

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 24: THÀNH NGỮ

A. IDIOMS

STT	THÀNH NGỮ	NGHĨA
1	▪ A breath for fresh air	▪ một luồng sinh khí mới
2	▪ A month of Sundays	▪ rất lâu, hiếm khi xảy ra
3	▪ A slap on the wrist	▪ sự khiển trách nhẹ nhàng
4	▪ A streak of luck	▪ một chuỗi may mắn liên tiếp
5	▪ A sweet tooth	▪ một người hảo ngọt, rất thích ăn đồ ngọt
6	▪ A whole new ball game	▪ một tình huống hoàn toàn khác lúc trước, cục diện hoàn toàn mới
7	▪ A wolf in sheep's clothing	▪ cáo già đóng giả cừu non, người có lòng dạ xấu xa bên trong mà vẻ bên ngoài lại đàng hoàng, tử tế
8	▪ Absence makes your heart grow fonder	▪ càng xa càng nhớ
9	▪ Apples and oranges	▪ ý nói hai vật so sánh rất khác nhau, khác nhau một trời một vực
10	▪ As drunk as drunk	▪ uống say mèm
11	▪ Bachelor party	▪ bữa tiệc dành cho những người đàn ông sắp lấy vợ, tiệc độc thân
12	▪ Back the wrong horse	▪ đưa ra quyết định sai, ủng hộ sai người/cái gì
13	▪ Bare one's teeth	▪ nhe răng những lúc giận dữ
14	▪ Be back on your feet	▪ hồi phục, khỏe mạnh trở lại sau một thời gian đau ốm
15	▪ Be backing up the wrong tree	▪ tìm cách giải quyết một vấn đề bằng cách sai lầm
16	▪ Be fresh as a daisy	▪ tràn đầy năng lượng
17	▪ Be in knots	▪ dạ dày cảm thấy căng và khó chịu vì bạn quá lo lắng hoặc phẫn khích
18	▪ Be in the dark	▪ không được thông báo về những điều cần biết, mù tịt

19	▪ Be off the mark	▪ không đúng, sai
20	▪ Be out of your depth	▪ trong tình thế khó khăn
21	▪ Beauty is only skin deep	▪ tốt gỗ hơn tốt nước sơn
22	▪ Bed of nails	▪ một tình huống khó khăn
23	▪ Best thing since sliced bread	▪ một cái gì/ người nào đó rất tốt, quan trọng hay hữu ích
24	▪ Big guns	▪ người quan trọng hay có quyền lực
25	▪ Birds of a feather	▪ người có tính cách giống nhau,
26	▪ Bite off more than you can chew	▪ cố gắng làm điều gì đó mà quá khó với bạn
27	▪ Bite the bullet	▪ nhẫn nhục chịu đựng, ngậm đắng nuốt cay
28	▪ Blood is thicker than water	▪ một giọt máu đào hơn ao nước lã
29	▪ Blow someone a kiss	▪ hôn lên tay
30	▪ Blow the whistle on someone/sth	▪ tự thú, báo cáo
31	▪ Boil the ocean	▪ lãng phí thời gian, không đáng làm, không thể làm được
32	▪ Break a new ground	▪ phát hiện ra cái gì mới
33	▪ Break out in a cold sweat	▪ đột nhiên trở nên lo lắng, sợ hãi
34	▪ Bull's eye	▪ điểm đen (môn bắn súng)
35	▪ Buy time	▪ câu giờ
36	▪ Change hands	▪ đổi chủ, đổi quyền sở hữu
37	▪ Child support	▪ trợ cấp nuôi con
38	▪ Close/shut the door on sth	▪ không xét đến việc gì, làm cho không có khả năng thực hiện được
39	▪ Come to a head	▪ đạt đến đỉnh điểm
40	▪ Cook the books	▪ thay đổi số liệu một cách bất hợp pháp
41	▪ Cool one's heels	▪ đứng chờ mỏi chân
42	▪ Cut corners	▪ đi tắt, đốt cháy giai đoạn
43	▪ Do (someone) a good turn	▪ làm điều gì đó giúp đỡ người khác
44	▪ Do time	▪ ngồi tù
45	▪ Don't let the fox guard the henhouse	▪ giao trứng cho ác

	henhouse	
46	▪ Down - and - out	▪ sa cơ thất thế
47	▪ Down in the dump	▪ không vui
48	▪ Dressed to kill	▪ ăn mặc rất đẹp, sành điệu
49	▪ Drive a hard bargain	▪ mong đợi nhận lại rất nhiều điều gì từ những gì hạp đã làm
50	▪ Drop a ball	▪ gây ra lỗi, mắc lỗi do làm điều gì ngu ngốc
51	▪ Drown your sorrows	▪ uống rượu để quên đi vấn đề của bạn
52	▪ Earlybird	▪ người luôn thức dậy sớm
53	▪ Easy said than done	▪ nói thì dễ làm thì khó
54	▪ Eat like a bird	▪ ăn ít, ăn như mèo
55	▪ Eat your words	▪ thừa nhận điều gì bạn nói trước đây là sai
56	▪ Every cloud has a silver lining	▪ dù hoàn cảnh khó khăn, tồi tệ như thế nào thì cũng có một điều tốt đẹp hơn, trong cái rủi cũng có cái may
57	▪ Explore all avenues	▪ suy tính đến các hướng/bước để tránh xảy ra vẩn đề/ hậu quả xấu
58	▪ Face the music	▪ Chấp nhận những lời chỉ trích hoặc sự trừng phạt cho những gì bạn đã làm (chịu trận)
59	▪ Far - fetched	▪ rất khó có thể là sự thật, khó tin
60	▪ Fill in for someone	▪ làm hết sức có thể để thay thế (lắp chỗ trống) cho ai đó
61	▪ Flat broke	▪ rỗng túi, cháy túi
62	▪ Flat out	▪ hoàn toàn, hết sức
63	▪ Get a/your foot in the door	▪ bước vào công việc kinh doanh ở qui mô nhỏ nhưng có cơ hội thành công trong tương lai
64	▪ Get cold feet	▪ lo lắng, sợ hãi
65	▪ Get even with someone	▪ trả thù ai, trả đũa ai
66	▪ Get/ have your ducks in a row	▪ chuẩn bị tốt hoặc tổ chức tốt cho điều gì đó sắp xảy ra
67	▪ Get/ start the ball rolling	▪ bắt đầu điều gì đó
68	▪ Give someone a run for his/her/their money	▪ không cho phép ai đó chiến thắng dễ dàng

