

English Olympiad - 2024
TEST
1 stage

I. Answer the following questions according to the text!

In an interview yesterday Mr. Wilson was questioned about the harmful effects of horror movies on teenagers. He argued that such effects were often exaggerated and claimed that other types of films were far more dangerous for young people. When asked to prove this, he pointed out that horror films were often set in unreal situations and were clearly not to be taken seriously. In contrast, he claimed that films showing violent crime were often set in everyday life, and were therefore more damaging.

1. In Mr. Wilson's opinion, horror films _____.
A) cost more than other kinds of films.
B) are more popular among the elderly than among the young.
C) should be banned altogether.
D) are less damaging to young people than films of violent crime.

2. For Mr. Wilson the main difference between a horror film and one showing violent crime is that a horror film _____.
A) is mainly concerned with everyday situations.
B) is liked by the young, and violent crime is liked by the old.
C) is unrelated to real life, whereas violent crime is.
D) is less expensive to produce than violent crime.

3. The interviewer wanted to find out whether _____.
A) young people were being harmed by horror films.
B) Mr. Wilson had himself been affected by horror films.
C) Mr. Wilson preferred horror films to films of violence.
D) people were seriously objecting to horror films.

II. Choose the right option.

4. She is rather a rude person, to my _____.
A thought B view C mind D opinion
5. The audience ____ out laughing when he appeared on the arena.
A burst C made B broke D took
6. Many road accidents could be ____ unless the drivers exceeded speed.
A avoided B excluded C preserved D protected
7. She was wearing a short black dress which ____ her perfectly.
A matched B went C suited D did

8. The police are offering a ____ for any information about the bank's robbery.
A prize B money C reward D premium
9. His pictures will be of great ____ in some years.

A price B value C worth D cost

III. Choose the word closest in meaning to the word underlined!

10. Chris became aware of his mistake **instantly**.
A entirely B) frequently C) obviously D) immediately
11. The **complete** set of books will cost sixty dollars.
A entire B) finish C) common D) interesting
12. After the football game, the field was a scene of total **chaos**.
A) celebration B) comprehension C) sports D) confusion
13. Jean was unable to provide an **acceptable** explanation.
A simple B) alternative C) additional D) satisfactory
14. If the mechanic had done the work **properly**, you wouldn't have had trouble with the car.
A on the engine B) completely C) easily D) correctly

IV. Choose the right option!

15. Higher education in the US ___ in 1636 when the first colonists ___ Harvard College.
a) has begun, founded
b) began, have founded
c) began, founded
d) was beginning, have founded
16. Noah Webster ___ *An American Dictionary of the English Language* in two volumes in 1828, and since then it ___ the recognized authority for usage in the United States.
a) published, became
b) has published, has become
c) published, was becoming
d) published, has become.
17. It was midnight. She ___ in her lonely room. The rain ___ against the window.
a) sat, beat
b) was sitting, was beating
c) has sat, beat
d) has been sitting, has been beating
18. ___ ever ___ to this museum? — Yes, I ___ it once when I ___ a youth.
a) did you be, visited, was,
b) were you, visited, was,
c) have you been, have visited, were,

d) have you been, visited, was,

19. Come on, if the sun___before we___home, we ___our way.

- a) has set, reach, will lose
- b) will have set, will reach, lose
- c) will have set, reach, will lose
- d) has been set, will reach, lose

20. He was tired and by the time I___, he___asleep.

- a) have come, has fallen
- b) came, fell
- c) came, had fallen
- d) had come, had fallen

21. Did you hear the chairman___an announcement?

- a) to make
- b) making
- c) be made
- d) to be made

22. I wouldn't like___because I'm afraid___.

- a) drive fast, crashing
- b) to drive fast, of crashing
- c) driving fastly, to crash
- d) to be driven faster, to be crashed

23. Did you remember___the parcel I gave you? —Yes, I remember___it a week ago.

- a) to post, posting
- b) to post, to post
- c) posting, to post
- d) posting, posting

24. Don't argue with her, you___her age.

- a) need respect
- b) has to respect
- c) ought to respect
- d) are to respect

25. This is serious; you___at it.

- a) haven't to laugh
- b) should not laugh

- c) don't have to laugh
- d) must not have laughed

26. According to the rules a football player ___ the ball with his hands.

- a) must not touch
- b) need not touch
- c) don't have to touch
- d) must not have touched

