you _____ me the truth. I can’t trust you anymore.

- A) told
- B) have told
- C) will tell
- D) had told
- E) tell

15. ____ you don’t trust the person leading, you will not follow them _____ great their plan is.

- A) Unless / when
- B) If / no matter how
- C) Supposing / whether
- D) But for / what
- E) In case / which

16. After graduating, Einstein spent almost two frustrating years ____ for a teaching post, but Mrcel Grossmann’s father helped him ____ a job in Bern.

- A) to search / to secure
- B) search / securing
- C) to be searching / being secured
- D) to have searched / having secured
- E) searching / secure

17. Iron is present in ___ cells in the human body, and has _____ vital functions.

- A) all / several
- B) every / a few
- C) a little / some
- D) the whole / each
- E) any / little

18. The future does not just happen; it is ___ you do today ___ makes the future of tomorrow.

- A) that / which
- B) what / that
- C) when / whether
- D) how / whose
- E) where / if

19. I wish the government ___ more Money on education last year.

- A) has spent
- B) spent
- C) could spend
- D) would spend
- E) had spent

20. Tomato sauce is preferable source ___ raw tomatoes.

- A) on the grounds that
- B) in view of
- C) along with
- D) by the way
- E) as opposed to

21. If your relationships are growing, ___ will your position.

- A) either
- B) so
- C) neither
- D) as well
- E) nor

22. A mobile phone allows ___ telephone calls to and from the public telephone network.

- A) to receive
- B) receiving
- C) being received
- D) to be received
- E) to have received

23. It is extremely difficult ___ two identical snowflakes.

- A) to encounter
- B) encountering
- C) to be encountered
- D) being encountered
- E) having encountered

24. Consistent eye contact can indicate ___ a person is thinking positively of ___ the speaker is saying.

- A) what / that
- B) where / how
- C) that / what
- D) whom / the fact that
- E) when /whose

25. Anatolia has always been a beautiful place for people to live in. In Anatolia you can find many traces of ancient _____.

- A) passengers
- B) civilizations
- C) elevators
- D) muscles
- E) owners

26. John's nervous because he _____ such a difficult test before.

- A) never took
- B) ever takes
- C) is never taking
- D) has never taken
- E) is never going to take

27. She _____ several operations so far but she is still suffering from stomachache.

- A) had
- B) has had
- C) is having
- D) have had
- E) is going to have

28. I am at home all the time, so you _____ me before you visit me.

- A) mustn't call
- B) had better call
- C) should have called
- D) don't have to call
- E) must have called

29. Twenty-year-old Diana _____ Princess of Wales when she _____ the Prince of Wales on 29 July 1981 at St Paul's Cathedral.

- A) was becoming / was marrying
- B) becomes / marries
- C) has become / married
- D) had become / had married
- E) became / married

30. _____ being a source of food, leaves provide many useful products.

- A) However
- B) In addition to
- C) In order to
- D) As a result
- E) Whereas

GRAMMAR SECTION

B. Choose the most appropriate word or phrase for the questions between 31-35.

Law does not have a universally accepted definition, but one definition is (31)___ law is a system of rules and guidelines which are enforced (32) ___ social institutions to govern behavior. Laws (33) ___ by governments, specifically by their legislatures. The formation of laws themselves (34) ___ by a constitution (written or unwritten) and the rights encoded therein. The law shapes politics, economics and societies in countless ways and serves (35) ___ a social mediator of relations between people.

31. A) which B) whom C) that

D) in which E) where

32. A) on B) in C) through

D) at E) from

33. A) were made

B) made

C) had been made

D) have made

E) are made

34. A) should influence

B) had to be influenced

C) can influence

D) may be influenced

E) could have influenced

35. A) unlike B) alike C) like

D) such as E) as

Choose the best word or phrase to complete the sentence for the questions 36- 46.

VOCABULARY SECTION (11x1=11 POINTS)

36. Flight TK1865 has been _____. It will take off two hours later.

A) canceled B) landed C) delayed

D) postponed E) arrived

37. Please don't leave any bags _____.

A) attend B) attended C) claimed

D) cancelled E) unattended

38. The children _____ in joy as they were playing snowball in the backyard.

A) sunbathed

B) screamed

C) registered

D) excused

E) fixed

39. The bank is not far from here. It's on the corner of this street. I think you can ____ find it.

- A) easily B) kindly C) awfully
D) carefully E) regularly

40. The cause of the ____ of the dinosaurs is not clear to researchers.

- A) application B) acceptance C) invention
D) expression E) extinction

41. Earthquakes are ____ using observations from seismometers.

- A) enforced B) implicated C) involved
D) measured E) enacted

42. One of the ____ functions of the family is to produce persons, biologically and/or socially.

- A) obstructive B) durable C) even
D) primary E) illegal

43. The loudspeaker was broken and we were sitting in the back, so we could _____ hear the lecturer.

- A) briefly B) quietly C) hastily
D) delicately E) barely

44. There have been ____ changes to the Turkish constitution over the past several years, as Turkey has seriously attempted to bring its laws in line with those of EU countries.