69	▪ Give someone food for thought	▪ đưa một ý kiến đáng được xem xét
70	▪ Give someone the green light	▪ cho phép ai hành động, bật đèn xanh cho ai
71	▪ Give sth your best shot	▪ làm điều gì đó tốt nhất có thể
72	▪ Gobananas	▪ trở nên cực kì tức giận hoặc hào hứng
73	▪ Go the extra mile	▪ nỗ lực nhiều hơn mong đợi của bạn
74	▪ Grease someone's palm	▪ bí mật đưa tiền cho ai đó để thuyết phục họ làm điều gì đó cho bạn, hối lộ
75	▪ Green thumb	▪ người giỏi về trồng trọt, trồng vườn
76	▪ Have bigger/other fish to fry	▪ có một điều gì quan trọng hơn để làm
77	▪ Have egg on your face	▪ cảm thấy xấu hổ, ngu ngốc vì những điều đã làm
78	▪ Have/ keep your ear to the ground	▪ lắng nghe hay chú ý đến những xu hướng mới
79	▪ Hazard of hearing	▪ nghe không rõ, nghe không tốt, lão tai
80	▪ He laughs best who laughs last	▪ cười người chờ vội cười lâu, cười người hôm trước hôm sau người cười.
81	▪ Head start	▪ thuận lợi, ưu thế có trước
82	▪ Hit the bottle	▪ uống nhiều rượu, nhậu nhẹt
83	▪ Hit the hay	▪ đi ngủ
84	▪ Hit the jackpot	▪ trúng mánh, trúng số, đột nhiên kiếm được rất nhiều tiền
85	▪ Hit the nail on the head	▪ nói đúng trọng tâm vấn đề
86	▪ Hold your tongue	▪ đừng nói, không nói nữa
87	▪ Hornet's nest	▪ tình huống khó khăn, không dễ chịu
88	▪ Hot off the press	▪ vừa xuất hiện trên báo
89	▪ In a nutshell	▪ nói tóm lại
90	▪ In your salad days	▪ khoảng thời gian còn trẻ, thiếu trải nghiệm
91	▪ It strikes someone as strange/funny/odd (that)	▪ điều gì đó khiến ai lạ lùng
92	▪ Itchy feet	▪ người thích đi du lịch, đi phượt nhiều nơi
93	▪ Jaw - dropped	▪ ngạc nhiên, sốc
94	▪ Keep someone on a short leash	▪ kiểm soát ai chặt chẽ
95	▪ Keep your nose to the	▪ làm việc chăm chỉ mà không nghỉ ngơi

	grindstone	
96	▪ Kickback	▪ ngưng làm gì và nghỉ ngơi
97	▪ Knock on wood	▪ trộm vía, cầu may mắn (khi sử dụng câu trên, bạn cần gõ tay vào vật gì đó bằng gỗ)
98	▪ Lame excuse	▪ cái cớ
99	▪ Leave someone out in the cold	▪ không cho phép ai trở thành một phần của nhóm, phớt lờ ai
100	▪ Let bygones be bygones	▪ cái gì qua hãy để nó qua, bỏ qua chuyện cũ
101	▪ Let sleeping dogs lie	▪ tránh nhắc lại chuyện gì đã qua, chuyện gì qua hãy để nó qua
102	• Let someone in on a secret	▪ cho phép ai đó biết điều gì đó mà bạn chưa nói với ai khác
103	▪ Let the cat out of the bag	▪ vô tình tiết lộ bí mật
104	▪ Like a cat on a hot tin roof	▪ dùng để chỉ người hay bồn chồn, lo lắng
105	▪ Like water off the duck's back	▪ không có tác dụng với ai (nước đổ đâu vịt)
106	▪ Look for a needle in a haystack	▪ mò kim đáy biển
107	▪ Make a beeline for someone/something	▪ đi thẳng đến ai đó/ cái gì đó
108	▪ Make the mountain out of a mole hill	▪ làm cho một vấn đề nhỏ có vẻ như là một vấn đề nghiêm trọng, việc bé xé ra to
109	▪ Meet the deadline	▪ hoàn thành một công việc nào đó đúng thời hạn (được giao)
110	▪ Miss the boat	▪ đánh mất cơ hội
111	▪ Money laundering	▪ hoạt động rửa tiền
112	▪ Move heaven and earth	• làm mọi thứ bạn có thể để, xoay sở đủ trò
113	▪ No hard feelings	▪ không giận chử, không buồn chử
114	▪ Occupational hazard	▪ sự nguy hiểm nghề nghiệp
115	▪ Off the hook	▪ thoát khỏi trở ngại, khó khăn
116	▪ Off the top of your head	▪ nói ngay không cần suy nghĩ, đã biết sẵn
117	▪ On tap	▪ có sẵn để dùng được ngay giống như nước trong vòi chảy ra
118	• On the ropes	▪ làm một cách tệ hại và có khả năng thát bại
119	▪ Open a can of worms	▪ gây ra tình huống rắc rối hay khó chịu

