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ENGLISH TALENT SEARCH OLYMPIAD (ETSO) 2016 - 2017

STAGE - 1

TIME : 60 min.

CLASS : X

Max. Marks : 50

Instructions:

- ⇒ Fill the OMR sheet completely and carefully.
- ⇒ Each question carries one mark and has only one correct answer. No negative marks
- ⇒ The question paper contains 50 questions to be answered in 60 minutes.

Fill in the blanks with the options that are best suitable.

1. We _____ the desert in a hurry when it was getting dark. []
a) cut down b) cut up c) cut across d) cut down
2. The letters were so _____ that we had to struggle reading it. []
a) tangible b) incorrigible c) illegible d) intellegible
3. It was _____ new to us and so we took the help of the local people. (Fill in the blank with proper adverb) []
a) entirely b) bitterly c) solely d) devastatingly
4. We were told that _____ the fans before coming out saves energy. []
a) turn off b) turning off c) to turn off d) turned off
5. Many intelligent animals suffer from _____ in captivity. []
a) alone b) bore c) boredom d) lonely
6. It is an old _____ to put salt in fire to ward off the evil. []
a) renovation b) decoration c) innovation d) convention
7. She wasn't _____ to reach the top shelf of the cupboard. []
a) tall enough b) enough tall c) high enough d) sufficient height
8. Choose the closest meaning of the word 'retrospect' []
a) hindsight b) by accident c) known d) wild spread
9. Either of the men _____ not eligible for a promotion. []
a) is b) were c) have d) has
10. The third one _____ the nine children was blind and lame. []
a) of b) for c) among d) between
11. After crossing the _____ of twenty feet, the water overflows causing floods. []
a) boundary b) edge c) boarder d) limit
12. You need a lot of appraisal for what you did, _____ (Add a suitable question tag) []
a) isn't it? b) aren't you? c) doesn't it? d) don't you?
13. His weakness _____ his courage, he pulled on somehow to reach the top. []
a) losing b) failing c) smelling d) wasting
14. The mob was peaceful but suddenly turned _____. []
a) righteous b) riot c) ritual d) riotous

15. Fill in the blank with a proper phrase to complete the conversation []
 A : What are you doing tonight ? B : I'm not sure, I _____ to the cinema.
 a) will go b) would go c) might go d) have to go
16. I asked my friend where _____ his mobile phone. []
 a) he had lost b) did he lose c) had he lost d) has he lost
- (17-21) Instructions: Select the underlined word or phrase that is incorrect.**
17. The majority to the news is about violence or scandal. []
 a) The b) to c) news d) violence
18. Reshma swimmed one hundred laps in the pool yesterday. []
 a) swimmed b) hundred c) in d) yesterday
19. When our vacation, we plan to spend three days scuba diving. []
 a) When b) plan c) days d) diving
20. Mr. Victor does not take critical of his work very well. []
 a) does b) well c) his d) critical
21. By the time he reached the twelfth round, his energy _____ and he fainted. []
 a) ran upto b) ran by c) ran into d) ran down
22. _____ we cannot win the race. (Choose the appropriate conditional clause) []
 a) as we run faster b) unless we run faster c) if we run faster d) if we ran fast
23. Select the sentence that is grammatically incorrect. []
 a) I stayed in Delhi for an year. b) We meet on alternate days.
 c) Many prefer English to Hindi. d) The bus-stand is within walking distance.
24. They didn't use chemical powder. They could not put out the fire. (Start with if clause) []
 a) If they use chemical powder, they can put out the fire.
 b) If they used chemical powder, they could put out the fire.
 c) If they had used chemical powder, they could have put out the fire.
 d) If they had not used chemical powder, they could not have put out the fire.
25. Select the sentence that is grammatically correct. []
 a) I was awaiting for you at the railway station. b) I wish I were rich.
 c) This is between you and I. d) I agree for your view.
26. He speaks truth. He is honoured by all. (Combine with a relative pronoun) []
 a) He who speaks truth is honoured b) Truth who speaks, is honoured.
 c) Who is honoured and who speaks truth. d) He who is honoured, speaks truth.
27. Though she is lazy she has passed . She is lazy _____ she has _____. []
 a) but, passed b) hence, passed c) so, passed d) and, passed
28. If she _____ forgotten the hall ticket, she _____ written the exam. []
 a) has not, will not have b) is not, will not have
 c) had not, would have d) has not, would have
29. If I _____ in your place, I _____ help her []
 a) am, would b) is would c) was, will d) were, would
30. He has not acted in a play earlier. They wanted someone _____ than him. []
 a) more experienced b) good experienced c) most experienced d) as experienced.
31. Prices _____ these days. []
 a) soare b) sore c) sour d) soar

