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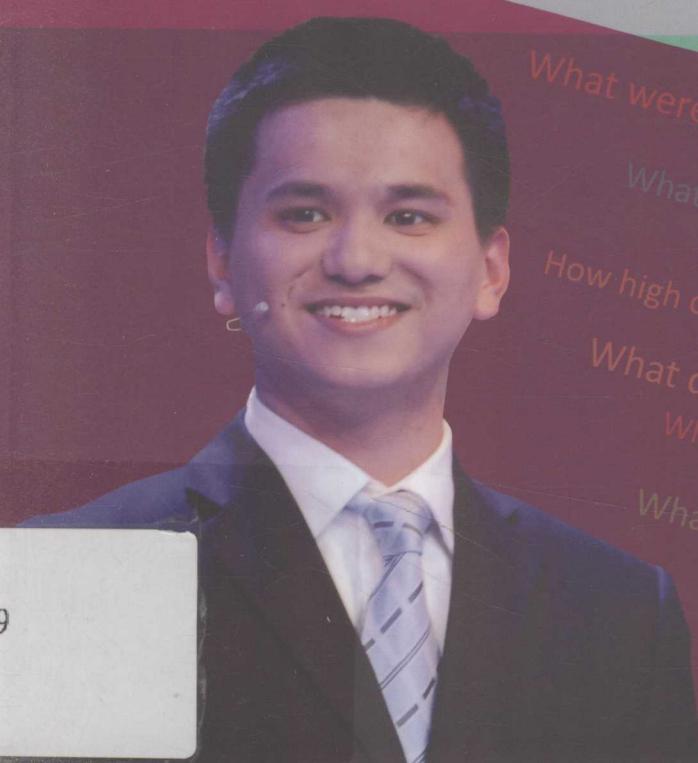
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What were kites originally used for?
What does the word “android” literally mean?
How high can you jump on the moon?
What does PM2.5 refer to?
What is the modern name for Constantinople?
What is the English expression for “乌龙球”?



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前 言

外语教学与研究出版社从2002年开始举办“全国英语演讲大赛”，迄今为止已有十余年。十多年来，大赛已经成为响亮的品牌，并以其权威性、专业性和学术性不断推动着高校外语教学的创新与发展。无数的年轻人在这个舞台上点亮自信的人生，走向世界的舞台。

2010年起，外研社开始与教育部高等学校大学外语教学指导委员会和教育部高等学校英语专业教学指导分委员会联合举办大赛，并更名为“外研社杯”全国英语演讲大赛。大赛不仅考查和锻炼选手的英语语言应用能力，并强化对选手知识文化素养、逻辑思维能力、创新能力、跨文化沟通能力的考验，丰富和提升了大赛的内涵。

大赛决赛第二阶段的“综合知识速答”环节成为比赛备受瞩目的亮点之一。选手在本环节中需要在规定时间内完成4道速答题目，题目题材广泛，内容丰富，对选手的综合能力与素质提出了挑战。

为了给热爱英语演讲大赛、有志提升个人素养的学习者创造学习的机会，实践高校外语教学传承优秀文化、促进中西交流的使命，大赛组委会秘书处特别策划了这部图书。本书收录了大赛自2008年至2012年的千余道英语速答题目，分为语言文字、文学创作、历史哲学、艺术创想、生活娱乐、社会百科、体育竞技、科学技术、生命健康、天文地理十大类。这些题目汇聚了多方智慧，博古纵今，海纳万象，体裁多元，角度新颖，不仅考查当代大学生的知识涵养，更传递着培育批判思维、创新人才的教育使命。

在编辑这本书的过程中，我们对历年的题目加以仔细归类，以便学习者分类查找、提高效率。在图书版式上，我们尽量统筹美化版面，使学习者在愉悦的阅读感受中掌握知识。随书配备的CD-ROM光盘以多媒体方式呈现试题，模拟演讲大赛现场答题体验，并统计答题正确率。对于含有音频、视频的题目，我们在图书中分别以、符号进行标注，读者可以在光盘中输入相应题号听、看音频和视频，并进行回答。利用现代化技术，融入精心编排，我们希望带给您一部生动、立体、互动的“知识百科”。

每一年的全国英语演讲大赛都是见证中国当代大学生优秀风采的契机；每一部演讲大赛相关图书都是回顾和展示这一经典赛事的“窗口”。相信这部书不仅会成为英语演讲学习者准备比赛的必备图书，更将成为学子们开拓视野、锻炼思维、通晓文化、提升素养的“宝典”。

感谢为“外研社杯”全国英语演讲大赛、为这本图书付出智慧与汗水的每一个人。祝当代学子通过这本书能够真正充实、反思、提高。

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语言文字类

2008

1. English people tend to use pet names to show intimacy, such as *Bob* for *Robert*, *Ed* for *Edward*, and *Mike* for *Michael*. *Liza* is the pet name for _____.
A. Lu Xun B. Lin Yutang C. Qian Zhongshu
2. It is believed that _____ for the first time translated “humor” into the Chinese term “youmo” (幽默) in 1924.
A. Lu Xun B. Lin Yutang C. Qian Zhongshu
3. What is the meaning of the sentence “That’s his Achilles’ heel”?
A. That’s his excuse. B. That’s his weak point. C. That’s his punishment.
4. The English equivalent of “美名胜过美貌” is: A good _____ is better than a good face.
A. figure B. fame C. future
5. In Chinese, which of the following words can be used to describe a man’s age of 100 years old?
A. Guxi (古稀) B. Maodie (耄耋) C. Huajia (花甲) D. Qiyi (期颐)
6. In English, there are quite a number of figurative expressions derived from animals. We often use “as poor as a church _____” to describe someone who is poverty-stricken.
A. dog B. mouse C. cat
7. In Chinese, a friendship despite significant age difference is described as _____.
A. 忘年之交 B. 莫逆之交 C. 总角之交
8. Which of the following Chinese words is NOT a kind of transliteration of an English word?
A. 贴士 B. 引擎 C. 博客 D. 宗教
9. Which of the following words is NOT related to the color “red”?
A. Scarlet B. Crimson C. Azure D. Ruby
10. If something costs a pretty penny, it means it is _____.
A. cheap B. expensive C. of a reasonable price
11. London’s subterranean train system is the world’s oldest underground railway system. It is usually referred to as the Underground or the _____.
A. Tube B. Tunnel C. Channel

12. We know that a _____ is a person that prepares food for consumption, and a _____ is a kitchen appliance designed for the purpose of cooking food.
 A. cook, cooker B. cooker, cookie C. cook, cookie
13. What does DIY stand for?
14. The Pentagon serves as the headquarters of the US Department of Defense. What does the prefix "pen-" mean here?
 A. Five B. Six C. Seven
15. The idiom "talk like a parrot" means repeating and echoing another person's speech. Where did this set phrase originate from?
 A. Fables B. Literary classics C. Buddhist quotation books
16. There are a lot of borrowed words in contemporary Chinese. From which language comes the word "沙龙"?
 A. Indian B. French C. English D. Japanese
17. What does the sentence "He has a good humor" mean?
 A. He is very humorous. B. He is kind-hearted. C. He has a good temper.
18. People usually use "Don't let the _____ out of the bag!" to mean "Keep the secret!"
 A. rat B. cat C. bat
19. "Time and _____ wait for no man" is often quoted to encourage people to cherish time or seize opportunities.
 A. tide B. tiger C. tie
20. What should you say in English if someone sneezes?
 A. Bless you! B. Good luck! C. I'm sorry!
21. George Bernard Shaw once said that America and Britain were "two countries divided by a common language". There are differences in spelling, vocabulary and idioms between American English and British English. Which of the following words is spelt in British style?
 A. Color B. Tyre C. Check D. Woolen
22. The English proverb "Carry _____ to Newcastle" means "to do something pointless and superfluous".
 A. football B. coal C. iron

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 13. Do it Yourself 14. A 15. C 16. B 17. C 18. B 19. A 20. A 21. B 22. B

23. We usually use the English proverb "Don't poke your _____ into other's business" to mean "Mind your own business".
A. nose B. finger C. foot
24. The English equivalent of the Chinese proverb "吃一堑，长一智" is: A fall into a _____, a gain in your wit.
A. pool B. pit C. hole
25. The English equivalent of the Chinese proverb "不雨则已，一雨倾盆" is: It never rains but it _____.
A. pours B. snows C. falls
26. *Friends* is a popular American sitcom originally broadcast from 1994 to 2004. Sitcom is a compound word of "_____ comedy".
A. sitting-room B. situation C. site
27. Which three-letter word can go before all of the following words:
____ flower, ____ glasses, ____ rise, ____ set?
28. The word "禅" (Chan) is derived from the ancient Indic language. It means _____.
A. quietness B. meditation C. happiness
29. If someone comes from a royal family, or a family of high social class, we can say that he/she has _____ blood.
A. red B. yellow C. blue
30. Which of the following expressions means "forever, permanently"?
A. For good B. Ever and again C. For all
31. The English word "culture", as a verb, means "to _____.
A. cultivate B. communicate C. calculate
32. If you can't finish what you ordered in a restaurant, you can put the leftovers in a "_____ bag" and take them home.
A. doggy B. kitty C. piggy
33. Which of the following family names does NOT come from occupation?
A. Blacksmith B. Carpenter C. Taylor D. Williamson
34. "The _____ hour" is an expression referring to the last moments before a deadline or a decisive or final moment.
A. eleventh B. twelfth C. last

35. A person who spends most of his or her free time sitting or lying on a couch is called a couch _____. This stereotype often refers to a lazy and overweight person who watches a lot of television.

- A. tomato B. potato C. onion

36. What is it called when you take on an additional job to supplement your income?

- A. Shift work B. Moonlighting C. Jobbing

37. Language is full of paradoxes, and English is no exception. Which of the following statements about English words is FALSE?

- A. "Tomboys" are girls.
B. "A greenhouse" is green.
C. "Hot dogs" can be cold.
D. "Midwives" can be men.

38. In English, sentences like "Betty Botter bought a bit of butter" are called tongue-_____.

39. "I think, in the end, Betty and John just didn't hit it off." The expression "hit it off" here means _____.

- A. to hate each other B. to like each other C. to fight each other

40. Interjections are words used to express strong feelings. Emotions such as fear, surprise, anger, love and joy can all be expressed with an interjection. Which of the following interjections is used to show a feeling of sudden pain?

- A. Oops! B. Ouch! C. Shh! D. Yum!

41. In Chinese, some characters have different pronunciations when used as a family name, e.g. "查" (cha) should be read as "zha" when it serves as a family name. Which of the following does NOT have a different pronunciation when serving as a family name?

- A. 仇 B. 区 C. 朴 D. 齐

42. The expression "as alike as two peas" is used to describe two people who look, behave, or think exactly the same. An expression with the opposite meaning is "as different as chalk and _____".

- A. cheese B. pen C. pencil D. butter

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2009

1. In translation studies, who put forward the criteria of “信达雅”?

- A. Yan Fu B. Lu Xun C. Lin Yutang

2. A mandarin duck (鸳鸯) is a beautiful bird given state protection in China. How would you explain “鸳鸯” to foreigners in order to give the fullest understanding?

- A. Bird of paradise B. Bird of love C. Bird of peace

3. What term is used to describe a little-known person who wins a competition to everyone's surprise?

- A. A dark horse B. A black horse C. A white elephant

4. What does the Chinese character “廿” mean?

- A. Two B. Twenty C. The second

5. “To learn and at due times to repeat what one has learnt, is that not after all a pleasure?” is quoted from Confucius. What is it in Chinese? _____, 不亦说乎?

6. You invite Dan to have dinner with you tomorrow, but Dan is preparing for a test and can't come. However, he promises to have dinner with you next week. In other words, Dan takes a _____ check.

- A. wind B. rain C. snow

7. When an American says “you are a smart _____”, it means you are very clever.

- A. cat B. fox C. cookie D. pie

8. A word in the computer language begins with “J” and shares its name with an Indonesian island. What is the word?

9. “Wikipedia”, an interactive website, contains information on almost all branches of knowledge. From which word does the root “-pedia” come?

10. English has vocabulary derived from many other languages. Which language does the word “restaurant” come from?

- A. French B. Spanish C. Russian D. German

11. Nowadays, some foreigners make their home in China and learn a lot about the country. Some of them earn the title “中国通”, which can be translated into _____.

- A. China Ink B. China Hand C. China Blue

12. In a football match and some other sports, a goal that is scored by mistake by a player against his/her own team is called “乌龙球” in Chinese. What is the English expression for the term?

- A. Own goal B. Self goal C. Anti-goal

13. In Chinese, “AA制” is a newly coined term meaning each person participating in a shared activity pays for himself or herself. What is the English equivalent for this?

- A. Two by four B. In two twos C. Going Dutch

14. If somebody is soaked through, we call him/her a “落汤鸡” in Chinese. In English people would say “a drowned _____”.

- A. chicken B. pig C. rat

15. The phrase “彪形大汉” was created and first used by Shi Nai'an in *Water Margin*. What does the character “彪” mean?

- A. Little tiger B. Little bear C. Little lion

16. In the English language there are many compound words. A compound is a word formed of two single words, for example, “greenhouse”. Which of the following is NOT a compound word?

- A. Blackboard B. Hotdog C. Dislike D. Worldwide

17. Some people become depressed when they have to return to work after a holiday. Which of the following can best describe such a syndrome?

- A. Pre-holiday depression B. Ex-holiday depression C. Post-holiday depression

18. In English, the phrase “man of letters” refers to a _____.

- A. writer B. typist C. postman

19. There is a saying: A bird in the hand is worth two in the _____. It means it is better to keep something you already have than to risk losing it by trying to get more.

- A. sky B. bush C. cage

20. Many Chinese words come from foreign languages. Some of them are given similar pronunciations to those of the source languages. This is called transliteration. Which of the following is NOT a transliteration?

- A. 基因 B. 盖世太保 C. 游击 D. 逻辑

21. The English language has been borrowing words from other languages. Which of the following words is NOT borrowed from Italian?

- A. Piano B. Sonata C. Pizza D. Salon

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22. According to the formation of Chinese characters, “武” is made up of “止” and “戈”. “止” means “stop”. What does “戈” refer to?

23. Which of the following best explains the meaning of the Chinese proverb “千里之行，始于足下”?

- A. No bricks, no mansion B. Get a foot in the door C. Walk somebody off their feet

24. In the English language, the family name is also called the _____.

- A. given name B. first name C. last name

25. If a person gets on well with people but doesn't have any deep friendship, people may call him/her a social _____.

- A. cat B. fox C. butterfly

26. A pentagon has five sides. How many sides does a quadrangle have?

27. Some Chinese words are derived from English, such as “阿司匹林”, “布丁” and “保龄”. Likewise, some English words are of Chinese origin. Which of the following English words is NOT borrowed from Chinese?

- A. Fengshui B. Kung fu C. Sushi D. Wonton

2010

1. It is a comprehensive Chinese-Chinese dictionary. It provides near-encyclopedic coverage in such fields as science, philosophy and history. Its name comes from the old Chinese phrase “海纳百川，有容乃大”. What is the Chinese name of this dictionary?

2. This is a quotation from Shakespeare's *King John* (《约翰王》), “To gild refined gold, to paint the lily, to throw a perfume on the violet... is wasteful and ridiculous excess.” This quotation has changed over time. Now many people just use the phrase “gild the lily”. What is the Chinese equivalent of “gild the lily”?

- A. 画蛇添足 B. 锦上添花 C. 雪上加霜

3. Which four-letter word can be used as a suffix (后缀) following all these nouns to indicate “status” or “condition”?

friend _____, owner _____, leader _____, member _____

4. In expressing the meaning of an ever-present and imminent danger, we can say something “hangs over one's head like the sword of _____. ” The saying comes from an ancient Greek tale, but now is used to explain the anxiety caused by a clearly dangerous situation.

- A. Damocles B. Achilles C. Beowulf

5. The knowledge of one generation provides the intellectual ground for the next, and education is the way to get knowledge from the previous generations. Do you know which scientist once said, “If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants”?

- A. Albert Einstein B. Thomas Edison C. Isaac Newton

6. The Chinese phrase “头悬梁，锥刺股” tells a story about how Su Qin (苏秦), a politician in the Warring States Period, worked hard to be a useful person. What does “股” refer to in this phrase?

- A. Arm B. Thigh C. Flesh

7. The following three words all describe rainfall. Can you tell the order showing the level of precipitation (降雨量) reducing?

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| ① shower | ② drizzle | ③ downpour |
| A. ③①② | B. ①③② | C. ②③① |

8. A home for bees is called a beehive. What is a home for birds called?

9. We all know that Head & Shoulders (海飞丝) is a brand of shampoo. What does the sentence "Joe is head and shoulders above his classmates" mean?

- A. Joe has the longest hair.
- B. Joe is the tallest one.
- C. Joe is the best student.

10. We can use "take _____ leave" to express the meaning "不辞而别".

- A. Chinese
- B. French
- C. Dutch

11. "A good day for ducks" means a wet, rainy day. What does "dog days" mean?

- A. The hottest days of the year
- B. The coldest days of the year
- C. The longest days of the year
- D. The shortest days of the year

12. CHN is short for China; ROK is short for the Republic of Korea. FRA is short for _____.

13. The following names are all names for girls. Which of them is NOT a kind of flower?

- A. Lily
- B. Violet
- C. Ruby
- D. Rose

14. This phrase originated from an Arab proverb, which means "adding just a little too much can cause an already laden camel to collapse". The phrase is: the last _____.

- A. line
- B. thread
- C. straw

15. Fairy tales can be important in the use of the English language. For example, when we talk of an ordinary person from a poor background who achieves success and happiness, we say it is a typical _____ story.



A. Cinderella



B. Little Mermaid



C. Snow White

16. Which of the following sentences does NOT share a similar meaning to the others?

- A. You said it!
- B. You bet!
- C. I'm with you.
- D. I'm all ears.

17. Which of the following Chinese idioms is equivalent to the saying "Justice has long arms"?

- A. 天网恢恢
- B. 法不责众
- C. 徇私枉法

18. Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist painter. His work had a far-reaching influence on 20th-century art. However, if someone says "you have Van Gogh's ear for music", what does it mean?

- A. You are tone-deaf.
- B. You are music sensitive.
- C. You are a music fan.

19. If we find something is "a white elephant", we usually don't want it. What does "a white elephant" mean?

- A. A thing of high value
- B. A thing of no use
- C. A thing of poor quality

20. In Chinese, we use the expression "猫哭耗子" to satirize those who show a hypocritical sympathy. Which of the following English phrases shares a similar meaning with "猫哭耗子"?

- A. Dog's life
- B. Crocodile tears
- C. Lion's share
- D. Donkey's years

21. In the West, an "omelette" is a very common dish made with eggs which can be served at breakfast, lunch or even dinner. Which of the following phrases is closest in meaning to the English idiom "You can't make an omelette without breaking eggs"?

- A. 杀鸡取卵
- B. 刻舟求剑
- C. 不破不立

22. In English, there are a number of figurative expressions involving animals, e.g. "love me, love my dog", "to have a lot of horse sense". If we want to describe someone who keeps his mouth tightly shut, we can say "He is as tight as _____."

- A. a cat
- B. a donkey
- C. an oyster

23. When we talk of people having blue blood, we mean they were born into noble families. The expression "born in the _____" has a similar meaning.

- A. blue
- B. yellow
- C. red
- D. purple

24. Look at the home page of the United Nations. The six official languages of the United Nations are indicated. What is the language second from the right?



Key: 9.C 10.B 11.A 12.France 13.C 14.C 15.A 16.D 17.A 18.A 19.B

20.B 21.C 22.C 23.D 24.Russian

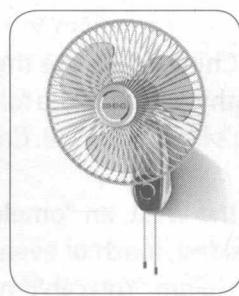
25. The following words all end with “-worm”. All of the words refer to a type of worm, but which of them is often used to refer to a person?

- A. Earthworm B. Bookworm C. Woodworm D. Silkworm

26. An idiom is a group of words whose meaning cannot be deduced from the individual words. What does the idiom “over the moon” mean?

- A. Extremely happy B. Too late C. An evening to remember

27. Which three-letter word is associated with the following pictures?



28. A prefix in word formation changes the meaning of a word. Which of the following prefixes does NOT indicate the opposite meaning of the word?

- A. un- B. non- C. dis- D. pre-

2011

1. "Caffè Latte" is a coffee drink made with espresso and steamed milk. "Latte" is derived from an Italian word. What does "latte" mean in Italian?

- A. Sugar B. Milk C. Steam

2. In the Chinese idiom "无事不登三宝殿", what does "三宝" refer to?

- A. Paper, ink slab, writing brush B. Book, sword, musical instrument
C. Buddha, Buddhist teachings, monk D. Gold, silver, jade

3. "Deca-" is a prefix denoting the number "ten". Which of the following words does NOT have this prefix?

- A. Decade B. Decadence C. Decalogue

4. After watching this video clip, please choose the right interpretation of "he's got cold feet".

- A. His feet feel cold.
B. He is fearful of doing something.
C. He is a cold-hearted man.

5. Word-to-word translation sometimes doesn't work due to cultural differences. For example, goose (鹅) bumps in English means "鸡皮疙瘩" in Chinese. What does it mean in Chinese by calling someone a black sheep?

- A. 虎入羊群 B. 害群之马 C. 黑马

6. "穿越剧" is very popular among young people in China nowadays, although attitudes toward it vary. Which of the following is the English equivalent for "穿越剧"?

- A. Courtroom dramas B. Costume dramas C. Time-travel dramas

7. Language is never static. Many English words were imported from other languages. Which of the following English words has a different source from the others?

- A. Dim sum B. Café C. Fengshui D. Kung fu

8. This is a clip from the movie *Slumdog Millionaire*. What does the phrase "it is written" mean in the film?

- A. 白纸黑字 B. 已成定局 C. 命中注定

Key: 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. C 7. B 8. C

9. What does the phrase "keep one's fingers crossed" mean?

- A. To wish for good luck
- B. To defend oneself
- C. To be indifferent
- D. To be sympathetic

10. Our Solar System is located in a particular galaxy. The word "galaxy" comes from a Greek word "gala", which means _____.

- A. shiny
- B. numerous
- C. milky

11. There's an English saying: "By others' faults, wise men correct their own." What is the equivalent in Chinese?

- A. 己所不欲，勿施于人
- B. 吃一堑，长一智
- C. 前车之失，后车之鉴

12. We call a young cat a "kitten", a young horse a "foal". What do we call a young dog?

- A. Kitty
- B. Puppy
- C. Lamb
- D. Snoopy

Key: 9.A 10.C 11.C 12.B

2012

1. The English language borrows words from other languages. Which of the following English words is originally from Chinese?

- A. Typhoon B. Kung fu C. Chiffon

2. Which of the following Chinese expressions has the similar meaning to "a labor of love"?

- A. 爱情的奴隶 B. 义务劳动 C. 为爱而生

3. What does the term "a confidence trickster" refer to?

- A. An arrogant person B. A trustworthy person C. A cheat

4. Helen of Troy was the daughter of Zeus and her abduction by Paris brought about the Trojan War. What does the term "Helen of Troy" mean in Chinese?

- A. 唯一弱点 B. 恋母情结 C. 倾国倾城

5. An encore is an extra piece of music performed at the end of a concert in response to calls from the audience. It means "again" or "more". Which language did the word "encore" originate from?

- A. Italian B. French C. Japanese

6. Abbreviations are often used when writing e-mails or text messages. Which of the following is commonly used to say this is something the receiver may be interested in?

- A. LOL B. FYI C. IOU

7. The word "avant-garde" is used to describe something that is new and experimental and often seems strange or shocking. Which language does the word come from?

- A. Italian B. English C. German D. French

8. The Catholic Church is the world's largest Christian church. What does the word "catholic" mean?

- A. Unique B. Universal C. Unitary

9. The expression "书香门第" refers to a literary family in China. What does "书香" mean?

- A. Fragrance of books B. Fragrance of plants C. Fragrance of ink

10. We are familiar with the terms IQ and EQ. What does Q stand for?

- A. Quotient B. Quality C. Qualification

11. The Chinese phrase "暗送秋波" means making eyes at somebody. Which of the following expresses the similar meaning?

- A. To cast a dog's eyes B. To cast sheep's eyes C. To cast a fox's eyes

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文学创作类

2008

1. In Greek mythology, the Muses, together with Apollo, are believed to be in charge of _____.
A. art B. love C. wisdom
2. Many countries are now making efforts in the exploration of Mars. In Roman mythology, Mars is the God of War. He is called _____ in Greek mythology.
A. Ares B. Mercury C. Neptune
3. In Chinese mythology, the man in the story "Dream of the Yellow Millet" (黄粱美梦) went with Zhongli Quan, one of the Eight Immortals, to discover and cultivate the Tao (道). He then became one of the Eight Immortals himself. He was _____.
A. Cao Guojiu B. Lü Dongbin C. He Xiangu
4. Which of the following planets is NOT named after a god in Roman mythology?
A. Mercury B. Jupiter C. Mars D. Earth
5. Chinese Valentine's Day falls on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar. According to legend, the Cowherd Boy (牛郎) and the Weaving Girl (织女) meet each other on Chinese Valentine's Day on a bridge built by _____.
A. cows B. silkworms C. magpies D. peacocks
6. In Greek mythology, Zeus is the god of all gods, and his brother Poseidon is the God of _____.
A. Waters B. the Sky C. Mountains
7. Which of the following books has the English name *History as a Mirror*?
A. 《镜花缘》 B. 《资治通鉴》 C. 《儒林外史》
8. Hans Christian Andersen was a Danish author and poet, most famous for his fairy tales. Which of the following stories was NOT written by Hans Christian Andersen?
A. *The Little Match Girl* B. *The Ugly Duckling* C. *Cinderella*
9. Shen Yanbing was a 20th-century Chinese novelist, cultural critic and journalist. What was his pen name?
A. Bing Xin B. Ba Jin C. Mao Dun
10. "To be or not to be, that is the question..." starts a famous soliloquy made by _____ in one of Shakespeare's plays.
A. Macbeth B. Romeo C. Juliet D. Hamlet

11. Which of the following authors is NOT a Nobel Prize winner?

- A. Mark Twain B. Ernest Hemingway C. Rabindranath Tagore

12. In Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Huckleberry Finn escapes from his father by sailing down the _____ River.

- A. Mississippi B. Hudson C. Ohio

13. Tang Xianzu was a famous playwright in ancient China. Which of the following was his contemporary in Europe?

- A. George Bernard Shaw B. William Shakespeare C. Charles Dickens

14. Which of the following Chinese poets lived in a different dynasty from the others?

- A. Meng Haoran B. Bai Juyi C. Du Fu D. Liu Yong

15. Who first put forward the theory of the "Oedipus complex" in psychoanalysis?

- A. Sigmund Freud B. Friedrich Nietzsche C. Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

16. The famous fable "The Tortoise and the Hare" comes from _____.

- A. Aesop's Fables B. Homer's Epic
C. The Arabian Nights: Tales from a Thousand and One Nights

17. Which of the following was written by a French writer?

- A. Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea B. The Lord of the Rings C. Harry Potter

18. Walt Whitman's poem "O Captain! My Captain" was created in the context of _____.

- A. The *Titanic* shipwreck
B. The assassination of Abraham Lincoln
C. The assassination of John F. Kennedy

19. "As Heaven's movement is ever vigorous, so must a gentleman ceaselessly strive along" (天行健，君子以自强不息) is the opening sentence of _____.

- A. I Ching: The Book of Changes
B. Shi Ching: The Book of Songs
C. Chun Qiu: The Spring and Autumn Annals

20. The quotation "All warfare is based on deception" (兵不厌诈) is taken from _____.

- A. Sunzi's Art of War B. Sun Bin's Art of War C. Thirty-Six Stratagems

21. *Crime and Punishment* was recognized by many critics as one of the most important novels of its time. It was written by _____.

- A. Victor Hugo B. Honoré de Balzac C. Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Key: 1.A 2.A 3.B 4.D 5.C 6.A 7.B 8.C 9.C 10.D 11.A 12.A 13.B 14.D 15.A 16.A 17.A 18.B 19.A 20.A 21.C

Key: 1.A 2.A 3.B 4.D 5.C 6.A 7.B 8.C 9.C 10.C 11.A 12.A 13.B

22. "When you are standing on the peak, you are on top of the world" (会当凌绝顶，一览众山小) is a line taken from Du Fu's poem "Wang Yue". Which of the following mountains does the poem describe?

- A. Taishan Mountain B. Huangshan Mountain C. Lushan Mountain

23. "Utopia" in the English language means "an imaginary perfect world where everyone is happy". "Utopia" was originally the title of a book written by _____.

- A. Adam Smith B. Thomas More C. Francis Bacon

24. *Auld Lang Syne* is a world-famous song. The lyric writer Robert Burns was a poet from _____.

- A. England B. Ireland C. Scotland

25. We all know "Yahoo.com" and the Yahoo search engine. In which novel did the word "Yahoo" first appear?

- A. *Gulliver's Travels* B. *Robinson Crusoe* C. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

26. Which of the following novels was written by an American author?

- A. *Gone with the Wind* B. *Wuthering Heights* C. *The Thorn Birds*

27. She was a Chinese writer and poet of the Song Dynasty, regarded by many as the premier woman poet in the Chinese language. She wrote beautiful poems like "To the Tune of Like a Dream" (《如梦令》). She was _____.

- A. Li Qingzhao B. Cai Wenji C. Yu Xuanji

28. As a notable novelist and dramatist, Lao She was one of the most significant figures of 20th-century Chinese literature. The following are all his works EXCEPT _____.