120	▪ Out of the frying pan into the fire	▪ tránh vỏ dưa gắp vỏ dừa
121	▪ Paint the town red	▪ đi chơi, đến các quán rượu, đi bar
122	▪ Party animal	▪ người rất thích tiệc tùng
123	▪ Pass the baton	▪ trao lại trọng trách hoặc công việc cho người khác.
124	▪ Peeping Tom	▪ người hay nhìn trộm phụ nữ thay quần áo
125	▪ Pop the question	▪ cầu hôn
126	▪ Pour one's heart out to someone	▪ dốc bâu tâm sự
127	▪ Pour/throw cold water on sth	▪ chỉ trích ý kiến hoặc ý tưởng của ai đó và ngăn mọi người tin họ hoặc hào hứng với họ
128	▪ Pull the rug out (from under someone)	▪ đột nhiên lấy đi sự hỗ trợ quan trọng từ ai đó
129	▪ Put a sock in it!	▪ im lặng đi!
130	▪ Put someone in his/her place	▪ chỉ ra cho ai thấy họ ít quan trọng hơn họ nghĩ
131	▪ Put someone in the picture	▪ nói với ai về một sự thật
132	▪ Put someone to bed	▪ bắt ai đi ngủ
133	▪ Put sth to sleep	▪ giết động vật bị ôm hoặc quá già
134	▪ Put the cart before the horse	▪ làm những việc không đúng thứ tự, cầm đèn chạy trước ô tô
135	▪ Put/ throw a spanner in the works	▪ làm gì để ngăn cái gì thành công, thọc gậy bánh xe
136	▪ Read between the lines	▪ Hiểu được ẩn ý hay sự thật đằng sau một tài liệu hay hành động nào
137	▪ Reap what you have sown	▪ thắng hay thua do kết quả việc bạn đã làm trong quá khứ
138	▪ Rome wasn't built in a day	▪ thành Rome không được xây dựng trong một ngày, những việc phức tạp cần thời gian và tính kiên nhẫn mới hoàn thành
139	▪ Run its course	▪ phát triển và kết thúc một cách tự nhiên
140	▪ Seize the day	▪ quý trọng ngày tháng, nắm bắt thời cơ
141	▪ Set someone straight	▪ nói cho ai đó sự thật về một tình huống mà người đó chưa hiểu
142	▪ Shame on you	▪ thật đáng xấu hổ cho bạn

143	▪ Shoot yourself in the foot	▪ một người có ý làm hại người khác, nhưng rốt cuộc lại làm hại chính mình, gậy ông đập lưng ông
144	▪ Shopping spree	▪ mua sắm giải khoai, mua nhiêu thứ một lúc nhưng đa số là những thứ bạn không cần
145	▪ Shut one's eyes	▪ nhắm mắt làm ngơ
146	▪ Sick to death	▪ chán, ngán, ngấy
147	▪ Sit on the fence	▪ trì hoãn đưa ra quyết định, trung lập, không theo phe nào
148	▪ Skeleton in the/your closet	▪ bí mật đáng xấu hổ
149	▪ Sleep on it	▪ suy nghĩ từ từ trước khi đưa ra quyết định
150	▪ Slippery slope	▪ chiều hướng có thể dễ dàng dẫn đến thất bại, tai họa
151	▪ Smell a rat	▪ hoài nghi
152	▪ Spill the beans	▪ tiết lộ bí mật
153	▪ Stab someone in the back	▪ làm điều gì đó có hại cho người đã tin tưởng bạn, đâm sau lưng người nào đó
154	▪ Stay the course	▪ tiếp tục làm một cái gì đó cho đến khi nó kết thúc hoặc cho đến khi bạn đạt được một cái gì đó
155	▪ Storm in a teacup	▪ việc bé xé ra to, phóng đại sự việc
156	▪ Strike while the iron is hot	▪ tận dụng cơ hội đang có
157	▪ Swallow your pride	▪ kìm né tự ái, nén sự kiêu hãnh
158	▪ Sweep someone off their feet	▪ làm cho ai cực kỳ xúc động
159	▪ Take a back seat	▪ chỉ tham gia một phần ít nổi bật trong việc gì
160	▪ Take someone for a ride	▪ nùa gạt, chơi xỏ ai đó
161	▪ Take someone under your wing	▪ che chở và bảo bọc ai đó
162	▪ Take sth amiss	▪ không hiểu/hiểu nhầm cái gì đó
163	▪ Take with a grain of salt	▪ Không hoàn toàn tin tưởng cái gì đó
164	▪ Tear your hair out	▪ vò đầu bứt tóc
165	▪ Temper tantrum	▪ cơn la hét giận dữ, khóc mếu, ăn vạ (trẻ em)
166	▪ Tempt fate	▪ liều mạng, hành động liều lĩnh
167	▪ The apple doesn't fall far from the tree	▪ con nhà tông không giống lông cũng giống cánh, hổ phụ sinh hổ tử
168	▪ The big picture	▪ toàn cảnh, bức tranh toàn cảnh