- A) superfluous
B) significant
C) eternal
D) transparent
E) stagnant

45. Our previous manager was highly ____ but the new one doesn't even seem to know how to use a computer.

- A) sensitive B) idle C) competent
D) talkative E) punctual

46. Most people feel that if possible, it is a better idea to ____ a house rather than rent one, because money paid for rent is lost and never comes back to you.

- A) purchase B) shift C) move
D) hire E) rob

READING SECTION (24x1=24 POINTS)

Answer the questions 47-49 according to the text.

Specialists say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, especially for children. When children eat breakfast, they perform well in the classroom and on the playground with better concentration, problem-solving skills and eye-hand coordination. Specialists also say that breakfast eaters are fitter than the skippers (non breakfast eaters). Why? Because eating breakfast reduces hunger during the day so you eat less at lunch and at dinner.

47. According to the paragraph ____ .

- A) children don't like to have breakfast
- B) breakfast is not as important as we think
- C) students do better at school if they have breakfast
- D) some parents don't have time to prepare breakfast
- E) when you have breakfast every day, you can be overweight

48. It is clear in the paragraph that ____ .

- A) lunch is also as important as breakfast
- B) adults should eat more breakfast than children
- C) breakfast eaters feel more hunger during the day
- D) if you want to be fitter, you shouldn't skip breakfast
- E) specialists think breakfast is less important than other meals

49. We understand from the paragraph that ____ .

- A) lunch skippers are thinner than the others
- B) lunch is the most important meal for adults
- C) you must drink more water if you skip a meal
- D) breakfast eaters have the risk of being obese
- E) you eat less during the day if you have breakfast

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Answer the questions 50-52 according to the text.

Elephants are the largest land animals in the world. They are mammals; that is, they give birth to babies and feed them with their own milk. There are two kinds of elephants, African and Asian elephants. African elephants are larger than Asian elephants. Elephants can live over seventy years. Their skin is about 2,5 cm thick. They have poor eyesight but an amazing sense of smell. They have soft paddings under their feet so they can walk silently. They use their tusks, teeth, to dig for water and lift things. They cry, laugh, play and have incredible memories.

50. According to the paragraph elephants _____ .

- A) feed their babies by hunting
- B) are the biggest land animals
- C) have babies by eggs
- D) see better at nights
- E) live only in Africa

51. It's clear in the paragraph that elephants _____ .

- A) have a good sense of smell
- B) can't remember past well
- C) hunt with their paddings
- D) like to live by the rivers
- E) don't drink much water

52. We understand from the paragraph that elephants _____ .

- A) live in small groups
- B) are more common in Asia
- C) drink water with their tusks
- D) have soft padding on their backs
- E) can walk without making much noise

Answer the questions 53-55 according to the text.

Eating says a great deal about who we are. Using a napkin, not using chopsticks, not eating pork, or eating with one's fingers say something. Thus they are messages like signal flags or the Morse code. Not eating all day during Ramazan is another message. Although we all must eat, in no society in the world do people eat everything that is edible. For instance, unlike many other nations, the Chinese think eating dogs is much nicer than having thousands of stray, hungry animals roaming the streets. What's more, most of them think what they eat is normal and everyone else is at least a bit odd. We learn our eating habits very early in life, and usually we associate those early experiences with some of the best feelings we ever had. Foods we learn to like in our early years probably will have a special meaning for us forever because they are associated with the people and things we love. Throughout the World, people use food and eating to mark the seasons, to signal changes in status such as growing up or getting married, to honour their gods, and to say something about themselves.