- A. *Camel Xiangzi* B. *Four Generations under One Roof*
C. *Teahouse* D. *A Madman's Diary*

29. A famous poet in the Jin Dynasty described a happy land isolated from the outside world in his work *The Story of the Peach Blossom Valley*. Who was this poet?

- A. Wang Wei B. Tao Yuanming C. Liu Yuxi

30. Robinson Crusoe, in the famous novel by Daniel Defoe, rescued and employed a Carib as a servant and named him _____.

- A. Man Monday B. Man Sunday C. Man Friday

31. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was a famous German writer. One of his masterpieces is the two-part drama _____.

- A. *Faust* B. *Crime and Punishment* C. *The Red and the Black*

32. The Tang Dynasty was a time when many great poets wrote their masterpieces. Du Fu was considered a _____ poet.

- A. romantic B. realistic C. classic

33. The film *Painted Skin* is adapted from the Chinese novel _____, written by Pu Songling in the Qing Dynasty.

- A. *Creation of the Gods*
 B. *Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio*
 C. *In Search of the Supernatural*

34. Ernest Hemingway was a famous American novelist, short-story writer and journalist. Which of the following is NOT his work?

- A. *The Old Man and the Sea* B. *A Farewell to Arms*
 C. *The Sun Also Rises* D. *The Great Gatsby*

35. "A man may be destroyed, but not defeated." This is a famous quote from _____.

- A. Mark Twain B. William Shakespeare C. Ernest Hemingway

36. In Chinese literature, there are Four Great Classical Novels. One of them describes the trials and tribulations of 108 "outlaws" during the Mid-Song Dynasty. It is _____.

- A. *Water Margin* B. *Journey to the West* C. *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*

37. Printing technology in the form of movable type was invented by Bi Sheng in the 11th century. The invention was described by _____ in his *Dream Pool Essays* (《梦溪笔谈》).

- A. Shen Kuo B. Song Yingxing C. Bi Sheng

38. O. Henry was a famous American writer. O. Henry's short stories are known for wit, wordplay and "O. Henry endings". What does an "O. Henry ending" mean?

- A. A surprise ending B. A happy ending C. An open ending

39. What you have just heard is a piece of Chinese Yue Opera (越剧). From which story is it adapted?

- A. *Dream of the Red Mansion*
 B. *The Butterfly Lovers*
 C. *Romance of the West Chamber*

33. B 34. D 35. C 36. A 37. A 38. A 39. A

Key: 22. A 23. B 24. C 25. A 26. A 27. A 28. D 29. B 30. C 31. A 32. B

2009

1. The picture and sculpture below show a female wolf nursing two baby boys Romulus and Remus. According to the legend, they were later the founders of the city of _____.



A. Rome

B. Sparta



C. London

2. In Chinese legend, he was said to have taught ancient Chinese the practice of agriculture, and tasted hundreds of herbs to test their medical value. Who was he?

A. Houyi (后羿)

B. Cangjie (仓颉)

C. Shennong (神农)

3. In Greek mythology, who was the daughter of Zeus, wife of the King of Sparta and was described as having "the face that launched a thousand ships"?

A. Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt

B. Helen of Troy

C. Joan of Arc

4. The phoenix is a bird of nobility and auspiciousness in Chinese legend, and we call the _____ phoenix “凤”, and the _____ phoenix “凰”.

A. male; female

B. female; male

5. In Greek mythology, who was the patron of Athens as well as the Goddess of Wisdom?

A. Athena

B. Venus

C. Medusa

6. In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman on earth. Zeus gave her a box and told her not to open it. However, out of curiosity she opened it releasing all evils into the world, except one good thing. What was the good thing?

A. Gratitude

B. Satisfaction

C. Hope

7. In Greek mythology, Narcissus was a handsome young man who fell in love with his own reflection in a pool and then transformed into a flower. Later, the psychologist, Sigmund Freud, defined the mentality of _____ as Narcissism.

A. admiring oneself too much

B. daydreaming too much

C. loving flowers too much

8. In Roman mythology, the Goddess of Love and Beauty is Venus. In Greek mythology, the Goddess of Love and Beauty is _____.
 A. Athena B. Daphne C. Aphrodite
9. In Greek mythology, the Sphinx who was guarding the gate of Thebes would only let a person enter if they could answer the following riddle: "What walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at mid-day and three legs in the evening?" A prince, who was a tragic hero and much later connected with a well-known psychoanalytical theory, gave the right answer: "Man!" Who was the prince?
 A. Oedipus B. Hamlet C. Paris
10. In Greek mythology, Prometheus was punished by Zeus for helping the mortals. What did Prometheus steal from the gods and give to human kind?
 A. Wine B. Fire C. Iron
11. In Greek mythology, a golden apple is said to have started the conflict among the goddesses that led to the Trojan War. What name has been given to this particular apple?
 A. The apple of discord B. Adam's apple C. The forbidden apple
12. According to Chinese legend, there was a leader who led people to curb floods. It is said that "thrice he had gone past his own house without even stepping in". Who was he?
13. 待到秋来九月八，我花开后百花杀。冲天香阵透长安，满城尽带黄金甲。
 This is a poem written by Huang Chao (黄巢) of the Tang Dynasty. What flower does the poem eulogize?
 A. Lotus B. Chrysanthemum C. Peony
14. Baidu.com is a famous Chinese search engine. The name "Baidu" was inspired by a line in the famous poem "Qing Yu An" (《青玉案》), "众里寻他千百度，蓦然回首，那人却在，灯火阑珊处". Do you know who wrote this poem?
15. "Life is dear, love is dearer. Both can be given up for freedom." This was written by Sándor Petöfi. Which country was the poet from?
 A. Germany B. France C. Hungary
16. William Shakespeare was recognized as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's preeminent dramatist. Which of the following works by William Shakespeare is NOT considered one of his Four Great Tragedies?
 A. King Lear B. Macbeth C. The Twelfth Night D. Hamlet E. Othello

13. B 14. Xin Qiji (辛弃疾) 15. C 16. C

Key: 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. A 5. A 6. C 7. A 8. C 9. A 10. B 11. A 12. Yu (禹)

17. The poetic lines, "Birds are perching on the tree near the pond, /A monk is knocking on the door in the moonlight" (鸟宿池边树，僧敲月下门) are associated with a story that gives the word "tuiqiao" (推敲). Who wrote this poem?

- A. Wang Wei B. Jia Dao C. Li Shangyin

18. The video shows a clip of a dance featuring a character in one of Lu Xun's stories. He has failed the imperial examination to be a *xiucai*, and becomes an object of ridicule at a local inn. Who is the character?

- A. Ah Q B. Kong Yiji C. Runtu

19. Both Jin Yong (金庸) and Lu Xun (鲁迅) are pen names. Which of the following is NOT a pen name?

- A. Mark Twain B. O. Henry C. George Bernard Shaw

20. Mao Dun was a famous Chinese critic, novelist, and short-story writer noted for his commitment to realism. Which of the following is his work?

- A. *Teahouse* B. *Thunderstorm*
C. *Frontier City* D. *Midnight*

21. Many people are crazy for sci-fi novels like *I, Robot*. What is "sci-fi" short for?

22. The following picture shows the Yueyang Tower in Hunan Province. It faces the Dongting Lake and is famous partly because of the prose, *On Yueyang Tower*. Do you know who wrote the prose?



- A. Wang Anshi B. Fan Zhongyan C. Ouyang Xiu

23. Stratford-upon-Avon is a small town on the River Avon, England. The town is famous because it is the birthplace of a playwright known as the "Bard of Avon". Do you know who he is?

24. Homer was an ancient Greek poet. Which of the following is NOT his work?

- A. *Iliad* B. *Odyssey* C. *Decameron*

25. *History as a Mirror, or Zizhi Tongjian*, is the first chronological general history of China from 403 BC to 959 AD. It was written by _____.

- A. Ban Gu B. Sima Qian C. Sima Guang D. Ouyang Xiu

26. The musical *My Fair Lady* tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a flower girl who takes speech lessons so that she can become a lady. It was adapted from the stage play *Pygmalion* written by _____.

- A. George Bernard Shaw B. Hendrik Ibsen C. Bertold Brecht

27. The novel *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell is set during war time. Which of the following is the setting of the novel?

- A. The World War I
B. The American Civil War
C. The American War of Independence

28. People at birth,
Are naturally good.
Their natures are similar,
Their habits make them different.

人之初，
性本善。
性相近，
习相远。

This is a translation of a famous quotation from *The Three-Character Classic* (《三字经》). Which of the following is also quoted from it?

- A. 玉不琢，不成器 B. 吃一堑，长一智 C. 既来之，则安之

29. The *ci* poetry of the Song Dynasty is divided into two schools: the Graceful and Restrained School (婉约派) and the Powerful and Free School (豪放派). Which of the following *ci* writers was one of the representatives of the Powerful and Free School?

- A. Liu Yong B. Su Shi C. Wen Tingyun

30. Bing Xin was one of the most esteemed Chinese writers of the 20th century. The pen name "Bing Xin" comes from a poem written by a Tang Dynasty poet:

寒雨连江夜入吴，平明送客楚山孤。洛阳亲友如相问，一片冰心在玉壶。

Who wrote this poem?

- A. Wang Changling B. Lu You C. Qin Guan

31. Travelling around the world in 80 days is now quite easy, but a century ago, it was definitely a mission impossible. Which of the following writers wrote the novel *Around the World in 80 Days* in the 19th century?

- A. Jules Verne B. J. K. Rowling C. Isaac Asimov

Key: 17. B 18. B 19. C 20. D 21. Science fiction 22. B 23. William Shakespeare
24. C 25. C 26. A 27. B 28. A 29. B 30. A 31. A



32. The lyric of this song is a poem by the Ming Dynasty scholar Yang Shen (杨慎). “滚滚长江东逝水，浪花淘尽英雄。是非成败转头空，青山依旧在，几度夕阳红。……” It was also quoted in the first chapter of a classical Chinese novel. What is the title of the novel?

- A. *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* B. *Water Margin*
C. *Creation of the Gods*

33. *The Book of Songs* (《诗经》) is comprised of songs in three categories: Feng (风), Ya (雅) and Song (颂). Which category refers to local folk music?

- A. Feng B. Ya C. Song

34. The famous line “The journey is long, / I'll search up and down” (路漫漫其修远兮，吾将上下而求索) was written by a great ancient Chinese poet. Who was he?

- A. Li Bai B. Du Fu C. Qu Yuan

35. A trilogy is a set of three books, films, etc. that have the same subject or characters. Ba Jin (巴金) has created several influential trilogies, the most famous of which is the trilogy _____, *Spring* (《春》) and *Autumn* (《秋》).

36. Tao Yuanming, an Eastern Jin Dynasty poet, is well known for his poems and prose works. One of his masterpieces describes a Utopian world. What is it?

- A. *The Story of Peach Blossom Valley* B. *The Old Charcoal Seller*
C. *Song of a Pipa Player*



37. This was a beautiful performance at the opening ceremony of the 11th National Games. The lyrics of the song were written by a famous Chinese poetess. Who was she?

Key: 32. A 33. A 34. C 35. Family (《家》) 36. A 37. Li Qingzhao (李清照)

2010

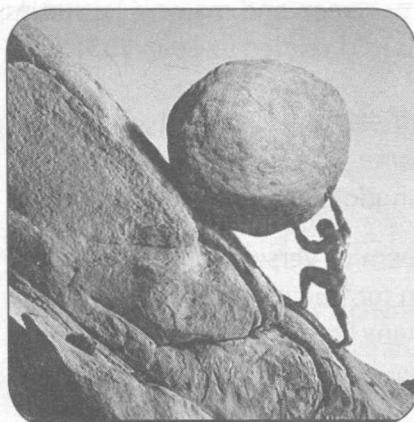
1. On almost every Nokia cell phone, there is a game called "Snake" (贪吃蛇). It is said that the game was inspired by a story which talks about a snake persuading a woman, Eve, to eat a forbidden apple. Where did this story come from?

- A. Greek mythology B. Aesop's Fables C. The Bible

2. It is said that men are from Mars and women from Venus. Mars and Venus are both named after Roman gods. Mars is the God of War, and Venus is the Goddess of _____.

- A. Wisdom B. Love and Beauty C. Art

3. The following picture depicts a story in Greek mythology. The hero was punished for his trickery and for offending the king of the gods. He had to push a huge stone to a mountain top, but each time, the stone rolled back to the foot of the mountain, so he had to start again. What was this hero called?



- A. Sisyphus B. Zeus C. Prometheus

4. Which of the following is the home of the Greek gods in ancient Greek mythology?

- A. The Alps B. The Caucasus C. Mount Olympus

Key: 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.C

5. The highly complex Chinese writing system came into being after a long period of creation and development. Legend has it that the inventor of Chinese characters had four eyes. Who was he?

- A. The Yellow Emperor B. Shennong C. Cangjie

6. In Western culture, a winged cherub is famous for shooting arrows to inspire romantic love. What is his or her name?

- A. Cupid B. Venus C. Athena

7. The words: "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to win" can be found in the book called, *The _____ Manifesto*.

8. "If you shed tears when you miss the Sun, you also miss the stars." That was written by a great Indian poet, writer and philosopher. He was also the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. Who was he?

- A. Mohandas Gandhi
B. Rabindranath Tagore
C. Yasunari Kawabata

9. He is an animated wooden marionette (牵线木偶) in a world-famous novel written for children by the Italian author Carlo Collodi. When he tells a lie, his nose grows a little longer. What is his name?

- A. Pinocchio B. The Frog Prince C. Peter Pan

10. *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* has been put on stage or screen and many of its stories are very well-known. Among the following events, which is NOT related to Guan Yu?

- A. Letting go of Cao Cao at Huarong Dao (华容道义释曹操)
B. Taking five passes and killing six enemy commanders (过五关斩六将)
C. Losing the battle at Maicheng (败走麦城)
D. Indulging in pleasure and forgetting to go back to the Kingdom of Shu (乐不思蜀)

11. In traditional English poetry, a quatrain refers to a poem or verse of a poem that has four lines. Likewise, Chinese classical poetry is well-known for "jueju" (绝句) and "lüshi" (律诗). Generally speaking, "jueju" is a four-line poem. How many lines are there in a "lüshi"?

12. In English poetry, many patterns of words can create a musical effect. One of the patterns is called alliteration. Alliteration is the use of the same letter or sound at the beginning of words in a line of verse. Which of the following lines uses alliteration?

- A. Her goodly eyes like sapphires shining bright.
B. The Sun sank slowly.
C. Thy tooth is not so keen, / Because thou art not seen.

13. Ernest Hemingway was an American author, whose economical and understated style had a strong influence on 20th-century fiction. Which of the following novels written by him is about the Spanish Civil War?

- A. *A Farewell to Arms*
B. *For Whom the Bell Tolls*
C. *The Sun Also Rises*

14. In world literature, writers have created misers who are central to the plots of their stories. Which of the following is NOT a miser?
- A. Shylock (William Shakespeare) B. Grandet (Honoré de Balzac)
 C. Harpagon (Moliere) D. Holmes (Arthur Conan Doyle)
15. China's first 3D-film 《魔侠传之唐吉可德》 was adapted from a novel named 《魔侠传》, which was translated by Lin Shu (林纾) from a world-famous masterpiece *Don Quixote*. Who was the author of *Don Quixote*?
- A. Jean Jacques Rousseau
 B. Geoffrey Chaucer
 C. Miguel de Cervantes
16. Utopia is a name for an ideal community or society possessing a perfect socio-politico-legal system. The word was coined by a famous humanist in his book *Utopia*, which was published in 1516. Who was he?
- A. Thomas More B. William Shakespeare C. Benjamin Franklin
17. The line “淡妆浓抹总相宜” was written by Su Shi, a famous poet who lived during the Song Dynasty. The poem describes the beautiful scenery of a lake after rain. Which of the following is the lake?
- A. Taihu Lake B. West Lake
 C. Dongting Lake D. Poyang Lake
18. In Italy, he was known as “The Supreme Poet”. His *Divine Comedy* is often considered the greatest literary work composed in the Italian language and a masterpiece of world literature. Who was he?
- A. Dante Alighieri B. Francisco Petrach C. Giovanni Boccaccio
19. The video clip features a character from *Water Margin*. He gained prestige in his early life by serving the emperor as a martial arts instructor for the 800,000 Imperial Guards (禁军). Who was he?
- A. Wu Song B. Lu Zhishen C. Lin Chong
20. The video shows a famous Chinese couplet “假作真时真亦假，无为有处有还无”. Which novel is it from?
- A. *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* B. *Water Margin*
 C. *Journey to the West* D. *A Dream of Red Mansions*
21. William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's preeminent dramatist. Which type of work did Shakespeare NOT write?
- A. Comedies B. Tragedies C. Historical plays D. Musicals

Key: 5.C 6.A 7.Commuunist 8.B 9.A 10.D 11.Eight 12.B 13.B 14.D
 15.C 16.A 17.B 18.A 19.C 20.D 21.D

22. 2010 marks the centennial anniversary of the birth of the Chinese playwright Cao Yu (曹禺). Beijing People's Art Theater has staged some of his plays to commemorate the master. Which of the following works was written by Cao Yu?

- A. Teahouse B. Thunderstorm C. Longxu Ditch

23. She was the only female who won both the Pulitzer and the Nobel prizes. Her novel *The Good Earth* (《大地》) about the life of Chinese farmers is widely read in China. As an American, she spoke better Chinese than English because she was brought to China months after she was born. She lived in China for nearly four decades. She is well-known by her Chinese name “赛珍珠”. What is this lady's English name?

- A. Doris Lessing B. Pearl Buck C. Amy Tan

24. The American science fiction film, *Inception*, has received wide acclaim. Many people have begun to show interest in the book *The Interpretation of Dreams* (《梦的解析》). Who wrote the book?

- A. Friedrich Nietzsche B. Sigmund Freud C. Stephen Hawking

25. Known as the “conscience of Europe”, he was a writer during the French Enlightenment and a philosopher, famous for his wit and for his advocacy of civil liberties. He said, “I may disapprove of what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.” Who was he?

- A. Voltaire B. Victor Hugo C. Napoleon Bonaparte



26. The lyric of this song is a famous poem written by a poet of the Song Dynasty. Who was this poet?

27. In the famous line “王师北定中原日，家祭无忘告乃翁”，who does “乃翁” refer to?

- A. Lu You B. Wang Anshi C. Xin Qiji

28. Who wrote the following famous poem about nostalgia?

Coming Home

I left home young and not till old do I come back,
My accent is unchanged, my hair no longer black.
The children don't know me, whom I meet on the way,
“Where did you come from, reverend sir?” they smile and say.

回乡偶书

少小离家老大回，乡音无改鬓毛衰。儿童相见不相识，笑问客从何处来？

- A. Meng Jiao B. Tao Yuanming C. He Zhizhang



29. “O Captain, My Captain!” was written by Walt Whitman in memory of a US President. Which President does the poem refer to?

- A. George Washington B. John F. Kennedy
C. Abraham Lincoln D. Ronald Reagan

2011

1. In Greek mythology, Zeus gave a woman a box and told her not to open it. However, out of curiosity she opened it releasing all evils into the world. The only thing left in the box was hope. Who was the woman?

- A. Athena B. Venus C. Pandora

2. In Greek mythology, Daphne was the beautiful daughter of a river god. In order to escape the pursuit of her admirers, what did Daphne turn into?

- A. A pine tree B. A maple tree C. A laurel tree

3. In Greek mythology, Cronus had a number of children. One of his sons, Zeus, became god of the land and another son became god of the sea. Who was he?

- A. Poseidon B. Ares C. Hephaestus

4. After being defeated by Zeus, one of the Titans was condemned to hold the heavens on his shoulders forever. Because of that, his name was used as the title of a 16th-century book of maps. Who was he?

- A. Hyperion B. Uranus C. Atlas

5. *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* is known for its vivid portrayal of personality, and its title has become a phrase in English. What does it refer to?

- A. A kind personality
B. A changeable personality
C. A unique personality

6. Alexandre Dumas (大仲马) and his son Alexandre Dumas, fils (小仲马) are famous French writers. Which of the following is the work of Alexandre Dumas, fils?

- A. *The Lady of the Camellias* (《茶花女》) B. *Twenty Years After* (《二十年后》)
C. *The Count of Monte Cristo* (《基督山伯爵》)

7. *Laputa: Castle in the Sky* (《天空之城》) is a 1986 film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki (宫崎骏). The term "laputa" originated from Jonathan Swift's work, entitled _____.

- A. *A Modest Proposal* B. *Gulliver's Travels* C. *Drapier's Letters*

8. Two hit movies *Painted Skin* (《画皮》) and *Mural* (《画壁》) are both ghost stories adapted from *Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio* (《聊斋志异》). The author of *Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio* was _____.

Key: 1. C 2. C 3. A 4. C 5. B 6. A 7. B 8. Pu Songling (蒲松龄)

9. Agatha Christie was a British crime writer. She is best remembered for her detective novels. Which of the following is NOT her work?
- A. *Death on the Nile* B. *A Study in Scarlet* C. *Murder on the Orient Express*
10. Fans of the novelist Jin Yong are familiar with the imaginary martial arts called "降龙十八掌" in his novels. The names of the movements, such as "飞龙在天" and "亢龙有悔", are derived from a Chinese classic. What is it?
- A. *The Analects* (《论语》) B. *The Great Learning* (《大学》) C. *The Book of Changes* (《易经》)
11. Since 1901, the Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded annually to an author from any country who "has produced the most outstanding work in an ideal direction". Which of the following authors won this prize?
- A. Ernest Hemingway B. Mark Twain C. James Joyce
12. "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" is a famous quotation from the work of an English poet. Who wrote this line?
- A. William Wordsworth B. Percy Bysshe Shelley C. William Blake

Key: 9.B 10.C 11.A 12.B

2012

1. In Greek mythology, the sphinx, with the head of a woman and the body of a lion, guarded the gate to the city of Thebes and killed people who couldn't answer her riddle. But one person solved the riddle. Who was he?

- A. Heracles B. Theseus C. Oedipus

2. In Greek mythology, the Muses, together with _____, are believed to be in charge of art.

- A. Apollo B. Hades C. Poseidon

3. Ancient Greek myths have influenced the development of European culture in many ways. Which of the following is the God of War?



A. Zeus



B. Ares



C. Eros

4. "Aladdin and the Lamp" is a world-famous folktale. Where is it believed that the story originated?

- A. South America B. West Europe C. Central Asia

5. In English folklore, it is said that when a child loses a milk tooth, if he or she puts it under their pillow, the tooth fairy will take it away during the night. What does the fairy leave the child in its place?

- A. Toys B. Sweets C. Money

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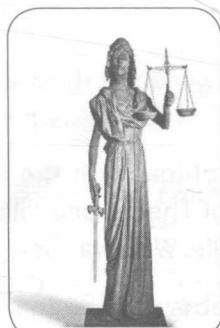
6. Which of the following goddesses is NOT a symbol of justice?



A. Maat



B. Demeter



C. Justitia

7. *Aesop's Fables* typically involves animals with human-like qualities and comes with some sort of moral or lesson to be learned. All the following stories come from *Aesop's Fables* EXCEPT _____.

- A. "The Farmer and the Viper"
- B. "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"
- C. "The Tortoise and the Hare"

8. "七月流火, 九月授衣". This is a verse line from *The Book of Songs*, China's first collection of poems. What does "七月流火" mean here?

- A. It's extremely hot.
- B. The weather is getting cooler.
- C. The heat is continuing.

9. Jane Austen, a famous English novelist, left us many classic works. Which of the following was NOT written by her?

- A. *Pride and Prejudice*
- B. *Sense and Sensibility*
- C. *Wuthering Heights*

10. Ernest Hemingway used the sentence "you are all a lost generation" as the inscription for one of his novels. What is the name of the novel?

- A. *The Old Man and the Sea*
- B. *The Sun Also Rises*
- C. *A Farewell to Arms*

11. A chameleon is a lizard that can change the color of its skin according to the environment. The name was once used as the title of a short story by a Russian writer. Who was he?

- A. Anton Chekhov
- B. Ivan Turgenev
- C. Leo Tolstoy

12. The play *Peony Pavilion* (《牡丹亭》) is a beautiful love story. It was written by a great Ming Dynasty playwright. Who was he?

- A. Wang Shifu
- B. Guan Hanqing
- C. Tang Xianzu

13. Tang Dynasty was a period during which lots of great poets were nurtured. Which of the following was NOT one of the “four outstanding poets in the early Tang Dynasty” (初唐四杰)?

- A. Wang Bo (王勃) B. Yang Jiong (杨炯) C. Luo Binwang (骆宾王)
 D. Du Mu (杜牧) E. Lu Zhaolin (卢照邻)

14. “Life is dear, love is dearer. Both can be given up for freedom.” This was written by a Hungarian poet. Who was he?

- A. Sándor Petöfi B. Rabindranath Tagore C. T.S. Eliot

15. Homer’s epics have had an enormous influence on Western literature. Which of the following was NOT written by Homer?

- A. *The Iliad* B. *The Odyssey* C. *The Canterbury Tales*

16. Directed by Meng Jinghui (孟京辉), the stage performance of *Lifetime Living* (《活着》) received a lot of favorable comments. The play was adapted from a novel of the same title. Who is the author of the novel?

- A. Lao She B. Mo Yan C. Yu Hua

17. The Four Great Classical Novels are the most famous and influential works of pre-modern Chinese literature. Which of the following is NOT one of them?

- A. *Romance of the Three Kingdoms* B. *Romance of the West Chamber*
 C. *Journey to the West* D. *A Dream of Red Mansions*
 E. *The Water Margin*

18. There were two main schools of Song Dynasty *ci* poems: the Powerful and Free School (豪放派) and the Graceful and Restrained School (婉约派). Which school does the *ci* poem you have just heard belong to?

- A. The powerful and free school B. The graceful and restrained school

19. Two films based on the story of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” were launched in 2012. The story was first popularized by the brothers Grimm in the 19th century. What was their nationality?



- A. Danish B. German C. American D. Russian

18.A 19.B

Key: 6.B 7.B 8.B 9.C 10.B 11.A 12.C 13.D 14.A 15.C 16.C 17.B

20. This is a novel known for its vivid portrayal of a split personality, and its title has become a phrase in English that refers to someone with a split personality. The novel is _____.

- A. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
- B. The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
- C. Tom and Jerry

21. Mephistopheles is a demon featured in German folklore. He appeared as a devil in *Faust*, which was written by _____.

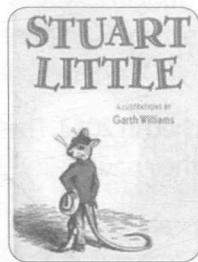


- A. Friedrich Schiller
- B. Heinrich Floris Schopenhauer
- C. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

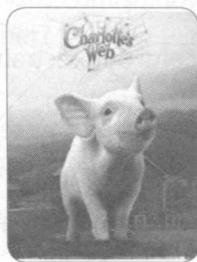
22. *Red Sorghum* is a 1987 film directed by Zhang Yimou. It tells the story of a young woman's life before and during the Anti-Japanese War. Whose novel is the movie based on?

- A. Lu Yao
- B. Mo Yan
- C. Liu Zhenyun

23. E. B. White was a famous US essayist and literary stylist. He penned three delightful stories for children which have proved very popular. Which of the following is NOT one of the three stories?



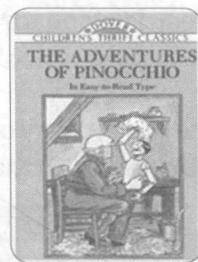
A. *Stuart Little*



B. *Charlotte's Web*



C. *The Trumpet of the Swan*



D. *The Adventures of Pinocchio*

24. *For Whom the Bell Tolls* is a famous novel by Ernest Hemingway. It expresses the author's strong feelings against war. In which war is the novel set?

- A. The Spanish Civil War
- B. The American Civil War
- C. The World War II

25. “东施效颦” originally tells the story of an ugly woman imitating a beauty frowning. It further means blindly copying others and making oneself look foolish. Which book is this idiom originally from?

- A. *The Book of Mencius*
- B. *The Book of Zhuangzi*
- C. *The Book of Xunzi*

26. "忽如一夜春风来，千树万树梨花开" was written by the famous Tang Dynasty poet Cen Shen (岑参). Which season do these two lines depict?
 A. Spring B. Summer C. Autumn D. Winter
27. "朱雀桥边野草花，乌衣巷口夕阳斜" was written by the famous Tang Dynasty poet Liu Yuxi. Which city does it describe?
 A. Beijing B. Luoyang C. Nanjing
28. "但愿人长久，千里共婵娟" are famous lines of a lyric written by the great Song Dynasty poet Su Shi. Whom was the poet pining for when he wrote these two lines?
 A. His wife B. His parents C. His brother
29. In the English novel *Gulliver's Travels*, Gulliver meets a race of deformed creatures who called themselves _____.
 A. Yahoo B. Sohu C. Sina
30. O. Henry was a prolific American short-story writer, known for his twists of plots and surprise endings. Which of the following was NOT written by him?
 A. *The Gift of the Magi* B. *The Man in a Case* C. *The Cop and the Anthem*
31. "父母在，不远游，游必有方" is an expression which indicates the Chinese people's filial piety towards their parents. It is quoted from _____.
 A. Mencius B. Confucius C. Zhuangzi
32. The classic novel, *Anna Karenina*, was written by a famous Russian writer. Who was he?
 A. Maxim Gorky B. Leo Tolstoy C. Anton Chekhov
33. The following statements are all about Aristotle. Which is NOT true?
 A. Aristotle was Plato's teacher.
 B. *Poetic* was a work by Aristotle on literary theory.
 C. Aristotle's Theory of Universals precedes realism.
34. The American novelist, Edgar Allan Poe, is best known for his tales of mystery and horror. Which of the following works was written by him?
 A. *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*
 B. *Murder on the Orient Express*
 C. *Death on the Nile*
35. Fyodor Dostoyevsky was a Russian novelist, short-story writer and essayist. His literary works explored human psychology in troubled 19th-century Russia. Which of the following works is his?
 A. *War and Peace* B. *The Red and the Black* C. *Crime and Punishment*

Key: 20. B 21. C 22. B 23. D 24. A 25. B 26. D 27. C 28. C 29. A 30. B
 31. B 32. B 33. A 34. A 35. C

36. William Shakespeare contributed many phrases and sayings to the English language. Many of them are still in use. Which of the following is from *The Merchant of Venice*?

