

Part I Questions 1-25

Choose the best answer for the blank.

- 1** A: Susan, I'm so sorry to hear that your husband had a traffic accident.
B: Now that he is disabled, I alone have to shoulder the _____ of supporting my family.
(a) benefit (b) ease
(c) option (d) burden
- 2** A: Robert Lee was really a dark horse, right?
B: Yes, he was. Nobody _____ that he would win the race.
(a) predicted (b) presided
(c) prefaced (d) preferred
- 3** A: Do you know how Jennifer is coping with the loss of her dog?
B: Unfortunately, she is still in a _____ of shock. She simply doesn't know what to do with her feelings.
(a) decoration
(b) variation
(c) state
(d) consideration
- 4** A: Greg, you seem to be critical of the economists.
B: I don't think highly of them. They pretend to know everything about economics, although they are actually _____ of it.
(a) ignorant
(b) informed
(c) literate
(d) modest
- 5** A: So have you thought about the job offer?
B: I'm still _____ over whether to accept it or not. I haven't decided yet.
(a) challenging
(b) listing
(c) hastening
(d) hesitating
- 6** A: Dawn, were you close to your sister when you were young?
B: We got along quite well. We even _____ necklaces with each other.
(a) envied
(b) traded
(c) referred
(d) resembled
- 7** A: Oz, do you know who Michelle Pfeiffer is?
B: Her name doesn't ring a bell. Do you have a photo of her to _____?
(a) jog your memory
(b) tip the scales
(c) be left holding the bag
(d) get off my back
- 8** A: Sophie, is it true that you had difficulty getting enough water for drinking when you visited the country?
B: That's right. Water is a(n) _____ resource in that country.
(a) abundant (b) scarce
(c) skeptical (d) tense

- 9 A: When do you expect to conclude the negotiations?
B: We're hoping to _____ next week. But something may come up.
(a) flare them up
(b) set them forth
(c) wrap them up
(d) leave them out
- 10 A: So what kind of country do you _____?
B: I imagine a country where everyone is respected as a human being.
(a) enslave
(b) envision
(c) enlarge
(d) enforce
- 11 A: Caroline, where did you go on vacation?
B: I went to the United Arab Emirates, which is a lovely country. "United Arab Emirates" is usually _____ to "UAE," by the way.
(a) abbreviated
(b) retracted
(c) prolonged
(d) reiterated
- 12 A: Everybody says that you are a carbon copy of your father.
B: That's true. I really _____.
(a) take after him
(b) turn him out
(c) follow him up
(d) write him off
- 13 A: What do you think is wrong with my voice?
B: You have a _____ voice, which does not change at all. So, other people find your voice boring.
(a) smug
(b) monotonous
(c) sprightly
(d) jocular
- 14 A: Chris is such a _____ person, don't you think?
B: I think you're right. I've never seen him arguing with anybody.
(a) meek
(b) narcissistic
(c) braggy
(d) captious
- 15 A: You don't like James very much, do you?
B: Actually, I hate him. He is a religious _____ who tries to force his religion on me.
(a) coward
(b) doormat
(c) referee
(d) zealot
- 16 A: Max, you are a marketing expert, right? Why do you want to find out how the general population has changed over the years?
B: By analyzing such _____ information, I can come up with effective marketing strategies.
(a) vacant
(b) demographic
(c) enigmatic
(d) demagogic

- 17** A: Do you think squirrels can remember where they have _____ their nuts?
B: That's a very interesting question. Well, maybe they have intelligence.
(a) quaffed (b) discomfited
(c) implored (d) cached
- 18** A: Honey, why are you looking so hard at the flowers?
B: Mom, they are starting to _____. They are beginning to open their petals!
(a) bypass (b) oblige
(c) wilt (d) unfurl
- 19** A: Naomi, are you British? You have a slight accent.
B: Actually, my parents _____ from India, so my nationality is Indian.
(a) sap (b) hail
(c) flag (d) rally
- 20** A: Mr. Benford, you are extremely outspoken on many different issues, aren't you?
B: Well, I'm a(n) _____ liberal, and I'm not ashamed of my opinions.
(a) unabashed (b) endemic
(c) contrite (d) dour
- 21** A: As an expert, do you believe that the painting is genuine?
B: It is _____ to be 500 years old, but I think it might be a fake.
(a) defiled
(b) purported
(c) purged
(d) rehashed
- 22** A: Chloe, do you like the comedian's _____ wit?
B: Well, yes and no. She cleverly criticizes a lot of things, but her criticism is a little harsh.
(a) suave
(b) laden
(c) acerbic
(d) sleek
- 23** A: What is wrong with Melanie? She's been arguing with everybody.
B: Well, she's been in a(n) _____ mood, and so she's become quarrelsome.
(a) ornery
(b) propitious
(c) jovial
(d) kosher
- 24** A: Do you know why Richard fought with his classmates?
B: They _____ him about his mixed ethnicity, which made him angry.
(a) exalted
(b) slaked
(c) taunted
(d) coddled
- 25** A: I don't understand why Jenny accepted the job offer.
B: Well, the fact was that they managed to _____ her into taking the job.
(a) tatter
(b) pall
(c) incise
(d) inveigle

Part II Questions 26-50

Choose the best answer for the blank.