53. We learn from the passage that the food we eat doesn't _____

- A) give messages about us and our nationality.
- B) show who we are
- C) prove who is more refined
- D) indicate changes in status
- E) mark the seasons and the animals

54. We learn from the passage that using signal flags and not eating all day during Ramazan are similar in that _____.

- A) they are both meaningless
- B) they both Show that people must learn to be patient
- C) they are pieces of communication
- D) they both originated in the Middle East
- E) they are both Islamic

55. According to the passage, the Chinese

- A) eat everything that is edible anywhere in the World
- B) eat all the things than other nations may find disgusting
- C) prefer dogs to cats due to their religious concerns
- D) find those who don't eat dogs strange
- E) like to eat dog meat for dinner only

Answer the questions 56-58 according to the text.

Pluto, which was until recently regarded as the outermost and smallest planet in the solar system, has never been visited by an exploring spacecraft. So little is known about it that it is difficult to classify. Its distance from Earth is so great that the Hubble Space Telescope cannot reveal its surface features. Appropriately named for the Roman god of the underworld, it must be frozen, dark, and dead. Its mean distance from the Sun is 5,900 million kilometres. In fact, it has the most eccentric orbit in the solar system, bringing it at times closer to the Sun than Neptune. Furthermore, there is evidence that Pluto has an atmosphere, containing methane, and a polar ice cap that increases and decreases in size with Pluto's seasons. It is not known to have water. The Hubble Space Telescope's faint-object camera revealed light and dark regions on Pluto, indicating an ice cap at the North pole. It is known that there is an ice cap at Pluto's South pole.

56. According to the passage, Pluto's orbit around the Sun _____,

- A) takes so long that each of its seasons has a long period
- B) has not yet been described accurately
- C) brings it, on occasion, closer than Neptune to the Sun
- D) follows a pattern which is uniform and stable
- E) has been studied again and again through the Hubble Space Telescope

57. As is pointed in the passage, Pluto _____.

- A) is on the outer edge of the solar system
- B) has extensive ice caps at both its poles
- C) was a major god in antiquity, worshipped by the Romans as well as by other peoples
- D) and Neptune seem to have similar orbits that bring them closer to the Sun
- E) looks so dark that nothing whatsoever can be observed on it

58. It is stated in the passage that, since Pluto is so far away from Earth, _____.

- A) its regions and poles can be best studied through a powerful telescope
- B) almost nothing is known about even its exterior
- C) the density of the methane in its atmosphere cannot be measured
- D) the Hubble Space Telescope clearly shows how completely frozen its surface is
- E) only some minor explorations have so far been made by means of a spacecraft

Answer the questions 59-61 according to the text.

Patrick and Pauline Peters were recently ordered to spend fourteen days in prison by judge Mary Pickles. The couple married six months ago and are already famous for their rows. Neighbours complained that they could hear them shouting from the bus stop six hundred meters away. Mrs Iris Fish, who lives opposite, said, "First I asked them nicely to stop because my baby couldn't sleep, but they didn't. Then my husband knocked at their door and told them to stop, but still they didn't. They threw a chair at him through the window. It just missed him! So we rang the police and asked them to come immediately."

59. Mrs Fish _____.

- A) couldn't sleep B) has a baby
- C) threw a chair at her husband
- D) shouted at the Peters
- E) has to spend some time in prison

60. Which of the following is false?

- A) Mr and Mrs Fish phoned the police.
- B) The chair didn't hit Mr Fish.
- C) The Peters got married a few months ago.
- D) People complained about Mrs Fish.
- E) Police arrested Mrs. Fish.

61. The best title for the text is _____.

- A) Throwing chairs solves problems
- B) Police help with sleeping problems
- C) Noisy neighbours go to prison
- D) Iris – the bad neighbour
- E) Nobody is alone

Answer the question 62-64 according to the text

As world population becomes denser, we will feel greater pressure from expanding number of people. Some experts argue that we are approaching the limit of the number of people the earth can support adequately, and they feel we should turn to compulsory birth control. Other authorities feel that if birth control is imposed on the population, the future of mankind would be seriously endangered. They think that very intelligent people would be more likely to have fewer children, and this would bring about of a lowering of the general level of intelligence in the population as a whole. However, some critics see a fallacy in this argument. In addition to genetics, they say, intelligence depends on an adequate diet, a good home environment, parental attention and education – all of which are increasing in the world as the general population becomes more affluent.

62. How do some scientists describe the world's situation today?

- A) There is greater pressure on the people today than in the past.
- B) People are getting more aware of birth control.
- C) the number of people is increasing and it's about to reach the limits of the earth's capacity.
- D) people are more intelligent today and they prefer to have fewer children.
- E) Especially people with lower income and education should have more children.