- A. All that glisters is not gold.
- B. Dog will have his day.
- C. What's done is done.

37. The Mao Dun Literature Prize is one of the most prestigious prizes in China. Which of the following did NOT win this prize?

- A. *Shaanxi Opera* (《秦腔》) by Jia Pingwa
- B. *Everlasting Regret* (《长恨歌》) by Wang Anyi
- C. *Family* (《家》) by Ba Jin

38. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain is noted for its colorful description of people and places along a river. Which river is it?

- A. The Colorado River
- B. The Columbia River
- C. The Mississippi River

Key: 36. A 37. C 38. C

历史哲学类

2008

1. "Don't do unto others what you don't want others to do unto you" (己所不欲，勿施于人) is quoted from _____.

- A. Laozi B. Zhuangzi C. Confucius

2. "Zhongyong" (中庸) is one of the principal doctrines of Confucianism. Normally, it is translated into English as _____.

- A. the middle mean B. the golden mean C. the moderate mean

3. In the Taoist religion, Taishang Laojun (太上老君) is the title for _____, a philosopher of ancient China and a central figure in Taoism.

- A. Confucius B. Laozi C. Zhuangzi

4. Of the following Chinese philosophers, who was NOT a member of the Confucian school?

- A. Mencius B. Mozi C. Xunzi

5. Plato and Socrates are both world-famous philosophers. Which one of the following is correct about their relationship?

- A. Socrates was Plato's teacher. B. Plato was Socrates' teacher.

6. Ancient Greek philosophy influenced the entire Western civilization since its inception.

Of the following great philosophers, who was the tutor and mentor of Alexander the Great?

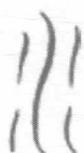
- A. Aristotle B. Plato C. Socrates

7. Horus, who had a man's body and a falcon's head, is a god of the ancient _____ religion.

The Eye of Horus is a symbol of protection and royal power.

- A. Egyptian B. Babylonian C. Japanese

8. The picture is an ancient Chinese character found on oracle bones in the Bronze Age. If changed into regular script, it would be _____.



- A. 水 B. 川 C. 河 D. 雨

9. The excavation of Sanxingdui led to the discovery of an artistic style that was completely unknown in the history of Chinese art. Sanxingdui is a culture from the _____.

- A. Stone Age B. Bronze Age C. Iron Age



10. "The Six Arts" refer to six practices in ancient Chinese culture. Which of the following is NOT one of the Six Arts?

- A. Rites B. Archery C. Music D. Painting

11. Between 1405 and 1433, the Ming government sponsored a series of naval expeditions. How many expeditions did Zheng He, the admiral in control of the huge fleet, undertake?

- A. Seven B. Six C. Five

12. *Qingming shanghe tu* (《清明上河图》), painted by Zhang Zeduan, is one of the most famous paintings in Chinese history. *Qingming shanghe tu* captures the daily life of people in the Song period in the capital Bianjing, i.e. today's _____.

- A. Kaifeng B. Xi'an C. Nanjing D. Hangzhou

13. The _____ was in large part a creation of the Sui Dynasty, furthering an indigenous and growing economic market in China's urban centers throughout the ages since the Sui.

- A. Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal

- B. Beijing-Nanjing Grand Canal

- C. Beijing-Shanghai Grand Canal

14. The Chinese clepsydra (铜壶滴漏) in ancient China is a _____-measuring instrument.

- A. weight B. time C. volume

15. The Renaissance was a cultural movement that lasted roughly from the 14th to the 17th century in Europe. What is the literal meaning of "renaissance"?

- A. Return B. Rebirth C. Revolution D. Reception

14.B 15.B

KEY: 1.C 2.B 3.B 4.B 5.A 6.A 7.A 8.A 9.B 10.D 11.A 12.A 13.A

16. After conquering the last independent state, Qin Shi Huang became emperor of a united China in 221 BC. Which of the following states did NOT belong to the six states conquered by Qin Shi Huang?

A. Chu

B. Zhao

C. Qi

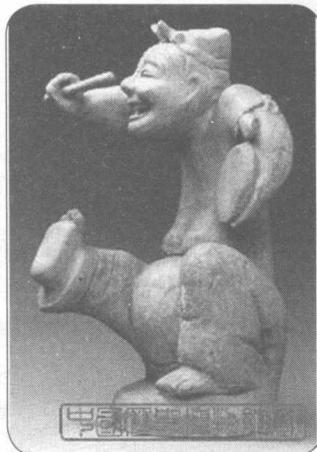
D. Yue

17. The following ancient art pieces are considered China's national treasures. Which of them was created in the Han Dynasty?

A.



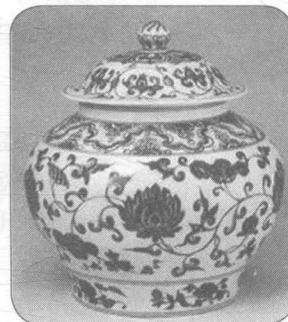
B.



C.



D.



18. Joan of Arc, also known as the "Maid of Orleans", was a 15th-century Catholic saint who led the army of her country to several important victories during the Hundred Years' War. She was known as the national heroine of _____.

A. France

B. England

C. German

19. General Douglas MacArthur was one of the best-known American military leaders. He attained widespread fame through his military activities in _____.

A. World War I

B. World War II

C. the Vietnam War

D. the Gulf War

20. The Age of Enlightenment is a term used to describe a phase in Western philosophy and cultural life centered around the 18th century. In the Age of Enlightenment, _____ was advocated as the primary source and basis of authority.

A. reason

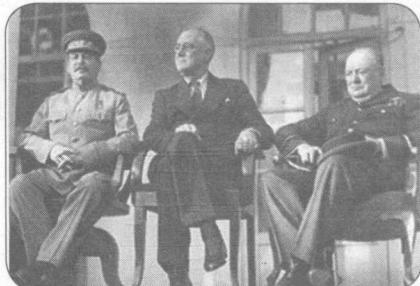
B. knowledge

C. humanism

21. Weakened by several civil wars, the 500-year-old Roman Republic was finally replaced by the Roman Empire with _____ being the first emperor in 27 BC.
- A. Octavian Augustus B. Julius Caesar C. Mark Antony
22. The touching legends of the Four Beauties in ancient China are well known. Which one of the four beauties lived during the Western Han Dynasty?
- A. Xi Shi B. Wang Zhaojun C. Diao Chan D. Yang Yuhuan
23. China has experienced different phases of social development. When did China become a slave society?
- A. In the Xia Dynasty B. In the Shang Dynasty
C. During the Warring States Period D. In the Qin Dynasty
24. In the history of China, the Sui Dynasty ended nearly four centuries of division between rival regimes. It followed the _____.
- A. Southern and Northern dynasties B. Jin Dynasty
C. Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms
25. In the Warring States Period, the strategy "surrounding the Wei to save the Zhao" was suggested by the famous tactician _____.
- A. Sunzi B. Tian Ji C. Sun Bin
26. The Central Asian part of the Silk Road was initiated during the Han Dynasty, largely through the missions of _____, although earlier trade across the continents already existed in the late Middle Ages.
- A. Su Wu B. Zhang Qian C. Wang Zhaojun
27. The first period of the Han Dynasty was the Western Han Dynasty seated at Chang'an, while the second period was the Eastern Han Dynasty with its capital in _____.
- A. Kaifeng B. Luoyang C. Xianyang
28. China is renowned for its Four Great Inventions in ancient times. Which one of the following does NOT belong to the Four Great Inventions?
- A. Papermaking B. Silk
C. Gunpowder D. Movable-type printing
29. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World still standing is the Great Pyramid in Giza. It is believed that the pyramid was built as a tomb for Egyptian King _____.
- A. Khufu B. Ramesses C. Cleopatra

Key: 16.D 17.B 18.A 19.B 20.A 21.A 22.B 23.A 24.A 25.C 26.B
27.B 28.B 29.A

30. The picture of the "Big Three", Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, was taken at the Teheran Conference in 1943. They were leaders from the _____.
A. Axis B. Allied



31. The Maya civilization is noted for its fully-developed written language, as well as its spectacular art, monumental architecture, and sophisticated mathematical and astronomical systems. The Maya civilization is an ancient native _____ culture.

- A. American B. Asian C. African

32. The Industrial Revolution in the later part of the 1700s in Great Britain started with the mechanization of the _____.

- A. mining industry B. textile industry C. transport industry

33. Sun Yat-sen, a Chinese revolutionary and political leader, promoted the "Three Principles of the People" (三民主义). Which of the following does NOT belong to the three principles?

- A. Nationalism B. Democracy C. Science D. People's Livelihood

34. During the Warring States Period, there was a water conservancy expert. He and his son directed the construction of Dujiang Dam (都江堰). Who was he?

35. Tiger Tally (虎符), a special two-piece object engraved with Chinese characters, was used _____.



- A. as a monarch's seal
B. for military authentication
C. as a keepsake between lovers

2009

1. John Calvin led the religious reformation in France in the 16th century. Who initiated the Protestant Reformation in Germany in the 16th century?
 A. Martin Luther B. Ricky Martin C. Martin Luther King Jr.
2. Which of the following Middle East cities is known as a holy place for Judaism, Christianity and Islam?
 A. Baghdad B. Teheran C. Mecca D. Jerusalem
3. Who has been admired for many generations as the “sage of sages”?
 A. Laozi B. Confucius C. Sunzi D. Mencius
4. The Cross and the Crescent are symbols of two major religions. The Cross is the symbol of Christianity. What is the Crescent a symbol of?
5. The Byzantine Empire, also known as the Eastern Roman Empire, lasted until the 15th century with Constantinople as its capital. What is the modern name for Constantinople?
 A. Istanbul B. Jerusalem C. Baghdad
6. Jiuquan (酒泉), a town in Gansu Province, got its name from a legend. During the Han Dynasty, a general poured lots of wine into a spring as a reward for his soldiers, hence the place was named “Jiuquan” or “Wine Spring”. Do you know who the general was?
 A. Ban Chao B. Huo Qubing C. Zhang Qian
7. Bianliang (汴梁) was the capital of the Northern Song Dynasty. What is its present name?
8. Alaska is the largest state of the United States of America by area. From which country did the United States of America buy it?
 A. Canada B. Russia C. Britain
9. In the Ming and Qing dynasties, the Temple of Heaven was used by the emperors to _____.
 A. receive foreign guests
 B. offer sacrifices to the heaven and the earth for a good harvest
 C. hold imperial weddings

Key: 1.A 2.D 3.B 4.Islam 5.A 6.B 7.Kaifeng (开封) 8.B 9.B

10. Sima Qian was the first Chinese historian to record historical events in the form of biography. He created five divisions of Benji (本纪), Shijia (世家), Liezhuan (列传), Shu (书) and Biao (表) in his *Records of the Grand Historian*. Which of the following relates to the biographies of prominent rulers and emperors?

- A. Benji (本纪) B. Shijia (世家) C. Liezhuan (列传)

11. Philadelphia was an important city during the American Revolution. What does the name "Philadelphia" mean?

- A. Waste land B. Brotherly love C. Fairness

12. Cloisonné is the name given to a metal and enamel artwork, known as Jingtailan (景泰蓝) in China. What does "jingtai" refer to?

- A. The name of a place
B. The name of a craftsman
C. The title of the reign of an emperor

13. In the Trojan War, the wooden horse which brought Greece victory was called the Trojan Horse. Now "Trojan Horse" has become a widely used idiom in English. What is its meaning?

- A. A symbol of victory B. A useless showcase C. A hidden danger

14. The Chinese idiom "半斤八两" can be used to mean "six of one and half a dozen of the other". From the term we can infer that in ancient China, one jin (斤) equaled _____ liang (两).

- A. 2 B. 10 C. 16

15. Which British explorer and navigator (pictured) announced Australia a British colony in 1770?



- A. Captain James Cook B. Captain James Hook C. Captain Christopher Columbus

16. The Hanging Gardens of Semiramis were considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. They belonged to the ancient civilization of _____.

- A. Athens B. Babylon C. Alexandria

17. The first Protestants arrived in America on a ship called the _____.

- A. Mayflower B. Endeavor C. Queen Mary

18. It was a strategic battle during World War II. It happened in 1944 and signaled the end of Nazi Germany. Where was the battle fought?

- A. Pearl Harbor B. Midway Island C. Normandy

19. The idiom “meet one’s Waterloo” means “encounter one’s ultimate obstacle and be defeated by it”. Who met his Waterloo first?

- A. Duke of Wellington B. Napoleon Bonaparte C. George Marshall

20. The city of Suzhou is famous for its private gardens. When were most of these gardens built?

- A. During the Tang Dynasty
B. During the Song Dynasty
C. During the Ming and Qing dynasties

21. Many eminent figures in Chinese culture have been given prestigious titles for their achievements in certain fields. For example, Li Bai (李白) is known as “Master of Poems”, Sun Simiao (孙思邈) as “Master of Medicine” and Lu Yu (陆羽) as “Master of _____”.

- A. Cooking B. Tea C. Music

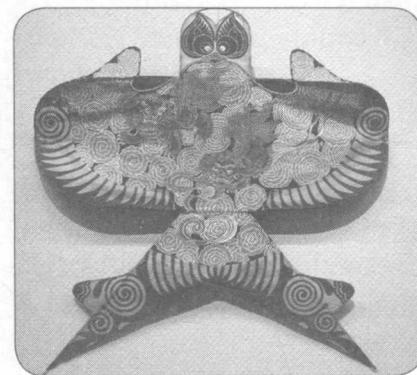
22. The Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal is believed to be the longest in the world. It started to be built in the 5th century. During which dynasty was this project finally completed?

- A. The Sui Dynasty B. The Tang Dynasty C. The Ming Dynasty

23. It was one of the four major capitals of the ancient world (the other three being Rome, Athens and Cairo). It has a history spanning more than 3,000 years and was China’s capital for more than 10 dynasties. Which city is it?

- A. Xi'an B. Beijing C. Hangzhou

24. Kites were invented by the Chinese people over 2,000 years ago. What were kites originally used for?



- A. Artistic appreciation B. Entertainment C. Military purposes

21. B 22. A 23. A 24. C

Key: 10. A 11. B 12. C 13. C 14. C 15. A 16. B 17. A 18. C 19. B 20. C

25. The first palace on the site of the beautiful Potala Palace in Lhasa was built by Songzain Gambo (松赞干布) for his bride, Princess Wencheng. In which dynasty did this happen?

- A. The Han Dynasty B. The Tang Dynasty C. The Song Dynasty

26. Zheng He was one of the greatest mariners, explorers and diplomats, who made voyages to Southeast Asia, South Asia, East Africa and maybe beyond from 1405 to 1433. How many voyages did he make in all?

27. "Native Americans" are the indigenous people in North America. They are also known as Indians, possibly because a European navigator thought he had arrived in the Indies. Who was he?

- A. Christopher Columbus B. Vasco da Gama C. Ferdinand Magellan

28. The Great Wall was first built during the Warring States Period of the 5th century BC by three states as a defense against one another and against the nomads from the north. The three states were Yan, Zhao and _____.

- A. Yue B. Chu C. Qin

29. The role of Tang Seng in *Journey to the West* was inspired by the experience of a famous Chinese Buddhist monk of the Tang Dynasty. He walked all the way to India and back, a journey which took him 17 years. Who was he?



30. Marco Polo introduced Central Asia and China to Europeans through his book, *The Travels of Marco Polo*, in the 13th century. When he came to China, he received a warm welcome from Emperor _____.

- A. Kublai Khan B. Genghis Khan C. Timur Khan

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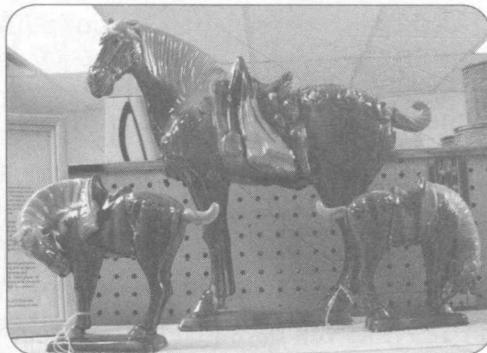
1. When debating, people sometimes make assertions such as "Erik must be guilty because he has just been arrested." or "Erik has just been arrested because he is guilty." This is obviously powerless in proving Erik guilty because it is not logical. What is this kind of mistake in logic called?

- A. A fallacy B. Logicality C. A paradox

2. Which of the following philosophers said "I think, therefore I am"?

- A. Francis Bacon (培根) B. René Descartes (笛卡尔) C. John Locke (洛克)

3. Tangsancai (唐三彩) is a special kind of glazed pottery first made in China during the Tang Dynasty. Originally, what was Tangsancai used as?



- A. Containers B. Ornaments C. Burial objects

4. Dawenkou (大汶口) is the name given to the culture of a patriarchal society during the late New Stone Age, around 4,300 BC to 2,500 BC. In which province was the Dawenkou culture centered?

- A. Shanxi B. Shandong C. Henan

5. On August 6, 1945, the world's first atomic bomb was exploded. It killed about 100,000 people in an instant, and many people later died of or suffered from injuries and the effects of radiation. On which city was the first atomic bomb dropped?

- A. Nagasaki (长崎) B. Osaka (大阪) C. Hiroshima (广岛)

Key: 1.A 2.B 3.C 4.B 5.C

6. New York is one of the world's main financial centers. It was originally called New Amsterdam. From this original name, what do you think the nationality of the first settlers was?



A. Dutch B. Danish C. British

7. Some English family names derive from occupations, such as Smith and Carpenter. Likewise, many Chinese family names derive from official positions, such as "Sima" (司马). Do you know what the responsibility of a "Sima" (司马) was?

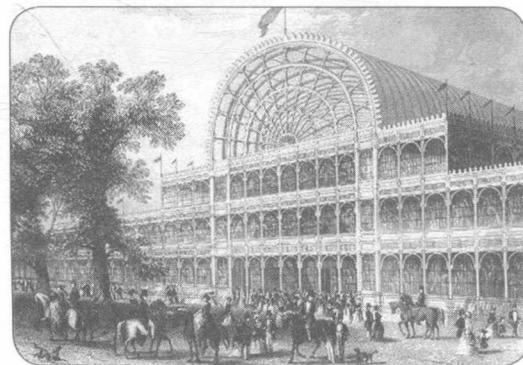
- A. In charge of agriculture
- B. In charge of raising horses
- C. In charge of military affairs

8. Based on the materials used by early humans for making tools and weapons, human prehistory is generally divided into the _____ Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.

9. On April 10th, 1912, the *Titanic* set out from Southampton in Britain heading for New York. Four days later, the colossal ship sank. In which ocean did it sink?

- A. The Pacific Ocean
- B. The Atlantic Ocean
- C. The Arctic Ocean

10. The first World Fair, or World Expo, was held in 1851. Its full name was "The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations". It was held in Crystal Palace in Hyde Park in the city of _____.



- A. London
 - B. Paris
 - C. New York
11. Inca (印加), Maya (玛雅) and Aztec (阿兹特克) were all great civilizations of the ancient world. On which continent did they appear?
- A. South America
 - B. Africa
 - C. Europe
 - D. North America

12. Yu the Great (大禹), the legendary founder of the Xia Dynasty, is best remembered for teaching people how to control floods. Where was Yu believed to fight the floods?

- A. The Yangtze River B. The Yellow River C. The Pearl River

13. A round-table meeting is a form of meeting in which all parties or people are on equal terms for the discussion. In whose court is it believed that the phrase "a round-table meeting" originated?

- A. Alexander the Great B. Julius Caesar C. King Arthur

14. He was a politician during the Warring States Period. He figured prominently in two stories of "Returning the Jade to Zhao" (完璧归赵) and "Bearing Thorny Brambles and Pleading Guilty" (负荆请罪). Who was he?

- A. Bian He B. Jing Ke C. Lin Xiangru

15. He was a master of Neo-Confucianism, a philosopher, an educator and a poet during the Southern Song Dynasty. He gave the name "The Four Books" (四书) to *The Analects* (《论语》), *Mencius* (《孟子》), *The Great Learning* (《大学》) and *The Doctrine of the Mean* (《中庸》). Who was he?

- A. Lu You B. Zhu Xi C. Wang Anshi

16. "宜将剩勇追穷寇, 不可沽名学霸王" is a famous line written by Mao Zedong. Who does "霸王" refer to?

- A. Qin Shihuang B. Cao Cao C. Xiang Yu

17. The following are three notable battles won by the weaker side in ancient Chinese history. In which of the three was Cao Cao NOT involved?

- A. The Battle of Guandu (官渡之战)
B. The Battle of Chibi (赤壁之战)
C. The Battle of Feishui (淝水之战)

18. Confucius was a great philosopher and educator during the Spring and Autumn Period. He was also known as Zhong Ni (仲尼), which was his courtesy name (字). Zhong (仲) indicates that he was the _____ child of the family.

- A. first B. second C. third

19. Winston Churchill once said in a speech, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." When did he deliver this speech?

- A. During World War I B. During World War II C. During the Seven Years' War

Key: 6.A 7.C 8.Stone 9.B 10.A 11.A 12.B 13.C 14.C 15.B 16.C 17.C 18.B 19.B

20. Marco Polo was an Italian merchant traveler who introduced Central Asia and China to Europeans. In which dynasty did Marco Polo visit China?

- A. The Han Dynasty
- B. The Tang Dynasty
- C. The Yuan Dynasty
- D. The Ming Dynasty

21. Sino-Japanese communications can date back to a very early age. In the Tang Dynasty, a monk from the Daming Temple in Yangzhou made voyages to Japan, leaving an indelible imprint in history. Who was he?

- A. Xuan Zang
- B. Zhang Qian
- C. Jian Zhen

22. "Geng" (更) was the unit of time used in ancient China when people counted hours during the night. One "geng" equals about _____ hours.

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4

Key: 20. C 21. C 22. A

2011

1. July 9th, 2011 witnessed the last flight of an American space shuttle. The space shuttle was named after a legendary kingdom, now submerged under sea water. What is it called?
 A. Discovery B. Endeavor C. Atlantis

2. *Galloping Horse Treading on a Flying Swallow* (马踏飞燕) is a bronze artwork unearthed in Gansu Province. In which dynasty was it made?



- A. Zhou Dynasty B. Eastern Han Dynasty C. Song Dynasty

3. There were nine city gates in the city walls that surrounded Beijing and each had special significance. During the Ming and Qing dynasties, the imperial military would march out of Beijing through Deshengmen (德胜门) because this was believed to bestow good wishes for victory. Which gate would they be expected to return through?

- A. Chongwenmen (崇文门) B. Andingmen (安定门) C. Chaoyangmen (朝阳门)

4. The Tang Dynasty is regarded as a high point in Chinese civilization. Which of the following events led to the decline of the Tang Dynasty?

- A. The Xuanwumen Mutiny B. The Anshi Rebellion C. The Huang Chao Uprising

5. Jackie Chan's 100th film *China 1911* is a tribute to the 100th anniversary of the events which put an end to the monarchical rule in China. What is the name given to these events?

- A. Westernization Movement B. Xinhai Revolution C. New Culture Movement

6. "England hath long been mad, and scarr'd herself:

The brother blindly shed the brother's blood,
 The father rashly slaughter'd his own son,
 The son, compell'd, been butcher to the sire:
 All this divided York and Lancaster..."

Which event do these lines depict?

- A. The Norman Conquest B. The Germanic Invasion C. The Wars of the Roses

7. He was the first emperor of the Roman Empire. He replaced the Roman Republic with an effective monarchy and brought peace and stability to the country. Who was he?

- A. Julius Caesar B. Octavian Augustus C. Alexander Severus

8. The Chinese idiom “沉鱼落雁，闭月羞花” refers to Four Beauties in ancient China. “沉鱼” is used to describe Xishi, “落雁” Wang Zhaojun, “闭月” Diaochan. Who does “羞花” refer to?

- A. Daji B. Chen Yuanyuan C. Yang Yuhuan

9. In a battle in ancient China, when one side withdrew, they often sounded a _____.

- A. drum B. gong C. horn

10. Yan Fu was a great Chinese scholar and translator, well known for introducing Western thought into China in the late 19th century. Which of the following is NOT related to him?



A. Translation theory: faithfulness, expressiveness and elegance

B. *Evolution and Ethics* (《天演论》)

C. *Moment in Peking* (《京华烟云》)

Key: 1.C 2.B 3.B 4.B 5.B 6.C 7.B 8.C 9.B 10.C

2012

1. The idiom “to separate the sheep from the goats” originated from a lesson given by Jesus in the New Testament. It suggests opposite images for sheep and goats. Which represents those who choose NOT to follow Christ’s teaching?



- A. Sheep B. Goats

2. According to the Bible, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. These are the rules by which people should live and behave. Which of the following is NOT one of the Ten Commandments?

- A. You shall not murder. B. You shall not steal. C. You shall not avenge.

3. “Non-action” (无为) is an important philosophy in China. Its implication is: When nothing is done, nothing is left undone. It is the fundamental principle of _____.

- A. Confucianism B. Taoism C. Legalism

4. Old English was the language used in England from the middle of the 5th to the late 11th century. It is also called _____.

- A. Old Norse B. Anglo-Saxon C. Celtic

5. The Hundred Years’ War lasted for over a hundred years in medieval Europe. Between which two countries did the war take place?

- A. England and Portugal B. Portugal and France C. England and France

6. The first steam engines were invented by Thomas Savery and Thomas Newcomen at the end of the 17th and early 18th centuries. Who modified and improved the design in 1769?

- A. Thomas Edison B. James Watt C. Isaac Newton

Key: 1. B 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. C 6. B

7. The Enlightenment was an intellectual movement in 18th-century Europe. It emphasized the importance of rational thought and science rather than religious belief. Who was NOT a figure of the Enlightenment?

- A. Charles de Montesquieu B. Niccolo Machiavelli C. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

8. Queen Elizabeth I was a great monarch in England during the second half of the 16th century. What was the name of her dynasty?

- A. The House of Tudor B. The Normans C. The House of York

9. King Hammurabi is widely known for the set of laws called the Code of Hammurabi. He was king of one of the Four Great Ancient Civilizations in the world. Which civilization does he represent?

- A. Indian civilization
B. Egyptian civilization
C. Babylonian civilization
D. Chinese civilization

10. Which of the following was NOT considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World?

- A. Hanging Gardens of Babylon B. Stonehenge C. The Great Pyramid of Giza

11. The Gulf War in 1991 was waged by UN-authorized coalition forces from 34 nations led by the United States. Against which country was the war waged?

- A. Iraq B. Kuwait C. Afghanistan

12. The Industrial Revolution marks a major turning point in history. In which country did the first Industrial Revolution start?

- A. Britain B. The United States C. Germany

13. Around 1320 BC, a pharaoh attempted a revolutionary change to Egypt's religion. He introduced the idea of monotheism, in this case the Sun God Ra, also known as Aten. Who was the pharaoh?

- A. Tutankhamen (图坦卡门) B. Akhenaten (阿肯那顿) C. Khufu (胡夫)

14. Otto von Bismarck was a powerful statesman during the second half of the 19th century. He is credited with unifying _____.

- A. Spain B. Germany C. Austria

15. This movie *Lawless* was set during the Prohibition, an era in the US which lasted from 1920 to 1933. At this time, the government banned the sale, transportation, import and export of a certain substance. What was it?

- A. Alcohol B. Drug C. Tobacco

16. Which work was praised as “史家之绝唱，无韵之离骚”?

- A. *History of the Han Dynasty* (《汉书》)
- B. *Records of the Historian* (《史记》)
- C. *The Spring and Autumn Annals* (《春秋》)

17. An obelisk (方尖碑) is usually built in honor of a person or an important event. Whom was the obelisk in Washington D.C. built to commemorate?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. George Washington

18. The Pyramid of the Sun was built in 2 AD to honor the birth of the Sun. Which culture does this building relate to?

- A. The Old Babylonian culture
- B. The Atlantis culture
- C. The Mayan culture

19. The Statue of Liberty is located in New York Harbor. She holds a torch in her right hand and a tablet in her left hand. What document does the tablet represent?

- A. *The Emancipation Proclamation*
- B. *The Declaration of Independence*
- C. *The Constitution of the United States*

20. Nanjing was one of China's six ancient capital cities, and it had many names in history. Which of the following was NOT one of the names used for Nanjing?

- A. Tianjing (天京)
- B. Jianye (建邺)
- C. Gusu (姑苏)
- D. Jiangning (江宁)

21. A virus called the “Wooden Horse” has recently spread through the Internet. The term “Wooden Horse” comes from the _____ War.

- A. Persian
- B. Trojan
- C. Roman

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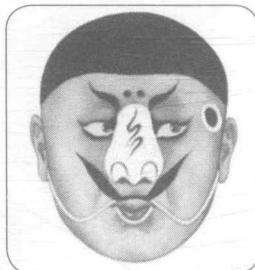
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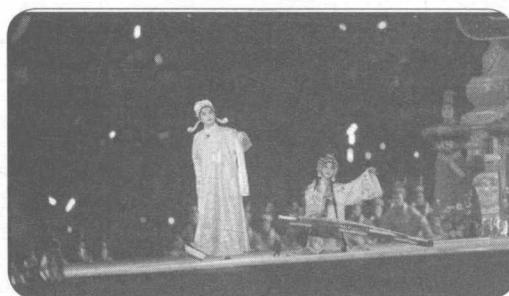
2008

1. In Peking Opera, different faces play different roles. What role does the following face play?



- A. The clown B. The male C. The painted-face male

2. Now you are watching a clip from the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympics. They are singing: “春江潮水连海平，海上明月共潮生……” Which art form is their performance from?



