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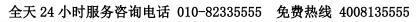
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全国 2009 年 4 月高等教育自学考试 英语国家概况试题 课程代码: 00522

I. Read the following unfinished statements or questions carefully. For each unfinished statement or question, four

suggested answers marked A, B, C and D ar	re given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or	
answers the question. Write the letter of the	ne answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the answer	
sheet. (50 points, 1 point for each)	a,	
1. Strictly speaking, "the British Isles" refers to_		
A. Great Britain	B. Ireland	
C. the United Kingdom	D. Great Britain and Ireland	
2. Which of the following kings was responsible:	for the complete establishment of the feudal system in England?	
A. Edward I	B. Henry II	
C. Alfred the Great	D. William the Conqueror	
3. The spirit of the Great Charter was		
A. a limitation of the powers of the king	B. a guarantee of the freedom of the serfs	
C. a limitation of the powers of the Church	D. a declaration of equality among all people	
4. Which of the following is NOT true about the result of the Black Death?		

A. Much land was left untended.





B. There was a terrible shortage of labour.	
C. The surviving peasants had lost their power of	bargaining.
D. Landowners tended to change from arable to s	heep-farming.
5. The War of Roses that took place from 1455 to	1485 was fought between
A. Britain and France	B. the Parliament and the Crown
C. the working people and the aristocrats	D. two branches of the Plantagenet family
6. The English Renaissance was largely literary, a	and it achieved its finest expression in the so-called
A. Romantic poetry	B. Romantic fiction
C. Elizabethan poetry	D. Elizabethan drama
7. British constitutional monarchy is a system	under which the powers of the are limited by Parliament or the
constitution.	
A. church	B. king or queen
C. government ministers	D. Bishop's court
8. The Tories in Britain were the forerunners of _	, which still bears this nickname today.
A. the Labor Party	B. the Liberal Party
C. the Conservative Party	D. the Social Democratic Party
9. Which of the following was NOT included in t	he six-point demand of the Chartist Movement?
A. Equal electoral districts	B. Voting by secret ballot
C. The vote for all adult males	D. The vote for all adult females
10. During the First World War, Britain was allie	d with
A. Turkey	B. the Central Powers
C. France and Russia	D. Germany and Austria-Hungary
11. Who was the man that led Britain in the crisis	of the Second World War?
A. George VI	B. Theodore Roosevelt
C. Neville Chamberlain	D. Sir Winston Churchill
12. The new policies adopted by Mrs. Thatcher an	nd Conservative Government after the 1979 election was known as
A. Thatcherism	B. the New Deal
C. New Frontier	D. Keynesianism
13. Over the past one thousand years, the British	has been broken only once between 1649 and 1660.
A. Cabinet	B. Parliament
C. Monarchy	D. Privy Council
14. Who has the power to appoint the Prime Mini	ster in Britain?
A. The Queen	B. The Parliament
C. The House of Lords	D. The Church of England



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15. In Britain, a full meeting of	is called only when a Sovereign dies or announces his or her intention to marry.
A. the Privy Council	B. the Parliament
C. the House of Commons	D. the House of Lords
16. Which of the following is NOT inv	olved in the British judicial responsibilities?
A. Attorney General	B. Ministry of Justice
C. The Lord Chancellor	D. The Home Secretary
17. Bank holidays in Britain refer to	
A. official public holidays	B. holidays for the banks only
C. public holidays except for the banks	D. holidays for the financial institutions only
18. Which statement about the British	universities is NOT true?
A. They enjoy academic freedom.	
B. They cannot appoint their own staff.	
C. They are governed by royal charters	
D. They provide their own courses and	award their own degrees.
19, the most popular sport is	n England as well as in Europe, has its traditional home in England where it wa
developed in the 19th century.	
A. Basketball	B. Tennis
C. Football	D. Baseball
20. London's Metropolitan Police Force	e is directly under the control of
A. the Prime Minister	B. the Lord Chancellor
C. the Home Secretary	D. the Attorney General
21. Which statement about the Puritans	s is NOT true?
A. The Puritans did not allow religious	dissent.
B. The Puritans were poor artisans and	unskilled peasants.
C. They were dissatisfied with the political control of the political c	tical corruption in England.
D. They went to the United States to es	stablish what they considered the true church.
22. The largest racial and ethnic minor	ity in the U.S. is the, which accounts over 12.1% of the population.
A. blacks	B. Asians
C. Indians	D. Hispanics
23. The three well-known authors who	penned the Federalist Papers are
A. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison a	and John Jay
B. George Washington, James Madison	and John Jay
C. Alexander Hamilton, James Madiso	n and John Jay
D Alexander Hamilton James Madiso	n and John Adams



