**Test 1**

*Choose the correct answer for each question.*

**1. In a matter of moments he had ………………… the bare facts.**

A. ascertained

B. compounded

C. expelled

D. designated

**2. He ……………… his gaze in embarrassment, realizing he’d been staring at the couple sitting opposite.**

A. diverted

B. averted

C. deflected

D. concealed

**3. The farmer would allow no one to ……………… on his land.**

A. trespass

B. invade

C. intrude

D. access

**4. ………… interrupting the speaker, I’ll be forced to ask you to leave the auditorium.**

A. If you will go on

B. But for you going on

C. Should it happen to go on

D. Unless you go on

**5. I'd rather you …………….. me that you didn't like action films before I'd booked us tickets at the cinema.**

A. told

B. have told

C. had told

D. had been telling

**6. Do you think you could …………….. my interest in his offer to your manager?**

A. convey

B. express

C. deliver

D. distribute

**7. It’s high time the powers that be ………… something about the decline in the standard of literacy.**

A. will do

B. did

C. do

D. would do

**8. I would just as soon you ……………. me a text; it's cheaper than calling.**

A. would send

B. sent

C. have sent

D. send

**9. It seems ………………… today not to provide children with a decent education.**

A. unconceivable

B. unthinkable

C. unappropriate

D. amoral

**10. You must ………………… your courage to enter the haunted house.**

A. pluck

B. conjure

C. sustain

D. summon

**11. If all factory chimneys were equipped with ……………… there would be less atmospheric pollution.**

A. gauges

B. filters

C. sifters

D. strainers

**12. The professor is a(n) ………… supporter of teaching research methods in the classroom.**

A. settled

B. palatable

C. even

D. staunch

**13. People should work together without friction, ………………… contributing to a positive atmosphere.**

A. henceforth

B. thereby

C. whereby

D. wherefore

**14. I was ………… disappointed that no one wanted to invest in our product.**

A. bitterly

B. sourly

C. heavily

D. sharply

**15. This city has been created by ………………… finance and technology.**

A. great

B. high

C. top

D. peak

**16. His performance showed that he has no talent ………… .**

A. notwithstanding

B. thereunder

C. whatsoever

D. nevertheless

**17. This resort ………… a number of top-rated restaurants.**

A. brags

B. boasts

C. gloats

D. asserts

**18. Although the desert appears ........... and empty at first glance, it is inhabited by many species of animals.**

A. desolate

B. dilapidated

C. derelict

D. decrepit

**19. It ………………… on me that Jo had been right all along.**

A. dawned

B. struck

C. occurred

D. hit

**20. She was very ……………… and set out her opinions very clearly.**

A. eligible

B. analogous

C. ambivalent

D. articulate

**21. The government's failure to act before the storm sowed the ………... of the humanitarian disaster that followed.**

A. seeds

B. buds

C. weeds

D. shoots

**22. My boss proposed ………… on this project in particular.**

A. I am working

B. me to work

C. my work

D. that I work

**23. When the storm ………………… he had to decide whether to push on to the summit or stay where he was.**

A. broke

B. burst

C. blew

D. weathered

**24. Neither the clowns nor the acrobat ………………… a success in tonight’s show.**

A. have been

B. were

C. are

D. has been

**25. Ted’s got small hands with short ………… fingers.**

A. stocky

B. stubby

C. sturdy

D. burly

**26. There is no sense pitting yourself …………….. technological advancement; it is sure to win!**

A. around

B. across

C. against

D. after

**27. He kept ……………… how much money the holiday had cost, so I left earlier than I had planned.**

A. droning in about

B. bleating on about

C. crying out for

D. talking up

**28. After much legal wrangling, the contract was ……………….**

A. annulled

B. dissolved

C. disallowed

D. destroyed

**29. He ……………… his language when his boss arrived on the scene.**

A. hemmed in

B. toned down

C. levelled off

D. patched up

**30. ”I don’t know what’s got into this child, but he ………………… not listen!” the mother complained.**

A. must

B. will

C. may

D. shall

**31. The doctor remained ………………… when his touch-and-go operation worsened.**

A. one-headed

B. big-headed

C. fair-headed

D. level-headed

**32. ………… the national park, tell him to look out for some of the rare species of birds living there.**

A. Should he visit