- 26** Our driver gave everyone his _____ that he would get them to the theater on time, which pleased everyone.
(a) presence
(b) clearance
(c) insurance
(d) assurance
- 27** The ballerina was known for her light, _____ dance steps that made her look like she was flying.
(a) airy
(b) artificial
(c) persistent
(d) bright
- 28** Carl gave Elizabeth an expensive necklace to _____ forgetting her birthday.
(a) look out for
(b) make up for
(c) do away with
(d) get along with
- 29** There were many _____ structures in the ancient world which, though smaller than modern buildings, are still surprisingly large.
(a) colossal
(b) singular
(c) essential
(d) memorable
- 30** Since there was a _____ number of t-shirts, many people who wanted one could not buy any.
(a) constant
(b) deficient
(c) fortunate
(d) secondary
- 31** The sailors had to fight _____ winds all the way to the port.
(a) set
(b) stiff
(c) firm
(d) rigid
- 32** Although Nicolas Tesla made many inventions when he was young, he never felt like he could _____, but had to keep inventing.
(a) make ends meet
(b) take it up a notch
(c) rest on his laurels
(d) scratch the surface
- 33** Gandhi was known for his _____, refusing to eat or drink excessively, and living a very strict lifestyle.
(a) lucidity
(b) compulsion
(c) sovereignty
(d) temperance

- 34 Most politicians _____ confidence, sometimes giving the appearance that they are quite arrogant.
- (a) allude
 - (b) exude
 - (c) collude
 - (d) protrude
- 35 The couple was only able to borrow money after putting their house up for _____.
- (a) collateral
 - (b) collective
 - (c) concurrence
 - (d) confirmation
- 36 I'm going to the hair salon tomorrow because I _____ need a haircut.
- (a) softly
 - (b) badly
 - (c) rashly
 - (d) poorly
- 37 African Americans in the Southern United States suffered from extreme _____ even after slavery was made illegal.
- (a) impasse
 - (b) juncture
 - (c) constraint
 - (d) oppression
- 38 An entrepreneur needs _____ in order to find ideas that other people have not yet discovered.
- (a) ingenuity
 - (b) discerning
 - (c) dominance
 - (d) attainment
- 39 John's opponent in the tennis match was _____, since he was one of the best players, and would be difficult to beat.
- (a) intangible
 - (b) hazardous
 - (c) perturbed
 - (d) formidable
- 40 You need to make decisions carefully, as _____ choices can lead to problems later on.
- (a) vexing
 - (b) irksome
 - (c) vehement
 - (d) impetuous
- 41 Dirk didn't get the promotion because he was so _____ while his bosses wanted someone decisive and energetic.
- (a) lethargic
 - (b) enigmatic
 - (c) phlegmatic
 - (d) charismatic
- 42 Chemical labs must be completely clean, since the slightest _____ to any element of an experiment can completely ruin years of work.
- (a) distortion
 - (b) catastrophe
 - (c) adulteration
 - (d) malfeasance
- 43 Some strict religious groups believe that, before a church can be built on any property, the land must be _____ so it will be holy.
- (a) warranted
 - (b) sanctioned
 - (c) consecrated
 - (d) empowered

- 44 The professor of philosophy was the favorite for teaching logic, but his _____ powers were known in many areas of philosophy.
- (a) irascible
 - (b) captious
 - (c) querulous
 - (d) ratiocinative
- 45 Since the police had been unable to find any DNA or fingerprints, the _____ of evidence was circumstantial.
- (a) rumination
 - (b) ascendancy
 - (c) contemplation
 - (d) preponderance
- 46 The last example showed a successful solution to the problem, while the examples that _____ it showed only partial solutions.
- (a) receded
 - (b) preceded
 - (c) exceeded
 - (d) proceeded
- 47 Some people think that _____ tasks, such as true-or-false items, are easy because there are only two possible answers.
- (a) extremist
 - (b) intemperate
 - (c) dichotomous
 - (d) concentrated
- 48 Being a doctor is no longer the most popular _____ among young people, who are usually looking for less stressful careers.
- (a) vocation
 - (b) devotion
 - (c) intention
 - (d) obligation
- 49 Students who do not have a strong _____ to study often require an extra push in order to encourage them.
- (a) aptitude
 - (b) motivation
 - (c) proficiency
 - (d) competence
- 50 It is not popular to _____ scientific studies, but it is important to do studies again in order to see if they are accurate.
- (a) imitate
 - (b) replicate
 - (c) distinguish
 - (d) counterfeit