**English Exam**

*Choose the correct answer for each question.*

# Vocabulary Questions

**1. The hotel’s description in the brochure was …………………… in the extreme and we were left utterly disappointed on arrival.**

A. fallacious B. phoney C. derelict D. erratic

**2. He refused to ............ on why he took such an unexpected decision**

A. elaborate B. amplify C. account D. clarify

**3. Your trousers won’t ………………… if you have them dry-cleaned.**

A. reduce B. shrink C. lessen D. shrivel

**4. When he ……………… to vegetarianism, he influenced his family’s attitudes to meat-eating.**

A. averted B. swapped C. appealed D. converted

**5. Her eyes were tired from gazing at the ………………… screen of her computer all day.**

A. flickering B. twinkling C. glimmering D. sparkling

**6. We had no chance but to …………… off two-thirds of the workforce.**

A. put B. take C. lay D. call

**7. Teamwork requires that all members should be ………… to each other’s views.**

A. genial B. cushy C. amiable D. amenable

**8. You should be grateful to have opportunities which were ………… to me at your age.**

A. refuse B. declined C. denied D. restricted

**9. We caught a momentary ………… of Prince Charles as his car drove past.**

A. glance B. glimpse C. peep D. view

**10. It’s difficult to keep .......... with all the recent changes in the law.**

A. pace B. track C. progress D. step

**11. Due to post-production complications, the film’s .......... to theaters was postponed.**

A. introduction B. distribution C. circulation D. inception

**12. I’ve heard that Mr Smith is going to ………….. some staff and downsize the company in the next few months.**

A. exclude B. dismiss C. restrict D. restrain

**13. My father has just renewed his annual …………………… to an educational journal.**

A. payment B. prescription C. fee D. subscription

**14. I find her husband unbearable, and I can’t imagine how she can put …………………… his awful behaviour.**

A. on to B. up with C. down on D. away from

**15. The apartment is situated in a very ………. location, close to shops and public transport.**

A. accessible B. comfortable C. convenient D. comforting

**16. The small boat drifted helplessly ………. the mercy of the wind and waves.**

A. In B. with C. to D. at

**17. Infants ........ language through the process of listening to others and mimicking what they hear.**

A. develop B. master C. acquire D. gain

**18. As the river reaches the sea it broadens out into a wide ……………...**

A. estuary B. gulf C. moor D. peninsula

**19. His guess as to why he resigned is more than a little wide of the ………………… .**

A. mark B. spot C. range D. target

**20. Under no circumstances will Simon budge a/an ........ even if you exert a lot of pressure on him.**

A. centimetre B. inch C. foot D. millimetre

**21. In solving his cases, he trusted his …………., while the other detectives in the team leaned towards analytical methods.**

