



Secondary 1 AEIS English Mock Test

Name: _____

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Grammar (15 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Andy was one of the boys who _____ by the teacher.

- (1) punished
- (2) had punished
- (3) was punished
- (4) were punished

2. James _____ to David since their argument two weeks ago.

- (1) has not spoken
- (2) have not spoken
- (3) speaking
- (4) spoken

3. The company _____ to a new location next month.

- (1) shift
- (2) will be shifting
- (3) are shifting
- (4) were shifting

4. John _____ up for food when the school bell went off.

- (1) is queuing
- (2) are queuing
- (3) was queuing
- (4) were queuing

5. This skirt that she _____ is a rare piece.

- (1) is wearing
- (2) are wearing
- (3) was wearing
- (4) were wearing



6. Alice, as well as her sisters, _____ selected for the singing competition last year.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

7. The movie is starting soon, let's leave now _____ we are late.

- (1) should
- (2) could
- (3) lest
- (4) would

8. If Sam _____ about Tom's good intentions, he would have agreed to help him.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

9. Yesterday, Prateep _____ pens and papers to the people attending the seminar.

- (1) is distributing
- (2) are distributing
- (3) was distributing
- (4) were distributing

10. One of the women _____ regularly at the old folks home. She goes there every Monday.

- (1) volunteer
- (2) volunteers
- (3) volunteered
- (4) has volunteering

11. "Considering his fitness level, ten kilometres _____ too long a distance for James to run at the moment." Anna commented.

- (1) seem
- (2) seems
- (3) seemed
- (4) seeming

12. The firemen had to break _____ the room to rescue the children.

- (1) into
- (2) over
- (3) to
- (4) about



13. My doctor wants me to cut _____ on sweets and fatty foods.

- (1) back
- (2) up
- (3) over
- (4) out

14. His wife gave him _____ to the police after he had committed a crime.

- (1) away
- (2) down
- (3) out
- (4) against

15. Four bonus points will be given to whoever _____ the next puzzle.

- (1) solves
- (2) solved
- (3) solving
- (4) will solve

Vocabulary (15 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

16. The children were unwashed and _____. They looked so dirty!

- (1) smooth
- (2) even
- (3) thorny
- (4) unkempt

17. He is _____ who arranges funerals.

- (1) an auctioneer
- (2) a tyrant
- (3) an undertaker
- (4) an undergraduate

18. The _____ that has just got married will move into their new house soon.

- (1) widower
- (2) spinster
- (3) bachelor
- (4) newly-weds

19. How many _____ do you plan to employ?

- (1) hire
- (2) dismiss
- (3) retrench
- (4) promote



20. Mrs Sam, the old lady, _____ on his daughter's hand after they had crossed the road.

- (1) pranced around
- (2) loosened her grip
- (3) increased her speed
- (4) fastened her seatbelt

21. In _____ Rome, many larger houses included separate cheese kitchens, where dairy products could mature.

- (1) high-tech
- (2) ancient
- (3) futuristic
- (4) revolutionary

22. Wall murals _____ cheesemaking prove that it was part of ancient Egyptian culture.

- (1) abdicating
- (2) relinquishing
- (3) depicting
- (4) abandoning

23. During the Precambrian period, most of Earth's life forms lived in oceans. Meanwhile, land masses were mostly _____ of life.

- (1) loaded
- (2) stocked
- (3) devoid
- (4) cramped

24. It is a town rife with corruption, from city hall on down, and _____ with houses of ill repute.

- (1) lacking
- (2) less
- (3) teeming
- (4) short

25. Someone who is _____ is relaxed and calm, either because they do not care about something or because they are not worried about something.

- (1) nonchalant
- (2) anxious
- (3) partiality
- (4) open-mindedness

26. It is with regret that we are unable to _____ to your request.

- (1) accede
- (2) base
- (3) partiality
- (4) give



27. Mrs Tan forgot to pay the outstanding amount for her credit card bill on time and _____ a small penalty fee for the late payment.

- (1) attained
- (2) incurred
- (3) obtained
- (4) acquired

28. The smuggling _____ was uncovered by the police when they received a tip-off from a member of the public.

- (1) band
- (2) group
- (3) cluster
- (4) syndicate

29. When people have an _____ relationship, they are pleasant to each other and solve their problems without quarrelling.