B. If he were to have visited

C. If he visited

D. If he had visited

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

A. rack

B. brim

C. stifle

D. wreck

**34. I wish our maths teacher ………………… us so much homework every day. I never have enough time to finish it.**

A. wouldn’t give

B. couldn’t give

C. shouldn’t give

D. didn’t give

**35. I was asked to write my present ……………… on the application form.**

A. occupation

B. profession

C. work

D. employment

**36. The airport bus leaves at 10 am from the hotel unless you would rather ………… by to get you.**

A. I passed

B. I will pass

C. I had passed

D. I pass

**37. The new technology proposal had a lot of potential but was ……………….. for being too costly.**

A. dispersed

B. discarded

C. displaced

D. debased

**38. We are ………… grateful to all those people who agreed to take part in the experiment.**

A. highly

B. deeply

C. strongly

D. firmly

**39. ……………… James Hill didn’t hesitate before jumping into the river to save his beloved pet Labrador.**

A. Plucky

B. Compassionate

C. Gregarious

D. Bubbly

**40. Under his mother’s scrutiny, he reckoned that the best approach was an ………………… version of the truth.**

A. abridged

B. enacted

C. economical

D. edited

**41. Because of globalisation, local dialects are currently ………… and face an uncertain future.**

A. endangered

B. extinct

C. precarious

D. hazardous

**42. She ……………… a lot of expenses when preparing for her son’s wedding.**

A. amassed

B. incurred

C. encountered

D. accumulated

**43. I’d sooner you ………… installing the new software with me before placing the order for it.**

A. had discussed

B. would discuss

C. have discussed

D. discuss

**44. Only after leaving for the airport ………… she had left her passport at the hotel.**

A. she realised

B. she had realised

C. had she realised

D. did she realise

**45. Having decided to study carpentry, I ……………… on an evening course.**

A. enlisted

B. enrolled

C. enjoined

D. endorsed

**46. ………………… my grandparents, my childhood would have been worse.**

A. Due to

B. Because of

C. Hadn’t it been for

D. But for

**47. The terms and conditions of use are set …………… on the sign-up page of the app.**

A. aside

B. in

C. up

D. down

**48. The research lab is ............... the threshold of a major breakthrough in cancer treatment.**

A. at

B. in

C. on

D. to

**49. You’ve really ……………… a pig’s ear of the repair. Now we’ll have to call in a professional.**

A. hashed

B. had

C. made

D. taken

**50. The ………… trend in communications is instant messaging.**

A. prevailing

B. resounding

C. rewarding

D. wholesale

**51. The couple were amazed at the …………….. of support they received regarding their child's illness.**

A. outburst

B. outbreak

C. outpouring

D. output

**52. Thomas tiptoed up the stairs ………………… his parents should wake up.**

A. if

B. lest

C. so that

D. in order that

**53. Many cinema-goers were ………………… at the film’s violent and tragic ending.**

A. dazed

B. giddy

C. dizzy

D. aghast

**54. Today, ground-breaking companies offer ……………….. scope to innovate and experiment with ideas.**

A. amenable

B. ambient

C. adept

D. unfettered

**55. Paul is ……………….. as a mule; he never backs down even when he's wrong.**

A. obstinate

B. stubborn

C. dogmatic

D. hard-headed

**56. Many animal species in the region are struggling due to …………….. habitats and deforestation.**

A. lessening

B. shrinking

C. plummeting

D. fading

**57. She felt like fainting as she walked in the …………….. sun.**

A. striking

B. raising

C. blazing

D. stunning

**58. A ………………… executive committee had been set up under the chairmanship of Franiszek Kaminski.**

A. conditional

B. indefinite

C. provisional

D. indeterminate

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

A. establishment

B. basics

C. foundation

D. keystone

**60. ………… how effective the program was going to be, we would have installed it long ago.**

A. Were we to know

B. Should we know

C. Had we known

D. Had we to know

**61. She was out of the front door before she had even ………………… her underwear.**

A. dressed

B. worn

C. donned

D. adorned

**62. It's not a good idea to try to flag ................. a cab here; you should use the taxi rank across the street.**