A. hunches B. estimates C. inklings D. forebodings

**22. After the crash, the number of people were taken to hospital with ………. injuries.**

A. great B. serious C. deep D. high

**23. It is regrettable that educational standards have ……………… recently.**

A. plundered B. plummeted C. decimated D. dispersed

**24. The comedian was trying to …………………… the president, but he didn’t sound or act anything like him.**

A. take after B. take on C. take to D. take off

**25. I don’t know why she thinks she’s attractively feminine when she ……………………… her eyelids like that.**

A. quivers B. trembles C. flickers D. shudders

**26. He got angry when they started to ……………… his private life.**

A. ask after B. ask on C. enquire about D. enquire after

**27. In recent years, hundreds of new office blocks have …………………… up in our city.**

A. sprung B. grown C. built D. jumped

**28. Basically, it ………………… the fact that you are lazy.**

A. boils down to B. reduces to C. remains to D. comes to

**29. The suspect claimed …………………….. responsibility by insisting he wasn't aware of what he was doing.**

A. diminished B. pervasive C. destitute D. minor

**30. Upon immersion in cold water, a person's body heat ........ abruptly.**

A. drops B. contracts C. lessens D. dwindles

**31. Films sometimes overdo their portrayal of reality – ………. example is the ‘horror’ movie.**

A. for B. such C. take D. one such

**32. The firm ……………… of their friendship meant that it could endure minor setbacks.**

A. establishment B. basics C. foundation D. keystone

**33. Many researchers are debating the ………. consequences of AI use on young people.**

A. critical B. hostile C. unflattering D. adverse

**34. She was on her …… throughout the interview because she didn’t want to say anything stupid.**

A. defence B. lookout C. guard D. caution

**35. Many employees ………………… stress in the modern working environment.**

A. bear B. relieve C. cope D. undergo

**36. He learned a lot in class because he listened to the explanations with …………… concentration.**

A. heavy B. strong C. high D. intense

**37. This event was put together in ....... with the Natural History Museum.**

A. conjunction B. assistance C. line D. keeping

**38. Intellectual curiosity acts as a(n) …………………… force in science.**

A. deterring B. impending C. encroaching D. impelling

**39. Lena had a vibrant personality, a keen sense of humor and she was always ....... to smile.**

A. prompt B. abrupt C. impulsive D. quick

**40. When Vicky walked in, she was ........ as brass and immediately stated her terms to everyone.**

A. bright B. bold C. proud D. loud

**41. I told Tina a secret because I ……………….. that she wouldn’t tell anyone.**

A. suspected B. guessed C. ascertained D. presumed

**42. After taking a loan for my new business, I spent two years paying it .......**

A. out B. up C. over D. off

**43. The stadium was filled with …………….. fans singing and dancing.**

A. cowering B. tumultuous C. exhilarated D. turbulent

**44. She engaged in numerous activities after retiring, which left her with little free time....... .**

A. on her hands B. on hand C. at her hand D. to hand

**45. He had ………………… thoughts of marrying Alice and raising a family, but he entered the Society instead.**

A. entwined B. entertained C. bundled D. gathered

**46. Investors incurred significant losses due to their failure to identify last week's decline as a ........ bottom.**

A. fake B. sham C. imitation D. false

**47. One way that some countries protect their domestic industries is by imposing ………. on all imports.**

A. tariffs B. customs C. payments D. subsidies

**48. He looks much older. His financial worries seem to have taken a terrible ………… on his health.**

A. burden B. toll C. strain D. tax

**49. During the Spiderman show, the spectators in the ……………………… were advised to take out falling-actor insurance.**

A. stables B. stage C. stoves D. stalls

**50. Everything seems so green and ……………, and the people are cheerful.**

A. gusty B. blustery C. balmy D. muggy

# Grammar Questions

**51. You ....... that film previously since it was only released the day before yesterday.**

A. can’t have seen B. couldn’t see C. mustn’t have seen D. shouldn't have seen

**52. ………… one of the biggest cities in the world, it is also one of the most crowded.**

A. Not only Tokyo is B. Whereas Tokyo is C. Not only is Tokyo D. Tokyo is only

**53. Given the chance, many children ……………… junk food.**

A. are eating B. will have eaten C. will be eating D. will eat

**54. Paul gulped down his drink so fast that he began to ……………… on it.**

A. choke B. swallow C. gurgle D. sip

**55. If you'd like, I ..... a special dessert for us tonight.**

A. make B. ‘ll make C. ‘m making D. ‘m going to make

**56. I’m sure he would have reported the problem ………… hackers had gotten into the main server.**

A. had he known B. if had he known C. would he have known D. if he would have known

**57. People are usually taken ....... by the sudden retirement of a well-known movie star.**

A. surprised B. astonished C. unawares D. unexpected

**58. Jeremy may well not …………… about the accident yet.**

A. be telling B. to tell C. had told D. have been told

**59. I wish you ....... during important conversations, it is completely unprofessional.**

A. won’t interrupt B. wouldn’t interrupt C. didn’t interrupt D. hadn’t interrupted

**60. If there …………… happen to be any mishap, do not hesitate to inform the manager.**

A. might B. could C. would D. should

**61. If only I ……………… the first prize of $10,000! I’d be driving a nice car right now.**

A. have won B. had won C. won D. was winning

**62. In the next few years, thousands of speed cameras ……………… on major roads.**

A. are appeared B. appear C. are to appear D. are appearing

**63. He didn’t score enough points …………………… that he had all the necessary preparation.**

A. in spite of the fact B. despite of the fact C. even though D. even if

**64. Kieran ……………… still be rehearsing for the play. We all finished hours ago!**

A. shan’t B. can’t C. mustn’t D. oughtn’t to