- (1) hostile
- (2) aggressive
- (3) amicable
- (4) confrontational

30. My uncle eventually _____ to his illness despite months of intensive care at the hospital.

- (1) relented
- (2) conceded
- (3) succumbed
- (4) surrendered

Comprehension 1-Reading (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When we are young, we learn that tigers and sharks are dangerous animals. We might be scared of them because they are big and powerful. As we get older, however, we learn that sometimes the most dangerous animals are also the smallest animals. In fact, the animal that kills the most people every year is one that you have probably killed yourself many times: the mosquito. While it may seem that all mosquitoes are biters, this is not actually the case. Male mosquitoes eat plant nectar. On the other hand, female mosquitoes feed on animal blood. They need this blood to live and produce eggs. When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small amount of saliva into the blood. **This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease.** The result of the bite can be as **minor** as an itchy bump or as serious as death.

Because a mosquito can bite many people in the course of its life, it can carry diseases from one person to another very easily. Two of the most deadly diseases carried by mosquitoes are malaria and yellow fever. More than 700 million people become sick from these diseases every year. At least 2 million of these people will die from these diseases. Many scientists are working on safer



and better ways to kill mosquitoes, but so far, there is no sure way to protect everyone in the world from their deadly bites. Mosquito nets can be placed over beds to protect people against being bitten. These nets help people stay safe at night, but they do not kill any mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes have many natural enemies like bats, birds, dragonflies, and certain kinds of fish. Bringing more of these animals into places where mosquitoes live might help to cut down the amount of mosquitoes in that area. This is a natural solution, but it does not always work very well. Mosquitoes can also be killed with poisons or sprays.

31) According to the author, some people are more afraid of tigers and sharks than mosquitoes because tigers and sharks

- (1) Kill more people than mosquitoes
- (2) are big and powerful
- (3) Are found all over the world
- (4) Have no natural enemies

32) Based on the information in paragraph 1, we can understand that

- I. Male mosquitoes and female mosquitoes have different eating habits
- II. Male mosquitoes are harmless to humans
- III. Female mosquitoes are responsible for transmitting diseases to humans

- (1) I only
- (2) I and II only
- (3) II and III only
- (4) I, II, and III

33) In paragraph 1 the author writes, "**This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease.**" The result of the bite can be as **minor** as an itchy bump or as serious as death.

The purpose of the **bold and underlined** statement is to

- (1) Oppose a previous argument
- (2) Question the introduction
- (3) Deny a hypothesis
- (4) Support the next statement

34) As used in paragraph 1, **minor** most probably means

- (1) Insignificant
- (2) Deadly
- (3) Frustrating
- (4) Dangerous



35) Based on information in paragraph 2, it can be understood that if you get sick with malaria or yellow fever, your chances of survival are

- (1) Terrible
- (2) Mediocre
- (3) High
- (4) Unlikely

Comprehension 2 -Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and choose the most suitable answer.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Most people infected with the virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. However, some will become seriously ill and require medical attention. Older people and those with ___36___ medical conditions like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, or cancer are more likely to develop serious illness. Anyone can get sick with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die at any age.

The best way to prevent and slow down ___37___ is to be well informed about the disease and how the virus spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by staying at least 1 metre apart from others, wearing a properly fitted mask and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based rub frequently. Get vaccinated when it's your turn and follow local ___38___.

The virus can spread from an infected person's mouth or nose in small liquid when they cough, sneeze, speak, sing or breathe. These ___39___ range from larger particles respiratory droplets to smaller aerosols. It is important to practice ___40___ etiquette, for example by coughing into a flexed elbow, and to stay home and self-isolate until you recover if you feel unwell.

36. (1) undue	(2) unjustified	(3) underlying	(4) unwarranted	()
37. (1) diffusion	(2) dispersal	(3) dissemination	(4) transmission	()
38. (1) admonishment	(2) conferring	(3) consultation	(4) guidance	()
39. (1) protons	(2) materials	(3) particles	(4) specks	()
40. (1) ventilation	(2) breathing	(3) respiratory	(4) perspiration	()