

TEST YOURSELF

(The second mid-term revision for 12 graders)

I. Choose the word that has the underlined part pronounced differently from that of the others.

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| 1. A. der <u>i</u> ve | B. habi <u>t</u> at | C. crisi <u>s</u> | D. di <u>g</u> est |
| 2. A. con <u>s</u> erve | B. re <u>s</u> erve | C. de <u>s</u> ert | D. rea <u>s</u> on |
| 3. A. deli <u>c</u> ate | B. cele <u>b</u> rate | C. pri <u>v</u> ate | D. commu <u>n</u> icate |
| 4. A. <u>Ch</u> ew | B. app <u>ro</u> ach | C. <u>ch</u> allenge | D. <u>ch</u> emistry |
| 5. A. threat <u>e</u> ned | B. endang <u>e</u> red | C. wast <u>e</u> d | D. destr <u>o</u> yed |

II. Choose the word or phrase - A, B, C or D - that best completes the sentence.

6. Human depend _____ species diversity to provide food, clean air and water.
A. on B. of C. to D. for
7. Wildlife groups are protesting _____ the proposal to dam the river.
A. Against B. over C. for D. on
8. Many young people travel all over the world, and do all kinds of jobs before they _____.
A. lie down B. touch down C. settle down D. put down
9. Normally he is rather _____ but sometimes he talks freely about himself.
A. Reserved B. sociable C. serious D. outgoing
10. We _____ use that door. The sign says "PRIVATE: DO NOT ENTER".
A. needn't B. mustn't C. shouldn't D. mightn't
11. "Can I get a taxi for you?" – "_____"
A. Yes, of course. B. All right, you can.
C. Thanks. It's very kind of you. D. No, I don't like.
12. I am a(n) _____ reader of science fiction novels.
A. Fervent B. ardent C. zealous D. avid
13. Jean has a very easy-going _____ which is why she is so popular,
A. personality B. characteristic C. qualification D. reputation
14. The country would now be self-sufficient in food _____ the drought last year.
A. because of B. in spite of C. apart from D. but for
15. There is still much to discuss. We shall, _____, return to this item at our next meeting.
A. However B. moreover C. therefore D. consequently
16. AIDS is _____ the government is spending a lot of money to find a cure.
A. so a serious disease B. a so serious disease
C. so serious a disease D. a such serious disease
17. Despite playing under strength, the home team _____ beat the rivals.
A. were able to B. could C. couldn't D. weren't able to
18. Neither the bus driver nor his passengers _____ in the bus crash.
A. Injured B. was injured C. has been injured D. were injured
19. Even if China has made great efforts to ensure the _____ of the panda, it is still in danger of extinction.
A. Reserve B. survival C. endangerment D. destruction
20. "Thanks for the great party." – "_____"
A. I'm very delighted to hear that. B. I'm afraid that's all I can do
C. I appreciate your coming so much. D. Oh, that would be great.

III. Give the correct form or tense of the verbs in brackets.

21. Since 1950 the world (lose) _____ one-fifth of its tropical forests.
22. If I (have) _____ the chance, I would have trained to be a doctor.
23. The reclaiming of land should (carry out) _____ to conserve the environment.
24. You mustn't forget (turn in) your compositions tomorrow morning.
25. It's worth (make) _____ adjustments to your lifestyle, such as eating a balanced diet and taking more exercise.

IV. Give the correct form of the word in brackets.

26. _____ believe that we should preserve the tropical rainforests in the world. (conserve)
27. One half of all amphibian species are _____ with extinction. (threat)
28. Many nations have declared it _____ to hunt or kill the great white, except in self-defense. (legal)
29. Reading is highly _____, if you have a good book. (enjoy)
30. _____ causes extinction, changes to climatic conditions and desertification. (forest)

V. Identify the one underlined word or phrase - A, B, C or D - that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

31. Unlike (A) many writings (B) of her time, she was not preoccupied with (C) morality (D).
32. "Computers Today" is (A) interesting, informative (B) and it is (C) easy to read (D).
33. All of (A) the books that (B) you will need (C) for this report can found (D) in the library.
34. The Prizken Prize is given (A) every year to architects their (B) work benefits humanity (C) and the environment (D).
35. A few (A) people have so good (B) eyesight that they can actually see (C) the brightest stars during full daylight (D).