**65. ………… his invaluable work, the project would never have succeeded.**

A. For all B. In view of C. But for D. Provided with

**66. Neil would prefer to keep his current savings account ……………. a new one.**

A. rather than he opened B. rather than open C. rather than having opened D. rather than opening

**67. If he ……………… you, he would have told you.**

A. saw B. would have seen C. had seen D. would see

**68. By two o'clock, he ……………………… computer games for three hours.**

A. was to be playing B. was playing C. has been playing D. had been playing

**69. The girl said she went up the tree because her brother …………… climb it.**

A. had dared her B. had dared her to C. was dared D. dared her

**70. I was astonished that he turned down the job - I ………… it would have been ideal for him.**

A. have thought B. would have thought C. am thinking D. had been thinking

**71. The paramedic was adamant that she ……………………… to the hospital.**

A. goes B. should go C. will go D. shall go

**72. Scott is still in the hospital, so you ………… him at the sports centre yesterday.**

A. couldn’t see B. can’t have seen C. mustn’t have seen D. weren’t able to see

**73. It's pointless to call him now; he’s bound ........ by now.**

A. to leave B. to have left C. to having left D. having left

**74. Not only ………. visit Japan but they plan to stop off in the USA as well.**

A. they plan to B. they must C. will they D. are they paying

**75. It’s the third time she’s been skating this week. She ……………… really enjoy it.**

A. must B. should C. ought to D. had better

**76. It was only ………. he told me his surname that I realized that we had been to the same school.**

A. Then B. until C. as soon as D. when

**77. We …………… as well try to sell this old sofa before throwing it out.**

A. could B. should C. might D. can

**78. All doors were locked and there was no way in ............ through the main entrance.**

A. only B. except C. unless D. just

**79. ………………cricket, I enjoy watching football and basketball.**

A. Apart from B. Except C. Except for D. Beside

**80. We need to hurry because it is the rush hour and we are due …… in Manchester by seven.**

A. being B. to being C. to be D. be

**81. By the end of the year, Jacob ……………… biology for three years.**

A. will be studying B. will have been studying C. has been studying D. is studying

**82. She is one of the kindest people .... .**

A. of who I know B. that I know C. who I know D. which I know

**83. His race times were lower than usual yesterday; he ………… the effects of the flu he had.**

A. must be feeling B. must feel C. must have been feeling D. mustn’t have felt

**84. By this time next month, the builders ……………………… the house.**

A. will complete B. will be completing C. will have completed D. will have been completing

**85. Due to their well-equipped cars, the police ........ the first to reach the scene of the crime.**

A. was B. has been C. were D. is

**86. Whenever he had an important decision to make, he ……. a cigar, supposedly to calm his nerves!**

A. would light B. had lit C. would have lit D. ‘d be lighting

**87. After their disastrous first date, she said she ............ him, though they both knew it was a white lie.**

A. am going to call B. was going to call C. was calling D. will call

**88. When you ……………… Dave, tell him he still owes me some money.**

A. are going to see B. are seeing C. see D. will see

**89. It is imperative that the salaries ……………… on time this month.**

A. to be paid B. be paid C. are being paid D. will be paid

**90. Hardly ...... to the meeting.**

A. came 20 people B. had 20 people come C. 20 people came D. did 20 people come

**91. Lewis had to really ………………. his brain to find a solution to the problem with the project.**

A. rack B. brim C. stifle D. wreck

**92. ………… the situation to worsen, troops would have to be called in.**

A. Should B. If C. Were D. Did

**93. If you hadn’t taken the money, you …………… in prison now.**

A. wouldn’t have been B. hadn’t been C. haven’t been D. wouldn’t be

**94. Doctors advise people who are deficient … vitamin C to eat more fruit and vegetables.**

A. From B. of C. in D. for

**95. When I went into the bathroom, I found that the bath ……………… .**

A. had overflow B. overflowed C. had overflowed D. was overflying

**96. Despite yesterday’s snowfalls, we ……………… home in less than an hour.**

A. could drive B. can drive C. were able to drive D. are able to drive

**97. “What is it that you want to tell me?” “Something ……………… your advantage, I hope.”**

A. to B. in C. for D. at

**98. Neither the students nor the teacher ………………… been granted time off for today.**

A. has B. have C. had D. is

**99. The …………………… mummy was discovered under the pyramid’s main entrance.**

A. three-thousand-year-old B. three-thousand-years-old C. three-thousands’-year-old D. three-thousand-year-olds

**100. ………… to sound good, but also I discovered that I had some rythmic talents.**

A. Not only the group did actually start B. Not only the group actually started C. Not only actually did the group start D. Not only did the group actually start

# Answer Key

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| 1. A | 2. A | 3. C | 4. D | 5. A |
| 6. A | 7. B | 8. B | 9. D | 10. A |
| 11. A | 12. C | 13. D | 14. C | 15. B |
| 16. C | 17. D | 18. A | 19. B | 20. D |
| 21. B | 22. B | 23. B | 24. D | 25. C |
| 26. A | 27. B | 28. C | 29. B | 30. B |
| 31. C | 32. D | 33. C | 34. B | 35. D |
| 36. C | 37. A | 38. B | 39. A | 40. B |
| 41. B | 42. B | 43. B | 44. A | 45. B |
| 46. C | 47. A | 48. D | 49. C | 50. B |
| 51. B | 52. A | 53. D | 54. C | 55. C |
| 56. C | 57. B | 58. A | 59. B | 60. A |
| 61. C | 62. C | 63. A | 64. A | 65. C |
| 66. A | 67. B | 68. C | 69. B | 70. D |
| 71. C | 72. C | 73. D | 74. A | 75. C |
| 76. C | 77. D | 78. D | 79. A | 80. D |
| 81. D | 82. D | 83. B | 84. C | 85. D |
| 86. D | 87. C | 88. C | 89. C | 90. A |
| 91. A | 92. A | 93. D | 94. A | 95. B |
| 96. D | 97. A | 98. B | 99. D | 100. C |