- A. Kunqu Opera B. Peking Opera C. Huangmei Opera

3. Opera is a musical play in which all of the words are sung. In which country did opera start?

- A. Italy B. Austria C. Germany D. France

4. In China, the phrase “pear garden” (梨园), originally the name of a college of dramatists founded by Tang Xuanzong, refers to the _____ in general.

- A. Chinese theater B. Chinese medicine C. Chinese literature

5. The following are some folk art forms that mainly prevail in North China EXCEPT _____.



A. Kuaiban (快板)



B. Pingshu (评书)

C. *Pingtan* (评弹)D. *ErRen Zhuan* (二人转)

6. In the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympics, there was a dancing performance called *Feitian*. It is most famously depicted in Chinese art in _____.



- A. the Dunhuang Grottoes B. the Great Wall C. the Summer Palace

7. *The Blue Danube* is one of the most consistently popular pieces of classical music. Which music genre does *The Blue Danube* belong to?

- A. Waltz B. Jazz C. Blues

8. How many strings does a violin have?

9. *Ten-Sided Ambush* is one of the most famous musical compositions in ancient China. Which of the following historical figures is it about?

- A. Cao cao B. Xiang Yu C. Qin Shi Huang

10. Blues is music with a strong rhythm that was originally sung by _____.

- A. African Americans B. Indians C. Europeans

11. In the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, Liu Huan and Sarah Brightman performed the Olympic theme song. What is the name of the song?

12. Please listen to the song. In which of the following movies was it used?

- A. *The Graduate* B. *Casablanca* C. *Gone with the Wind*

12.A

Key: 1.A 2.A 3.A 4.A 5.C 6.A 7.A 8.Four 9.B 10.A 11.You and Me



13. The prelude to the famous song *My Heart Will Go on* is played by _____.

- A. saxophone B. bamboo flute C. Scottish bagpipe

14. He was a Polish composer and pianist of the Romantic period, and widely regarded as one of the greatest "tone poets" in music. Who was he?

- A. Frederic Chopin B. Ludwig Beethoven C. Wolfgang Mozart

15. The song you have just heard is about the _____ in China.

- A. Gaoshan people B. Zhuang people C. Miao people D. Dai people

16. A typical orchestra consists of four groups of musical instruments: woodwind (木管乐器), brass (铜管乐器), percussion (打击乐器) and strings (弦乐器). Which of the following belongs to the woodwind section?

- A. Flute B. Trumpet C. Drum

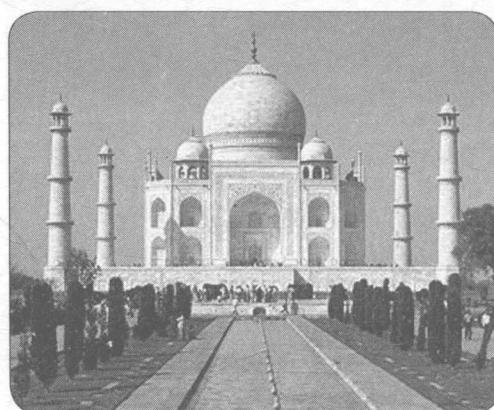
17. Beethoven's symphony "Destiny" refers to his _____.

- A. NO.1 Symphony B. No.3 Symphony C. No.5 Symphony

18. *Swan Lake*, a world-famous ballet, tells the story of a princess turned into a swan by curse. The music was composed by _____.

- A. Peter Tchaikovsky B. Frederic Chopin C. Wolfgang Mozart

19. The Taj Mahal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in India. It is a mausoleum built under the Mughal Emperor in memory of his _____.



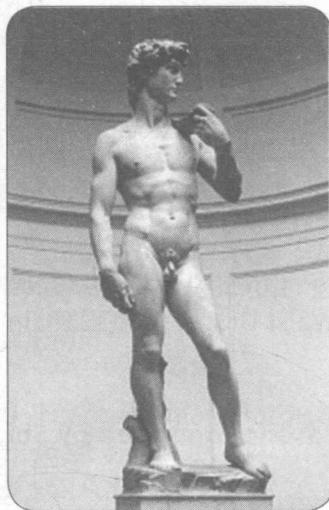
- A. son

- B. wife

- C. mother

20. The famous *Statue of David* was a masterpiece by the Italian artist Michelangelo. It was created during _____.

- A. the Middle Ages B. the Renaissance C. the Enlightenment



21. In the history of art, the High Renaissance denotes the culmination of the art of the Italian Renaissance between 1450 and 1527. Which of the following is NOT one of the Three Masters of the High Renaissance?

- A. Leonardo da Vinci B. Michelangelo Simoni C. Dante Alighieri D. Raphael Sanzio

22. Pablo Picasso is one of the most recognized figures in 20th-century art. He was from _____.

- A. France B. the US C. Spain

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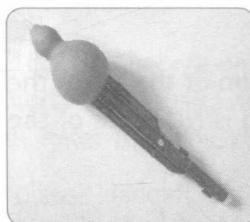


1. The video shows a piece of dance which was inspired by a form of Chinese folk art. What is the folk art?

- A. Shadow play (皮影戏) B. Yangko dance (秧歌) C. Paper-cut (剪纸)

2. In the parade celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, there were a thousand people performing on Ansai Waist Drums (安塞腰鼓). In which province is this art form popular?

3. *Phoenix-tail Bamboo in the Moonlight* is a famous piece of music composed by Shi Guangnan (施光南). Which instrument is it mainly played on?



A. The *Hulusi*



B. The Bamboo Flute



C. The *Sheng*



4. *Bai Hua Lin* (White Birch Tree Forest) is a beautiful song which tells a sad love story. The music is mainly played on an accordion, and is of a distinctive _____ style.

- A. Scottish B. Russian C. Persian

5. Third Sister Liu (刘三姐) is a legendary figure who is bright, diligent and good at singing folk songs. Her stories reflect the lives of the _____ ethnic group.

- A. Bai B. Zhuang C. Dai

6. The national anthem of France is named after a French city. What is it?

- A. Seine B. Marseille C. Fontainebleau



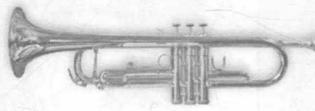
7. *You and Me*, the theme song for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, was written using the ancient Chinese pentatonic scale of five notes. They are Gong (宫), Shang (商), Jue (角), Zhi (徵) and _____.

Key: 1. A 2. Shaanxi (陕西) 3. A 4. B 5. B 6. B 7. Yu (羽)

8. Jazz is a musical form which originated in the African American communities of the southern United States. It is a combination of African and European musical traditions. Which of the following instruments is frequently used in jazz music?



A. Drum



B. Trumpet



C. Violin

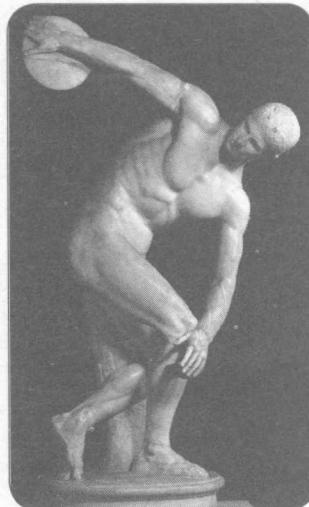
9. There are many large and beautiful palaces in the world. Do you know which is the biggest one?

- A. the Forbidden City B. Moscow Kremlin C. Versailles Palace

10. The Glass Pyramid was designed by a Chinese American architect Ieoh Ming Pei. It functions as the main entrance to _____.

- A. the Louvre Museum B. the Buckingham Palace C. the Uffizi Gallery

11. This is a famous statue of a discus thrower. In which country was it created?



- A. Italy

- B. Greece

- C. Spain

12. Embroidery is a traditional Chinese handicraft. There are four areas particularly famous for producing this delicate handicraft, namely Sichuan (*shuxiu*), Guangdong (*yuexiu*), Suzhou (*suxiu*) and _____.

- A. Hubei

- B. Hunan

- C. Henan

13. New Year pictures, symbolizing good fortune, auspiciousness and festivity, are an indispensable part of Spring Festival celebrations. The best New Year pictures in North China are produced in _____ in Tianjin.

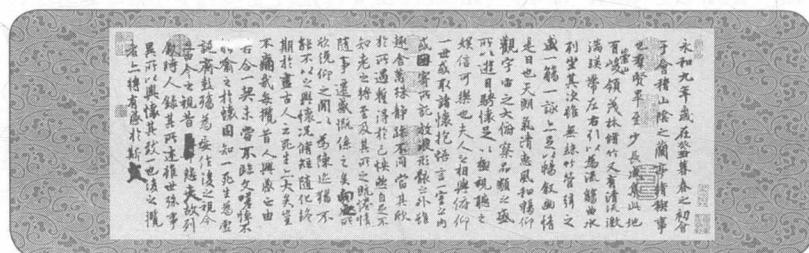


- A. Yangliuqing (杨柳青) B. Taohuawu (桃花坞) C. Wuqiao (吴桥)

14. The emblem of the Shanghai World Expo 2010 is a calligraphic design expressing the concepts of communication, understanding, cooperation and harmony. It is based on a Chinese character. Which character is it?



15. Wang Xizhi, who lived during the Eastern Jin Dynasty, is regarded as a "sage of Chinese calligraphy". His work 《兰亭集序》is considered the best in the history of Chinese calligraphy. What type of script was it written in?



- A. Official script (隶书) B. Regular script (楷书) C. Running script (行书)



16. *Kuabian* (快板) is a type of rhythmic talking and singing. Its style varies in different areas. Where does the excerpt that you have just heard come from?

- A. Shandong B. Henan C. Tianjin

17. Shadow play (皮影戏) has a very long history in Chinese folk culture. The puppets are made from the skin of certain animals. Which animal's skin is NOT used?

- A. Cow B. Cat C. Goat D. Donkey



18. The opera *Turandot* directed by Zhang Yimou was performed in the Bird's Nest. *Turandot* was adapted from a Persian story by the famous Italian composer Giacomo Puccini. In the story, who or what is Turandot?

- A. Precious treasure B. Magnificent architecture C. A princess

19. Which of the following pieces of Peking Opera is NOT associated with Zhuge Liang, the famous strategist in *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*?

- A. *The Empty-city Stratagem* (《空城计》)
B. *The Meeting of Heroes* (《群英会》)
C. *Yang Silang Visiting His Mother* (《四郎探母》)

20. Watch the video clip from the Yue Opera (越剧) "十八相送". The characters are a legendary pair of lovers who are often regarded as the Chinese equivalent of Romeo and Juliet. Who are they?

21. It is believed to be the oldest of all the different styles of Chinese opera that are still in existence today, and it could be called "ancestor of all Chinese local operas". Which of the following is it?

- A. Peking Opera (京剧) B. Huangmei Opera (黄梅戏) C. Shaanxi Opera (秦腔)

22. Listen to the following piece of music. Which instrument is it played on?

- A. The *guzheng* B. The *erhu* C. The *pipa*

23. There is a type of sleeves used in performance of classic Chinese operas and dances. They are very long, loose and flow like ribbons. What are they called in Chinese?

- A. 云袖 (Cloud sleeves) B. 水袖 (Water sleeves) C. 雪袖 (Snow sleeves)

2010



1. The song *Edelweiss* won global recognition after its appearance in the 1959 musical *The Sound of Music*. In which country is the story set?

- A. Australia B. Austria C. France

2. The line “嘈嘈切切错杂弹，大珠小珠落玉盘” comes from a poem by Bai Juyi who lived during the Tang Dynasty. It describes the music played on _____, a traditional musical instrument.

- A. the flute B. the guzheng C. the pipa



3. The New Year Concert given by the Vienna Philharmonic (维也纳爱乐乐团) is a performance of classical music that takes place every year on the morning of January 1st in Vienna, Austria. The program always includes famous waltz music written by _____.

- A. Wolfgang Mozart B. the Strauss family C. Ludwig Beethoven



4. Modern jazz has spread from America to the rest of the world. However, jazz did not originate in the US. It was brought by slaves from _____.

- A. South America B. Africa C. Australia



5. This piece of music is about friendship between Yu Boya and Zhong Ziqi who lived during the Spring and Autumn Period. What is the title of the music?

- A. *Early Spring Snow* (《阳春白雪》)
B. *Three Variations on Plum Blossom* (《梅花三弄》)
C. *Moonlit River in Spring* (《春江花月夜》)
D. *High Mountain, Flowing Water* (《高山流水》)



6. *Yimeng Mountain in Minor* is a famous folk song in China. In which province is the Yimeng Mountain located?

- A. Jiangxi B. Shandong C. Guizhou



7. This is a famous piece of music from a Henan Opera (豫剧). It is about a heroine who joined an all-male army in place of her father. Who was this heroine?



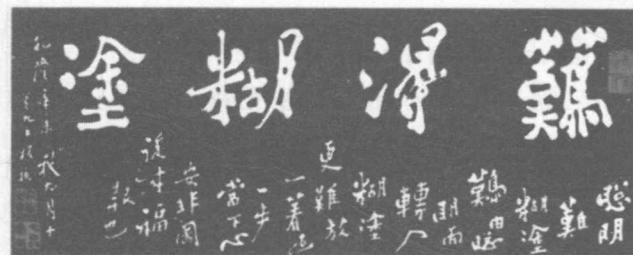
8. In this video clip, Xiaoshenyang is singing a folk song called *Xin Tian You* (信天游). In which area of China is it most popular?

- A. Northeast B. Southwest C. Northwest D. Southeast

9. The Chinese Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 has a distinctive roof made of traditional *dougong* (斗拱) or brackets, which dated back more than 2,000 years. What name was given to the Chinese Pavilion?

- A. The Crown of the East B. The Pearl of the East C. The Chinese Crown

10. Zheng Banqiao was a famous Chinese painter, calligrapher and poet during the Qing Dynasty. He and seven other Qing painters were together referred to as "The Eight Eccentrics of _____".



- A. Suzhou B. Yangzhou C. Lanzhou D. Hangzhou

11. He was an Italian painter and architect during the Renaissance. He was one of the trinity of great masters in that period, the other two being Michelangelo Simoni and Leonardo da Vinci. He was especially famous for paintings of the Madonna (Virgin Mary) and baby Jesus. Who was this painter?

- A. Raphael Sanzio B. Pablo Picasso C. Salvador Dali

12. Tangka (唐卡) painting is a unique art form with a very long history. Its subject matter is mainly religious with images of Buddha, but there are also themes based on the history, customs, medicine, astronomy and historic figures of a particular ethnic group in China. Which ethnic group is it?

- A. Uygur B. Tibetan C. Korean

Key: 9.A 10.B 11.A 12.B

2011



1. This is a clip from one of Ludwig Beethoven's symphonies. Which symphony is it?

- A. Symphony No. 2 B. Symphony No. 5 C. Symphony No. 9

2. Which of the following awards honors achievement in music?

- A. Laurence Olivier Awards B. Grammy Awards C. Academy Awards

3. Rhythm and blues, often abbreviated to R&B, is a genre of popular African American music. Which kind of music did it evolve from?

- A. Rock and roll B. Blues C. Punk



4. The video clip is from a famous Italian opera by Giacomo Puccini (普契尼). The music is based on a Chinese folk song *Jasmine Flower*. What is the name of the opera?

- A. Turandot B. Carmen C. Madame Butterfly



5. Beyond, a Hong Kong band, dedicated the song *Glorious Years* (《光辉岁月》) to the first black President of South Africa. Who is he?



6. The Russian pop singer, Vitas, is known for his high-pitched voice. In China his nickname includes the name of an animal which is able to produce high-pitched ultrasonic waves. He is called the "_____ Voice Prince".

- A. Bee B. Whale C. Lion D. Dolphin



7. The clip from *The Sound of Music*, exemplifies a form of singing called "yodeling". It involves singing an extended note which rapidly changes in pitch, making a high-low-high-low sound. Which area did yodeling originate from?

- A. The Alps B. The Andes C. The Nile

8. The Taj Mahal in India was built by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife. What material is it made of?

- A. Marble B. Ivory C. Crystal



9. *Riverdance* is a theatrical show consisting of traditional Irish dancing, notable for its rapid leg movements. What is this dance called?

- A. Jazz B. Tap C. Ballet D. Hip Hop

2012

1. The Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky produced many musical masterpieces, for example, *Swan Lake*. Which of the following is NOT his work?

- A. *The Sleeping Beauty* B. *Madame Butterfly* C. *The Nutcracker*

2. This song was composed for a TV series which was adapted from a classic work of literature. Which classic work is it?

- A. *Butterfly Lovers* (《梁祝》)
B. *Romance of the West Chamber*
C. *A Dream of Red Mansions*

3. What kind of music has inspired the dance shown in the video clip?

- A. R&B B. Classical music C. Folk music

4. Many celebrities have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which is dedicated to the most influential artists. Who has been inducted three times?

- A. John Lennon B. Madonna Ciccone C. Michael Jackson

5. This is a traditional song from a Chinese ethnic group. Which ethnic group is it?

- A. Miao B. Yi C. Qiang

6. The song, *La Marseillaise*, is the national anthem of a European country. Which country is it?

- A. France B. Spain C. Germany

7. *Blowing in the Wind* is a famous anti-war song. It poses a series of questions about peace, war and freedom. Who wrote it?

- A. John Denver B. Elvis Presley C. Bob Dylan

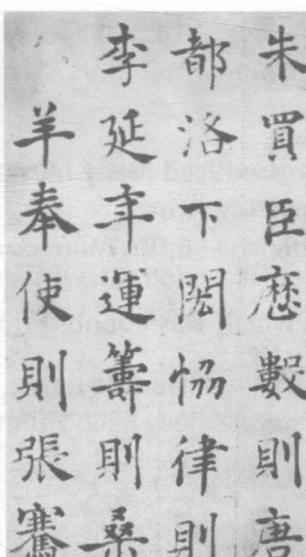
8. In the 18th century, some European composers were interested in Eastern music. This audio clip captures the melody and rhythm of Turkish military music. Who composed this music?

- A. Ludwig Beethoven B. Franz Haydn C. Wolfgang Mozart

9. In order to standardize writing, the Qin Dynasty adopted a unified style of calligraphy. Which was it?



A. Big seal character (大篆)



B. Regular script (楷体)



C. Lesser seal character (小篆)

10. Chinese characters evolved and developed over thousands of years and there have been many different styles of script. In what order did the following characters develop?



(1) Inscriptions on bones or tortoise shells (甲骨文)

A. 1—3—2



(2) Regular script (楷书)

B. 3—1—2



(3) Seal character (篆书)

C. 1—2—3



11. Where did the dance in the video originate?

- A. Argentina B. Chile C. Italy

12. Mei Lanfang was one of the most famous Peking Opera artists in modern history, exclusively known for his *qingyi* roles. What is the role of *qingyi* also known as?

- A. *Sheng* (生) B. *Dan* (旦) C. *Jing* (净) D. *Chou* (丑)

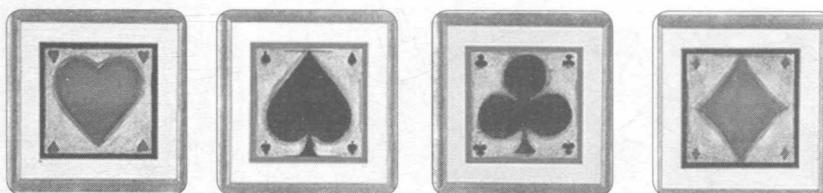
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2008

1. A set of poker cards consists of four signs: heart, spade, club, and _____.

- A. box B. diamond C. square



2. In poker games, there are three face cards: K for King, Q for Queen and J for _____.

- A. Joker B. Joe C. Jack



3. The world-famous stuffed toy teddy bears are named after an American president also known as Teddy to the public. Do you know who he was?



- A. Theodore Roosevelt B. John F. Kennedy C. Abraham Lincoln

4. At an English wedding you would expect to hear a speech by _____.

- A. the best man B. the bride's mother C. a man dressed as the King

5. Different cultures have different eating habits. In Western countries, an evening meal may consist of multiple courses, generally three. The British people usually have a small quantity of _____ as the first course.

- A. soup B. sweets C. vegetables

6. The Water-Splashing Festival is a celebration of the _____ people in China. In this festival, people splash water at one another to send off the old and greet the new.

- A. Zhuang B. Miao C. Dai

7. In some Western countries, it is a custom to tie something to a tree as a blessing for people in trouble. What is usually tied to the tree?

- A. A white flower B. A yellow ribbon C. A green ribbon

8. Of all the symbols, _____, which are considered to represent fertility and new life, are associated with Easter.

- A. the pumpkin and the turkey
B. spring peas and potatoes
C. the egg and the rabbit

9. In Western culture, there is a legendary figure that enters each house down the chimney on Christmas Eve and brings gifts to children. He is called _____.

- A. Satan B. Santa C. Uncle Sam

10. Halloween falls on October 31st, when people attend costume parties, carve pumpkins into lanterns and tell scary stories. Which colors are particularly associated with this festival?

- A. Black and orange B. Blue and yellow C. Gold and green

11. In some countries, it is considered rude to use one's left hand to consume food. _____ is one of these countries.

- A. Vietnam B. India C. Japan

12. To pat someone on the back is a gesture to show _____ in American culture.

- A. anger B. disapproval C. appreciation or praise

13. St. Patrick's Day is a well-known Irish national holiday celebrated not only in Ireland but also all around the world. Which color is particularly associated with St. Patrick's Day?

- A. Black B. Green C. Blue

Key: 1.B 2.C 3.A 4.A 5.A 6.C 7.B 8.C 9.B 10.A 11.B 12.C 13.B

14. The cheongsam (旗袍) is a body-hugging one-piece Chinese dress for women. From which minority's costume was the cheongsam developed?

- A. Hui B. Uyghur C. Manchu

15. The stamp shows the traditional costume of _____ in China.



- A. Miao people B. Dong people C. Dai people

16. People in different countries may drive on different sides. In which of the following countries do people drive on the right?

- A. The United States B. Japan C. India D. New Zealand

17. The Gregorian Calendar is widely used around the world. In China, people also use the _____ calendar, which has a history of thousands of years.

- A. lunar B. starry C. solar

18. In the English language, the family name is also called the _____.

- A. given name B. first name C. last name

19. Alone, a stranger in a strange land,
Every holiday the homesickness doubles.
Far away my brothers have sent word:
They have gathered on mountain tops,
They are going around inserting *zhuyu* branches,
They are missing one person.

独在异乡为异客，

每逢佳节倍思亲。

遥知兄弟登高处，

遍插茱萸少一人。

This poem by Wang Wei describes the traditional Chinese _____ Festival.

- A. Double Ninth
B. Pure Brightness
C. Dragon Boat

20. According to the Twelve Years of Animals in the Chinese calendar, 2008 is the Year of the Rat, and 2010 is the Year of the _____.

21. The Dragon Boat Festival is a traditional Chinese festival that has a history of more than 2,000 years and was originally held to commemorate _____. The most widespread activities for this festival are eating zongzi and racing dragon boats.

- A. Song Yu B. Qu Yuan C. King of Chu

22. Which of the following is NOT an international day?

- A. Women's Day on March 8 B. Labor Day on May 1
C. Children's Day on June 1 D. Youth Day on May 4

23. In Chinese culture, *ruoguan* (弱冠) is an ancient capping ceremony for a young man when he reaches the age of _____.

- A. 20 B. 18 C. 16

24. A scholar in ancient China was usually required to learn *qin* (琴), *qi* (棋), *shu* (书) and *hua* (画). What does the "qi" refer to?

- A. International chess B. The game of go C. Chinese chess

25. The song *Jingle Bells*, also known as *One Horse Open Sleigh*, is one of the best-known songs usually played and sung on _____.

- A. the Christmas Day B. the New Year's Day C. the Valentine's Day

26. On China's traditional Cold Food Festival (寒食节), no fire or smoke is allowed and people eat cold food. The day falls before _____.

- A. Double Ninth Festival B. Pure Brightness Festival C. Dragon Boat Festival

27. The annual Academy Awards in the US is one of the most prestigious awards for movies. Popularly, it is also called _____.

- A. the Emmy Awards B. the Golden Globe Awards C. the Oscars

28. Which of the following was one of the most creative and influential personalities of the silent-film era?

- A. Marlon Brando B. Charlie Chaplin C. Vivien Leigh

29. Tom Hanks is a famous Hollywood star. He portrayed several notable roles in the following movies but NOT _____.

- A. *Forrest Gump* B. *Sleepless in Seattle* C. *Born on the Fourth of July*

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30. The Cannes Film Festival, founded in 1946, is one of the world's oldest and most influential film festivals. Which country is the Cannes Film Festival held in?

- A. France B. Italy C. Germany

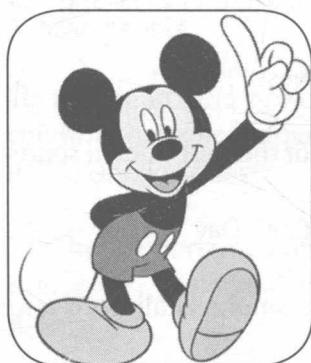
31. Which of the following cartoon characters does NOT come from the United States?



A. Garfield



B. Snoopy



C. Mickey



D. Doraemon

Key: 30.A 31.D

2009

1. Many countries have a Tree Planting Day which falls on different days. What day is the Tree Planting Day in China?
2. Which of the following is NOT among the twelve animals, used by the Chinese to symbolize the year in which a person is born (*shengxiao*)?
 A. Horse B. Ox C. Cat D. Dog
3. On the 31st of October, children in the West knock on their neighbors' doors and shout "Trick or treat!" to ask for sweets. They will play tricks on their neighbors if they refuse to give them anything. This festival is called _____.
 A. Christmas B. Halloween C. Easter
4. During a wedding ceremony, the chief male assistant to the bridegroom is called "the best man". What do we call the young female who attends to the bride at the wedding?
 A. The best woman B. The maid of honor C. The flower girl
5. The moon is the satellite of the Earth. Which of the following Chinese festivals is NOT concerned with the moon?
 A. Mid-Autumn Festival B. Pure Brightness Festival
 C. Dragon Boat Festival D. Lantern Festival
6. A beer festival is an event where different types of beer can be sold and sampled. Which of the following cities holds the largest and best-known beer festival called the Oktoberfest?
 A. Berlin B. Munich C. Frankfurt
7. The Dongba script is a pictographic writing system of great cultural importance. Which ethnic group in southern China created the script?
 A. Naxi B. Zhuang C. Tibetan
8. In most Western countries, the 25th anniversary of a marriage is called silver wedding. What is the 60th anniversary of a marriage often called?
 A. Golden wedding B. Diamond wedding C. Platinum wedding

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9. *Slumdog Millionaire* was nominated for ten Academy Awards in 2009 and won eight, including Best Picture. In which country was the movie set and filmed?

- A. India B. Pakistan C. Sri Lanka



10. Watching a film is a common way for people to rest and relax these days. Do you know in which country film was invented?

- A. Germany B. America C. France

11. *Evita*, starring Madonna Ciccone, was the 1996 film based on the life of Eva Perón. It traces the life of the First Lady of the country of _____.

12. Jane Austen was one of the most beloved English novelists of the 18th century. Which of her novels was adapted into a movie by Chinese Oscar-winning-director Ang Lee?

- A. *Sense and Sensibility* B. *Pride and Prejudice* C. *Emma*

13. The film, *Brave Heart*, is a historical drama about resistance to oppression. Mel Gibson stars as the leader of the resisting army of the _____ people.

- A. English B. Scottish C. Irish D. Welsh

14. The following pictures show the three basic hand signs for a two-person hand game. Since Sign 1 means rock and Sign 3 means paper, what does Sign 2 mean?

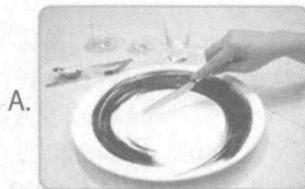


15. In China, which game is also referred to as "hand conversations" (手谈)?

- A. Go (围棋) B. Cuju (蹴鞠) C. Taiji (太极)

2010

1. Western table manners can be different from those of China. For example, people in the West eat with cutlery rather than chopsticks. Which of the following pictures indicates that the diner has finished eating?



2. In China, November 9th of every year is a special day for promoting knowledge of a particular type of public safety. Do you know what day it is?

- A. National Traffic Safety Day (全国交通安全反思日)
- B. National Fire-Fighting Day (全国消防宣传日)
- C. World AIDS Day (世界艾滋病日)

3. White spirit (白酒) is brewed from sorghum, corn, barley and other grains. The legendary inventor of white spirit has lent his name to what is now a famous brand of white spirit. What is his name?

- A. Li Bai
- B. Du Kang
- C. Zhuge Liang
- D. Hua Tuo



Key: 1. B 2. B 3. B

4. In order to celebrate the opening of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the State Council has designated a day as China's National Fitness Day. What is the date of the National Fitness Day?



5. Homophony (谐音) is widely used in the Chinese language. During a traditional Chinese wedding, dates (枣), peanuts, longans (桂圆) and lotus seeds (莲子) are often put on the bed of the newlyweds. Which good wish do they represent?

- A. Live together in bliss to old age!
- B. Give birth soon to a child!
- C. Live in harmony forever!
- D. Be happy forever!

6. LOHAS is a market segment focusing on health and fitness, the environment, personal development, sustainable living, and social justice. It is short for Lifestyles of Health and _____.

