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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

In this part of the Listening Comprehension test you will hear five dialogues. You will hear each dialogue twice. After the second reading, the question will be read once. After you hear the question, mark your answer immediately. [Play audio 1.1 to 1.5]

✓ Dialogue

1. The reason for the party is to celebrate _____.
 - a. A birthday
 - b. A promotion
 - c. An anniversary
 - d. A victory
2. What does the woman find out about her leave?
 - a. She has lost several of her vacation days.
 - b. The record of her vacation days is wrong.
 - c. She has to take her vacation before January.
 - d. No one can take vacation leave in June.
3. What advice does the woman give?
 - a. Ask the superintendent about other apartments in the neighborhood.
 - b. Ask the superintendent if he could lower the price of the rent.
 - c. Offer to give the superintendent some extra money for himself.
 - d. Forget about trying to find a large apartment in the city.
4. The woman in this conversation _____.
 - a. asks the man to buy her a newspaper
 - b. does not need anything from the grocery
 - c. likes to shop for groceries by herself
 - d. thinks the man may spend too much money
5. The woman _____.
 - a. thought that the man was acting too seriously
 - b. spilled coffee on the man's desk
 - c. told the man a very funny joke
 - d. brought the man a cup of coffee



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In this part of the Listening Comprehension test you will hear five news items. Each item will be followed by one question. You will hear each news item twice. After the second reading, the question will be read once. After you hear the question, mark your answer immediately. [Play audio 2.1 to 2.5]

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✓ News Items

6. How do scientists on Dr. Mortimer's research team explain their findings?
 - a. Mountain air is healthier than sea air.
 - b. People living at high altitudes are generally harder workers.
 - c. It is easier for people with heart conditions to live in thin air.
 - d. People living at high altitudes have to exert themselves more.
7. According to the news bulletin, what have doctors at Columbia University discovered?
 - a. Elegant living is rapidly becoming a serious health risk.
 - b. Excessive wine drinking led to the fall of the Roman Empire.
 - c. Lead crystal wine bottles may make the wine in them poisonous.
 - d. Port wine is seen as less elegant when served in lead crystal.
8. According to Professor Schwartz, why do so many women choose to retain their maiden names nowadays?
 - a. Only anti-feminists would be in favor of women taking their husbands' surnames.
 - b. Women may wish to keep their own names for professional reasons.
 - c. Women are less reluctant to get divorced nowadays.
 - d. Women may be reluctant to change their names for fear of appearing to be anti- establishment.
9. According to this report, which of the following statements is true?
 - a. Even "unleaded" petrol releases lead through a car's exhaust.
 - b. Cars that run on benzene need special filters on their exhaust.
 - c. Special filters have mistakenly been removed from many cars.
 - d. Cars using unleaded petrol should be fitted with special filters.
10. According to this news item, chronic gambling _____.
 - a. is curable if treated with a series of appropriate drugs
 - b. can be cured through therapies that control impulses
 - c. may have a biological rather than a psychological basis
 - d. is often associated with alcoholism and drug addiction



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You will hear the following interview twice. First, you will hear the entire interview without interruption. The second time, the interview will be divided into two parts with questions following each part. Each question will be read once. After you hear a question, mark your answer immediately. [Play audio 3]

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✓ Interview

11. What does current research with the substance interferon seem to indicate about its usefulness in treating colds?
 - a. Interferon may have the effect of making those colds, which do occur less severe.
 - b. Interferon appears to be of little real use in the prevention of the common cold.
 - c. Interferon may be the key to eliminating the common cold once and for all.
 - d. Interferon appears to eliminate cold symptoms without affecting the cold itself.
12. According to Dr. Jordan, what is one of the reasons why doing research on remedies for the common cold is so difficult?
 - a. The actual cause of the common cold has not yet been determined.
 - b. Adequate funding for research on the cold is no longer available.
 - c. Pharmaceutical companies stand to lose money if a cure is found.
 - d. Animals cannot be used in the research because they do not catch colds.
13. According to Dr. Jordan, which of the following is medically effective in treating a cold?
 - a. bed rest
 - b. antihistamines
 - c. lemon and honey
 - d. nothing
14. Who among the following would probably get the most colds in a single year?
 - a. a young boy
 - b. a young girl
 - c. a middle-aged man
 - d. a middle-aged woman
15. What possible explanation does Dr. Jordan give for the fact that people get more colds in the winter season and the rainy season?
 - a. People are more likely to be cold or wet during these seasons.
 - b. People tend to stay indoors and, therefore, in closer contact.
 - c. Viruses tend to multiply more rapidly in cold, damp conditions.
 - d. People's resistance seems to be lower during these seasons.



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READING COMPREHENSION

Read the following seven passages carefully. Select the response to the comprehension questions, which most accurately agrees with what you have read.