169	▪ The blind leading the blind	▪ người mù dẫn đường người mù đi, chỉ kẻ không biết gì mà lại bảo người khác làm theo mình
170	▪ The dust settles	▪ mọi chuyện dịu lại, bình tĩnh lại, lắng xuống
171	▪ The in thing	▪ thứ thịnh hành, thời thượng, đang được ưa chuộng, đang là một
172	▪ The light at the end of the tunnel	▪ dấu hiệu cho biết việc gì sẽ sớm thoát khỏi hoàn cảnh khó khăn
173	▪ The more the merrier	▪ càng đông càng vui
174	▪ The night's young	▪ vẫn còn sớm mà
175	▪ The pros and cons	▪ ưu điểm và khuyết điểm, lợi ích và tác hại
176	▪ The time is ripe	▪ thời điểm thích hợp
177	▪ The whole nine yards	▪ toàn bộ một cái gì đó, bao gồm tất cả mọi thứ có liên quan đến nó
178	▪ Think outside the box	▪ suy nghĩ một cách sáng tạo, không đi theo lối cũ
179	▪ Third time is a charm	▪ lần thứ ba sẽ thành công, quá tam ba bận
180	▪ Through thick and thin	▪ bất chấp mọi hoàn cảnh khó khăn
181	▪ Throw a caution to the wind/winds	▪ làm cái gì mà không lo lắng về hậu quả, liều lĩnh làm một điều gì đó
182	▪ Throw in the towel	▪ thừa nhận thất bại
183	▪ Throw someone under the bus	▪ làm điều gì đó có hại cho người khác để giành lợi thế cho mình
184	▪ Time bomb	▪ bom hẹn giờ, bom nổ chậm
185	▪ Time is money	▪ thời gian là vàng
186	▪ Toss a coin	▪ tung đồng xu, lấy hên xui
187	▪ Turn a blind eye	▪ vờ như không thấy, nhắm mắt làm ngơ
188	▪ Turn the tables on someone	▪ giành lại ưu thế so với ai, làm đảo lộn lại tình thế đối với ai
189	▪ Twenty-four seven	▪ 24 trên 7, mọi lúc
190	▪ Twist someone's arm	▪ thuyết phục ai làm việc gì đó
191	▪ Under oath	▪ thề nói thật trước tòa
192	▪ Under the table	▪ bí mật
193	▪ Walk/tread a tightrope	▪ xem xét cẩn thận các quyết định hoặc rủi ro mà bạn thực hiện để giải quyết thành công một tình

		huống khó khăn
194	▪ Walking on thin ice	▪ hoàn cảnh khó khăn dẽ dǎn đến thất bại
195	▪ Wee hours	▪ nửa đêm
196	▪ While there's life, there's hope	▪ còn nước còn tát
197	▪ White elephant	▪ một cái gì đó tồn rất nhiều tiền nhưng không hữu ích
198	▪ With flying colors	▪ rất dễ dàng, kết quả mĩ mãn
199	▪ Work like a beaver	▪ làm việc đầu tắt mặt tối
200	▪ Your mind is a blank/ goes blank	▪ đầu óc trống rỗng, không nhớ được điều gì đặc biệt

B. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1.1: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences

Question 1: The _____ time was a charm for Korea's Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympic bid committee.

- A. third B. first C. second D. forth

Question 2: He is one of those rare employees who has remained with the organization through thick and _____.

- A. fat B. thin C. small D. obese

Question 3: The placement agency took hundreds of people for a _____ by promising non-existent jobs.

- A. consideration B. granted C. ride D. account

Question 4: Let me set the record _____ on all the talk in the media about my business relationship with the key accused in the scandal.

- A. long B. horizontal C. straight D. still

Question 5: Despite being an underdog, Division B team gave the best team of the tournament run for their _____.

- A. money B. heritage C. cost D. price

Question 6: This year, we'll get a _____ start on the "green movement" by encouraging more people to take part in planting trees.

- A. shoulder B. hand C. neck D. head

Question 7: That's an amazing deal you're getting. Don't wait. _____ while the iron is hot, or else it'll be gone.

- A. cross B. enter C. Strike D. occur

Question 8: The business has started to gain momentum after months of struggle. We finally see light at the end of _____.

- A. mountain B. hole C. tunnel D. street

Question 9: When he exceeded his brief to take charge of the project, the boss _____ him in his place.

- A. let B. put C. puts D. lets

Question 10: The government says that the economy is robust, but if you look at employment data and _____ further between the lines, you realize that the situation isn't that rosy.

- A. make B. do C. watch D. read

Question 11: You're falling short on class attendance and you failed to submit the last assignment. You're walking on thin _____ in this semester.

- A. ice B. eggshells C. air D. sky

Question 12: The government has intervened by infusing billions of dollars to get the banks off the _____.

- A. hook B. bottom C. color D. weather

Question 13: I'm waiting till the time is _____ before I tell my grandparents that I failed the entrance exam.

- A. sour B. sufficient C. ripe D. good

Question 14: I was left out in the _____ in the annual promotions in the company.

- A. rain B. sun C. snow D. cold

Question 15: You expect our plant to manufacture 40,000 parts in a week. You're trying to _____ the ocean on this one.

- A. boil B. ruin C. heat D. damage

Question 16: I spent two hours _____ my heels in the waiting room while the CFO was busy in a meeting.

- A. cooling B. doing C. making D. warming

Question 17: The government's choice for the new Defense Secretary seemed pretty _____ to the opposition party.

- A. far-fetched B. far-narrowed C. far-heated D. far cry

Question 18: The new fashion of YSL is really the _____ thing at the moment.

- A. out B. in C. for D. at

Question 19: I haven't made up my mind about that issue, I'll have to sit on the _____.

- A. mountain B. edge C. fence D. eggshell

Question 20: Some people like nothing better than to paint the town _____ at every opportunity, but I prefer to stay at home and watch cartoons.

- A. blue B. black C. pink D. red

Question 21: Portable phones are marketed as the best thing since sliced _____, people think they are extremely good.

- A. bread B. cake C. fruit D. meat

Question 22: The employees have been working _____ out to get the job finished ahead of the deadline.

- A. narrow B. big C. flat D. large

Question 23: Many people claim that insults or negative comments are _____, but in reality, many of them are upset by such things.

- A. like water off a duck's back B. great minds think alike
C. Jacks-of-all-trades D. Beggar on horseback

Question 24: My aunt's room is so messy that looking for anything is like looking for a _____ in a haystack.

- A. indicator B. needle C. pointer D. marker

Question 25: He didn't like his boss so he quit and found a new job. He realized that he had gone out of the frying _____ into the _____ when he met his new boss!