VI. Choose the word or phrase - A, B, C or D - that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

The human population is set to exceed 9 billion within a few short decades. With this population increase comes an increase in food (36) _____, which leads to the extinction of many species as we further encroach on their habitats. Some of the main (37) _____ responsible for biodiversity loss are deforestation, the highly inefficient use of land and water for animal production, and the pollution of our waters. 17,000 species are currently under (38) _____ of extinction, and almost a quarter of the mammals (39) _____ extinction within 30 years. With the destruction of the rainforests in Brazil, largely for grazing and feed for livestock, 2,300 Brazilian flora species are (40) _____ under threat.

The mass extinction we are experiencing now is a thousand times (41) _____ than the average rate over the last 65 million years. This is by no means a natural occurrence. Our Earth can no longer (42) _____ the demands we are putting upon her, and with a predicted increase of 2.5 billion people (43) _____; 2050, we cannot ignore that a solution to (44) _____ the life threatening situation humanity is now facing (45) _____ be found and implemented as soon as possible

36. A. production B. preparation C. consumption D. manufacture

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| 37. A. keys | B. factors | C. aims | D. facts |
| 38. A. threat | B. risk | C. danger | D. trouble |
| 39. A. meet | B. lead | C. save | D. face |
| 40. A. even | B. also | C. either | D. only |
| 41. A. higher | B. larger | C. smaller | D. lower |
| 42. A. maintain | B. stimulate | C. sustain | D. damage |

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| 43. A. during | B. since | C. from | D. by |
| 44. A. turn away | B. turn around | C. turn in | D. turn up |
| 45. A. must | B. can | C. will | D. might |

VII. Read the passage carefully, then choose the correct answer.

Reading is still the best source of information available and it can give you a great edge and distinct advantage in life, the secret to a successful life is information, the answers to nearly all our problems are documented in text somewhere. As Mark Twain quoted, "The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read".

Books can stimulate and excite your imagination as well as arousing your curiosity, everything that exists and has ever existed is documented and can be found in a book, reading can teach you new skills, ideas and give you a new positive outlook on life. Books can take you out of your world and away from your personal perspectives and difficulties for a while as *they* let you into the private mind, the ideas and opinions of others.

Reading has many benefits and a book can serve more than one useful purpose at the same time. It is a form of relaxation while at the same time it can stimulate your mind, reading can help you to feel better, books can be our teachers, mentors and inspirations. You can learn and better your life just by reading a book, authors and good writers can take you to places and imaginary worlds where no other form of entertainment or technology can rival.

46. What does the passage mainly discuss?
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| A. How to develop good reading habits | B. The influence of books |
| C. The benefits of reading | D. The importance of reading good books |
47. It can be concluded from the passage that ____.
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| A. reading makes you a better writer |
| B. reading can help you improve the quality of your life |
| C. reading can help you expand spiritually and mentally |
| D. reading is one of the cheapest forms of entertainment |
48. According to the passage, a book cannot help you ____.
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| A. solve your problems | B. broaden your knowledge |
| C. Relax | D. develop your personality |
49. The word "*they*" in line 10 refers to ____.
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| A. perspectives | B. difficulties | C. books | D. ideas |
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50. Which of the following is not the benefit of reading?
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| A. It improves your physical fitness | B. It melts away stress |
| C. It encourages positive thinking | D. It helps you learn. |

VIII. Choose the sentences - A, B, C or D - which is closest in meaning to the printed one.

51. That library book must be returned within one week.
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| A. The book can't be kept longer than a week. |
| B. The book should have been returned a week ago. |
| C. The book has already been borrowed for a week. |
| D. The book needs to be brought back in a week. |
52. A house in that district will cost you at least £100,000.
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| A. You could spend less than £100,000 buying a house in that district. |
| B. You must pay £100,000 to buy a house in that district. |
| C. You won't be able to buy a house in that district for less than £100,000. |
| D. You aren't supposed to pay more than £100,000 to pay a house in that district. |

53. It was his incompetence which led to their capture.
A. Because he was incompetence, they were captured.
B. If he had been incompetence, they would have been captured.
C. In spite of his incompetence, they were not captured.
D. But for his incompetence, they would not have been captured.

From the words or phrases - A, B, C or D - choose the one that best completes the sentences.

54. _____, the results couldn't be better.
A. Despite what he tried hard B. No matter how hard he tried
C. Although he didn't try very hard D. Because he tried so hard
55. _____ are hot is a common misconception.
A. All deserts B. All deserts which C. Of all deserts D. That all deserts

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