✓ Passage 1

The potato, like other root crops, has an unearned reputation in some countries as an inferior food, or a poor person's staple. While roots are the main ingredient of the diet of half a million people, the potato's nutritive content of protein, fiber, minerals, and vitamins B1, B2 and C hardly makes it inferior. Medical researchers report that potatoes are even better than milk for malnourished children, who often cannot digest milk. Potatoes provide a high-quality protein similar to that in dairy products. Unfortunately, the potato is still out of reach of a poor person's budget in many developing countries such as Indonesia and the Philippines.

16. According to this passage, why might potatoes be better than milk for children who are improperly nourished?
- Potatoes contain quite a bit of calcium.
 - Potatoes have more B vitamins than milk.
 - These children often cannot assimilate milk.
 - These children often cannot find a supply.
17. The potato _____.
- does not deserve its bad reputation
 - is the main food for half a million people
 - is not available in many developing countries
 - can hardly be called nutritious

✓ Passage 2

"Anting" is a noun that is entering the language because of ornithologists, or bird watchers. Anting refers to an activity in which birds rub themselves with defense fluids or, sometimes, other bodily fluids of ants. In the past scientists thought anting had no function and that it was a vice like smoking or drinking. However, most ornithologists now think that birds use ant fluids to kill parasites. Among those ants that birds favor are the Azteca ants, which produce formic acid, a repellent so effective that it will drive off army ants. Birds often crash dive into Azteca nests and allow the insects to crawl all over their bodies, or they grasp them in their beaks and rub them through their feathers. The birds get such relief from their treatment that some appear to swoon and even lose their balance.

18. "Anting" _____.
- is an activity unique to bird watchers
 - refers to the killing of Azteca ants by parasites
 - is a relatively new word in the English language
 - refers to the way ants defend themselves



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19. Birds sometimes dive into Azteca ant nests because _____.
- a. they lose their balance as they enter
 - b. they are trying to kill the ants
 - c. they are seeking relief from parasites
 - d. they are repelled by the Azteca ants

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✓ Passage 3

Tall children score slightly higher on intelligence tests and perform somewhat better academically than their shorter classmates, perhaps because more is expected of them, researchers for a National Health Examination survey have found. The magnitude of the difference is not large, however, and certainly not worth giving children growth hormones to make them taller, said Dr. Darrell Wilson of Stanford University. He and his colleagues concluded there was a definite link between height and scores on tests of both intelligence and achievement. The association remained even after controlling for other factors, including socioeconomic status, birth order, family size and rate of physical maturity. Dr. Wilson said the difference was small but significant. The researchers based their findings on data from a study involving nearly 14,000 children from six to 17 years old.

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20. One cause the researchers suggested for the connection between height and test scores was the tall children's _____.
- a. greater rate of physical maturity
 - b. increased growth hormone production
 - c. response to greater expectations
 - d. general health and better nutrition



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VOCABULARY

✓ *Select the one word or group of words that best completes each sentence.*

21. The resolution was adopted for three _____ reasons.
- compelling
 - concentrate
 - corrosive
 - covetous
22. It is _____ that she reach the capital with the prisoner's pardon.
- Unimportant
 - Imperative
 - Haphazard
 - Fortunate
23. Because they did not want him to succeed, they made every effort to _____ his plans.
- Pursue
 - Flaunt
 - Prevent
 - Thwart
24. John brought all the _____ he needed for the camping trip.
- Glare
 - Gear
 - Gore
 - Gleam
25. Several members of the department _____ her statement.
- Reformed
 - Signified
 - Verified
 - Informed
26. I strongly resent your last comment. Kindly _____ it.
- Take back
 - Withdraw
 - Remove
 - Recall
27. The development of microprocessors represents a great technological _____.
- Breakout
 - Breakdown
 - Break up
 - Breakthrough
28. She appeared to be _____ with troubles.
- Burdened
 - Buoyant



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- c. Lauded
d. Lucid
29. The woman was shocked by the _____ details of the crime.
a. Simple
b. Pompous
c. Unaffected
d. Lurid
30. This contract is _____; on no account can it be breached.
a. Defining
b. Fastening
c. Tying
d. Binding
- ✓ *Select the one word, which is closest in meaning to the word underlined in the given sentence.*
31. It is important that our organization help to defray the cost of the operation.
a. Uncover
b. Deter
c. Offset
d. Determine
32. When we reached the evacuation center, the area was ablaze.
a. Cleared out
b. On fire
c. In distress
d. Built up
33. The report was concerned with the prospects of outer space exploration.
a. Difficulties
b. Costs
c. Possibilities
d. Goals
34. He is one of the most emulated photographers.
a. Admired
b. Rewarded
c. Studied
d. Copied
35. Susan paid the deliveryman grudgingly.
a. Unwillingly
b. Generously
c. Dejectedly
d. Quickly
36. The doctors in the emergency room are known to be callous.
a. Friendly
b. Concerned