- A. fire-pan B. pan-pot C. pan-fire D. box-fire

Question 26: Cheating on a diet is a slippery _____. Before you know it, you'll be fat again

- A. mountain B. street C. case D. slope

Question 27: This research was based on a small group of people, so we have to take the results with a _____ of salt.

- A. grain B. punch C. spoonful D. little

Question 28: Alex thought the handsome stranger was gentle and kind, but Peter suspected he was a _____ in _____ clothing.

- A. sheep-wolf's B. wolf-sheep's C. tiger-lion's D. lion-tiger's

Question 29: There is a surprise party for Susan this Saturday so please don't _____

- A. run of the mill B. spill the beans C. Get the ball rolling D. Find my feet

Question 30: Lucy always said she could speak English fluently, but when she couldn't hold a conversation with the England tourist, she had _____ all over his face.

- A. fish B. straw C. smile D. egg

Question 31: At first, I was really excited about my new project, but now I feel like I've bitten off more than I can _____.

- A. swallow B. digest C. chew D. bite

Question 32: We will be alright. It seems bad now but we'll look back and see it was just a _____ in a teacup

- A. storm B. flood C. drought D. rain

Question 33: I hate dentists but I have a toothache so it looks like I'm going to have to bite the _____.

- A. can B. bullet C. bat D. candy

Question 34: I broke my leg but then met my future wife in the hospital. It's true that every cloud has a _____ lining.

- A. gold B. diamond C. silver D. circle

Question 35: Look at Susan's garden. She really has a _____ thumb.

- A. yellow B. brown C. pink D. green

Question 36: You had better not forget 8 leadership attributes that make you go the extra _____.

- A. street B. mile C. road D. journey

Question 37: You should get the _____ rolling as soon as possible to be well-prepared for the lets test

- A. ball B. head C. apple D. knowledge

Question 38: Peter is going to be _____ in for me while I'm taking care of my children.

- A. doing B. making C. filling D. going

Question 39: Alex was a distinguished entertainer, a _____ of fresh air in an industry full of people all trying to copy each other.

- A. breathe B. choking C. hallucination D. breath

Question 40: He is always missing the bus because he is not an early_____.

- A. tiger B. bird C. squirrel D. skunk

Question 41: I am sorry I have to dismiss you. No _____ feelings, okay?

- A. hard B. soft C. angry D. sad

Question 42: My husband always makes children hit the _____ before 9pm.

- A. roof B. ceiling C. bed D. hay

Question 43: When I'm at home because of getting pregnant, I'm sick to _____ of doing nothing.

- A. tired B. death C. happy D. bad

Question 44: The English test is really difficult. I'll give it my best _____ to get high scores.

- A. shots B. ability C. knowledge D. skill

Question 45: We need to explore all _____ before doing something that is not safety to a great number of people in order to minimize unfavorable consequences.

- A. results B. means C. avenues D. roads

Question 46: You shouldn't throw in the _____ although this project is tough, I know.

- A. tower B. basket C. failure D. towel

Question 47: Mike knew she should report the accident but decided to let sleeping _____ lie

- A. dogs B. cats C. rabbits D. camels

Question 48: When I was a little girl, my whole family always had lots of pets - dogs, cats, hamsters,... — the whole _____ yards

- A. eight B. ten C. nine D. night

Question 49: She is familiar enough with the data. Give us the information off the _____ of her head.

- A. bottom B. top C. depth D. line

Question 50: My little boy is a bit _____ in the dumps because he was not allowed to study oversea with his friend.

- A. up B. on C. at D. down

Exercise 1.2: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences

Question 1: If you don't miss the _____, you'll have to go to the interview early.

- A. car B. boat C. bus D. bike

Question 2: That Zara dress I bought last year is really a _____ elephant.

- A. white B. old C. black D. grey

Question 3: We can't go on a holiday this summer because we are flat _____

- A. broken B. breaking C. broke D. break

Question 4: He tries to finish the work until the _____ hours

- A. wee B. early C. late D. night

Question 5: In order to get high scores at the entrance of the exam, Mike keeps his nose to the _____

- A. back B. grindstone C. rock D. teeth

Question 6: I always want to go off the beaten track as I get _____ feet.

- A. itchy B. fast C. quick D. slow

Question 7: She sometimes _____ her peers in the back.

- A. stabs B. lets C. makes D. does

Question 8: When my mother watches horror films, she always _____ out in a cold sweat.

- A. bears B. breaks C. brings D. takes

Question 9: He is an intelligent person but always shoots himself in the _____.

- A. feet B. legs C. foot D. ears

Question 10: I know you don't want to take out another loan, but it will _____ time until the new factory comes online.

- A. sell B. buy C. tell D. say

Question 11: After cycling in the early morning, my grandparents are always as fresh as _____.

- A. daisy B. beetroot C. red D. fruit

Question 12: Kevin says he was completely in the _____ about the CEO's plans to sell the brands.

- A. morning B. confused C. dark D. debt

Question 13: I think that we should put him in the _____ about his father's death.

- A. picture B. back C. portrait D. shot

Question 14: I'm glad you dropped by! It's been a month of _____ since I last saw you.

- A. Mondays B. Sundays C. Saturdays D. Tuesdays

Question 15: We should _____ the day while the prices are low. That won't last forever.

- A. seize B. call C. take D. bring

Question 16: I can't afford to spend a lot of time standing here talking. Time is _____, you know!

- A. priceless B. precious C. gold D. money

Question 17: If you have problems, call me twenty - four _____, it doesn't matter if I'm sleeping

- A. six B. seven C. eight D. nine

Question 18: Susan has passed the _____ after 30 years at the helm of the biggest technology in the region.

- A. baton B. bottom C. line D. range

Question 19: She worked like a _____ to empty the house as the new tenant will be moving in tomorrow.

- A. horse B. bee C. beaver D. pig

Question 20: Whenever I meet him, there's always a _____ of nails.