63. Why do some people disagree with the birth control?

- A) They believe if birth control is imposed, we would have more intelligent people, and this would change the balance.
- B) They think that we don't have the authority to interfere the balance of the nature.
- C) they think that, by birth control, we would have fewer children and this would makethe number of intelligent people less in the society.
- D) they believe that the intelligence of people would be endangered.
- E) They love children.

64. According to the text which of the below sentences is true?

- A) Rich people polute the environment more than poor people do.
- B) People with more money, bring up intelligent children.
- C) People should never prefer birth control, because, it can damage the nature.
- D) If you have good education, good home environment and a healthy life, you are more likely to be intelligent.
- E) The world has enough space for billlions of people

Answer the questions 65-67 according to the text.

Rabies is a very frightening disease because it is always fatal and there is almost nothing to do once symptoms have developed. The disease is carried by a virus and it affects many species of animals, particularly dogs, foxes and bats. In Britain no indigenous case of human rabies has been reported since 1902, but it is widespread among animals in most parts of the world. Unfortunately, in the last 30 years the disease has been spreading across Europe from the East, especially in foxes, and has now reached Northern France. For this reason, strict animals quarantine laws are in force in Britain, and it is rightly regarded as a serious offence to attempt to evade them.

65. As it is pointed out in the passage, what makes rabies so dangerous a disease is that _____.

- A) very few people can recognize the symptoms of the disease
- B) quarantine regulations concerning the disease are disregarded by most people
- C) it is now threatening the whole Europe from France to England
- D) as soon as the signs of the disease are recognized, it is too late for any treatment.
- E) it can continue spreading all around the world

66. The text suggests that the British government has already taken strict measures to _____.

- A) encourage the keeping of pets in Britain.
- B) make sure that no rabies enters the country
- C) ensure that rabies patients will receive effective treatment
- D) deal with the recent outbreaks of rabies, especially in foxes in Britain
- E) People will be sued who own animals with rabies

67. It is clearly stated in the passage that, for more than a century, _____

- A) no one in Britain has been infected with rabies
- B) rabies has been one of the most frightening diseases in Europe
- C) there have been remarkable advances made in the treatment of rabies
- D) thanks to new diagnostic techniques rabies has been confined to dogs, foxes and bats.
- E) meanwhile cats are in danger, too.

Answer the questions 68-70 according to the text.

The mall is generally believed to be the product of modern consumer society. In fact, today's shopping mall has its antecedents in historical marketplaces, such as Greek agoras, European piazzas, and Asian bazaars. The purpose of these sites, as with the shopping mall, is both economic and social. People go to these places not only to buy and sell wares, but also to be seen, catch up on news, and be part of the human drama. Both the marketplace and the mall might also contain restaurants, banks, theatres, and professional offices. However, the shopping mall differs from its ancient counterparts in a number of important ways. While piazzas and bazaars were open-air venues, the modern mall is usually enclosed. With car parks, gardens and playgrounds around them, today's shopping malls grew much bigger in size compared to its ancient counterparts. Finally, ancient marketplaces were often set up in public spaces with little or no organisational control, but shopping malls are designed, built, and maintained by a separate management unit.

68. Which of the following is **NOT** an example of the differences between modern shopping malls and ancient market places?

- A) Their architecture
- B) Their restaurants
- C) Their size
- D) Their social function
- E) Their management

69. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text?

- A) The idea of building large shopping areas was born with the rise of modern consumer society.
- B) Shopping habits will most probably change in the future.
- C) Restaurants, banks, theaters, and professional offices can be found in every shopping mall.
- D) Shopping has always been an important part of social life.
- E) Car parking lot is big enough in modern malls.

70. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- A) The similarities between the mall and the marketplace
- B) The shopping mall and its ancient counterparts
- C) The role of shopping in modern societies
- D) Why people love shopping
- E) Shopping is enjoyable if you have money

WRITING SECTION (20 POINTS)

Choose **ONE** of the topics below and write a well-developed essay with minimum 250 words. As a guideline, some points are given. You can use these points and/or add more. Your essay will be graded according to the content, organization and accuracy of language.

Your essay must include:

- main ideas
- supporting ideas (examples, details, facts etc.)
- linking words

Here are the topics:

1. What are the causes or effects of cheating in exams?

CAUSES

- parental pressure
- necessity for high grades
- peer influence

EFFECTS

- punishment
- not learning the subject
- becoming lazy

2. compare and/ or contrast the life of a university student in a big city and the life in a small city.

- living costs
- education expenses
- part-time job opportunities
- social activities

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