32. Education made them *understand* to be aware of their responsibilities. They would have ____ if they were not educated. (Fill in the blank with suitable antonym of the word *understand*) []
 a) disunderstand b) misunderstand c) misunderstood d) disunderstood
33. These days, moral values are *degrading* and technology is _____ (Fill in the blank with suitable antonym of the word *degrading*) []
 a) ongrading b) topgrading c) upgrading d) downgrading
34. Education *ennobles* a person more than anything. (The synonym for the word *ennobles* is)
 a) makes less b) makes large c) makes great d) makes up []
35. The players were unable to *stomach* the defeat. (Choose the synonym for the word *stomach*)
 a) imagine b) permit c) tolerate d) really. []
36. The bulding was *abandoned* by them. (Choose the synonym for the word *abandoned*) []
 a) deserted b) occupied c) let on rent d) repaired.
37. The family decided to *put up with* the troubles caused by the old man. (Choose the synonym for the phrase *put up with*) []
 a) solve b) endure c) admit d) take help
38. The manager was *irked* by the workers for long. (Choose the synonym for the word *irked*)
 a) enthralled b) thrilled c) suffered d) troubled []
39. The old man *renounced* everything for salavation. (Choose the synonym for the underlined word)
 a) left b) started c) prayed d) wished []
40. The hurricane caused _____ damage to the city. []
 a) extend b) extended c) extensive d) extension
41. Many cultures have special *ceremonies* to celebrate a person's change of passage into adulthood. (Choose the synonym of 'ceremonies'). []
 a) right b) rite c) writ d) write
42. We could find no one who could bell the cat. (select the meaning of the idiom) []
 a) to do something dangerous b) to work hard c) to speak the truth d) to speak boldly
43. He wanted to *sign up* for yoga classes next week. []
 (Choose the proper meaning for the phrasal verb 'sign up')
 a) to learn b) to join c) to leave d) to practise
44. It took him long to *get along* with his colleagues. (select the appropriate meaning of 'get along'.)
 a) to listen to b) to have good relations []
 c) to speak to d) to escort
45. Naresh is trying to *make up* for the period of his absence due to illness. (select meaning of phrasal verb 'make up'.) []
 a) to decorate b) to apply cosmetics c) to fill in the gaps d) to find out

(46 - 50) Read the following passage carefully :

Titan, though quite different from our mother planet, Earth, has many special features, which the scientists believe could help in revealing the origin of life. It is the only moon in our solar system with an atmosphere. And this could be similar to that of Earth when life began here. Thanks to Voyager 1, we already know that the Titan's atmosphere predominantly contains nitrogen with a small percentage of methane. But Titan is surrounded by a thick orange haze which obstructs the view below the dense clouds and therefore no one has been able to know about the surface

features. It could be concealing lakes of methane or ethane running across its surface. It might be having rains of ethane from its smoggy clouds. So rich in organic molecules with nitrogen atmosphere. Titan could indeed be a very fertile place. However, being 1200 million kilometres away from the Sun, Titan has a very low surface temperature, - 180°C, which makes the chances of life on it very slim. But, once upon a time it could have been much warmer, with water flowing across its surface, breeding micro organisms. These could have survived beneath surface. We know that micro organisms are capable of surviving in very harsh environments. And also, after billions of years later, when our sun becomes a red giant, swelling to fifty times of its present size, the temperature of Titan will also rise, becoming more hospitable for sustenance of life. Earth will then be too hot to inhabit! Carrying the Huygens probe, the joint NASA and European and Italian Space Agencies' Cassini spacecraft is likely to throw light on some of these intriguing aspects.

During the last week of October, Cassini had a close flyby of Titan which offered the spacecraft an intimate look of the Titan's surface, hidden behind the thick haze. The images received show the possibility of the presence of lakes, inferred from the dark colour in the radar data. These high-resolution images show the Titan's surface is possibly more dynamic than previously thought, making the scientists say more confidently that Titan may be geologically alive.

Cassini will complete one more preparatory loop around Titan before releasing the Huygens on the Christmas Day. Thereafter the spacecraft will fly past Titan to receive the messages from Huygens as it disappears through the thick clouds on its journey to the Titan's surface. What Huygens will see? Nobody can say for sure!

Choose the correct option for each of the question given below :

46. Titan is a []
a) Planet like earth b) A star like the sun c) A planetoid d) A satellite like moon
47. What is the surface temperature of Titan? []
a) 180°C b) -180°C
c) 1200° d) Not mentioned in the passage
48. In future, there are possibilities of the Sun's temperature []
a) Decreasing b) Remaining stable c) increasing d) Diminishing
49. Cassini Spacecraft contains []
a) NASA Telescope b) Italian Space Agency
c) Titan images d) Huygens Probe
50. It's not possible for life on Titan because []
a) The temperatures are very high.
b) Sun becomes red hot.
c) Atmosphere is filled with nitrogen
d) The temperatures are very low.