- A. bed B. chair C. table D. desk

Question 21: After Susan joined the Marketing team as General manager, it was a _____ new ball game.

- A. total B. whole C. overall D. average

Question 22: When I see my boyfriend, I make a _____ for him.

- A. way B. chance C. beeline D. line

Question 23: When he proposed me, I was out of my _____.

- A. depth B. breath C. width D. height

Question 24: Whenever I get into trouble, my ex-husband is willing to do me a good _____.

- A. hand B. helping C. support D. turn

Question 25: "Absence makes your heart grow _____"

- A. better B. fonder C. softer D. broken

Question 26: He laughs best who laughs _____.

- A. end B. finally C. last D. lastly

Question 27: She is not beautiful but a kind girl. Many people usually say that: "Beauty is only _____ deep".

- A. skin B. shirt C. sweater D. dress

Question 28: You should take action now in lieu of talking all day because easier said than _____.

- A. doing B. done C. made D. making

Question 29: All of us shouldn't give up as while there's life, there's _____.

- A. doubt B. willingness C. breath D. hope

Question 30: Would you take it _____ if I told you I thought you look lovely? I was afraid you'd take it in the wrong way.

- A. amiss B. account C. consideration D. granted

Question 31: It _____ as a strange to me that he failed the exam because he is so smart and diligent student.

- A. occurs B. strikes C. enters D. crosses

Question 32: You needn't give me your decision now. _____ on it, and let me know next week.

- A. do B. think C. sleep D. lie

Question 33: My grandparents are _____ of hearing. Therefore, we have to speak loudly so that they can hear us.

- A. lacking B. empty C. zero D. hard

Question 34: I invited a lot of friends to my birthday party. The more the _____.

- A. merrier B. merry C. merriest D. better

Question 35: They really cut _____ when they cooked instant noodles with salmon; they are not ripe.

- A. apron B. comers C. edges D. string

Question 36: The author tried to drive a _____ bargain with the publisher on signing amount, but couldn't because he didn't have best sellers in his name.

- A. hard B. soft C. expensive D. cheap

Question 37: ' Let the cat out of the _____ ' is an idiom meaning to tell a secret by mistake.

- A. plastic B. handbag C. bag D. house

Question 38: Despite an injury, she stayed the _____ to save the match for her team.

- A. calm B. healthy C. idle D. course

Question 39: He doesn't hit the _____ often, but when he does, he can be nasty.

- A. bottle B. books C. ceiling D. roof

Question 40: One bad interview doesn't mean you're struggling to get the job. Don't _____ a mountain of a molehill.

- A. go B. make C. climb D. do

Question 41: I think the CEO hit the nail on the _____ when he said that the organization was losing market share because of complacency and security.

- A. ball B. head C. edge D. tunnel

Question 42: Farmers are angry because of the low prices at which government agencies are buying their products. Let's wait for the dust to _____ before we negotiate with them.

- A. farm B. house C. settle D. home

Question 43: We put the dog to _____ as it was suffering from age-related ailments.

- A. sleep B. lying C. go D. bark

Question 44: Last-minute withdrawal of the sponsor threw a _____ in our plans in the works to organize the cultural festivals.

- A. caution B. notice C. information D. spanner

Question 45: Many educational institutions have to _____ a tightrope between charging a high tuition fee and facing criticism, and not charging much and depending on grants.

- A. walk B. go C. ride D. slide

Question 46: It's your relationships that help in getting your _____ in the door in the initial phase of your business. Otherwise, it can be a grind.

- A. ride B. foot C. go D. open

Question 47: He turned the _____ on his political opponent by reeling off data on how poorly the economy has fared in the last one year.

- A. back B. tables C. desks D. body

Question 48: The government brought the rebel leaders to the negotiating table by twisting their _____ by launching investigation into their shady business deals.

- A. arms B. legs C. shoulders D. noses

Question 49: The meteorology department was quite off the _____ in predicting rainfall this week.

- A. beaten B. shoulder C. color D. mark

Question 50: The political party fielded a businessman from the prestigious seat in the national capital, but he lost. They clearly backed the wrong _____.

- A. horse B. pig C. way D. direction

Exercise 1.3: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences

Question 1: The sales team blamed the engineers for the organization's failure to bag the mega deal, but they were barking up the _____ tree.

- A. false B. right C. wrong D. fertilized

Question 2: Trump lost more money than anyone in America between 1985 and 1994: \$1.17 billion. In a _____, Trump is the biggest loser in the history of the United States.

- A. nutshell B. summit C. deadline D. trick

Question 3: In a U.S. court of law, a witness must swear _____ oath to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

- A. at B. in C. to D. under

Question 4: A fanatical Manchester United supporter, Brian said: 'I usually just wear jeans and a t-shirt but today I'm dressed to _____.'

- A. wear B. kill C. put D. stay

Question 5: Many people said that Trump and Bolsonaro are _____ of a feather.

- A. chickens B. squirrels C. birds D. skunks

Question 6: There is plenty of evidence to suggest that President Jair Bolsonaro's senator son has been _____ money for a long time.

- A. spending B. wasting C. using D. laundering

Question 7: Not only do you have a strong will power that gets you what you want, but you have a _____ of luck as well that helps you keep it.

- A. streak B. hand C. narrow D. full

Question 8: We'll have to address that problem tomorrow. Right now we've got bigger _____ to fly.

- A. meat B. fish C. fruit D. squirrel

Question 9: He would throw salt over his shoulder and knock on _____ just for good luck, I didn't learn this until I lived with him.

- A. hand B. door C. wood D. table

Question 10: If you are trying to get 100 musicians to play your symphony, you had better have your _____ in a row before you walk into the hall with an armload of scores.

- A. body B. ducks C. fingers D. mouth

Question 11: After being in the leadership position for more than a decade, it'll be tough for him to _____ a back seat.