- A. Sustainability
- B. Solutions
- C. Safety

Key: 4. August 8 5. B 6. A

2011

1. The Hollywood blockbuster *The Social Network* is based on the story of Mark Zuckerberg.

He is the co-founder and also the CEO of a social networking site. What is it?

- A. Twitter B. Facebook C. MySpace

2. Many classic movies are set in wartime. Which of the following films is NOT based on the World War II?

- A. *Casablanca* B. *Blood Diamond*
C. *Schindler's List* D. *Pearl Harbor*

3. This video shows a festival called the Day of the Dead (亡灵节), which celebrates rather than mourns death. This is in contrast to Chinese customs. In which country is this festival celebrated?

- A. Spain B. Germany C. Mexico

4. Which Western festival do people celebrate with the following items?



- A. Easter B. Halloween C. Christmas D. Thanksgiving

5. *Ashima* is a long narrative poem created by an ethnic group in Yunnan. Which ethnic group is it?

- A. Dai B. Yi C. Tuja

Key: 1. B 2. B 3. C 4. B 5. B

2012



1. The video clip employs a magical technique—montage (蒙太奇). It is a technique which uses rapid editing, special effects and music to present compressed information. Montage, which comes from the French word “monter” meaning to mount (装配), was originally used in _____.

- A. filmmaking B. literature C. architecture



2. Time travel is a recurrent theme in stories and films. Which of the following works integrates time travel?

- A. *Around the World in 80 Days* B. *Back to the Future*
C. *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*

3. The music clip comes from a Disney film, which tells the story of a heroic native American woman in the 17th century. What is the name of the movie?

- A. *Pocahontas* B. *The Princess and the Frog*
C. *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*

4. “Love me, feed me, and never leave me.” This is a line said by a cat. What is the name of this cat?

- A. Garfield (in *Garfield*)
B. Kitty (in *Hello Kitty*)
C. Tom (in *Tom and Jerry*)



5. The video clip comes from *The King's Speech*. It won the Best Film at the 83rd Academy Awards. Which king does the film feature?

- A. Henry VIII B. George VI C. Edward VII

6. James Cameron is a famous American film director who has made many blockbuster films including *Titanic*. Which of the following was NOT directed by him?

- A. *Avatar* B. *The Terminator* C. *The Day After Tomorrow*

7. Which of the following awards is given to recognize outstanding achievements on the stage?

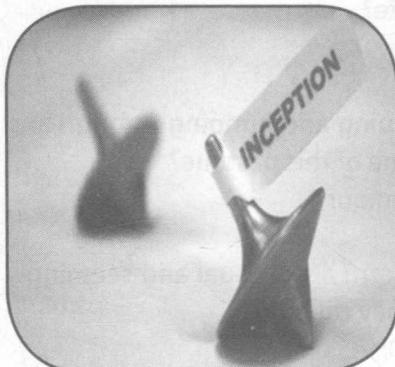
- A. Emmy Awards B. Tony Awards
C. Grammy Awards D. Academy Awards

8. The three prestigious film festivals in the world are the Cannes, Berlin and Venice festivals. Which of them is the oldest and commonly called the Father of Film Festivals?

- A. The Cannes Film Festival B. The Berlin International Film Festival
C. The Venice Film Festival

9. Which of the following films is NOT an adaptation from stories based on cartoon characters?

- A. *Batman* B. *Rain Man* C. *Iron Man*

10. This video clip comes from the film *Forrest Gump*. Who is the young man with glasses on beside Gump?
 A. John Lennon B. Bob Dylan C. Elvis Presley
11. This song received an Academy Award for Best Original Song in a 1961 Audrey Hepburn movie. Which movie is it?
 A. *Breakfast at Tiffany's* B. *Roman Holiday* C. *My Fair Lady*
12. The *Three Colors* trilogy is the collective title of three French films. The stories are based on the three political ideals implied by the colors of the French flag. What are the three ideals?
 A. Liberty, equality and fraternity B. Liberty, independence and fraternity
 C. Liberty, equality and humanity
13. A dystopia, as opposed to a utopia, portrays a fictional society where life is extremely difficult due to deprivation, oppression or terror. Which of the following films depicts a dystopia?
 A. *Twilight* B. *The Call of the Wild* C. *1984*
14. The video clip is from *V for Vendetta*, a movie about a masked revolutionary activist. The mask he wears is associated with a real life character in British history. Who was he?
 A. William the Conqueror B. Oliver Cromwell C. Guy Fawkes
15. This is a clip from the theme song of a famous movie in the world. What is the name of the movie?
 A. *The Sound of Music* B. *Roman Holiday* C. *Casablanca*
16. In the film *Inception* (《盗梦空间》), the hero uses the item below to distinguish reality from dreaming. In English, it is called a _____.
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- A. top B. pin C. peg

Key: 1.C 2.B 3.A 4.A 5.B 6.C 7.B 8.C 9.B 10.A 11.A 12.A
 13.C 14.C 15.C 16.A

17. The picture below shows a musical instrument called a "horse-head stringed instrument" (马头琴). Which ethnic group does it belong to?



- A. Mongolian B. Tibetan C. Korean

18. Numbers are an important part of everyday life. There are many superstitions involving numbers. Which of the following numbers is considered to be a lucky number in Western culture?

- A. 7 B. 13 C. 666

19. The best-known categorization of Chinese cuisine is the "Eight Cuisines". Which of the following is NOT one of the "Eight Cuisines"?

- A. Shanxi cuisine B. Shandong cuisine C. Cantonese cuisine

20. In Britain, a bride is encouraged to wear "something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue". What does "blue" symbolize?

- A. Dreams B. Sadness C. Loyalty

21. The video clip shows a trendy pastime. It involves running and jumping through and around obstacles in an urban environment. What is the name of this pastime?

- A. Popping B. Breaking C. Parkour

22. A group of people suddenly assemble in a place, perform an unusual and seemingly pointless act for a brief time, and then disperse. What are they called?

- A. A flash mob B. A dance mob C. LOHAS

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2008

1. The mascot of Shanghai World Expo 2010 is called "Haibao". Which of the following is "Haibao"?

A.



B.



C.



2. Julius Caesar was a Roman military and political leader. Which month is named after Julius Caesar to honor him for reforming the calendar?

A. June

B. July

C. August

D. September

3. China's spaceship *Shenzhou-7* blasted off on September 25, from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwestern _____ Province.

A. Sichuan

B. Gansu

C. Shaanxi

4. "Soft drink" is a kind of cold drink that does not contain _____.

5. Today, coffee is one of the most popular beverages around the world. Which country is now a world leader in the production of green coffee?

A. The US

B. Brazil

C. Mexico

6. Fish and chips is a kind of food especially popular in _____.

A. the US

B. the UK

C. Thailand

7. Which of the following is typical Italian food?

A. Roast turkey

B. Fish and chips

C. Spaghetti

D. Sashimi

8. Tie Guanyin (铁观音) is a famous Chinese tea. Which of the following basic categories of tea does it belong to?

A. Green tea

B. Black tea

C. Oolong tea

9. In Chinese, three plants are used to symbolize everlasting life and friendship. We call them "Three friends in winter" (岁寒三友). Which of the following is NOT one of the three plants?

A. Bamboo

B. Chrysanthemum

C. Plum blossom

D. Pine

10. There are various kinds of pencil, e.g. HB, 2B and 3H. "H" stands for hard; what does "B" stand for?

11. EQ is a measure of one's ability, capacity and skill to identify, assess and manage the emotions of one's self, of others and of groups. EQ is short for "_____ Quotient".

12. There are different kinds of rooms in a hotel. The room shown in the picture is called a _____.



- A. double room B. twin room C. single room

13. Usually, "S", "M" and "L" are used to describe the size of clothes. What does "XL" mean?

14. The Olympic motto is "Citius, Altius, Fortius". What is it in English?

15. Main Street, commonly used in the United States, refers to the main retail street of a village, town, or small city. Its equivalent in the UK is _____.

- A. Business Street B. High Street C. Central Street

16. Which of the following is NOT a British newspaper?

- A. *Financial Times* B. *The Wall Street Journal* C. *The Times*

17. The Pulitzer Prize is an American award regarded as the highest national honor in _____, literary achievements and musical composition.

- A. screenplay writing B. fashion design C. journalism

18. The headquarters of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies are in _____.

- A. New York B. London C. Geneva

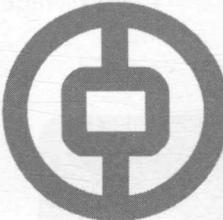
19. Which country's national flag is also known as the Union Jack?

- A. The US B. The UK C. Australia

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12.B 13.Extra large 14.Faster/Swifter, Higher, Stronger 15.B 16.B 17.C
18.C 19.B

20. Originally the creation of Dr. John Arbuthnot in 1712, "John Bull" is a national personification of _____ in general, similar to the American "Uncle Sam".
A. Britain B. France C. Germany
21. In 1801, _____ became the first President to be inaugurated in Washington D. C.
A. George Washington B. Thomas Jefferson C. John Adams
22. In Britain, ministers are appointed by the Queen on the recommendation of _____.
A. the Prime Minister B. the Lord Chancellor C. the Parliamentary Commissioner
23. In China, which of the following bodies exerts the supreme right of supervision?
A. Supreme People's Court
B. National People's Congress
C. Supreme People's Procuratorate
24. Mohandas Gandhi dedicated his life to the wider purpose of discovering truth, and was the first to apply the principle of _____ in the political field on a huge scale.
A. non-violence B. freedom C. truth
25. According to Chinese Constitution, a citizen who is _____ years old and over can vote and stand for political elections.
A. 14 B. 16 C. 18 D. 20
26. Margaret Thatcher was the first woman _____ of the United Kingdom.
A. Premier
B. President
C. Prime Minister
27. "And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." This is a quote from _____.
A. Abraham Lincoln B. Martin Luther King Jr. C. John F. Kennedy
28. In China, the central bank has the power to control monetary policy and regulate financial institutions. Of the following banks, which one is the central bank of China?
A. Bank of China B. People's Bank of China
C. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
29. Who put forward the so-called "invisible hand" in the field of economics for the first time?
A. John Maynard Keynes B. Adam Smith C. David Ricardo
30. Liquidity is a measure of how quickly an item may be converted to _____.
A. foreign currencies B. cash C. liabilities

31. Which of the following is the logo of the Bank of China?

- A. 
- B. 
- C. 
- D. 

32. GNP is a measure of national income and output. It is an abbreviation for _____.

33. Which of the following banks in China is NOT a commercial bank?

- A. Agricultural Bank of China
- B. China Construction Bank
- C. China Development Bank

34. In the stock market, "bull market" means a market with growing confidence and optimistic anticipation. The opposite of a "bull market" is a "_____ market".

35. "€" is the currency symbol of the _____.

- A. Yuan
- B. Pound
- C. Euro

36. The Group of Eight (G8) is a forum for the eight largest national economies. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of G8?

- A. German
- B. France
- C. Japan
- D. Australia

37. The investment theory "Do not put all your eggs into one basket" emphasizes that we should pay high attention to _____ when investing.

- A. liquidity
- B. flexibility
- C. risk

38. China is a member of the following organizations, EXCEPT for _____.

- A. WTO
- B. APEC
- C. OPEC

39. Which is the largest regional trading bloc in the world economic system?

- A. EU
- B. WTO
- C. OPEC
- D. ASEAN

40. Today there is an increasing population of the SOHO generation, which refers to people who work at home using their computers. What does SOHO stand for?

41. Which of the following is a China-funded enterprise?

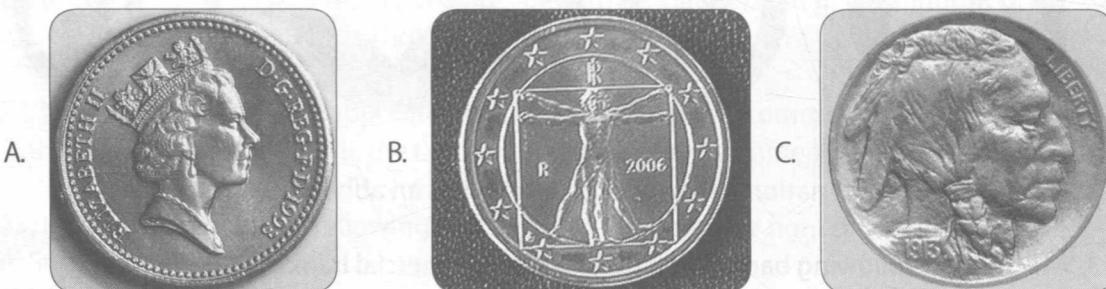
- A. Siemens
- B. Lenovo
- C. Samsung

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42. Which of the following is NOT a European enterprise?

- A. Siemens B. Carrefour C. Volkswagen D. PepsiCo

43. Which of the following coins is a Euro coin?



44. If the exchange rate of yen against dollar changes from "1 dollar = 100 yen" to "1 dollar = 120 yen", it indicates that _____.

- A. the dollar appreciates, the yen depreciates
B. the dollar depreciates, the yen appreciates

45. There are four grades at university. The first-grader is called Freshman, the second _____, the third Junior and the fourth Senior.

46. The two oldest universities in Britain are _____ and _____.

47. The Braille system is a method widely used by blind people to read and write. Each Braille character or cell is made up of _____ dots.

- A. 4 B. 6 C. 8

48. In the highest imperial examination under the emperor's supervision, the third-place winner was called _____ in the Ming and Qing dynasties.

- A. Zhuangyuan B. Bangyan C. Tanhua

49. PhD is an advanced academic degree. It is short for _____.

50. Which is NOT one of the six categories of Nobel Prize?

- A. Mathematics B. Chemistry C. Physics D. Literature

51. EMS is an accelerated international delivery service offered by postal-administration members of the Universal Postal Union. What does EMS stand for?

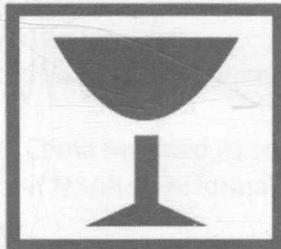
52. A sitting room is a room where you sit, relax, watch television, etc. Which of the following could also be used to refer to a sitting room?

- A. Waiting room B. Living room C. Box room

53. What relation is your niece's brother to you?

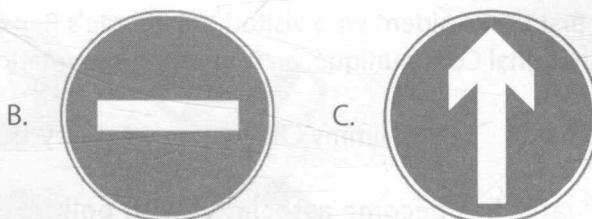
- A. Cousin B. Nephew C. Uncle

54. What does the sign usually mean if it appears on a package?



- A. Glasses inside B. Fragile C. Floating D. Flat

55. A traffic warning sign indicates a hazard ahead on the road. Which of the following is a traffic warning sign?



56. Usually, it is better for a plane to take off _____.

- A. upwind B. downwind C. either upwind or downwind

57. The kiwi is a kind of flightless bird native to _____, where it has become a national symbol. Kiwi is also the nickname used internationally for people from this country.

- A. New Zealand B. Australia C. India

58. _____ were members of a youth movement of the 1960s that was characterized by nonviolent anarchy, concern for the environment and rejection of Western materialism.

- A. Yuppies B. BoBo C. Hippies D. The Beat Generation

59. The Nobel Prize for _____ was awarded to Winston Churchill, the former Prime Minister of Britain, in 1953.

- A. Peace B. Economics C. Literature

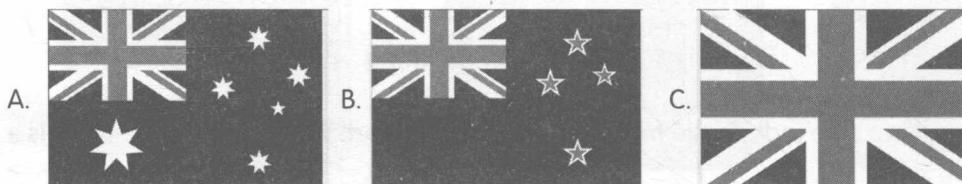
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49. Doctor of Philosophy 50. A 51. Express Mail Service 52. B 53. B

54. B 55. A 56. A 57. A 58. C 59. C

2009

1. Which of the following is the national flag of Australia?



2. He was the first US President who visited the People's Republic of China in 1972. During his visit, the Shanghai Communiqué, an important diplomatic document, was issued. Who was he?

- A. Richard Nixon B. Jimmy Carter C. Harry Truman

3. The term "gate" has become associated with political scandals. Which American President was involved in the Watergate scandal?

- A. Bill Clinton B. Ronald Reagan C. Richard Nixon

4. The US presidential election is described as a fight between a donkey and an elephant, that is, between the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. Which party does the donkey represent?

5. Otto von Bismarck was a powerful German statesman during the second half of the 19th century, credited with unifying Germany. He was the Prime Minister of _____ from 1862 to 1890.

- A. Austria B. Prussia C. Denmark

6. On 30 August 2009, the Democratic Party of Japan defeated the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in the general election, making the Prime Minister not a member of the LDP for the first time in nearly 50 years. Who is he?

- A. Shinzo Abe (安倍晋三) B. Fukuda Yasuo (福田康夫)
C. Taro Aso (麻生太郎) D. Yukio Hatoyama (鸠山由纪夫)

7. Since 2003, China, the ROK (Republic of Korea), the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), the United States, Russia and Japan have been involved in the Six-Party Talks. The Talks aimed to find a peaceful resolution to _____.

- A. global warming
B. DPRK nuclear weapons program
C. multilateral trade conflicts

8. The British Parliament consists of three parts. Which of the following is NOT one of the three?

9. China resumed its sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997 and Macao in 1999, when HKSAR and MSAR were formally established. What does "SAR" stand for?

10. The White House can be used to refer to the US government, and Zhongnanhai the Chinese government. Which government does No. 10 Downing Street refer to?

11. Two of the following logos belong to Chinese-owned car manufacturers. Which are they?



A.

B.

C



D.

F

F

12. Nicknames are used for the currencies of some countries. What does the term "greenback" refer to?

- A. Chinese yuan B. Japanese yen C. US dollar D. British pound

13. After World War II, the United States initiated a European Recovery Program to help European countries boost their economies. What is the program usually called?

- A. The Roosevelt Plan
 - B. The Marshall Plan
 - C. The Eisenhower Plan
 - D. The MacArthur Plan

14. The New Deal was a package of economic programs implemented between 1933 and 1935 to help the American economy recover from the Great Depression. Who initiated the New Deal?

- A. President Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - B. President Theodore Roosevelt
 - C. President John F. Kennedy

15. On the RMB banknote, there are five languages of different Chinese ethnic groups, namely, Han, Zhuang, Mongolian, Tibetan and _____.

16. What is the name of the currency used in India?

- A. Rupee B. Ruble C. Yen D. Pound

17. On 1st July 1986, China has adopted a policy of Nine-year _____ Education, which has since effectively lowered the illiteracy rate in the country.

- A. Voluntary B. Compulsory C. Necessary

18. What do the letters MA stand for when we say someone has got an MA degree in university?

19. College students in China usually take an examination called "CET 4" or "CET 6". What does CET stand for?

20. The 4 C's are four variables that are used to calculate the value of a diamond. Which of the following is NOT included in the 4 C criteria?

- A. Cut B. Clarity C. Cost
D. Color E. Carat

21. Qinshihuang Mausoleum is famous for its terracotta warriors and horses. What does terracotta mean?

- A. Pottery B. Porcelain C. Ironware

22. It is a roadside hotel. It provides a bed for the night for motorists on long journeys. What is it?

- A. A public house B. A hostel C. A motel

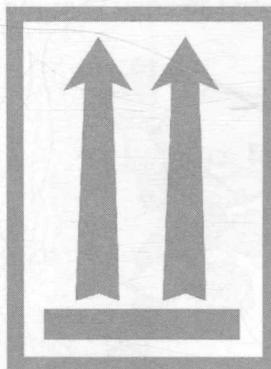
23. Live Earth was a series of concerts held in major cities around the world in July 2007. The Chinese event took place in Shanghai. The aim of the concert was to raise money for _____.

- A. protecting environment B. helping children in need C. combating AIDS

24. It is an international environmental treaty aimed at combating global warming. It was initially adopted in 1997, and entered into force in 2005. What is this treaty called?

- A. Kyoto Protocol B. Tokyo Protocol C. Copenhagen Protocol

25. The sign usually appears on a package or box. What does the sign mean?



- A. Keep high B. Two ways ahead C. This side up

26. Madison Avenue in New York City is known to be synonymous with the American advertising industry. What does Fleet Street in the UK stand for?

- A. The British press B. The British financial center C. The British food market

27. The world's largest Amusement Park is Disney World in _____.

- A. Tokyo, Japan B. Hong Kong SAR, China C. Florida, the United States

28. The following coin was issued in the country of _____.



29. In 1988, Michael Jackson purchased an area of pastureland where he built a big pleasure park. He opened it, free, for all the children of the world. What name, from the fairy tale Peter Pan, did he give to the park?

- A. Neverland B. Dreamland C. Wonderland

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30. There are 56 ethnic groups in China. Of the 55 ethnic minorities, which group has the largest population?

- A. Manchu B. Zhuang
C. Miao D. Uyghur

31. Which of the following is NOT one of the 56 ethnic groups in China?

- A. Shui (水族) B. Tu (土族) C. Mu (木族)

32. Which of the following is NOT a Nobel Peace Prize winner?

- A. Winston Churchill B. Barack Obama C. Jimmy Carter

33. UNESCO is an abbreviation of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and _____ Organization.



34. It is a piece of news which no other news agencies have. What is it called?

- A. Exclusive news B. Live news C. Breaking news

35. Which of the following is Britain's daily newspaper?

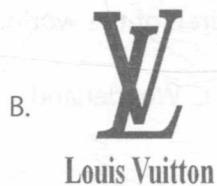
- A. *The Times* B. *The Economist* C. *Nature*

36. There are a number of influential news agencies in the world, such as the Xinhua News Agency in China, AP (美联社) and UPI (合众社) in America, and TACC (塔斯社) in Russia. Where does Thomson Reuters (路透社) operate?



THOMSON REUTERS

37. There are a number of famous Italian brand names such as Juventus in football, Ferrari and Fiat in automobiles. Which of the following is an Italian fashion brand?



38. The mascot for the 11th National Games of China is named Taishan Boy, a cartoon figure of rocks of Taishan Mountain. Which of the following is the mascot?

- A.  B.  C. 

39. Pu'er Tea (普洱茶) is said to be very good for people's health. For example, it can reduce fat, prevent cancer, and even protect people from radiation. In which province in China was it originally produced?

40. China has a long history of cultivating tea trees. From the perspective of processing, tea is categorized as green tea, black tea, oolong tea, dark tea or scented tea. The famous Longjing tea (龙井) from Hangzhou has been renowned for its high quality. What type of tea is it?

- A. Black tea B. Dark tea C. Green tea

41. Champagne is a wine with significant levels of CO₂, which makes it fizzy. It is often drunk at special celebrations. Where does this sparkling wine take its name?

- A. The region in France that produces the wine
B. The man who first made the wine
C. The method of making the wine

42. Sichuan cuisine is famous for its hot and spicy food. It distinguishes itself from other hot cuisines for its use of a special ingredient. What is it?

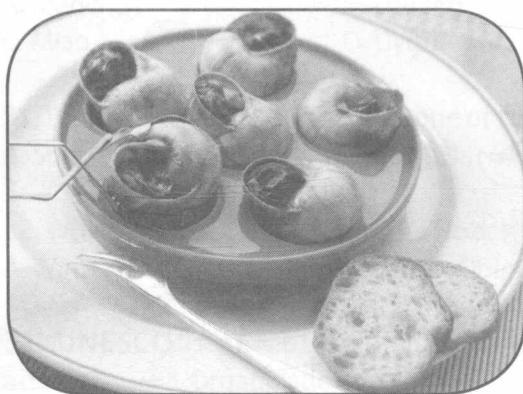
- A. Chilli B. Fermented bean sauce C. Chinese prickly ash seeds

39. Yunnan Province 40. C 41. A 42. C

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43. The following dish is associated with the country of _____.

- A. Britain B. Germany C. France



44. Women today still meet discriminatory barriers that prevent them from rising to positions of importance. Within a corporation, this barrier to women is most commonly known as _____.

- A. a hierarchical ladder B. a sticky floor C. a glass ceiling

45. People often prefer to go to a restaurant that has a BYOB policy, because it costs less money. What does BYOB stand for?

- A. Bring your own boyfriend.
B. Bring your own bowl.
C. Bring your own bottle.

2010

1. The main pattern of the regional flag of the Macao Special Administrative Region of China is a white lotus. What do the three petals of the lotus stand for?

- A. Past, present and future
- B. The three main islands of Macao
- C. Sea, island and mountain



2. On July 4th, 1776, the American *Declaration of Independence* was issued. It stated that there are three inalienable rights for humans: life, liberty and _____.

- A. the pursuit of happiness
- B. human rights
- C. the right to vote

3. A general election in the US is held every four years, but in the UK a general election must be called every _____ years.

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. five

4. Shenzhen celebrated its 30th anniversary as a special economic zone in 2010. Which of the following is NOT a special economic zone in China?

- A. Zhuhai
- B. Xiamen
- C. Guangzhou
- D. Shantou
- E. Hainan

5. Which of the following has the power to interpret the Constitution in the United States?

- A. The President
- B. The Congress
- C. The Supreme Court

6. G20 is a group of finance ministers and central bank governors from 20 economies. In which city was the fifth G20 Summit held?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Tokyo
- C. Seoul

7. It is a street in Lower Manhattan, New York City. Several major US stock exchanges have their headquarters there, including the NYSE (New York Stock Exchange), NASDAQ and AMEX. What is the name of this famous street?

- A. Downing Street
- B. Wall Street
- C. Broadway

Key: 1.B 2.A 3.D 4.C 5.C 6.C 7.B

8. The marketing mix (销售组合) is a well-known marketing term. Its elements are the basic, tactical components of a marketing plan, which are also known as the 4 P's. Which of the following elements is NOT part of the marketing mix?

- A. Product B. Price C. People
D. Place E. Promotion

9. In 2010, the Chinese automobile manufacturer, Geely (吉利), acquired a world-famous automobile brand. The brand name means "I roll" in Latin. Which of the following did Geely buy?

- A. Ferrari B. Ford C. Volvo

10. Nowadays, a new way of advertising is gaining strength. Company logos appear in TV shows and in movies, merging seamlessly with the plot. This type of advertisement is called _____ advertising in English.

- A. hard B. soft C. light

11. In 1965, a large banking corporation called HSBC (汇丰银行) was set up in two financial centers in China. "S" in "HSBC" stands for one center, which is Shanghai; "H" stands for the other center, which is _____.



The world's local bank

12. The exchange rate is used to show the price of one currency in relation to another currency. If US\$100 could be exchanged for RMB 820 in 2000, but only for RMB 670 in 2010, what has happened to the value of the RMB during the decade?

- A. It has gone down. B. It has remained unchanged. C. It has gone up.

13. A bank is an important financial institution. If a person borrows money from a bank at the interest rate of X (for the loan) and deposits money in the bank at the interest rate of Y (for the deposit), we can reach the conclusion that _____.

- A. X>Y B. X=Y C. X<Y

14. It is an optical machine-readable representation of data, stamped on a product for sale on the market. It is now widely used by automated supermarket checkout systems. What is it called?



9 787020 050642

- A. Morse code B. Bar code C. Machine code D. Zip code

15. There is a standardized test of proficiency in Standard Mandarin for non-native Chinese speakers. It's the only test of its kind. Which of the following is the abbreviation for the test?

- A. TEM B. TCM C. HSK

16. Academic degrees are awards conferred by a college or university signifying that the recipient has satisfactorily completed a course of study. Which of the following is the highest academic degree?

- A. Master's B. Doctorate C. Post doctorate

17. The Ivy League refers to seven universities and a college which are the most prestigious in Northeast America. Which of the following is NOT a member of the Ivy League?

- A. Yale University B. Harvard University C. University of California

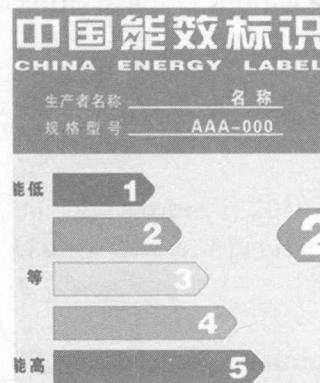
18. The need-hierarchy theory is often displayed as a pyramid. According to the theory, societies have to fulfill basic needs before moving on to higher needs. Who has put forward this theory?

- A. Abraham Maslow (亚伯拉罕·马斯洛)
B. Adam Smith (亚当·斯密)
C. Karl Marx (卡尔·马克思)

19. When we say there are three major races of humans in the world, we are talking about the Caucasian, the Negroid and the _____ races.

- A. Mongolian B. Malaysian C. Indian

20. Many countries are facing the problem of regulating the energy consumption of household electrical appliances. The China Energy Label for electrical appliances is ranked from 1 to 5. At which level is the least amount of energy consumed?



- A. Level 1 B. Level 2 C. Level 3
D. Level 4 E. Level 5

21. A "Dear John" letter is commonly believed to have been coined by Americans during World War II. What type of letter is it?

- A. A love letter B. A goodbye letter C. A letter of apology

18.A 19.A 20.A 21.B

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22. Nowadays the phrase “pear garden” (梨园) refers to the world of Chinese opera in general. What does the “apricot woods” (杏林) refer to in China?

- A. Education B. Medicine C. Literature

23. Plastic does not degrade (降解) easily or quickly. Plastic rubbish is very unsightly and is also very harmful to the environment and to animals. What is the name given to this type of pollution?

