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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 are given. Choose the one that you think best completes the statement or answers the question. Write the letter of the answer you have chosen in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. (50 points, 1 point for each)

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.

24. When Abraham Lincoln was elected president, 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, _____ actively 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 typical 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 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 decided on the use of naval force to prevent military material and arms from entering Cuba and demanded Soviet removal of the missiles there.
A. Nixon B. Truman
C. Johnson D. Kennedy
30. In 1853, in the _____, another 30,000 square 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 and trade deficit
B. unemployment, inflation, financial deficit and trade deficit
C. mortgage losses, inflation, financial deficit and trade deficit
D. unemployment, market failures, financial deficit and trade deficit
32. Which statement about the U.S. Constitution is NOT true?
A. It is the supreme law of the land.
B. It is the oldest written constitution in the world.
C. It was adopted in 1781 at the Second Continental Congress.

- C. multi-culturalism
D. high rate of emigration
43. Ireland has the following demographic features 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 immigration 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 source 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 _____ largest 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 agreement 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