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24. When Abraham Lincoln was elected pres	sident, the southern states broke away and formed a new nation called
A. the Southern States of America	B. the Federalist States of America
C. the Confederate States of America	D. the Anti-confederate States of America
25. With the development of industry and	extension of railroad network in the early 20th century in the U.S.A., there
appeared	
A. a rapid growth of cities	B. an influx of foreign goods
C. an increase of urban ghettos	D. a great increase in the number of farms
26. In the early 19th century, activel	y used the Sherman Antitrust Act to stop monopolistic business mergers in the
United States.	
A. J.P. Morgan	B. Woodrow Wilson
C. Henry Rockefeller	D. Theodore Roosevelt
27. The Red Scare in 1919 and 1920 was a ty	pical example of American
A. religious intolerance	B. intolerant nationalism
C. Progressive Movement	D. deregulation of big trusts
28. In the early 1930s, the American foreign	n policy was isolationist, but the suddenly changed the whole situation,
which propelled the U.S. into the Second	World War.
A. Pearl Harbor attack	B. bombing of Guam island
C. seizing of American merchant ships	D. sinking of American passenger ships
29. In 1962, President finally decide	ed on the use of naval force to prevent military material and arms from entering
Cuba and demanded Soviet removal of the	e missiles there.
A. Nixon	B. Truman
C. Johnson	D. Kennedy
30. In 1853, in the, another 30,000 so	quare miles of Mexican land were added to the territory of the U.S.A.
A. Atlantic Purchase	B. Mexican Purchase
C. Gadsden Purchase	D. Louisiana Purchase
31. The four problems that face the economy	of the United States are
A. unemployment, inflation, financial crisis a	and trade deficit
B. unemployment, inflation, financial deficit	and trade deficit
C. mortgage losses, inflation, financial defici	it and trade deficit
D. unemployment, market failures, financial	deficit and trade deficit
32. Which statement about the U.S. Constitu	tion is NOT true?
A. It is the supreme law of the land.	
B. It is the oldest written constitution in the v	world.
C. It was adopted in 1781 at the Second Con	tinental Congress



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D. It provides the basis for political stability, ec	onomic growth and social progress.
33. The American President usually takes an oa	th of office, administered by the of the United States in January.
A. Chief Justice	B. House Speaker
C. Secretary of State	D. Senate Majority Leader
34. The U.S. Constitution provides that the	shall be President of the Senate.
A. Vice President	B. Secretary of State
C. Senate Majority Leader	D. Senate Minority Leader
35. Which one of the following is NOT government	nent-run at the U.S. federal level?
A. Motor vehicle	B. The road system
C. National defense	D. The postal service
36. It is generally agreed that U.S. higher educa	tion began with the
A. Civil War	B. Independence War
C. founding of Harvard College	D. founding of Princeton University
37. Formal education in the United States consis	sts of
A. kindergarten, junior and senior education	
B. junior, elementary and secondary education	
C. elementary, secondary and higher education	
D. kindergarten, secondary and higher education	
38. In his Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Heming	way
A. expresses the idea of facing defeat courageou	ısly
B. shows the basic goodness and wisdom of ord	inary people
C. praises the ideas of equality and democracy a	and the joy of common people
D. describes the sharp contrast of wealth and po	verty in Chicago and New York
39. In the early part of the 19th century,	was the center of American writing.
A. Boston	B. Detroit
C. New York City	D. Philadelphia
40. The most important patriotic holiday in the	U.S. is
A. Halloween	B. Veterans' Day
C. Thanksgiving Day	D. Independence Day
41. The capital city of Ireland is	
A. Cork	B. Dublin
C. Galway	D. Waterford
42. Historically, Ireland has been free of ethnic	conflicts because of its
A. racial unity	B. racial homogeneity

C. multi-culturalism	D. high rate of emigration	
43. Ireland has the following demographic feature	s EXCEPT	
A. a late marriage age		
B. an excess of females in the population		
C. a high proportion of bachelors and spinsters of all ages		
D. a low birthrate compounded by a century of emigration		
44. Which of the following is a typical bilingual city in Canada?		
A. Ottawa	B. Calgary	
C. Toronto	D. Vancouver	
45. Which of the following statements about immi	gration in Canada is NOT true?	
A. It is estimated that one-third of Canadians were	born in other countries.	
B. Immigration has always been an important sour	rce of its population growth.	
C. Immigration has played an important role in the development of its economy.		
D. in the past Britain and Western Europe were the principal sources of Canadian immigration.		
46. In terms of land area, Canada is the land	rgest country in the world.	
A. second	B. third	
C. fourth	D. fifth	
47. The head of state of Australia is		
A. the Governor	B. the President	
C. the Prime Minister	D. the Queen of England	
48 is the only city on the western coast of	Australia with a population of over one million.	
A. Perth	B. Sydney	
C. Brisbane	D. Melbourne	
49. A, where two parts of the earth's crust	meet, runs the length of New Zealand.	
A. fault line	B. built area	
C. dormant volcano	D. geothermal area	
50. The Treaty of Waitangi in 1840 was an agreen	nent between	
A. the Maori whalers and the British Crown		
B. the Maori people and the British missionaries		
C. the Maori traders and the British missionaries		
D. the chiefs of the Maori people and the British Crown		

II. Give a one-sentence answer to each of the following questions. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (30 points, 3 points for each)



- 51. What are the main functions of the British Parliament?
- 52. What were the two countries Elizabeth I successfully played off against each other for nearly 30 years?
- 53. What was the outcome of the English Civil War?
- 54. What are the three main Christian festivals in the U.K.?
- 55. What were the three cornerstones of American postwar economic boom?
- 56. What was the most important document produced between China and the United States when President Nixon visited China in 1972?
- 57. What is the most central function of the U.S. Congress?
- 58. What are the two major parties that dominate American politics at the federal, state and local levels?
- 59. What are the two official languages used in Ireland?
- 60. Who are the native people living in Australia?

III. Explain each of the following terms in English. Write your answer in the corresponding space on the answer sheet in around 40 words. (20 points, 5 points for each)

- 61. Open University
- 62. The Speaker (of the House of Commons in Britain)
- 63. Muckrakers
- 64. The stock market crash of 1929