- A. Black pollution B. White pollution C. Yellow pollution

24. At the Shanghai World Expo 2010, the Little Mermaid was a star guest. It was shipped to Shanghai from the city of _____.
A. Copenhagen B. Sidney C. Madrid

25. What will you get if you ask for a “pint” in a pub in the UK?

- A. A glass of water B. A glass of beer C. A glass of milk

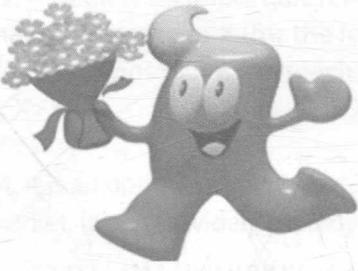
26. If a café opens 24/7, what's the opening time of the café?

- A. All the time B. From 7 a.m. to midnight C. On July 24

27. Which of the following is NOT named after a person?

- A. The Hubble Space Telescope
B. The City of Wellington
C. A Hamburger

28. The National Unity Columns were designed to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. They depict the various Chinese ethnic cultures. How many columns are there?

29. The mascot of the Shanghai World Expo 2010 is modeled on the Chinese character _____.


- A. 人 B. 禾 C. 大

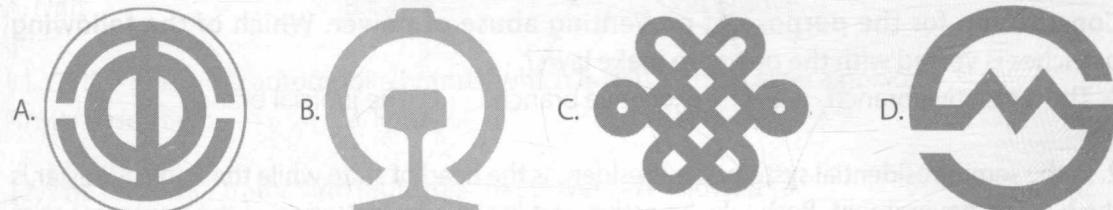
30. At the Shanghai World Expo 2010, each participating country celebrated its National Pavilion Day in a unique way. When was China's National Pavilion Day?

- A. May 1st B. July 1st C. August 1st D. October 1st

31. It is a Geneva-based non-profit organization best known for its annual meeting in Davos (达沃斯). Its motto is "entrepreneurship in the global public interest". What is the name of the organization?

- A. The World Economic Forum B. The Boao Forum
C. The Group of Twenty (G20)

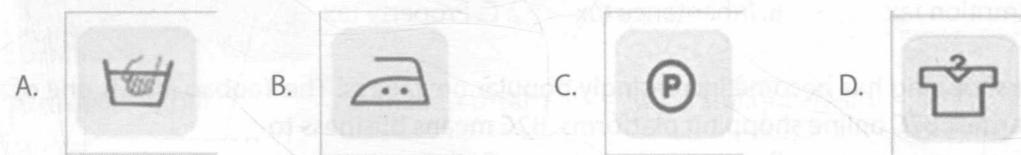
32. Which of the following is the logo for China's railway system?



33. In a British court of law, there is a body of persons whose duty is to listen to the evidence and decide whether the suspect is guilty or not. What are they called?

- A. The jury B. The umpire C. The judge D. The referee

34. Which of the following symbols means the clothes should be dry-cleaned?



35. In New York, roads running from east to west are called "streets". What do people call those running from south to north?

- A. Roads B. Avenues C. Lanes

36. On October 1, 2010, China's lunar orbiter was launched from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center. What is it called?

- A. *Changzheng II* B. *Shenzhou II* C. *Chang'e II*

37. In 1969, the US astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the moon. In America, the agency responsible for space exploration is called NASA. Please complete the full name of NASA—National Aeronautics and _____ Administration.

Key: 22.B 23.B 24.A 25.B 26.A 27.C 28.56 29.A 30.D 31.A
32.B 33.A 34.C 35.B 36.C 37.Space

2011

1. The separation of Powers is a system of government guaranteed in the United States Constitution for the purpose of preventing abuse of power. Which of the following branches is vested with the power to make laws?
- A. The legislative branch B. The executive branch C. The judicial branch
2. In the semi-presidential system, the President is the head of state while the Prime Minister is the head of government. Both take an active part in the administration of the government of the state. Which of the following countries does NOT implement the semi-presidential system?
- A. Russia B. Canada C. France
3. Value-added tax is a tax paid to the government by the producer. The cost is passed on to the customer as part of the overall cost of the product or service. Which group of taxes does a value-added tax belong to?
- A. Consumption tax B. Inheritance tax C. Property tax
4. Online shopping has become increasingly popular nowadays. The Taobao Mall is one of China's largest B2C online shopping platforms. B2C means business to _____.
A. company B. consumer C. cooperator
5. In 1913, a motor manufacturing company revolutionized the automobile industry by mass-producing the Model T with interchangeable parts on assembly lines. This meant that the car was sufficiently cheap. Which company has accomplished it?
- A. Ford B. Volvo C. Chrysler
6. During the Anti-Japanese War, three of China's most prestigious universities moved to Kunming and established the National Southwestern Associated University (国立西南联合大学). Which of the following was NOT one of the three?
- A. Peking University B. Tsinghua University
C. Fudan University D. Nankai University
7. We often hear about the ISO 9000 quality management standard. There is another important quality standard: ISO 14000, which focuses on an increasingly important aspect. Which is it?
- A. Technology B. Environment C. Innovation
8. TED is a non-profit organization promoting Ideas Worth Spreading. Its annual conferences bring together the world's most interesting thinkers and doers. TED stands for Technology, _____ and Design.
- A. Economics B. Education C. Entertainment

9. Some may know a brand called Victoria Cross—it is found on knives and backpacks, etc. The real Victoria Cross is a military decoration (勋章) awarded for extreme bravery to members of the armed forces of _____.

- A. Switzerland B. Sweden C. the Commonwealth countries

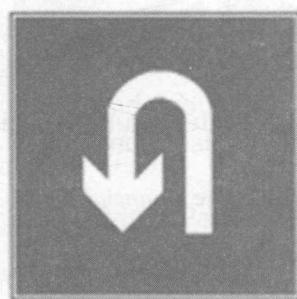
10. An automatic transmission can automatically change gear as a vehicle moves. In the P-R-N-D-2-L layout, P means park, R means reverse, and N means neutral. What does D stand for?

- A. Drift B. Drive C. Don't move.

11. Of the following automobile brands, which is NOT named after a person?

- A. Mercedes-Benz B. Ford C. BMW

12. The following traffic sign indicates that drivers are allowed to _____.



- A. make a detour B. make a U-turn C. go straight ahead

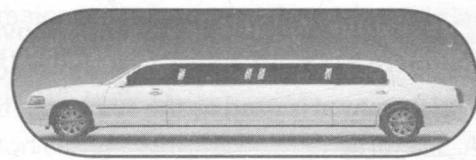
13. Different types of automobiles have different general names depending on their suitability for specific uses. Please match the following pictures with the correct names.



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- A. ①pickup—②stretch limousine—③SUV
B. ①stretch limousine—②SUV—③pickup
C. ①pickup—②SUV—③stretch limousine

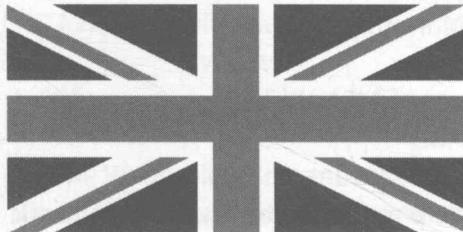
14. There is a type of vehicle that is shown at automobile exhibitions which may never be produced for the market. It is on display in order to showcase the latest styles and technology. The vehicles are called _____ cars.

- A. concept B. future C. race

15. The year 2011 marked the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. People gathered in New York to mourn the dead. The site where the twin towers of the World Trade Center used to stand is currently called _____.
A. 9/11 Ruins B. Ground Zero C. 9/11 Memorial
16. In 1943, the US started to designate a specific aircraft to transport the President. What is the name given to the aircraft that carries the US President?
A. US No. 1 B. Air Force One C. President No. 1
17. For some people, bikinis symbolize freedom and liberty of women in modern societies. The name bikini was borrowed from a(n) _____.
A. designer B. sportsman C. model D. atoll (环状珊瑚岛)
18. Which of the following news agencies is NOT an American agency?
A. United Press International B. The Associated Press C. Kyodo News Service
19. American newspapers have a long history dating back to the late 17th century. Which of the following is NOT an American newspaper?
A. *The Wall Street Journal* B. *The Christian Science Monitor* C. *The Financial Times*
20. Tabloid journalism means news presented in a dramatic and easily understood way though often not in much depth or balance. Which of the following newspapers is a tabloid?
A. *The Sun* B. *Global Times* C. *USA Today*
21. The phone-hacking scandal in the Murdoch Empire has been given a lot of attention. It has led to the closure of a 168-year-old newspaper. What is the name of the newspaper?
A. *The News of the World* B. *The Daily Telegraph* C. *The Guardian*
22. The International Slow Food Movement was founded in 1989, to fight against the popularity of fast food, to link good food with sustainability, and to support local cuisines. Which animal is used as the symbol of this movement?
A. Sea turtle B. Sea horse C. Snail
23. There are many different ways to make a coffee. Which of the following does NOT contain any milk?
A. Cappuccino (卡布奇诺) B. Mocha (摩卡) C. Espresso (意式浓缩)
24. Goubuli Steamed Bun is a well-known snack in Tianjin. It originated in the Qing Dynasty. Which of the following was it named after?
A. A person B. A place C. An animal

2012

1. The Union Jack is the name of the national flag of the United Kingdom. By putting together the elements of three flags, the design symbolizes the union of _____.



- A. England, Scotland and Ireland B. England, Scotland and Wales
C. England, Ireland and Wales

2. The British Parliament has two houses: the House of Commons and the House of Lords. How many MPs (Members of Parliament) are there in the House of Commons?

- A. 72 B. 300 C. 650

3. The seats in the US Senate are allocated to the different states to ensure all states are represented equally. How are the seats allocated in the US?

- A. According to the population
B. According to the area
C. Two seats for each state regardless of population or area

4. The Democratic and Republican parties are two major contemporary US political parties. Which animal is used as a symbol for the Republican Party?

- A. The bear B. The elephant C. The donkey

5. "Lianghui" refers to the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in China. How often is the "lianghui" held?

- A. Every year B. Every two years C. Every five years

6. Francois Hollande was elected President of France on 6 May, 2012 as successor to Nicolas Sarkozy. According to French law, how long can his term as President be?

- A. 4 years B. 5 years C. 7 years

7. What was the earliest form of Chinese currency?

- A. Paper money B. Copper coins C. Shells

8. In 2007, the World Economic Forum established an annual meeting of the New Champions, called "Summer Davos". Summer Davos is held every year in China. The venue alternates between _____.

- A. Beijing and Dalian B. Beijing and Tianjin C. Dalian and Tianjin

9. Which of the following countries does NOT have any commercial agriculture?

- A. Romania B. Hungary C. Monaco

10. Which of the following is an acronym for the currency of Australia?

- A. ARS B. MAD C. AUD

11. Which of the following methods can be used to help a country to boost its domestic demand when it is facing an economic recession?

- A. Tax rate reduction B. A rise in interest rates C. Reducing fiscal expenditure

12. The Customs is the official department in a country with the authority to collect the duties levied by the government on imported goods. Which of the following is the logo of Chinese Customs?



13. The name BRIC is used by economists to refer to four leading emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India and China. In 2010, another country was included to make the word BRICS. Which country does the "S" stand for?

BRICS

- A. Sweden

- B. Spain

- C. South Africa

14. Which of the following broke the "isolation of continents" and created important conditions of international trade?

- A. Voyages of Discovery B. The Renaissance C. The Industrial Revolution

15. The World Bank Group is a family of five international organizations. It is designed to finance the projects of its member states, especially developing countries. Which of the

following is a member of the group?

- A. The World Trade Organization
- B. The International Finance Corporation
- C. The International Monetary Fund

16. In the past, civil examinations were very important in China. The person who won the second place in the final court examination (殿试) was called _____.

- A. *Tanhua*
- B. *Bangyan*
- C. *Zhuangyuan*

17. *Keju*, or civil examinations, was used to select officials in China. It dates back to the _____ Dynasty.

- A. Sui
- B. Tang
- C. Ming

18. The Wade-Giles Romanization (威妥玛式拼音法) of Mandarin Chinese was widely used in the English-speaking world for most of the 20th century. Which of the following spellings is NOT an example of the Wade-Giles system?

- A. Tsinghua
- B. Shaanxi
- C. Peking

19. Which of the following exams does a student need to take if he/she wants to attend a law school in the United States?

- A. HSK
- B. IELTS
- C. BEC
- D. LSAT

20. Many companies have a dress code. In the 1990s, some companies decided to give their employees the opportunity to choose what to wear to work on one day a week. What did this day become to be known as?

- A. Wake Up Monday
- B. Change Around Wednesday
- C. Dress Down Friday

21. A tailcoat is a type of ceremonial dress worn by men at formal functions. From what did it originate?

- A. Military uniforms
- B. Wedding attire
- C. Lounge suits

22. What does this traffic sign mean?



- A. No Overtaking
- B. No Parking
- C. No Entry

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23. James will take a business trip by air to Beijing from Shanghai. The flight number is CA1589. What does "CA" refer to?

- A. The name of the plane B. The name of the airline C. The civil aviation authority

24. Which of the following countries built the first subway?

- A. Japan B. Britain C. The United States

25. The national emblem of Australia contains six badges representing its six states. Wreaths of the national flower are in the background. Which flower is it?



- A. Rose B. Lily C. Golden wattle (含欢花)

26. A specific flower has been used to remember and honor soldiers who have died in war. The idea to use this flower may have come from the famous war poem "In Flanders Fields". Which flower is it?

- A. Carnation B. Poppy C. Rose

27. In 1997, when China resumed sovereignty of Hong Kong, the Central Government presented a sculpture to the Hong Kong SAR. The sculpture was designed in the shape of a _____.

- A. lotus B. bauhinia C. jasmine flower

28. People in the Middle Ages in Europe were divided into three estates: the clergy, the nobility and the commoners. Now we sometimes hear the term the "fourth estate". Which group is it?

- A. Politicians B. The media C. Environmentalists

29. Which of the following people was NOT awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?

- A. Martin Luther King Jr. B. Albert Gore Jr. C. Jimmy Carter D. Abraham Lincoln

30. There are five autonomous regions in China. Which of the following is one of them?

- A. Yunnan B. Guizhou C. Guangxi

31. If a family consists of two parents and their children, what is this type of family known as?

- A. An extended family B. A DINK family C. A nuclear family

32. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations. Its purpose is to contribute to peace, eradication of poverty and sustainable development through education, science and culture. What is it?

- A. UNESCO B. WHO C. IMF

33. China's first aircraft carrier was commissioned by the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) on 25 September, 2012. What is the name of the carrier?

- A. Zhenhai B. Dalian C. Liaoning

34. Chinese law is based on a complex mix of traditional Chinese approaches and Western influences. Which of the following Western systems of law has influenced Chinese law the most?

- A. Civil law B. Religious law C. Common law

35. According to Chinese Labor Law, how long is the probation period (试用期) for new employees?

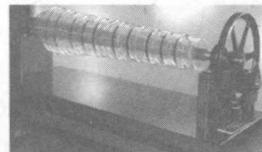
- A. No more than 3 months B. No more than 6 months C. No more than 1 year

36. The mattress in this picture is commonly known in China as a Simmons (席梦思). The name Simmons comes from _____.



- A. the birthplace of the mattress B. a manufacturing method C. the inventor's name

37. Who is associated with the following pictures?



- A. George Washington B. Thomas Jefferson C. Benjamin Franklin

38. The year 2012 witnessed China's first female astronaut in space. More than 50 women from different countries have flown in space. The first was from _____.

- A. The Soviet Union B. The United States C. France

39. Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, died on August 25, 2012 at the age of 82. Which spacecraft took him to the moon to make those first steps?

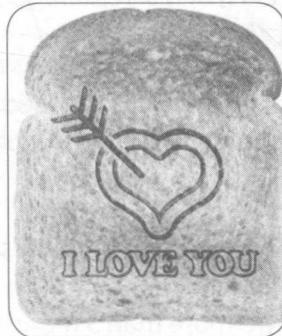
- A. Atlantis B. Apollo 11 C. Endeavor

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34.A 35.B 36.C 37.C 38.A 39.B

40. In English, some fruits are given different names after they are dried. For example, a dried grape is usually called a "raisin". What is a dried plum called?

- A. A prune B. A peach C. A prawn

41. Which of the following are the correct names of the three kinds of bread in the pictures?



- A. Loaf—Baguette—Toast
B. Croissant—Toast—Ciabatta
C. Croissant—Baguette—Toast

42. Moussaka is a baked dish made with eggplants and minced mutton, topped with a creamy sauce and served as a main course. It's quite popular in Britain. Which of the following countries did it originate from?

- A. The United States B. Australia C. Greece

43. According to English legend, King Arthur's knights sat at a round table. Which qualities does the round table stand for?

- A. Courage and loyalty
B. Courtesy and nobleness
C. Equality and unity

44. The picture shows Big Ben, the famous landmark in London. It has been renamed to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne. What name has it been given?



- A. Queen Tower B. Elizabeth Tower C. Clock Tower

45. Which plant is associated with all the following pictures?



Key: 40.A 41.C 42.C 43.C 44.B 45.Bamboo

体育竞技类

2008

1. The Olympic Winter Games take place every _____ years.
A. 4 B. 2 C. 3
2. The official languages of the International Olympic Committee are _____.
A. French and Spanish B. French and English C. English and Spanish
3. The Olympic flame is always the symbol of the Olympic Games. In which country does the torch relay start?
4. In weightlifting, lifters perform two types of lifts—the snatch, and the clean and jerk. Which should a weightlifter do first in the Olympics?
5. There are two kinds of football games in the Paralympics. How many players are there in a side in each game?
A. 5 and 7 B. 7 and 9 C. 9 and 11
6. In which country did table tennis originate?
A. The United Kingdom B. The United States C. China
7. In which country did basketball originate?
A. Spain B. The United States C. Greece
8. Who won the first EVER gold medal for China in the Summer Olympics?
A. Li Ning B. Deng Yaping C. Xu Haifeng
9. The IOC headquarters are in Lausanne, Switzerland. What is IOC short for?
10. Which of the following is NOT an Olympic track event?
A. 4 x 100m relay B. 4 x 200m relay C. 4 x 400m relay
11. A match point is the final point needed to win a match. Which of the following is at match point in an Olympic volleyball game?
A. 10:11 B. 20:21 C. 23:24
12. Artistic gymnastics is very pleasant to watch. Which event in the artistic gymnastics can be performed to music?
A. Balance beam B. Uneven bars C. Floor exercise
13. How many players are there in each side in a beach volleyball game?
A. 2 B. 4 C. 6

14. Beijing was the host city of the 29th Olympic Games, and some events were held in six co-cities. Which of the following cities was NOT a co-city?

- A. Qingdao B. Hong Kong C. Tianjin D. Hangzhou

15. Golf is a game played on a large outdoor course with a series of 9 or 18 holes spaced far apart. In which place did the game of golf originate?

- A. England B. Wales C. Scotland

16. Triathlon (铁人三项) is an endurance sports event in which an athlete has to finish three different kinds of race. Which race is NOT included in the triathlon?

- A. Cycling B. Swimming C. Running D. Fencing

17. China was very strong in Judo in the Beijing Olympics. Judo originated and became a traditional martial art form in _____.

- A. Japan B. Brazil C. China

18. Rowing is one of the oldest Olympic sports. When the race is on, groups of people ride on bikes along the riverbank, shouting and waving. Who are they?

- A. Cheerleaders B. Coaches C. Reporters

19. Usain Bolt is a Jamaican sprinter and said to be the fastest man in the world. Do you know where Jamaica is?

- A. In Africa B. In the Caribbean C. In the Middle East

20. In China, the term “edge ball” (擦边球) is often used to describe someone who achieves his/her goals by bending the rules without being caught or by maneuvering in the grey area of the system. Which sport does this term come from?

A.



B.



C.



D.



Key: 1.A 2.B 3.Greece 4.The snatch 5.A 6.A 7.B 8.C 9.international Olympic Committee 10.B 11.C 12.C 13.A 14.D 15.C 16.D 17.A 18.B 19.B 20.D

21. The marathon race is set to commemorate a Greek soldier who ran to deliver the news of victory and then died of exhaustion in 490 BC. Marathon is _____.

- A. the soldier's name
 - B. the place where the soldier set off
 - C. the destination of the soldier's running journey



22. The Olympic theme song is an important part of the Olympic Games. One of the most popular Olympic theme songs is *Hand in Hand*. It was the theme song of the 24th Olympic Games held in the city of _____.

23. The Grand Slam in tennis refers to the championship of the four most important competitions. It includes Wimbledon (UK), the US Open, the Australian Open, and the Open.

24. At the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, which delegation led the parade?

- B. The host country C. The host country of the next Olympics

25. It is a traditional entertainment in which a person called matador always uses a red cloth in the fight. It is _____.

- A. Bullfighting
 - B. Cowfighting
 - C. Cattlefighting
 - D. Oxfighting

2009

Key: 1.C 2.A 3.B 4.Women's National Basketball Association 5.B

2010

Key: 1.B 2.B 3.A 4.B 5.C 6.A

2011

1. In the 2010 Winter Olympics, the Chinese women's curling team won through to the second place. Where did curling originate?

- A. Russia B. Scotland C. Australia

2. She is the first Chinese who won the French Open, one of the four most pre-eminent tennis championships in the world. Who is she?

- A. Peng Shuai B. Li Na C. Zheng Jie D. Yan Zi

3. In the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games, taekwondo (跆拳道) became one of the Olympic events. Which of the following Olympic events also originated from Asia?

- A. Judo B. Horse Riding C. Boxing

4. The standard sprint hurdle race is 110 meters for men and 100 meters for women. How many hurdles are there for the men's race in the Olympic Games?

- A. 8 B. 9 C. 10

5. A triathlon (铁人三项) is a multi-sport competition involving three endurance events. What are they?

- A. Swimming, cycling and running
B. Running, shooting and cycling
C. Running, horse riding and cycling

6. In snooker there are altogether 22 balls on the table. The player scores by striking the cue ball (主球) against the target ball, causing it to fall into a pocket. Which color is the cue ball?

- A. Red B. Black C. Yellow D. White

7. Monaco is one of the smallest countries in Europe. It boasts one world-famous championship. Which is it?

- A. Wimbledon B. Formula One C. Tour de France

2012

1. The one-eyed Wenlock was one of the official mascots for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. What does the big eye represent?



- A. A telescope B. A mirror C. A camera

2. What was the slogan of the 2012 London Olympic Games?

- A. Inspire a generation B. Share the spirit
C. Welcome home D. Celebrate the century

3. Sumo (相扑) is a competitive full-contact wrestling sport. It is only practiced professionally in Japan. Which of the following statements about Sumo is NOT correct?

- A. It hasn't been recognized as an Olympic sport.
B. Wrestlers can hold each other's hair.
C. There are ten levels of ability.

4. Which team leads the procession of athletes at the opening ceremony of the modern Olympic Games?

- A. Afghanistan B. Britain C. Greece

Key: 1.C 2.A 3.B 4.C

科学技术类

2008

1. The GPS is a satellite-based navigation system. It is the abbreviation of "Global _____ System".

- A. Point B. Positioning C. Purpose

2. The following are all computer operating systems EXCEPT _____.

- A. Unix B. Office C. Windows D. Linux

3. VCD is a standard digital format for storing video. What does the letter "C" stand for?

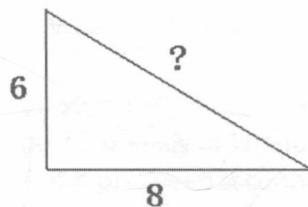
- A. Computer B. Compact C. Common

4. CPU is a part of computer that can interpret and execute instructions and is often called the "brain" of a computer. CPU is short for Central _____ Unit.

- A. Processing B. Programming C. Performing

5. In a right-angled triangle, if two of the three sides are 6 and 8, the third side must be _____.

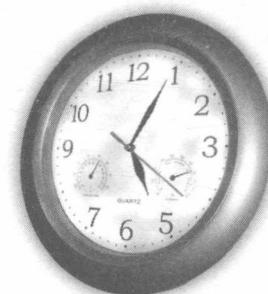
- A. 6 B. 8 C. 10



6. The Arabic numerals are the ten digits (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9). They were originally defined by _____ mathematicians.

- A. Indian B. Arabian C. Greek

7. On a clock, how many circles does the short hour hand make in a day?



- A. 1

- B. 2

- C. 12

- D. 24

8. The Roman numeral system has its own rules of showing numbers. The Roman number "XXVI" is _____ in Arabic numbers.
- A. 22 B. 24 C. 26
9. The size of a disc (the region inside a circle) can be expressed in the formula: $S=\pi r^2$. The "r" in this formula means _____.
- A. semi-diameter (radius) B. diameter C. perimeter
10. If an equilateral triangle, a square and a circle all have the same perimeter or circumference, which one has the largest area?
11. The percentage of pure gold in 18k gold is 75%. What is the percentage of pure gold in 24k gold?
- A. 100% B. 99.6% C. 98.6%
12. On snowy days in winter, sprinkling _____ over the road helps to speed up the melting of the snow and ice.
- A. salt B. sugar C. soda
13. According to the classified academic list released by UNESCO, basic sciences can be divided into seven categories. Which of the following does NOT belong to the seven categories?
- A. Mathematics B. Chemistry C. Medicine
14. An altimeter measures height. A speedometer measures speed. What does a barometer measure?
- A. Temperature B. Humidity C. Pressure
15. In history, the names of some famous people are used as technical terms in science. The following famous names are used as international units EXCEPT _____.
- A. Kelvin B. Watt C. Bacon D. Newton
16. Isaac Newton was a famous English physicist and mathematician. Which of the following is NOT one of Isaac Newton's contributions to science learning?
- A. The law of universal gravitation B. The three laws of motion
C. The principle of inertia
17. The mass-energy equivalence $E=mc^2$ is associated with _____.
- A. Albert Einstein B. Issac Newton C. Pierre de Fermat
18. Fahrenheit is a temperature scale, like Celsius. Which of the following is the normal body temperature measured in Fahrenheit?
- A. 36.8° F B. 98.2° F C. 100° F

13. C 14. C 15. C 16. C 17. A 18. B

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19. "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the Earth." Who made this famous remark about levers?

- A. Archimedes B. Pythagoras C. Aristotle

20. Who, as a pioneer in the field of radioactivity, was the only person honored with Nobel Prizes in both physics and chemistry?

- A. Marie Curie B. Isaac Newton C. Albert Einstein

21. Horsepower is used to indicate the speed at which an engine, such as a car engine, can work. One horsepower equals 0.735 kilo _____.

- A. watts B. calories C. grams

22. Generally speaking, when water freezes, the volume that it occupies will _____.

- A. shrink B. increase C. remain the same

23. Generally speaking, under normal conditions, the boiling point of water is _____ than/as that of cooking oil.

- A. lower B. higher C. the same

24. He was a renowned physician during the Eastern Han Dynasty and Three Kingdoms Period in China. It is believed that he was the first person in China to use anesthesia during surgery. What is his name?

- A. Li Shizhen B. Sun Simiao C. Zhang Zhongjing D. Hua Tuo

25. Who invented the long-lasting, practical electric light bulb?

- A. Alexander Graham Bell B. Thomas Edison C. James Watt

2009

1. What does "au" mean in the domain name of an organization like "http://ninemsn.com.au"?

- A. Auto B. Australia C. American University

2. Which of the following is NOT a key on a computer keyboard?

- A. Home B. Shift C. Send D. Enter

3. It is the computing part of the computer. It interprets and executes instructions. It is contained on a single chip. What is it?

- A. RAM B. Modem C. CPU

4. In geometry, which of the following does NOT exist?

- A. A right triangle with two equal sides
 B. A right triangle with three equal sides
 C. A triangle with three equal sides

5. The Chinese abacus, also known as suanpan (算盘), is an early form of calculator. It is usually separated into two sections. There are 2 beads on each rod in the upper section. How many beads are there on each rod in the lower section?

6. Which of the following numbers is the smallest number divisible by every number from 1 to 6?

- A. 18 B. 60 C. 90

7. Look at the table of numerals and their corresponding Braille patterns which appear on RMB banknotes.

1	5	20	?
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What number should the question mark be?

8. In the 5th century, a Chinese mathematician first calculated the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter to be 3.1415926. Who was he?

- A. Zhang Heng B. Zu Chongzhi C. Shen Kuo

9. In a triangle with two equal sides, if the top angle is 80° , what degree is each of its base angles?
10. Roman numerals are written as combinations of seven letters. How is the Arabic numeral "9" written as a Roman numeral?
A. IX B. XI C. VIII
11. A yard equals three feet. How many inches are there in a foot?
A. 20 B. 13 C. 12
12. What metal is liquid at normal room temperature and pressure and is usually used in a clinical thermometer?
A. Silver B. Mercury/Quicksilver (汞/水银) C. Aluminum (铝)
13. Who proved that lightning is electricity by conducting kite-flying experiments in a thunderstorm?
A. Alfred Nobel B. Thomas Edison C. Benjamin Franklin
14. A particular type of motion moves like a clock's hands: from the top to the right, then down to the left and back to the top. What do we call this type of motion?
A. Clock hand B. Clockwise C. Counterclockwise
15. Which famous physicist wrote the book *A Brief History of Time*?
A. Steven King B. Albert Einstein C. Stephen Hawking
16. Dry ice is solid carbon dioxide, which is commonly used as a versatile cooling agent. It changes directly into _____ at atmospheric pressure.
A. water B. liquid C. gas
17. Is the "outer core" of the Earth liquid or solid?
18. Sound travels at different speeds through different mediums. Through which of the following mediums does sound travel fastest?
A. Air B. Water C. Iron tube
19. If you can jump 1 meter high on Earth, how high can you jump on the moon?
A. 1 meter B. 3 meters C. 6 meters
20. The world is searching for new clean energy sources to fuel automobiles. Which of the following gases can be used?
A. Hydrogen B. Carbon dioxide C. Oxygen
21. On Oct. 9, 2009, NASA rammed two space crafts into the lunar south pole. What did scientists expect to find as a result of these planned collisions?
A. Gold B. Ice C. Coal

22. In the 15th century, a German goldsmith and printer improved the printing technology.

Who was he?