A. over

B. off

C. down

D. up

**63. The political candidates slipped a little ………………… into the debate about starvation.**

A. legality

B. leniency

C. levity

D. liability

**64. I tried every ……………… in the book to reform him.**

A. deception

B. fraud

C. scam

D. trick

**65. What's increasingly apparent, too, is that Penn the director is a different ………………… of fish to Penn the actor.**

A. pan

B. basket

C. box

D. kettle

**66. Urban planners must ………… to public safety codes and regulations.**

A. follow

B. observe

C. adhere

D. obey

**67. I changed my job but now I see I was jumping out of the ………………… pan into the fire.**

A. sizzling

B. firing

C. boiling

D. frying

**68. I know man is a ………………… animal but at the end of the day I feel that loneliness is a blessing.**

A. party

B. political

C. friendly

D. gregarious

**69. I dread ................ just how difficult this new project at work will be.**

A. to imagine

B. imagining

C. to have imagined

D. to be imagining

**70. The audience were ……………… by her inspiring lecture.**

A. uplifted

B. soared

C. upheld

D. ascended

**71. The whole idea that she is trying to sabotage our friendship is ……………… ludicrous.**

A. greatly

B. widely

C. deeply

D. utterly

**72. He was ……………… to look for another job because he was passed over for promotion.**

A. pinched

B. prodded

C. primed

D. prompted

**73. The campaigner realised that he was fighting a …………… battle unless he could get support from the public.**

A. prejudiced

B. reluctant

C. losing

D. biased

**74. Please don’t let the dog sit on the new sofa-he’s going to ruin the ………………!**

A. upholstery

B. linen

C. bedding

D. furnishing

**75. How dare you …………….. me of cheating on the test!**

A. accusing

B. to be accusing

C. to accuse

D. accuse

**76. She ……………… illness so that she could have a day off work.**

A. pretended

B. affected

C. feigned

D. ingratiated

**77. It was a trying ………… but the ministers finally reached a trade agreement between their countries.**

A. collaboration

B. integration

C. intervention

D. negotiation

**78. The reader is gradually ………… into the story by the clever distribution of clues.**

A. drawn

B. drafted

C. dragged

D. hauled

**79. The points raised about the exercise technique are not ………… to this presentation.**

A. pertinent

B. opportune

C. admissible

D. acceptable

**80. One hour before school broke up, the young teacher felt as if he was ………………… cats.**

A. taming

B. herding

C. training

D. breeding

**81. ………………… the map yesterday, we’d have found the place more easily.**

A. But for bringing

B. Had we brought

C. If we should bring

D. Were we to bring

**82. If he ………… all day, the project would be ready by now.**

A. had been working

B. would have been working

C. has been working

D. was working

**83. I suggest she ………………… asked to be more punctual.**

A. could be

B. be

C. is

D. would be

**84. He ……………… my presence with a curt nod in my direction.**

A. appeased

B. acknowledged

C. accommodated

D. allayed

**85. We stayed in a(n) ................. barn that had been turned into a guest house.**

A. convertible

B. converted

C. improved

D. reversed

**86. That was an interesting Freudian …………………, saying “Of course I’ll save your wife” instead of “Of course I’ll save your life”!**

A. skip

B. drop

C. slip

D. drip

**87. The new book by my favourite author really is ………………… reading.**

A. compelling

B. discriminating

C. officious

D. seasoned

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

A. estuary

B. gulf

C. moor

D. peninsula

**89. Her performance was so ……………… that I was on the edge of my seat throughout the play.**

A. unwieldy

B. riveting

C. bland

D. lacklustre

**90. It’s important to choose the right size; if clothes are too small, they can end up looking ………… .**

A. puny

B. skimpy

C. scrawny

D. bony

**91. His ………………… for the future is to retire at fifty and buy a house next to the sea.**

A. sight

B. outlook

C. view

D. vision

**92. After completing her training, Janice ..................... on a new career as a travel agent.**

A. ventured

B. embarked

C. latched

D. sailed

**93. .................... any more assistance with the conference facilities today, Sir?**

A. Are you to need

B. May you need

C. Are you needing

D. Will you be needing

**94. He’s a real miser. I’ve never met anyone so ……………….**

A. tight-fisted

B. mealy-mouthed

C. thick-skinned

D. light-fingered

**95. She looked absolutely ………… in that Victorian costume; it’s so beautiful.**

A. scorching

B. stunning

C. shocking

D. simmering

**96. We shouldn’t get ………………… down in debates over the point of this, but focus on what we are doing right!**

A. bogged

B. boggled

C. broken

D. tracked

**97. My boss ………………… me over the coals for being persistently late.**

A. pulled

B. hauled

C. mauled

D. dragged

**98. Ian's best friend left for university yesterday, so I suspect he ............... quite lonely right now.**

A. will feel

B. will have felt

C. will be feeling

D. will have been feeling

**99. If Europeans did not reduce subsidies, a trade war would ………………….**

A. ensue

B. endow

C. unravel

D. befall

**100. If I knew where he bought it, I …………………. you yesterday where to go.**

A. might tell

B. would have told

C. would tell

D. could tell

# Answer Key

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