27. When I come ___ some English words which I don't know I always look them ___ in the dictionary.

- a) to, for
- b) on, through
- c) for, into
- d) across, up

28. Responsibility ___ providing school education is shared ___ the central department and local education authorities.

- a) at, by
- b) on, between
- c) for, by
- d) to, among

29. He crossed the street and sat ___ one of the iron benches that were placed ___ the trees ___ the shade.

- a) on, near, at
- b) in, under, on
- c) on, under, in
- d) at, at, to

30. I am so sorry ___ being late. It's been good ___ you to wait ___. me.

- a) for, for, for
- b) of, of, of
- c) about, for, ___
- d) for, of, for

31. If my friend ___ to our town next year I ___ him the sights of the city.

- A) shall come / show
- B) comes / shall show
- C) has come / is showing
- D) is coming / will show

32. If you ___ in time yesterday we ___ this work.

- A) had come / would have done
- B) came / would have done
- C) come / shall go
- D) will come / shall go

33. He failed his exam and he has to take it again in summer. -If he ___ so many lessons he ___ it. But he didn't follow the teacher's advice.

- A) didn't miss / would pass
- B) hadn't missed / would have passed
- C) doesn't miss / won't pass
- D) has missed / will pass

34. Which bird flies ____, the swallow or the gull?

- A) fast
- B) faster
- C) the fastest
- D) fastest

35. All the business letters ___ yesterday. They ___ to the post office immediately.

- A) were answered / took
- B) are answered / were taken
- C) answered / took
- D) were answered / were taken

36. The special information ___ in an hour or so, that's why it ___ in the newspapers yesterday.

- A) brings / didn't publish
- B) will bring / don't publish
- C) will be brought / wasn't published
- D) brought / wasn't published

37. You have a bad headache, ___?

- A) don't you
- B) does it
- C) haven't you
- D) won't we

38. I wasn't at school when I heard the news.

- A) Yes, I was.
- B) Did you?
- C) Neither were they.
- D) No, she wasn't.

39. - My little brother is very clever. - ____ .

- A) so was mine
- B) so is mine
- C) my is too
- D) mine is either

40. Tom suggested that she _____ a pretty next week.

- A) will have
- B) should have
- C) will have to
- D) has

41. He is _____ short-sighted to be a pilot.

- A) so
- B) too
- C) not
- D) enough

42. He had difficulty _____ his wife to stay at home.

- A) convince
- B) to convince
- C) convincing
- D) for convincing

43. I wish I _____ of writing the report on the computer long ago.

- A) thought
- B) think
- C) had thought
- D) have thought

44. Our company is three times _____ yours.

- A) bigger as
- B) bigger
- C) as bigger than
- D) as big as

45. We will probably have to work _____ midnight today because the report should be ready tomorrow.

- A) for
- B) until
- C) under
- D) by

46. "You must do what you are told". She said ____ .

- A) what have to do what I was told
- B) what had to do what I was told
- C) that she must did what she was told
- D) she had to do what she was told

47. What will you do if Jack is out when you come? She asked me ____ .

- A) what would I do if Jack was out when I came
- B) what I will do if Jack is out when I come
- C) what I would do if Jack was out when I came
- D) what Jack would do if I was out when he came

48. Nick whispered: "I know that the boys were angry with me". Nick whispered that ____ .

- A) he knew that the boys were angry with him
- B) he knows that the boys were angry with him
- C) I know that the boys were angry with me
- D) he knew that the boys had been angry with him

49. Alice is told: "Clean your teeth twice a day!" Alice is told ____

- A) clean her teeth twice a day
- B) if she cleans her teeth twice a day
- C) to clean your teeth twice a day
- D) to clean her teeth twice a day

50. I am always asked ____ .

- A) why am I late
- B) are you late
- C) why was I present
- D) if I am happy

51. The teacher said to the students, "I want you to keep it mind that the earth moves around the sun"

- A) The teacher said that she wants us to keep in mind that the earth moved around the sun
- B) The teacher told the students that she wanted them to keep in mind that the earth moves around the sun.
- C) The teacher told to the students that she wants them to keep in mind that the earth moved around the sun.
- D) The teacher said the students the earth moved around the sun.

52. The Government published health warnings on cigarettes _____ people would become aware of the dangers of smoking.

- A) even though
- B) so that
- C) as soon as
- D) in case

53. _____ the world's population is rising fast, food production is keeping pace with it.

- A) Because of
- B) In spite of
- C) Although
- D) Unless

54. We know each other _____ we have never been officially introduced.

- A) even
- B) if even
- C) even though
- D) however

55. _____ he promises to give up gambling, we'll offer him the job.

- A) For
- B) Although
- C) Even
- D) Provided

56. _____ hard I try, I can't seem to be of any help to anybody.