- A. Johannes Gutenberg B. Galileo Galilei C. Karl Marx

23. "Sinan" (司南) literally means the "south governor". What is it called in English?

Key: 9.50° 10.A 11.C 12.B 13.C 14.B 15.C 16.C 17.Liquid 18.C 19.C
20.A 21.B 22.A 23.Compass

2010

1. Which of the following numbers can be divided exactly by 3?
A. 200,011 B. 100,011 C. 100,010
2. A prime number (质数) is a number that can only be divided exactly by 1 and itself. Of the following numbers, which is NOT a prime number?
A. 49 B. 59 C. 79
3. If a cube has a volume of 27 cubic inches, what is the length of each side?
A. 3 inches B. 6 inches C. 9 inches
4. A triangle is formed with three lines. Which of the following numeric sets CANNOT form a triangle?
A. 4, 5, 9 B. 3, 6, 8 C. 2, 5, 6
5. What is the last number of the calculation 999^{999} ?
A. 1 B. 9 C. 3
6. In chemistry, pH is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution (溶液). What is the pH of a neutral solution at 25°C under normal conditions?
7. Silicon is the main component in the manufacture of semiconductors, or "chips". What is it extracted from?
A. Sand B. Water C. Coal
8. Which of the following gases is probably used to fill the balloons?
 A. Oxygen B. Hydrogen C. Carbon dioxide
9. Normally, the pH of the human body is between 7.35 to 7.45, that is, it is alkaline (碱性的). This is why a mosquito's bite which releases acid will cause itching. What should we put on the bite to ease itching?
A. Vinegar B. Soap C. Salt
10. To test whether fur or silk is real, people usually use the burn test. Genuine fur and silk produce a smelly odor when they burn because they contain a specific substance. What is this substance?
A. Fat B. Protein C. Sugar

11. The following are all measures of units in physics. They are also the names of famous scientists. Do you know which is the unit of electrical power?

- A. Kelvin B. Watt C. Newton

12. Communications in ancient times were very different from those in modern times. During wars, people were seen with their ears to the ground trying to find out whether their enemies were on the move. What is the reason for this?

- A. Sound travels faster in earth.
B. Sound travels faster in air.
C. To hide from their enemies.

13. A cocktail drink can be made from different colored liquids which, when poured carefully, stay as distinct layers. Why does this happen?

- A. Because they have different colors.
B. Because they have different nature.
C. Because they have different densities.

14. We often speak of cold colors and warm colors. Cold colors tend to make people feel and look cool while warm colors tend to make people feel warm. Which of the following colors would be considered a warm color?

- A. Blue B. Yellow C. Black D. Green

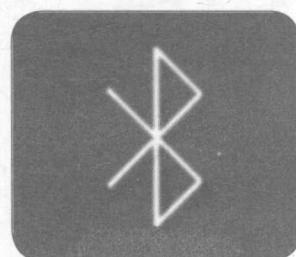
15. This color has the longest wavelength and thus the strongest penetration power (穿透力). As a result, it is widely used in traffic lights and in signal flares. What color is it?

- A. Green B. Yellow C. Red

16. Cell phones such as the Nokia N97 and iPhone have separate operating systems similar to a computer. Therefore, customers can install softwares according to their own needs. What is this type of cell phone called?

- A. Business phone B. Smart phone C. Music phone

17. Through a wireless network, this technology allows us to transfer information within 10 meters. We most often use it to transfer information between cell phones. On our phones, we see the software indicated as in the following picture. What is this technology called?



- A. Bluetooth B. X-ray C. USB

Key: 1.B 2.A 3.A 4.A 5.B 6.7.0 7.A 8.B 9.B 10.B 11.B 12.A 13.C
14.B 15.C 16.B 17.A

18. HSR is a type of passenger rail transport that operates significantly faster than normal trains. According to the Chinese government, an HSR system covering 50,000 kilometers will have been completed by 2020. What is HSR short for?

- A. Harmony Special Rail B. High-Speed Rail C. Hard Sound Rail

19. At the beginning of 2010, James Cameron presented the world with the thrilling 3D movie *Avatar*, allowing viewers to feel involved in a way not done before. What does the abbreviation "3D" stand for?

- A. 3-Directional B. 3-Dimensional C. 3-Divisional

20. He was the CEO of Apple Computers and Pixar Animation Studios. He brought us hi-tech products such as iMac, iPod, iPhone, iTouch and iPad. Who was he?

- A. Steve Jobs B. Bill Gates C. Warren Buffett

21. Modern computers use the binary system, or base-2 number system. This system uses two numeric symbols. What are they?

Key: 18.B 19.B 20.A 21.O.J

2011

1. Today's Roman numerals are based on 7 symbols.

Symbol	I	V	X	L	C	D	M
Value (数值)	1	5	10	50	100	500	1,000

What is the value of XIV?

- A. 115 B. 14 C. 15 D. 16

2. Fireworks are like colorful blossoms in the night sky. Different metal powders give the fireworks their different colors. Which color does copper powder produce when added to fireworks?

- A. Red B. Green C. Blue

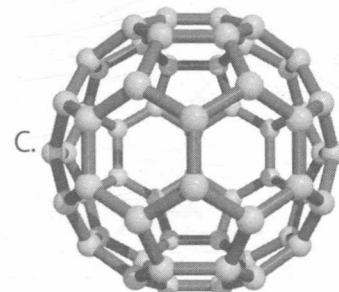
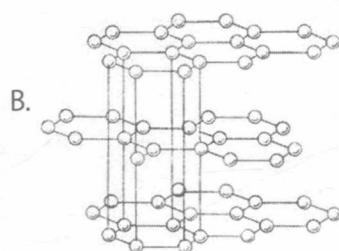
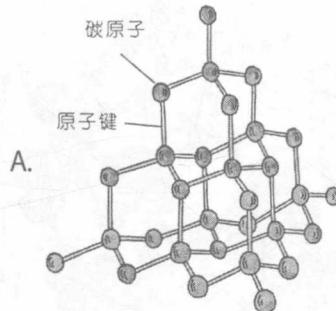
3. A nuclear reaction can be used to generate electricity by producing a chain reaction (链式反应). Which of the following nuclear reactions is used in a nuclear power plant at present?

- A. Nuclear fission (核裂变) B. Nuclear fusion (核聚变) C. Both A and B

4. Which of the following items will NOT produce a chemical reaction when functioning?

- A. Fireworks B. Humidifier (加湿器) C. Battery

5. The chemical element, carbon, has several allotropes (同素异形体), such as graphite (石墨) and diamond. Which of the following is the molecular structure of diamond?



6. When buns are cooked in a three-tier steamer, which layer of buns will be ready first?

- A. The top tier B. The middle tier C. The bottom tier

7. If a man stands in a swimming pool, people standing on the side of the pool will discover that his legs are _____ than they actually are due to the refraction (折射) of light.
A. longer B. thinner C. shorter
8. A roller coaster is a popular ride in amusement parks. When the passenger cars race down the downward slope, the potential energy (势能) becomes _____.
A. gravity (重力) B. kinetic energy (动能) C. friction (摩擦力)
9. This is a term which is getting increasingly popular in the software engineering or IT product design. It focuses more on users' needs and desires instead of the products' technical structure. What is it called?
A. Interactive Design B. Interface Design C. Internet Design
10. Bps is the unit for the speed of the transfer of a digital file. What does bps stand for?
A. Bases per Second B. Bits per Second C. Balls per Second
11. The ENIAC, the first general-purpose electronic computer, was announced in 1946. In which country was it designed?
A. The United States B. The United Kingdom C. France
12. It was in 1885 that the world's first gasoline-powered car appeared on the road. Its inventor, a German engine designer, developed his invention into a world-famous automobile brand. What is it?
A. Benz B. Volkswagen C. BMW

2012

1. Dry ice is used to preserve food and other perishables such as biological samples. What is dry ice made of?

- A. Water B. Carbon dioxide C. Nitrogen

2. When we want to defrost frozen meat, what can we add to water to accelerate the defrosting process?

- A. Alcohol B. Salt C. Vinegar

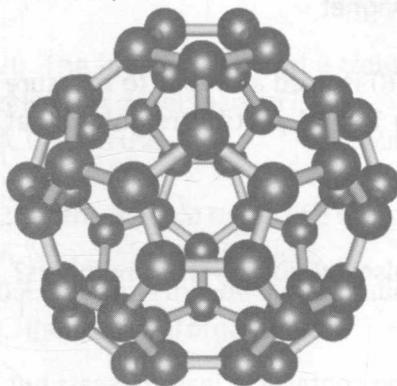
3. A teapot may become stained after being used for a long time. There are several ways to get rid of stains. Which of the following methods does NOT work on the basis of a chemical reaction?

- A. Salt B. Brushing C. Vinegar

4. If you want to dilute (稀释) concentrated sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) with water, what is the correct procedure?

- A. Pour acid into water slowly while stirring.
 B. Pour acid into water slowly without stirring.
 C. Pour water into acid slowly while stirring.

5. Buckyball (足球烯) is a fullerene molecule with a cage-like ring structure which resembles a soccer ball. The three chemists who discovered it were awarded the 1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry. What is the formula for buckyball?



- A. C_{60} B. C_{50} C. C_{28}

Key: 1.B 2.B 3.B 4.A 5.A

6. You weigh yourself with electric scales at the Equator and at the North Pole. What effect will your location have on your weight?

- A. It will be the same.
- B. It will be lighter at the North Pole.
- C. It will be heavier at the North Pole.

7. Isaac Newton is widely regarded as one of the most influential scientists of all time. Yet, which of the following contributions to science was NOT achieved by him?

- A. The theory of color
- B. $E=mc^2$
- C. The law of universal gravitation

8. A mirage (海市蜃楼) is an optical illusion often seen in deserts or sometimes at sea, in which we see something that is either not really there or at least is not at that exact location. What is the main cause of this phenomenon?

- A. Water evaporation
- B. Light refraction in layers of air at different temperatures
- C. Reflection of sunlight

9. Many materials can conduct heat. Which of the following materials has the best heat-conducting property?

- A. Aluminum
- B. Copper
- C. Iron

10. The movie *The Silent Man* tells the story of a man who is capable of hearing sounds unheard by others. For humans, perceptible sound generally has frequencies in the range from 20 Hz to _____.

- A. 200 Hz
- B. 2,000 Hz
- C. 20,000 Hz

11. The shape of the magnet can affect the strength of its attraction. If all else is equal, which of the following magnets possesses the strongest force of attraction?

- A. Ring magnet
- B. Horseshoe magnet
- C. Bar magnet

12. According to international standards, carat or karat (K) is used as a unit to measure the proportion of gold in an alloy. One karat is equal to 1 in 24 parts pure gold. What percentage of pure gold does 18k indicate?

- A. 50%
- B. 75%
- C. 85%

13. If K is divisible by 2, 3 and 15, which of the following is also divisible by these numbers?

- A. K+20
- B. K+30
- C. K+45

14. There are 8 sections of seats in a classroom. Each section contains at least 15 seats but not more than 20 seats. Which of the following could be the total number of seats in the classroom?

- A. 90
- B. 130
- C. 200

15. Android is a popular operating system for mobile devices such as smartphones and tablet computers. What does the word “android” literally mean?

- A. Security B. Robot C. Technology

16. The picture shows a type of bar code. It features faster readability and larger storage capacity than standard UPC bar codes. What is it called?



- A. Square code B. Dot code C. QR code

17. The man in the video clip is Tim Berners-Lee. He's one of the world's greatest inventors. What is his invention?

- A. Email B. Windows operating systems C. The World Wide Web

18. Like computers, a smartphone has its own independent operating system. Which of the following is NOT an operating system used in smartphones?

- A. BlackBerry OS B. Windows Vista C. iOS D. Android

19. The OA system refers to the various computer machinery and software used to digitally create, collect, store, manage and relay office information. It helps to optimize existing office procedures. What is OA short for?

- A. Office Administration B. Office Automation C. Office Animation

20. The Internet has had a tremendous impact on modern lives. What was the Internet originally developed for?

- A. Civilian use B. Military use C. Industrial use

21. If the domain name of a website ends with “.org”, what does it mean?

- A. Non-profit organizations
B. Enterprises that offer information services
C. International organizations

19.B 20.B 21.A

Key: 6.C 7.B 8.B 9.B 10.C 11.B 12.B 13.B 14.B 15.B 16.C 17.C 18.B

22. The name Google originated from the word "googol". What does "googol" mean?
A. 10^{100} , that is, a very large number
B. Searching for things
C. The name of a Greek god
23. Daylight-saving time is adopted in some countries during the summer. One of the Founding Fathers of the United States first came up with the idea. Who was he?
A. John Adams B. Benjamin Franklin C. Alexander Hamilton
24. The first automobile was produced in 1886. Its creation marked the end of the "horse-drawn age" and the start of the "automobile age". In which country was the first car produced?
A. The United States B. Britain C. Germany

Key: 22.A 23.B 24.C

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2008

1. The involuntary inhalation of smoke from tobacco products is called _____.
A. passive smoking B. positive smoking C. negative smoking
2. There are four diagnostic methods in traditional Chinese medicine: observing, listening, asking questions and feeling the pulse. Which one of the following is believed to have invented the diagnostic system?
A. Hua Tuo B. Bian Que C. Li Shizhen
3. Who developed the theory of evolution by natural selection in his book *On the Origin of Species*?
4. A chromosome (染色体) is a threadlike linear strand of DNA that contains the hereditary information necessary for cell life. In humans, a non-sex cell contains _____ individual chromosomes.
A. 45 B. 46 C. 47 D. 48
5. The tomato is a usually sprawling plant in the nightshade family. Which of the following plants is NOT a close cousin of the tomato?
A. Potato B. Eggplant C. Apple
6. Which of the following plants is known as a living fossil and the "giant panda in the plant kingdom"?
A. Ginkgo B. Pine tree C. Willow
7. There are two levels in categorizing our national rare animal species. Which of the following animals belongs to the state animal protection level I?
A. Parrot B. Red-crowned crane C. Peacock
8. Which of the following insects can produce a flashing light when it flies at night?
A. Dragonfly B. Firefly C. Butterfly D. Fly

Key: 1.A 2.B 3.Charles Darwin/Darwin 4.B 5.C 6.A 7.B 8.B

2009

1. People who have diabetes need to be especially careful about what they eat. Which of the following counts as a carbohydrate or starchy food that diabetic patients should avoid in large quantities?

- A. Potato B. Cabbage C. Carrot D. Milk

2. Vegetables are rich in a variety of mineral substances. Which of the following vegetables is known as a rich source of iron?

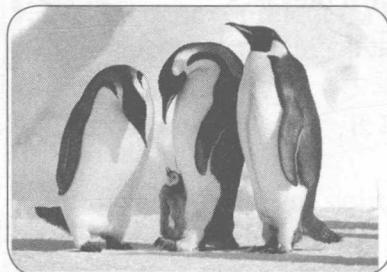
- A. Spinach B. Potato
C. Chinese cabbage D. Pepper

3. The Chinese idiom “不辨菽麦” is used to satirize those who have no knowledge of practical matters. “麦” is wheat. Do you know what “菽” is?

- A. Chilli B. Bean C. Corn

4. Sea-diving lovers are often fascinated by the beauty of coral reef. Is coral (珊瑚) a type of marine plant, animal or mineral?

5. Penguins are lovely birds. Where is a penguin's natural habitat?



- A. Arctic B. Antarctica

6. A rooster was of symbolic importance in Gaul during the Roman invasion led by Julius Caesar. Today, the rooster is one of the national emblems of _____.

- A. Russia B. Czech C. France D. Poland

7. It is the smallest bird species in the world. It can hover over one spot like a helicopter. Which of the following birds is it?

- A. Hummingbird B. Seagull C. Sparrow

8. TCM has played an important role in the prevention and treatment of diseases in China. Its practices include herbal medicine, acupuncture, dietary therapy, etc. What is TCM short for?

9. In traditional Chinese medicine, diagnosis involves four steps. Which of the following is NOT a step of diagnosis?

- A. Observing B. Scanning C. Asking questions
D. Feeling the pulse E. Listening

10. According to traditional Chinese medicine, acupuncture points (穴位) are locations on the human body for acupuncture treatment. Which point should be pressed upon when a person is having a stroke (中风)?

- A. Jingming xue (睛明穴) B. Taiyang xue (太阳穴) C. Renzhong xue (人中穴)

11. They are a type of small, irregularly-shaped cells that circulate in the blood of mammals and play a fundamental role in stopping the flow of blood from a wound. What are they?

- A. White blood cells B. Red blood cells C. Blood platelets

12. In English, doctors who specialize in different fields are given special names. For example, a doctor who studies and treats diseases of children is called a pediatrician. What is the name given to a doctor who treats heart diseases?

- A. Psychologist B. Cardiologist C. Dentist

13. Vitamins play an important role in maintaining a healthy body. Children may get rickets (软骨病), a disease in which their bones become soft and bent, if they lack _____.

- A. Vitamin D B. Vitamin A C. Vitamin C

Key: 8. Traditional Chinese Medicine 9. B 10. C 11. C 12. B 13. A

2010

1. In which of the following ecological systems is it easiest to maintain the balance of nature?
- The tropical rain forest
 - The temperate grassland
 - The temperate desert
2. What theory did the famous British naturalist, Charles Darwin, propose in his book *The Origin of Species* in 1859?
- Survival of the fittest
 - Cloning
 - Genic difference
3. Generally, a fungus (菌类) has no leaves or flowers and grows on plants or other surfaces. Which of the following is NOT a fungus?
- Mushroom (蘑菇)
 - Jew's ear (木耳)
 - Glossy ganoderma (灵芝)
 - Laver (紫菜)
4. There are various ways to get to know a plant. What do we know about a tree by counting its rings?
- Its height
 - Its age
 - Its diameter
5. The Antarctic continent is nearly barren due to the extremely cold and dry climate. But some animals are able to survive in the low temperatures. Which of the following animals lives in Antarctica?
- The polar bear
 - The penguin
 - The dinosaur
6. Through the senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch, human beings are able to receive information from the outside world. For a normal person, which sense receives around 80% of all the information?
- Sight
 - Smell
 - Hearing
 - Taste
 - Touch
7. The five fingers of a hand are: the _____, the index finger, the middle finger, the ring finger and the little finger.
8. Noise is a kind of pollution that can damage people's physiological and psychological health. Which illness are people prone to if they live in a noisy environment for a long time?
- High blood pressure
 - Diabetes
 - Cancer

Key: 1.A 2.A 3.D 4.B 5.B 6.A 7.thumb 8.A

9. Non-prescription drugs (非处方药) are also called OTC drugs. What is OTC short for?

- A. On the Call B. Over the Counter C. On the Card

10. In China, herbs are often used as medicine to cure diseases. Which of the following plants is NOT used in Chinese herbal medicine?

- A. Dandelion (蒲公英) B. Ginger C. Strawberry

11. What type of drink should people have in order to best aid recovery if they sweat heavily after taking vigorous exercise?

- A. Plain water B. Ice-cold beer C. Slightly salty, sweet water

Key: 9.B 10.C 11.C

2011

1. Asexual reproduction (无性繁殖) is the production of offspring from a single parent. It does not involve fertilization and production of seeds in plants. Which of the following is cultivated asexually?
- A. Apple B. Peach C. Litchi D. Banana
2. What are the spots on strawberries?
- A. Seeds B. Flowers C. Fruits
3. The baobab (猴面包树) is a unique tree with a strange shape. It reaches a height of 5 to 30 meters and has a trunk diameter of 7 to 11 meters. In which of the following continents can it be found?
- A. Africa B. South America C. Europe
4. Cold-blooded animals have a body temperature that changes with the environment. Which of the following are cold-blooded animals?
- A. Mammals B. Birds C. Reptiles
5. In Taoism, which bird is a symbol of longevity?
- A. Swallow B. Red-crowned crane C. Wild goose
6. Bees build a honeycomb in their nests to contain their larvae and to store honey. The honeycomb is a mass of cells made of wax. How many sides does each cell have?
- A. Four B. Five C. Six
7. Birds that do not migrate are called resident birds (留鸟). Which of the following birds is a resident bird?
- A. Magpie B. Wild goose C. Swallow
8. Insulin (胰岛素) is important for sugar metabolism in the human body. It is often taken by diabetics (糖尿病人). Insulin is a kind of _____.
- A. hormone B. vitamin C. mineral
9. The general public may have little knowledge of effective ways to cope with a nuclear leak. Of the following instructions, which one is NOT appropriate?
- A. Locking all doors and windows and staying indoors
 B. Eating large quantities of iodized salt (碘盐)
 C. Not drinking polluted water

Key: 1.D 2.A 3.A 4.C 5.B 6.C 7.A 8.A 9.B

10. People use different methods to get rid of the toxic substances in a newly furnished house. Which of the following is of NO use?

- A. Opening windows
- B. Using activated carbon
- C. Sweeping the floor frequently

11. Yogurt is believed to be better for people's health than milk. However, not everyone knows how to eat yogurt to get a better effect. Which of the following is the best way to eat yogurt?

- A. Heating up yogurt before eating
- B. Eating yogurt on an empty stomach
- C. Eating yogurt with fresh fruit

2012

1. Which of the following is the hardest part of the human body?

- A. Nails B. Skull bone C. Tooth enamel

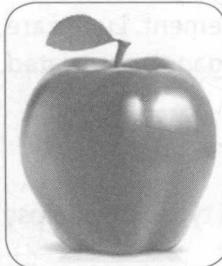
2. Which of the following is native to China?

- A. Soybean B. Corn
C. Watermelon D. Tomato

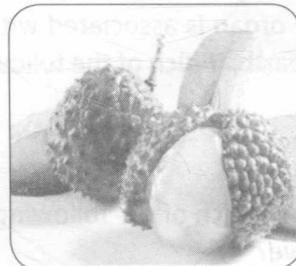
3. Vitamin C is an essential nutrient for the human body. Assuming equal weight, which of the following fruits contains the most Vitamin C?

- A. Pear B. Kiwi berryfruit C. Mango

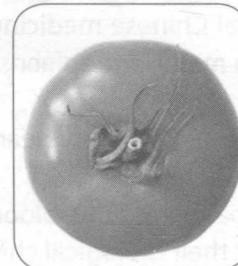
4. Which of the following fruits is also called a "love apple"?



A. Apple



B. Litchi

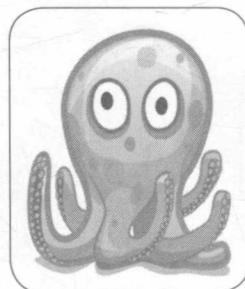


C. Tomato

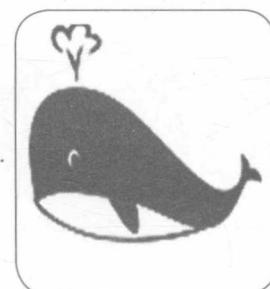
5. What is an onion?

- A. A root B. A fruit C. A bulb

6. Which of the following animals can be classified as a fish?



A.



B.



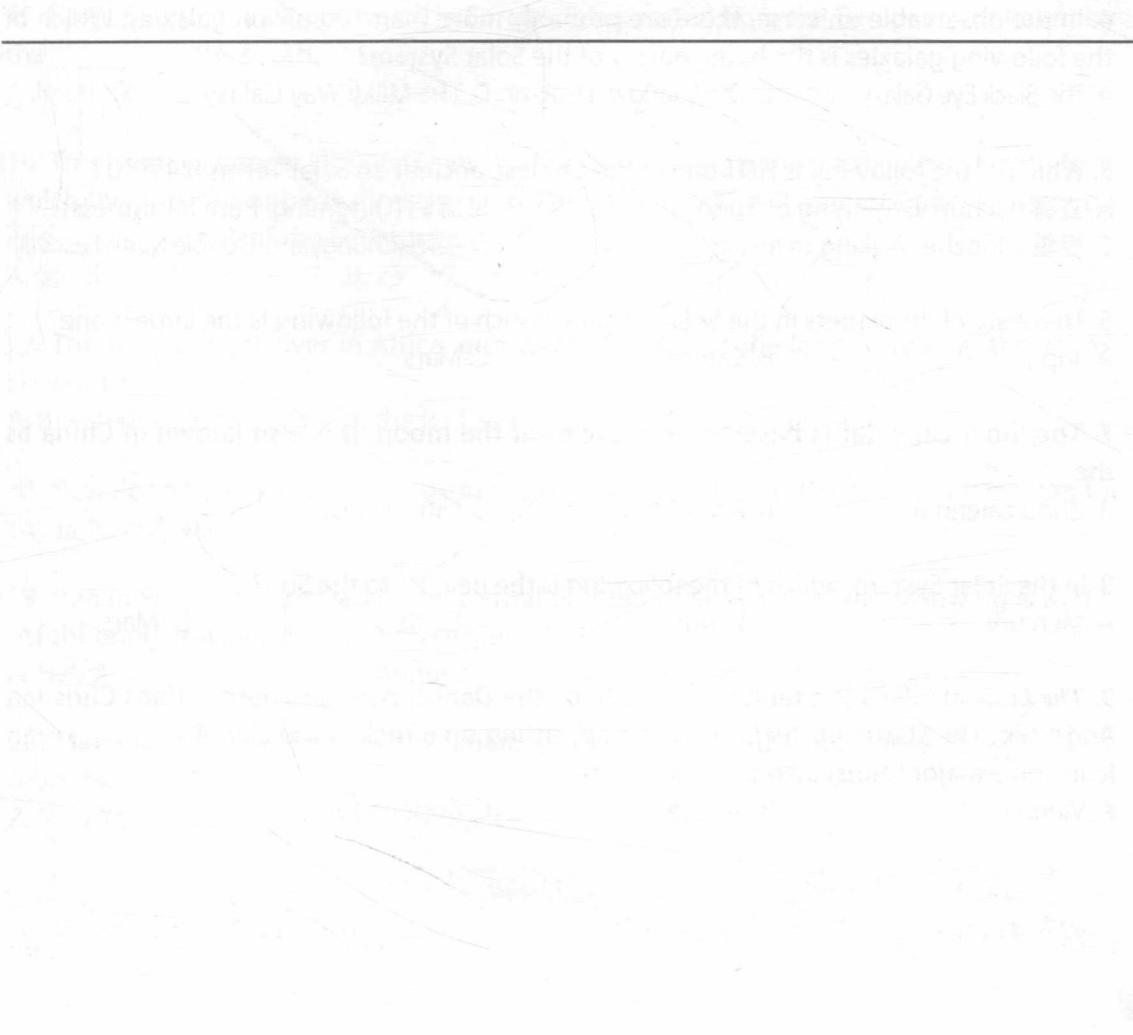
C.