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- c. Insensitive
 - d. Methodical
37. This program has resulted in greater prosperity for the farmers of the region.
- a. Adversity
 - b. Affluence
 - c. Appreciation
 - d. Autonomy
38. Were the diplomat's answers candid?
- a. Planned
 - b. Honest
 - c. Silly
 - d. Convincing
39. His report is justly famous for its approach to pollution.
- a. Simply
 - b. Recently
 - c. Only
 - d. Rightly
40. The minister withstood all objections to the proposal.
- a. Denied
 - b. Resisted
 - c. Answered
 - d. Excused



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GRAMMAR

✓ In each of the following items select the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

41. He wondered _____.
- why did she persist in making the error
 - why she persisted in making the error
 - why did she persist to make the error
 - why she persisted to make the error
42. Due _____ a shortage of textbooks, not everyone got a copy.
- Of
 - To
 - At
 - From
43. Tony _____ his car painted just before he wrecked it.
- Has had
 - Had had
 - Has have
 - Had have
44. _____ he gets, the less he exercises.
- Older
 - As old as
 - As old
 - The older
45. When you're in Richmond, take time to stop _____ the park.
- Having seen
 - And see
 - Seeing
 - For seeing
46. When I _____ home, I'll call you.
- Will get
 - Got
 - Get
 - Gets
47. _____, she would have made the train.
- If she hurried
 - Hadn't she hurried
 - She hurried
 - Had she hurried
48. Seldom _____ such a complicated problem.
- Encountered
 - I have encountered
 - When I have encountered



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- d. Have I encountered
49. When the family finally came to a decision, it always _____ so by consensus.
- a. Arrived
 - b. Came to
 - c. Did
 - d. Had
50. Galileo Galilei is credited _____ the construction of the first complete astronomical telescope.
- a. By
 - b. With
 - c. To
 - d. At
51. Making money is important, _____ , being happy is important, too.
- a. In another hand
 - b. On another hand
 - c. In the other hand
 - d. On the other hand
52. I wish I _____ to travel with the rest of the group.
- a. Am able
 - b. Had been able
 - c. Have been able to
 - d. Will be able
53. She has often wished she _____ advantage of her parents' offer to see her through college.
- a. Had taken
 - b. Should have taken
 - c. Ought to take
 - d. Would have taken
54. You _____ at the concert. I was at home.
- a. Shouldn't have seen me
 - b. Couldn't have seen me
 - c. Mightn't have seen me
 - d. Mustn't have seen me
55. It looks _____ you don't understand.
- a. That
 - b. As if
 - c. As
 - d. As like



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CRITICAL THINKING

✓ Think of the one word, which will be suitable for all three sentences. You cannot change the form of the word and has to use in one form. Look at the example; the word 'meet' is perfectly suitable for all three blanks in the sentences.

○ [MEET]

- He was afraid that his revolutionary proposals would _____ with strong opposition from hardliners.
- The Chinese factories were operating nonstop churning out shoes to _____ the demand in Europe and the US.
- With only 200 dollars a month, the family struggled to make ends _____.

56. _____

- a. The birds build their nests in early September and begin to _____ their eggs two weeks later, always being on the lookout for predators.
- b. The press speculated whether the new telecommunications company was going to _____ cables on the seabed to improve the existing system.
- c. One of my responsibilities at home is to _____ the table in the evening.

57. _____

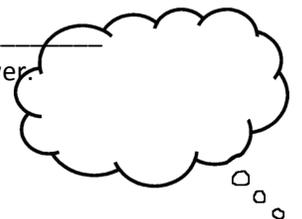
- a. It's irritating that they do nothing but _____ lies about our family. The whole village is about to believe their incredible stories.
- b. Don't allow the educational system to restrict your thinking abilities. I urge you to _____ your wings and do things your way.
- c. He opened the jar, took out some jam with his knife and _____ it evenly on the warm toast.

58. _____

- a. Marijuana is not regarded as a _____ drug. That's why some countries are thinking of letting people use it, at least for medical purposes.
- b. It's _____ to believe that there are no good people out there. I'm sure you can find some good-natured individuals in this area.
- c. I'm trying to spare you learning things the _____ way. Follow my advice and you don't need to make mistakes.

59. _____

- a. The latest _____ in The New York Times was not favorable. He felt the movie was underrated.
- b. At the end of your first year at work we will _____ your salary and give you a company car.
- c. The reclusive dictator showed up at a military parade to _____ his troops and show his defiant opponents he was still in power.



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60. _____
- a. Blankets and shelters were in _____ supply in the aftermath of the disaster.
 - b. Nobody in this business knew his real name. He was called Bill for _____.
 - c. She reacted angrily when her name hadn't been included on the _____ listed the job.