- A. take B. occupy C. make D. do

Question 12: Corruption in the police force is rampant, but authorities are turning a _____ eye.

- A. fake B. deaf C. blind D. blank

Question 13: One of the main reasons for his success in business is that he keeps an _____ to the ground to know what the customers want and why they're dissatisfied with competing products.

- A. eye B. ear C. egg D. eagle

Question 14: Our scientists are breaking new _____ in robotics and cancer research.

- A. ground B. strategy C. challenge D. plan

Question 15: The plant decided to close the _____ on water shortage.

- A. knit B. doors C. hands D. gossips

Question 16: The architects poured _____ water on the plan to build another church.

- A. hot B. warm C. chilly D. cold

Question 17: The case _____ to a head when he signed this contract.

- A. came B. made C. pointed D. reached

Question 18: There is no cure for this infection. You'll have to let it _____ its course.

- A. run B. walk C. stay D. go

Question 19: He had to face the _____ because of going out at night without dad's permission.

- A. trouble B. music C. fact D. problem

Question 20: He moved heaven and _____ to get the highest scores in the last exam.

- A. effort B. sky C. earth D. heart

Question 21: Peter has hit the _____ with his new kinds of milk made from nuts - sales have tripled.

- A. book B. hay C. deadline D. jackpot

Question 22: We'll give it our best shots to save you from the robbers but now you must _____ your tongue.

- A. keep B. hold C. maintain D. breathe

Question 23: I poured my _____ to my ex-husband about his new marriage.

- A. heart B. water C. love D. mouth

Question 24: Although I graduated from economic university, I _____ my pride to work as a waiter to earn living for 1 year till I found a new job.

- A. chewed B. took C. swallowed D. digested

Question 25: High crude oil prices have put many airlines _____ the ropes.

- A. on B. under C. bottom D. in

Question 26: The government can no longer shut his _____ to growing pollution arising from stubble burning.

- A. attention B. eye C. mouth D. influence

Question 27: Experts had to _____ their words on the impending doom of abc.com when the fledgling ecommerce website turned in an unexpected profit.

- A. swallow B. chew C. digest D. eat

Question 28: I'll paint the town red with my husband after putting my son to _____.

- A. sleep B. asleep C. bed D. carriage

Question 29: This apartment has changed _____ so many times since its first buying in 2007.

- A. midstream B. hands C. host D. fingers

Question 30: My wife promised to eat like a _____ - to get lean, but she has hardly lost any weight.

- A. bird B. horse C. pig D. dog

Question 31: Waiting for the result of my medical tests, I was like a _____ on hot tin roof.

- A. dog B. pig C. cat D. fly

Question 32: If you get low scores, you shouldn't throw a _____ to the wind to apply FTU university

- A. attention B. notice C. caution D. mistake

Question 33: Her daughter soon showed her musical talent, proving that the _____ doesn't fall far from the tree.

- A. orange B. apple C. money D. silver

Question 34: Every time you invest money, you're _____ fate.

- A. tempting B. taking C. making D. playing

Question 35: He has been accused of throwing fellow Republicans under the _____ for his personal agenda.

- A. car B. bus C. bicycle D. train

Question 36: She passed the English exam with _____ colors.

- A. flying B. expert C. wonderful D. excellent

Question 37: The chairman finally admitted that he was forced to grease a few _____ along the way.

- A. hands B. fingers C. palms D. feet

Question 38: His boss finally gave him the _____ light to start the new project.

- A. red B. yellow C. pink D. green

Question 39: They sat for hours debating the pros and _____ of carrying out new project.

- A. cons B. hands C. fingers D. ears

Question 40: The first time I met my husband when I was in my _____ days.

- A. tomato B. salads C. nuts D. fingers

Question 41: Our boss is reluctant to change the policy now because she doesn't want to open a _____ of worms.

- A. herd B. spoonful C. can D. handful

Question 42: After his father's death, he always went to the bar to _____ his sorrows.

- A. reduce B. drown C. delete D. discard

Question 43: If you want to get a good apartment, you may have to give the manager some money under the _____.

- A. table B. desk C. hand D. chair

Question 44: Karma sets the quality of a life according to how well or badly a person behaved in their previous life - you _____ what you sow.

- A. make B. do C. deep D. reap

Question 45: If you think _____ the box, your thoughts are not limited or controlled by rules or tradition, and you have ideas that are creative and unusual.

- A. outside B. inside C. on D. in

Question 46: I'll try to help, but it's the _____ leading the blind because I've never done this before either.

- A. deaf B. blind C. fake D. real

Question 47: A _____ Tom used hidden cameras to videotape women in their house in Galway city

- A. crying B. peeping C. stupid D. clever

Question 48: We've been tearing our _____ out trying to decide what to do.

- A. brain B. intelligence C. hair D. mind

Question 49: She says that he swept her off her _____, and they were married six months later.

- A. foot B. shoulders C. eyes D. feet

Question 50: If we don't do something about the pollution problem, we'll be sitting on a ticking time _____.

- A. bomb B. comb C. deadlock D. telling

Exercise 1.4: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences

Question 1: He asked if she had any _____ in her closet that might affect her political campaign.

- A. bones B. skeletons C. dust D. dirt

Question 2: My sister has a sweet _____, so she always eats candies before going to bed.

- A. tooth B. teeth C. mouth D. hand

Question 3: Can I _____ you in on a little secret?

- A. allow B. give C. let D. get

Question 4: Last year in May, my husband pop me the _____.

- A. marriage B. question C. engaged D. questionnaire

Question 5: The child was throwing a _____ tantrum in the middle of the store.

- A. caution B. blood C. attention D. temper

Question 6: We were ready to start work on the project when the mayor _____ the rug out from under us and cut the funding.

- A. pulled B. stimulated C. rubbed D. put

Question 7: I know we've had our fights over the years, but I think it's time we _____ bygones be bygones.