Key: 1.C 2.A 3.B 4.C 5.C 6.C

7. Many animals adapt themselves to the changes in the environment. One such adaptation is hibernation during winter. Which of the following animals hibernates in winter?
- A. Panda B. Rabbit C. Squirrel
8. Sharks don't have bladders like other fishes. Which of the following body parts does a shark rely on to regulate its buoyancy (浮力)?
- A. Tail B. Gills (鳃) C. Liver
9. When bright light is shone in the eye, the pupil _____.
A. gets wider B. remains the same C. gets narrower
10. When you knock your funny bone (鹰嘴突) against something, you may feel a painful tingling. The funny bone is part of the _____.
A. elbow B. thigh C. spine
11. A lack of vitamins can affect people's health. Night blindness may be caused by a lack of _____.
A. Vitamin A B. Vitamin B C. Vitamin C
12. In traditional Chinese medicine, every organ is associated with an element. Lungs are associated with metal, and spleens (脾) to earth. Which of the following organs is associated with water?
- A. Kidney B. Heart C. Liver
13. If a couple have the same blood type, A, which of the following blood types is it almost IMPOSSIBLE for their biological child to have?
- A. Type A B. Type B C. Type O
14. Which of the following is NOT an acronym for medical terms?
- A. MRI B. CT C. CPI

Key: 7. C 8. C 9. C 10. A 11. A 12. A 13. B 14. C (Consumer Price Index)

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2008

1. The ozone layer is a layer in the Earth's atmosphere that can absorb most of the Sun's ultraviolet light. The ozone layer contains relatively high concentrations of _____.
A. trixygen B. carbon dioxide C. oxygen
2. As a physicist, mathematician, astronomer and philosopher, he played a major role in the scientific revolution, and his achievements include improvements to the telescope and consequent astronomical observations. Who was he?
A. Galileo Galilei B. Isaac Newton C. Leonardo da Vinci
3. A star is a massive, luminous sphere of plasma held together by its own gravity. Which is the nearest star to the Earth?
A. The moon B. The Sun C. Mars
4. In the observable universe, there are probably more than 100 billion galaxies. Which of the following galaxies is the home galaxy of the Solar System?
A. The Black Eye Galaxy B. The Sunflower Galaxy C. The Milky Way Galaxy
5. Which of the following is NOT one of the Chinese ancient 24 Solar Terms (24节气)?
A. 立春 (Lichun, Beginning of Spring) B. 清明 (Qingming, Pure Brightness)
C. 惊蛰 (Jingzhe, Waking of Insects) D. 重阳 (Chongyang, Double Ninth Festival)
6. There are eight planets in the Solar System. Which of the following is the largest one?
A. Jupiter B. Saturn C. Mars
7. The lunar calendar is based on the cycles of the moon. It is also known in China as the _____.
A. Zhou calendar B. Xia calendar C. Qin calendar
8. In the Solar System, which of the following is the nearest to the Sun?
A. Mercury B. Venus C. Earth D. Mars
9. *The Little Mermaid* is a famous fairy tale by the Danish poet and author Hans Christian Andersen. The statue of the Little Mermaid, sitting on a rock in the city of _____, is an icon and a major tourist attraction of this city.
A. Vienna B. Venice C. Copenhagen

10. The Lugou Bridge is located in the southwest of Beijing across the Yongding River. It is also known as _____.
 A. the Zheng He Bridge B. the Marco Polo Bridge C. the Kubla Khan Bridge
11. Angkor Wat (吴哥窟) is a temple complex in southeastern Asia. In which country is it located?
 A. Thailand B. Cambodia C. Vietnam
12. The Golden Gate Bridge, named after the strait it crosses, is an internationally recognized symbol of USA. In which US city is this famous bridge?
 A. Chicago B. New York City C. San Francisco D. St. Louis
13. Many languages are spoken in Canada, where English and _____ are the official ones.
 A. Spanish B. French C. Dutch
14. Being the site of one of the oldest civilizations in the world, Mesopotamia has been called the "cradle of civilization". The word "Mesopotamia" literally means "land between the _____. "
 A. rivers B. mountains C. forests
15. Great Britain, the largest island in Europe, is separated from the European continent by the _____ in the south.
 A. North Sea B. Atlantic Ocean C. English Channel
16. The Tropic of Cancer (北回归线), or the Northern tropic, is the northernmost latitude at which the Sun can appear directly overhead at noon. The Tropic of Cancer currently lies _____ north of the Equator.
 A. $66^{\circ} 33'$ B. $23^{\circ} 26'$ C. 90°
17. The Nile, a major river in Africa, generally regarded as the longest river in the world, flows into _____.
 A. the Mediterranean Sea B. the Red Sea C. the Indian Ocean
18. New Zealand is an island country in the southwestern Pacific Ocean. What is the capital city of New Zealand?
19. Henan Province is located in the central part of China. Which of the following is NOT a neighboring province of Henan Province?
 A. Hebei B. Anhui C. Hunan
20. Many cities have their own nicknames. "Big Apple" is the nickname of _____ in America.
 A. New York City B. Los Angeles C. Boston

14. A 15. C 16. B 17. A 18. Wellington 19. C 20. A

Key: 1. A 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. D 6. A 7. B 8. A 9. C 10. B 11. B 12. C 13. B

21. Heilongjiang Province lies in the northeast of China. It borders Jilin to the south and _____ to the west.

22. An island nation is a country whose primary territory consists of one or more islands or parts of islands. Which of the following island nations is NOT a European country?

- A. Ireland B. Maldives C. Malta D. Iceland

23. The Wudang Mountains (武当山) are a small mountain range in Hubei Province in China, and it is usually associated with _____.

- A. Taoism B. Buddhism C. Confucianism

24. The Cape of Good Hope was so named by John II of Portugal because of the great optimism engendered by the opening of a sea route to the East. The Cape of Good Hope is in _____.

- A. India B. South America C. Africa

25. Greenland, the world's largest island, is a self-governing _____ province between the Arctic and Atlantic Oceans.

- A. Danish B. Norwegian C. American D. Canadian

26. The Pacific Ocean is the largest of the Earth's oceanic divisions. The meaning of its name is "peaceful sea", bestowed upon it by the Portuguese explorer _____.

- A. Vasco da Gama B. Christopher Columbus C. Ferdinand Magellan

27. Which of the following mountains does NOT belong to the Four Sacred Mountains in Chinese Buddhism?

- A. Wutai Mountain B. Songshan Mountain C. Jiuhua Mountain D. Putuo Mountain

28. Canals are man-made channels for water. Which two oceans does the Panama Canal link?

- A. The Pacific and Indian B. The Atlantic and Pacific C. The Atlantic and Antarctic

29. The only metropolis in the world on two continents is _____.

- A. Istanbul in Turkey
B. Dubai in the United Arab Emirates
C. Moscow in Russia

30. The Yangtze River is the longest river in China. Its main stream runs through the following provinces EXCEPT for _____.

- A. Sichuan B. Zhejiang C. Anhui

31. In the US state of Florida, much of the land is a large peninsula with the Gulf of _____ to the west and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

- A. Persia B. Araby C. Mexico

32. The Silicon Valley in the US is typically regarded as the engine of the global high-tech economy and a generator of wealth for millions. In which state is the Silicon Valley?
 A. California B. Florida C. New York D. Arizona
33. The Yangtze River, the longest river in China, has its source in a glacier lying on the west of Geladandong Mountain in _____.
 A. Qinghai B. Tibet C. Sichuan
34. Which of the following is a famous tourist place in Australia?
 A. The Great Barrier Reef B. The Great Lakes
 C. The Great Rift Valley D. The Grand Canyon
35. The Yellow River is called "mother river" in China. The following rivers are tributaries of the Yellow River EXCEPT for _____.
 A. the Qiantang River B. the Wei River C. the Luo River
36. Which of the following does "The Lion City" refer to?
 A. Bangkok B. Seoul C. Singapore D. Jakarta
37. Salt Lake City, named for its proximity to the Great Salt Lake, is the capital and the most populous city of _____, USA.
 A. Colorado B. Utah C. Arizona
38. Located between Israel to the west and Jordan to the east, _____ is one of the saltiest bodies of seawater in the world.
 A. the Red Sea B. the Dead Sea C. the Mediterranean Sea
39. There are seven continents in the world. The second largest and second most populous continent is _____.
 A. Latin America B. North America C. Africa
40. Constantinople was once the imperial capital of the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, the Latin Empire and the Ottoman Empire. Its modern name is _____.
 A. Baghdad B. Istanbul C. Islamabad
41. The United States of America consists of 50 states. Which of the following is NOT a state of the United States?
 A. Ohio B. Oklahoma C. Ontario

Key: 21. Inner Mongolia 22. B 23. A 24. C 25. A 26. C 27. B 28. B 29. A
 30. B 31. C 32. A 33. A 34. A 35. A 36. C 37. B 38. B 39. C 40. B 41. C

42. Piccadilly, famous for fashionable stores, clubs, hotels and flats, is a major street in _____.
A. Paris B. London C. New York
43. Which of the following countries does NOT stretch across two continents?
A. Russia B. Turkey C. Egypt D. New Zealand
44. Which of the following capital cities is NOT named after a particular person?
A. Washington D.C. B. Moscow C. Paris D. Wellington
45. Venice is an Italian city sited on a group of 118 small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges. Which of the following cities is often called the "Oriental Venice or Venice of the East"?
A. Suzhou B. Hangzhou C. Yangzhou
46. The Suez Canal, which links the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea, is located in _____.
A. Turkey B. Peru C. Egypt

47. Which country is usually associated with tulips and windmills?
A. The Netherlands B. Denmark C. Norway

2009

1. On 22nd July 2009, an eclipse occurred when the moon passed between the Sun and the Earth. What is this type of eclipse called in English?

2. A Solar Term (节气) is one of the 24 seasonal divisions by which the solar year is divided in China. Of the 24 Solar Terms, there is a special one in spring that is also a festival. What is it?

3. Petroleum is found in many parts of the world. Do you know which of the following peninsulas is rich in petroleum?

- A. The Arabian Peninsula B. The Balkan Peninsula C. The Apennine Peninsula

4. BMW is a large automobile manufacturing company. In which city is BMW based?

- A. Munich B. Detroit C. Frankfurt

5. Australia is home to many exclusive and rare species. Which of the following animals is NOT unique to Australia?

- A. Kangaroo B. Koala C. Sloth

6. In the UK, the Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the King and Queen, while the Westminster Palace functions as the _____.

- A. seat of the Houses of Parliament
B. seat of the Church of England
C. residence of the Prime Minister

7. German is spoken in many countries. Which of the following uses German as its official language?

- A. Denmark B. Austria C. The Netherlands

8. Many American countries use Spanish as the official language. Which of the following countries does NOT belong to these countries?

- A. Mexico B. Argentina C. Brazil

9. There are Five Sacred Mountains (*Wuyue*) in China. What is the name of the Central Mountain?

- A. Huashan Mountain B. Songshan Mountain
C. Hengshan Mountain D. Taishan Mountain

10. The Earth's North Pole refers to the northern end of the Earth's rotation axis. What is the latitude of it?

- A. 0 degree north B. 90 degrees north C. 180 degrees north

7. B 8. C 9. B 10. B

Key: 1. Solar eclipse 2. Qīngmíng/Pure Brightness (清明) 3. A 4. A 5. C 6. A

11. The mountain between Shandong and Shanxi provinces is Taihang Mountain. What is the lake between Hunan and Hubei provinces?
12. Canada uses English and French as its official languages. Which is the largest French-speaking city in Canada?
- A. Ottawa B. Toronto C. Montréal D. Vancouver
13. Which of the following rivers runs through Germany?
- A. The Rhine B. The Mississippi C. The Thames
14. Zhangjiajie, famous for its beautiful scenery, is the first national forest park in China. In which province is it located?
- A. Hunan B. Sichuan C. Hubei
15. Which city is the capital of Canada?
- A. Montréal B. Toronto C. Ottawa D. Vancouver
16. As is known, various academies (书院) have played an important role in education in ancient China. One of the most famous academies is Songyang (嵩阳) Academy. In which province is it located?
- A. Hunan B. Henan C. Zhejiang D. Hubei
17. In the US, among other names, Seattle is known as the Jet City. Which city is given the nickname, the City of Angels?
- A. Chicago B. New York City C. Los Angeles
18. In ancient China, *yin* (阴) and *yang* (阳) usually refer to the direction of a place in relation to a nearby river or mountain. Where is Luoyang (洛阳) in relation to the Luohe River (洛河)?
- A. To the north B. To the south C. To the east D. To the west
19. The Great Wall in China is known as one of the wonders of the world. Where is generally regarded as the western end of the Wall?
20. Of the four longest rivers in the world, which one flows through the greatest number of countries?
- A. The Nile B. The Yangtze C. The Mississippi D. The Amazon
21. Hamburgers are usually a feature of fast food restaurants. The word "hamburger" is not a compound of "ham" and "burger", but is derived from the town of Hamburg. In which country is Hamburg?
- A. France B. Austria C. Germany D. Italy
22. The Lancangjiang River is one of the world's major rivers running through six Asian countries. It is called Lancangjiang within China's territory. Do you know what it is called when it runs through the other countries?
- A. The Mekong River B. The Ganges River C. The Brahmaputra River

23. There is an avenue in New York City which is known as the center of the American theater industry. What is it called?
 A. Fifth Avenue B. Wall Street C. Broadway
24. "My Thatched Hut Was Torn Apart by the Autumn Wind" (《茅屋为秋风所破歌》) was written by Tang Dynasty poet Du Fu. The hut now is a tourist attraction called Du Fu Caotang. Where is it?
 A. Wuhan B. Chengdu C. Chongqing
25. Yangchenghu Lake is famous for its crabs. In which province is the lake?
26. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world. Which of the following countries does the Great Barrier Reef belong to?
 A. Australia B. New Zealand C. Chile
27. Which of the following cities is NOT a capital city?
 A. Tokyo B. Sydney C. Berne D. Wellington
28. Which of the following words is related to the division of the world's time zones?
 A. Greenwich B. Greenland C. Greenpeace D. Greenhouse
29. Many cities in China have some Western-style architecture. Can you tell the name of the city from the following picture?
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- A. Guangzhou B. Harbin C. Xi'an
30. Wutai Mountain is one of four famous Buddhist mountains in China. In which province is it located?
 A. Jiangxi B. Zhejiang C. Anhui D. Shanxi

Key: 11. Dongting Lake 12. C 13. A 14. A 15. C 16. B 17. C 18. A 19. Jiaoyu Pass (教育关)
 20. A 21. C 22. A 23. C 24. B 25. Jiangsu 26. A 27. B 28. A 29. B 30. D

31. *The Sun Also Rises* was written by Ernest Hemingway. In his novel, Hemingway describes the famous Pamplona Bull-running Fiesta. In which country is the city of Pamplona?

- A. Brazil B. Spain C. Italy

32. The Palm Islands are artificial islands on which commercial and residential constructions are to be built. The whole project will take 10-15 years to complete. Where are the islands located?

- A. Dubai B. Doha C. Hong Kong SAR

33. The 11th National Games of the People's Republic of China were held in a city of Shandong Province in October 2009. The city is also known as the "City of Springs". Which city is it?

34. Alaska is separated from the rest of the United States of America. There is another US state which is also separated from the main land of the US. What is it?

- A. Ohio B. Florida C. Hawaii D. California

35. Many rivers have nicknames. Which of the following rivers has the nickname "oldman river"?

- A. The Mississippi B. The Nile C. The Hudson

36. In this piece of music, Jay Zhou mentions the Mesopotamian Plain, which is located between the Euphrates River and the Tigris River. Do you know which country is located on the Mesopotamian Plain now?

- A. Egypt B. Greece C. Iraq D. Iran

37. The city is considered as the "Capital of Europe", because it is the administrative center of the European Union. Which city is it?

- A. Brussels B. Zurich C. Paris

38. Which ocean lies between Africa and Oceania?

- A. The Pacific Ocean B. The Indian Ocean C. The Atlantic Ocean

39. The phrase "chuang guandong", literally means "people went out of the pass to Northeast China" during the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. "Pass" in this case refers to _____.

- A. Shanhai Pass (山海关) B. Jiayu Pass (嘉峪关) C. Yumen Pass (玉门关)

40. There is a holy river for the followers of the Hindu faith, and every year thousands of Hindu pilgrims come to bathe in it. What river is it?

- A. The Nile B. The Ganges C. The Yangtze

41. Every year, many Muslims across the world go to Mecca on pilgrimage. In which country is the city of Mecca?

- A. India B. Saudi Arabia C. Israel

42. There are 23 provinces, 5 autonomous regions, 4 municipalities and 2 SARs in China. Which of the following is the largest in area?
- A. Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region B. Qinghai Province
 C. Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
43. Hollywood is a holy place for film lovers. Do you know which American state it is in?
- A. California B. Texas C. Massachusetts
44. It is the most voluminous freshwater lake in the world. It was known as the "North Sea" in ancient China and was where the Han Dynasty envoy Su Wu (苏武) lived in exile for 19 years. What is it called today?
- A. The Caspian Sea B. Lake Baikal C. The Black Sea
45. On which day will you experience the longest night of the year?
- A. Winter Solstice B. Summer Solstice C. Vernal Equinox D. Fall Equinox
46. Tang Dynasty poet Wang Zhihuan composed the following verse line: "春风不度玉门关". The Yumen Pass mentioned here was, in ancient times, an important place on the Silk Road. Where is it now?
- A. Shaanxi B. Ningxia C. Gansu
47. There are two canals that link seas. One is the Suez Canal, which connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea. The other joins the Caribbean Sea to the Pacific Ocean. What is it called?
48. Which of the following countries has the lowest terrain?
- A. The Netherlands B. Switzerland C. Denmark
49. Which of the following is one of the first countries in the world to greet the new day, because the International Date Line lies just to its east?
- A. New Zealand B. The US C. China
50. West Lake, a picturesque tourist destination in Hangzhou, is known for its Ten Famous Attractions (西湖十景). Which of the following is NOT one of the ten attractions?
- A. Snow Scene on the Broken Bridge (断桥残雪)
 B. Evening Bell Sounding at Nanping (南屏晚钟)
 C. Misty Trees in Jimen (蔚然烟树)
 D. Autumn Moon on the Calm Lake (平湖秋月)

KEY: 31. B 32. A 33. Ji'nan 34. C 35. A 36. C 37. A 38. B 39. A 40. B 41. B
 42. C 43. A 44. B 45. A 46. C 47. The Panama Canal 48. A 49. A 50. C

51. Taihu Lake, the 3rd largest freshwater lake in China, is located between Jiangsu Province and _____ Province.

- A. Zhejiang B. Anhui C. Jiangxi

52. This mountain is located in northeastern Tanzania and is the highest peak in Africa. Ernest Hemingway wrote a story with the mountain as background. What is the mountain called?

- A. Eagle Mountain B. Mount Kenya C. Mount Kilimanjaro

53. The Mediterranean, literally meaning sea in the middle of lands, has Europe to the north, _____ to the south, and Asia to the east.

54. It is a mountain of historical and cultural significance located in an eastern province in China. It appears on the back of the 5 yuan RMB banknote. Which mountain is it?

- A. Laoshan Mountain B. Taishan Mountain C. Yimeng Mountain

55. Where is the Arc de Triomphe located?

- A. France B. Britain C. The United States

56. In *Journey to the West* (《西游记》), one story talks about crossing the "Flaming Mountain" ("火焰山"), a very hot place. Where is the Flaming Mountain believed to be?

- A. Turpan, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region B. Wuhan, Hubei Province
C. Nanjing, Jiangsu Province D. Chongqing Municipality

57. Measuring 0.4 sq km, the Vatican is the world's smallest sovereign state. It is a tiny enclave in the heart of the city of _____.

- A. Paris B. Florence C. Rome

58. There is a city in Hebei Province which, it is said, was given its name after the first emperor of a united China. From there, the emperor sent his men out to the sea to look for legendary immortality pills. Which city is it?

59. Which of the following is famous for its four wonders: peculiar pine trees, queer rocks, sea of clouds, and hot springs (奇松、怪石、云海、温泉)?

- A. Taishan Mountain B. Huangshan Mountain C. Lushan Mountain

60. It was one of China's classical gardens, and known as the "garden of gardens". What is its name?

- A. The Summer Palace (颐和园)
B. Yuanmingyuan (圆明园)
C. Humble Administrator's Garden (拙政园)

61. On the Yangtze River there are three spectacular gorges, namely, the Qutang Gorge (瞿塘峡), the Wu Gorge (巫峡) and _____.

- A. the Sanmen Gorge (三门峡)
B. the Qingtong Gorge (青铜峡)
C. the Xiling Gorge (西陵峡)

62. Watch the video. The Yellow River flows through 9 provinces into the sea. What is the sea the Yellow River runs into?

- A. Huanghai B. Nanhai C. Donghai D. Bohai

Key: 51. A 52. C 53. Africa 54. B 55. A 56. A 57. C 58. Qinhuangdao 59. B
60. B 61. C 62. D

2010

1. During March and April of 2010, an erupting volcano in southern Iceland shot heavy ash into the layers of the atmosphere where planes usually fly, causing many European airports to close. What is the name of the layer of the atmosphere where planes fly?

- A. Troposphere (对流层) B. Stratosphere (平流层) C. Mesosphere (中间层)

2. The American soap opera *The Big Bang Theory* caters to youngsters all over the world. What does the "Big Bang Theory" relate to in science?

- A. The Earth B. Human beings C. The universe

3. A telescope is used in astronomical observatories to observe the sky. Considering the observation track of a telescope and in order to save building costs, what shape should the roof of an astronomical observatory be?

- A. Round B. Flat C. Pointed

4. There are 24 Solar Terms (节气) in the traditional Chinese lunar calendar. "Chushu" (处暑) comes 14th after "Liqiu" (立秋). Do you know what "Chushu" means?

- A. Beginning of Autumn B. Slight Heat C. Limit of Heat

5. A lunar calendar (阴历) is based on the cycles of the phases of the moon while a solar calendar (阳历) is based on the revolutions (公转) of the Earth around the Sun. The latter wasn't adopted in China until _____.

- A. the Revolution of 1911

- B. the Opium War

- C. the May Fourth Movement

- D. October 1, 1949

6. Halley's Comet (哈雷彗星) was discovered by British astronomer Edmond Halley in the early 18th century. Halley is the only comet clearly visible to the naked human eye and returns so often that a person might see it twice in his/her lifetime. How often is it visible from the Earth?

- A. Every 16 years B. Every 76 years C. Every 176 years

7. Most South American countries use Spanish as their official language. However, there is one and only one country that uses Portuguese as its official language in South America. Which country is it?

- A. Chile

- B. Argentina

- C. Brazil

- D. Venezuela

8. A seaquake may generate destructive waves that attack the shoreline and destroy everything in their way. What is this natural disaster called?

- A. Typhoon B. Tornado C. Tsunami

9. The lung is an important organ in the human body. It helps to provide oxygen so as to sustain life in the body. Which of the following are regarded as the lungs of the Earth?

- A. The oceans B. The forests C. The grasslands

10. This is the world's traditional automobile center, and is known as America's Motor City or Motown (汽车城). World-famous automobile brands such as General Motors, Ford and Chrysler all have their headquarters here. Which city is it?

- A. New York B. Detroit C. Los Angeles

11. The deepest place in the oceans is located in the Pacific Ocean. It is so deep that Mount Qomolangma would be completely submerged. What is the name of this place?

- A. The Bering Strait (白令海峡)
B. The Dead Sea (死海)
C. The Mariana Trench (马里亚纳海沟)

12. The Hanging Temple (悬空寺) is a temple built into a cliff near Hengshan Mountain in the province of _____.

- A. Shanxi B. Jiangxi C. Hunan

13. A typhoon is a type of cyclone (气旋) in the Pacific Ocean. It is characterized by very strong circular winds, low pressure at the center of the storm, thunder, lightning and heavy rain. In what type of oceanic waters are typhoons generated?

- A. Temperate (温带的) B. Tropical (热带的) C. Arctic (寒带的)

14. 2011 is the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party in China. In 1921, the 1st National Congress of the Communist Party of China was held on a boat on Nanhu Lake. Nanhu Lake is in _____.

- A. Shanghai B. Changsha, Hunan Province C. Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province

15. This scene from the film 2012 was shot in an American park. It is the first national park in the world, and is known for its wildlife and geothermal features. What's the name of the park?

- A. Lincoln Park B. Central Park C. Yellow Stone Park

16. Which of the following tourist attractions is NOT in Asia?

- A. The Maldives B. Bali C. The Aegean Sea

14.C 15.C 16.C

Key: 1.B 2.C 3.A 4.C 5.A 6.B 7.C 8.C 9.B 10.B 11.C 12.A 13.B

17. When we are enjoying a sunny afternoon on an autumn day in Beijing, in which of the following cities is it a spring night?

- A. Washington D.C., USA B. Buenos Aires, Argentina C. Paris, France

18. The China Sea (中国海域) consists of four parts, the Bohai Sea, the Yellow Sea, the East China Sea and the _____ China Sea.

19. Many cities have nicknames, for example, Chongqing is Mountain City (山城) and Guangzhou is Goat City (羊城). Which of the following cities is called "the City of Sunshine" (日光城) because it has about 3,000 hours of sunshine a year?

- A. Lhasa B. Chengdu C. Harbin

Key: 17.B 18. South 19.A

2011

1. The Royal Greenwich Observatory (RGO) played a major role in the history of astronomy and navigation. Where is the RGO located?

- A. Washington, D.C. B. Paris C. Berlin D. London

2. In ancient China, people called the planet Venus by more than one name. Which of the following is NOT one of the names?

- A. 启明 B. 太白 C. 文曲

3. Shandong and Shanxi provinces in China literally mean “east of the mountain” and “west of the mountain”. Which mountain range separates the two provinces?

- A. Qinling B. Tianshan Mountain C. Taihang Mountain D. Daxing'anling

4. Provinces in China have short names. Which of the following matches is correct?

- A. Hebei—Lu B. Yunnan—Wan C. Hainan—Qiong

5. Which is the most northerly capital city?

- A. Reykjavik B. Beijing C. Ottawa D. London

6. Scotland Yard, the headquarters of a metropolitan police service in Britain, is referred to in many literary works, such as *Around the World in 80 Days*. Where is it located?

- A. Edinburgh B. London C. Cardiff

7. The Danube (多瑙河) is Europe's second longest river after the Volga (伏尔加河). It is classified as an international waterway. Through which of the following countries does the Danube NOT flow?

- A. Austria B. Slovakia C. Russia

8. Easter Island (复活节岛) is famous for its 887 extant monumental statues. It is located in _____.

- A. the Pacific Ocean B. the Atlantic Ocean C. the Indian Ocean

9. Manneken Pis (小于连), a small bronze sculpture, is part of a fountain. It is a famous landmark in a European city. In which city is it located?

- A. London B. Prague C. Brussels

10. A spa is associated with water treatment: drinking or bathing in natural mineral water to improve health or cure diseases. The term is derived from the name of the town of Spa. In which country is this town?

- A. Iceland B. Belgium C. America

11. “江作青罗带，山如碧玉簪” was written by the famous Tang Dynasty writer Han Yu. Which scenery do these two lines depict?

- A. The West Lake B. Huangshan Mountain C. Mountain and Water in Guilin

12. The Nazca Lines (纳斯卡线条) are shallow lines in the desert dating from about 400 AD. They feature hummingbirds, spiders, monkeys, fish, sharks and lizards. In which country are the Nazca Lines located?

- A. Egypt B. Chile C. Peru

13. The United Arab Emirates (阿拉伯联合酋长国) is situated in the southeast of the Arabian Peninsula. How many emirates form the United Arab Emirates?

- A. 5 B. 6 C. 7

2012

1. In Chinese astrology, it is believed the relationship between the five elements of fire, water, wood, earth and metal is one of mutual inhibition. For example, fire is restricted by water. Which element is restricted by metal?

- A. Wood B. Earth C. Fire

2. The term "dwarf planet" was adopted in 2006 as part of a three-way categorization of bodies orbiting the Sun. Which of the following was excluded from the planetary category and redefined as a dwarf planet?

- A. Mercury (水星) B. Neptune (海王星) C. Pluto (冥王星)

3. The 24 Solar Terms reflect the change of seasons, natural phenomena and the change of weather. Which of the following indicates a change of weather?

- A. Great Heat (大暑)
B. The Waking of Insects (惊蛰)
C. The Beginning of Spring (立春)

4. At what time of day is it normally hottest?

- A. 10-11 o'clock in the morning B. 11-12 o'clock in the morning
C. 2-3 o'clock in the afternoon

5. Which of the following descriptions is NOT one of the usual features of a marine climate?

- A. Cool but not cold winters
B. A narrow range of annual temperatures
C. Extremely dry summers

6. The PM2.5 level is often used to evaluate air quality. The higher the level is, the greater health risks people may face. What does PM2.5 refer to?

- A. Particles lighter than 2.5mg in weight
B. Particles less than $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter
C. Particles more than 2.5 but less than $10 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter

7. Which of the following places of historical interest is NOT in Asia?

- A. Angkor Wat B. The Grand Palace C. Tikal Temple

8. Spanish is the official language in all the following countries EXCEPT for _____.

- A. Cuba B. Mexico C. Brazil D. Argentina

Key: 1.A 2.C 3.A 4.C 5.C 6.B 7.C 8.C

9. The Strait of Magellan is a navigable sea route between Tierra del Fuego (火地岛) and the mainland of South America. Which two oceans does it connect?

- A. The Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean
- B. The Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean
- C. The Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean

10. Which of the following countries is a landlocked country?

- A. Yemen
- B. Cambodia
- C. Iraq
- D. Nepal

11. Where does China's westernmost land lie?

- A. Tibet
- B. Xinjiang
- C. Gansu

12. The West Indies (西印度群岛) are comprised of about 1,200 islands. Where are the West Indies located?

- A. The South Pacific Ocean
- B. The West Atlantic Ocean
- C. The West Indian Ocean

13. Jingdezhen is the most distinguished “porcelain capital” in China. In which province is Jingdezhen located?

- A. Jiangxi
- B. Jiangsu
- C. Zhejiang

14. The Thames is the second longest river in the United Kingdom. Which part of the country does it flow through?

- A. Wales
- B. Scotland
- C. England

15. Which Turkish city is the only city in the world that lies on two continents?

- A. Antalya
- B. Ankara
- C. Istanbul

16. This audio clip is from a famous Chinese song called “东方之珠”. Which city does “东方之珠” in the song refer to?

- A. Hong Kong
- B. Shanghai
- C. Zhuhai

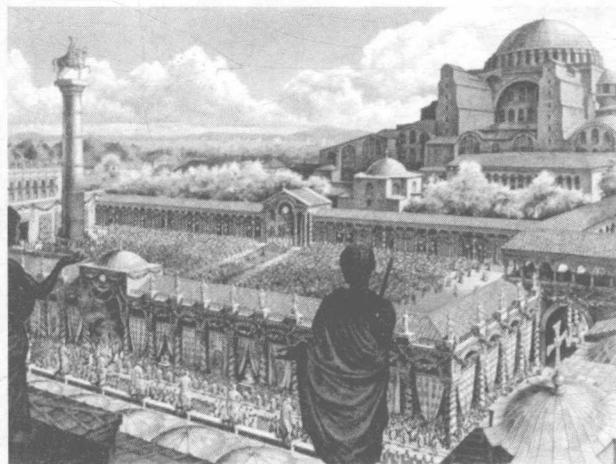
17. The Dead Sea is believed to be one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world. Why is it called the Dead Sea?

- A. Because many people have drowned in it.
- B. Because it is a landlocked lake and has no outlet.
- C. Because it supports no life except bacteria and sea plants.

18. Which of the following cities is sometimes regarded as the “Capital of International Conventions”?

- A. Geneva
- B. New York
- C. Washington D.C.

19. Constantinople, whose modern name is Istanbul, was the capital of Byzantine Empire. Byzantine Empire is also known as _____.



- A. Eastern Roman Empire B. Western Roman Empire C. Prussian Empire