- A) Even though
- B) However
- C) When
- D) So

V. Use the word in bold to form a new word that fits each blank space.

Today it is generally **57)** _____ that Italian-Spanish navigator Christopher Columbus did not **58)** _____ the Americas, which was already **59)** _____ by native people. However, he **60)** _____ the European exploration of these lands at the end of the 15th century. This single act of courage and skill, which many considered to be foolish, started global population shifts and advances in human **61)** _____ that **62)** _____ changed the history. Europeans **63)** _____ a new land to inhabit and exploit: however, Columbus's discovery also began a clash of cultures that proved to be **64)** _____ for the original peoples of the Americas. Columbus was first of all a navigational genius who **65)** _____ four **66)** _____ trips from Spain to the islands known as the West Indies.

recognition
discovery
inhabitancy
promotion

know
profound
find

disaster
complete
success

VI. Choose the sentence that means the same as the given sentence.

67. The army is not capable of fighting any more battles.

- A) The army is not fit to any more battles.
- B) The army is no fit in with any more battles.
- C) The army is not fit for any more battles.
- D) The army is not fit by any more battles.

68. I would like that job. I want to get it.

- A) I am going to apply by that job.
- B) I am going to apply with that job.
- C) I am going to apply for that job.
- D) I am going to apply to that job.

69. He loves creating stories for his child.

- A) He loves making out stories for his child.
- B) He loves making over stories for his child.
- C) He loves making up stories for his child.
- D) He loves making of with stories for his child.

70. Peter Brown was the sole survivor of the air crash.

- A) He was the only person who wasn't killed in the crash.
- B) He was the only person who was killed in the crash.
- C) He was the first person to reach the scene of the crash.
- D) He was the only one to blame for the crash.

71. I won't go unless Mary goes.

- A) I will go if Mary doesn't go.
- B) I won't go if Mary goes.
- C) I won't go if Mary doesn't go.
- D) I won't go when Mary goes.

VII. Find the appropriate questions for the following answers.

72. **I like figure-skating best.**

- A) Do you like figure-skating?
- B) You like figure-skating, don't you?
- C) What is your favorite sport?
- D) Who liked figure-skating best?
- E) Do you go in for figure-skating?

73. In the 17th century the streets of London were so narrow that it was often possible for a person at a window on one side of the street to shake hands with a neighbor on the other side.

- A) Was it possible for a person to shake hands in the street?
- B) What kind of streets were there in the 17th century?
- C) Where neighbors friends in the 17th century?
- D) What can Londoners see in their streets?
- E) Who lived in the narrow streets in the 17th century?

74. He has a great knowledge of the English history.

- A) Do you know English history?
- B) Does he like English history?
- C) What kind of knowledge does he have?
- D) Is he fond of English?
- E) Where could he get much knowledge of the

75. Sometimes it's easy to make plans, but difficult to carry them out.

- A) Do you like to make plans?
- B) What is easier about plans?
- C) Who makes plans?
- D) Who carried out the plans?
- E) Who do people carry out plans?

76. R.Peary was 52 when his dream to reach the North Pole came true.

- A) How old is Peary?
- B) What did R.Peary do?
- C) When did his dream realize?
- D) What was his dream?
- E) When did she reach the North Pole?

VIII. Complete the following dialogues!

77 A: We went to Berlin last weekend

B: _____.

- A) How did you get there?
- B) Yes, last weekend was rather rainy.
- C) And what about you?
- D) My father says he is always tired after work.
- E) Sure, your teachers are very good.

78. A: What is the best way to get to Broadway?

B: By underground, I think.

A: Is it the shortest way?

B: _____.

- A) You can go as slowly as you like
- B) Take the double - decked buses
- C) The fastest one
- D) The shortest way is traveling by train
- E) I advise you to travel there by car

79. A: Your dress is so nice.

B: _____.

- A) I'll buy another one
- B) She is so beautiful
- C) I have made it myself
- D) I like them too
- E) Your dress is too short

80. A: I couldn't watch TV yesterday.

B: Why couldn't you?

A: _____.

- A) I don't like to watch TV.
- B) I must do my lesson.
- C) I'll stay at home and learn English.
- D) We both, my sister and I, were punished by my father.
- E) I could stay and watch TV with them.

1. d	11.a	21.b	31.b	41.b	51.b	61.knowledge	71.c
2.c	12.d	22.b	32.a	42.c	52.b	62.profoundly	72.c
3. a	13.d	23.a	33.b	43.c	53.c	63.found	73.b
4.c	14.d	24.c	34.b	44.d	54.c	64.disastrous	74.c
5.a	15.c	25.b	35.d	45.b	55.d	65.completed	75.b
6.a	16.d	26.a	36.c	46.d	56.b	66.successful	76.c
7.c	17.b	27.d	37.a	47.c	57.recognized	67. c	77.a
8.c	18.d	28.c	38.c	48.d	58.discover	68.c	78.c
9.b	19.a	29.c	39.b	49.d	59.inhabited	69.c	79.c
10.d	20.c	30.d	40.b	50.d	60.promoted	70.a	80.d