- A. went B. let C. remained D. stayed

Question 8: The night is _____ - it's not very late yet, so we still have time to have a good time.

- A. old B. late C. young D. early

Question 9: Let's _____ a coin. Heads, we don't go; tails, we do.

- A. toss B. throw C. make D. do

Question 10: Put a _____ in it! Some of us are trying to work around here.

- A. coin B. shirt C. dress D. sock

Question 11: He's been working late with her every night this week - I _____ a rat!

- A. smell B. taste C. chew D. swallow

Question 12: Her fingers flickering in a wave, Peter smirked and _____ him a kiss, then gestured for him to go, her wrists bent in a 'shooing' motion.

- A. blew B. gave C. made D. took

Question 13: Thank you for your suggestion - it gave us a lot of food for _____.

- A. eating B. drinking C. thought D. thinking

Question 14: While addressing my first divorce and before child _____ had been court ordered, I started working at a local bank.

- A. rearing B. support C. bearing D. caring

Question 15: You can't expect her to finish this project in the time allotted; Rome wasn't _____ in a day.

- A. built B. bought C. made D. called

Question 16: An aching back or limbs at the end of a working day should not simply be accepted as an occupational _____.

- A. disease B. danger C. job D. hazard

Question 17: Aren't you putting the cart before the _____ by deciding what to wear for the wedding before you've even been invited to it?

- A. dog B. house C. horse D. cat

Question 18: Planer had been in fifth position when he was credited with a final-shot bull's _____, his best shot of the finals.

- A. eye B. face C. leg D. shoulder

Question 19: He said he didn't go because it was raining, which is a pretty _____ excuse if you ask me.

- A. bad B. flame C. lame D. good

Question 20: He vowed that he would _____ even with them for the way he'd been treated.

- A. get B. make C. put D. stay

Question 21: Why do students think they can always break the law and be let off with just a reprimand or a slap _____ the wrist?

- A. in B. on C. at D. to

Question 22: The Government was cooking the _____ and misleading the public.

- A. foods B. candies C. books D. cookies

Question 23: Employees are under constant pressure to _____ deadlines.

- A. make B. complete C. write D. meet

Question 24: He saw them watching him and bared his _____ in the manner of an angry dog.

- A. mouth B. tooth C. teeth D. nose

Question 25: He believes in honour trust between friends, loyalty between lovers, and that blood is _____ than water between family members, but he discovers all these notions have fallen apart.

- A. thicker B. heavier C. stronger D. salter

Question 26: They are both great but you can't compare apples and _____.

- A. chalks B. oranges C. cheese D. pears

Question 27: And then of course the boys must attend the _____ party, we wouldn't think of leaving you out!

- A. single B. celibate C. bachelor D. last

Question 28: The Rochdale cabaret singer feared his Norwegian bride had got _____ feet and decided to return to her homeland without him.

- A. cold B. barbed C. hot D. single

Question 29: It's not always easy to find a job after you've _____ time.

- A. spent B. used C. wasted D. done

Question 30: Decency paves the way, full of home sweet values which too often are overlooked in the _____ picture.

- A. enormous B. big C. small D. bad

Question 31: These were not artisans as such, it was asserted, but down-and-_____, who lived at the margins, involved in street theft and other criminal activities.

- A. out B. up C. in D. off

Question 32: The coach kept her players on a _____ leash throughout the year.

- A. short B. big C. tight D. small

Question 33: Public schools have dropped the _____ when it comes to teaching kids about art and music.

- A. mistake B. ball C. knife D. lips

Question 34: What good is life anyway if a guy can't _____ back and watch a good movie?

- A. go B. stay C. let D. kick

Question 35: The first baseman and the center fielder were the big _____ of that team.

- A. guns B. mouth C. cat D. dog

Question 36: "We'll soon have you _____ on your feet again," said the nurse.

- A. walk B. back C. let D. depend

Question 37: There was widespread outrage when it was discovered that a known pedophile had been given a job at the school. "You don't let the _____ guard the henhouse" said one of the protesters.

- A. fox B. cat C. duck D. fish

Question 38: He blew the _____ on the company's illegal hiring practices.

- A. trumpet B. coin C. whistle D. mouth

Question 39: Shame _____ you, Fred. I thought you were my friend!

- A. of B. at C. to D. on

Question 40: This caught her off guard, then her mind went temporarily _____.

- A. empty B. blank C. back D. white

Question 41: I just went _____ when she told me she wanted to move out.

- A. bananas B. calm C. crazy D. happy

Question 42: On the evidence it appears as though Anne Kelly, Jennifer's mother, _____ Jennifer's two boys under her wing and cared for them until Jennifer was finally able to resume her motherly duties on a full-time basis.

- A. made B. stayed C. took D. had

Question 43: We became friends, and went on a shopping _____ in Oxford Street.

- A. online B. doing C. clothes D. spree

Question 44: Laurel's jaw _____ despite her attempts to hide her surprise.

- A. failed B. dropped C. fell D. went

Question 45: The DJs began a non-stop performance that pumped up adrenalin levels as the party _____ began rocking to the lively rhythm.

- A. animals B. sweets C. candies D. buffet

Question 46: Here is a copy of the new Perry Hodder novel. It's _____ off the press.

- A. cold B. warm C. hot D. mild

Question 47: I was so nervous that my stomach was in _____.

- A. knots B. trouble C. danger D. hurt

Question 48: Jane bought herself a case of beer and proceeded to get as drunk as a _____.

- A. beetroot B. drank C. drunk D. pig

Question 49: Discount broker TD Waterhouse has stirred up a hornets' _____ with the announcement that it will introduce margin trading into the UK.

- A. family B. nest C. group D. team

Question 50: We didn't come across a single bar that didn't have at least ten different brews _____ tap.

- A. at B. upon C. below D. on