**PRACTICE TEST 16**

**I. MULTIPLE CHOICE (8.0 points)**

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word whose underlined part is pronounced

differently from that of the rest in each of the following questions.

1. A. comment B. equipment C. compartment D. document

2. A. edition B. device C. celebrate D. replace

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the word that differs from the other three in the

position of primary stress in each of the following questions.

3. A. sector B. mission C. limit D. affect

4. A. pagoda B. continent C. disaster D. consumption

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each

of the following questions.

5. Laser discs provide images of best quality than those of either television

A B C D

signals or video tapes.

6. His teacher encouraged him taking part in the competition.

A B C D

7. Ozone is an unstable, faintly bluish gas that is the most chemical active form of

A B C D

oxygen.

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following

questions.

8. She would like to go for a picnic with us\_\_\_\_\_\_\_she is busy.

A. even if B. because C. so that D. but

9. Don’t forget your appointment. You’d better put it in your\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. agenda B. diary C. calendar D. directory

10. It’s an awful\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Jane couldn’t come. I was looking forward to meeting her.

A. harm B. sorrow C. shame D. shock

11. The water clock was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by the Chinese in the 11 th century.

A. built B. kept C. examined D. made

12. It’s nice I am now in London again. This is the second time I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_there.

A. will be B. would be C. was D. have been

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to an accident in High Street, traffic is moving very slowly on the London road.

A. Through B. Owing C. Because D. Since

14. There are a lot of people who\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work in remote and mountainous areas nowadays.

A. volunteer B. voluntarily C. volunteers D. voluntary

15. People often\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the candles after singing “Happy Birthday”.

A. blow out B. light up C. put on D. turn off

16. He has a very\_\_\_\_\_\_\_temper and often says things he regrets later.

A. angry B. quick C. warm D. fast

Mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the most suitable response to complete each of the

following exchanges.

17. - “What about some soya milk? They are full of protein.” - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. Yes, I’d love to. B. No, thank you.

C. I want to get vitamins. D. It’s terrible enough.

18. - “Would you mind if I turned up the TV?” - “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

A. No, no. Please do it. B. No, I don’t do it.

C. Yes, I would. D. What a question!

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.

19. It is imperative that they arrive on time for the lecture. They mustn’t be late.

A. necessary B. suggested C. hoped D. intended

20. The widespread use of pesticides and herbicides has led to contamination of

groundwater in some areas.

A. extensive B. experimental C. occasional D. popular

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.

21. My mother often tells me never to accept a lift from someone I’ve just met!

A. assist B. deny C. refuse D. prevent

22. When you bought that new computer a couple of years ago, you probably thought its

500-megabyte hard disk would last for ever.

A. certainly B. absolutely C. possibly D. generally

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct word

that best fits each of the numbered blanks.

According to some scientists, high-risk sports can be valuable for certain types of people.

Such activities help them learn that being frightened doesn’t mean that they have to (23)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_control. The recent fashion for jumping from bridges attached to a length of elastic

rope, known as “bungee jumping”, has now been tried by millions of people over the world,

and (24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_in it is continuing to grow.

Before the special elastic rope is tightened around them, jumpers reach speeds of nearly

160 kph. First-timers are usually too (25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to open their mouths, and when they are

finally lowered safely to the ground, they walk around with broad smiles on their faces,

saying (26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_how amazing it was. However, for some people, it is only the

embarrassment of refusing to jump at the last (27) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_that finally persuades them to

conquer the fear of

heights and push them off into space.

23. A. keep B. lose C. gain D. limit

24. A. liking B. consideration C. attention D. interest

25. A. terrified B. shocked C. patient D. confident

26. A. constantly B. continuously C. repeatedly D. regularly

27. A. minute B. second C. hour D. time

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, c, or D to indicate the correct

answer to each of the questions.

The world above the forest floor can be observed by all of US. Rarely, however, do we

take the time to notice the teeming life and bustling activity that occurs beneath the ground

we walk on.

Of all soil-dwelling creatures, the most abundant are mites and springtails, insect-like

creatures that literally eat their way through caverns of subterranean vegetation. The tiny,

eight-legged mites lay their eggs on plant matter, which their larvae eat and convert into

fresh soil. The bright-colored springtails are named for their ability to leap long distances

during their search for decomposed plant matter to eat.

Both mites and springtails are prey to a host of soil-dwelling predators. They thus anchor

one end of the food chain that extends to higher forms of forest “lowlife”, such as moles that

feed on earthworms and shrews that eat beetles.

Those mammals, in turn, dig tunnels that function as underground byways for other

subterranean species. Hibernating chipmunks, turtles, and salamanders sift and mix the soil

when they burrow to winter dens. Cottontails and gray foxes excavate shallow dens as

sanctuary from predators and harsh weather, while gray squirrels, hiding acorns for the lean

season, further blend the earth. From microbe to people, thousands of species work the land

upon which all life depends.

28. According to the passage, which of the following are the most numerous inhabitants of

the soil?

A. Foxes and cottontails B. Earthworms and ants

C. Mites and springtails D. Shrews and moles

29. According to the passage, all of the following are true about mites and springtails

EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. they make new soil

B. they resemble insects

C. they form the lower end of the food chain

D. they hibernate for the winter

30. An example of predator and prey given in this passage is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. mites and springtails B. moles and earthworms

C. turtles and salamanders D. gray squirrels and acorns

31. Which of the following animals live underground during the winter?

A. Shrews B. Foxes C. Squirrels D. Salamanders

32. According to the author, the contribution that all the animals mentioned in the passage

make to their habitat is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. they work the soil B. they form the food chain

C. they find safety in the soil D. they convert plant material to new earth

**II. WRITING (2.0 points)**

Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning

with the given words.

33. Tennis was something that never interested me.

I never used\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

34. We must go to school in any kind of weather.

Whatever kind\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

35. Swimming across this river is impossible.

You must find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

36. The teacher didn’t allow the class to leave before 4.00.

The teacher made\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Write new sentences as similar as possible in meaning to the original sentences, using the

given words in brackets. Do not change the given words in any way.

37. Dickens’ last novel was unfinished when he died, (without)

Dickens died\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

38. The thief has broken into his house three times recently, (had)

He has\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

39. It’s more than a fortnight since anyone saw Julian, (seen)

Julian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

40. ‘“Why don’t you buy a new coat?” Mary told me. (suggested)

Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.