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## 全国 2012 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)**

- About a hundred years ago, Britain ruled an empire that had colonies in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Europe, Africa and Asia  
B. Australia, Africa and Europe  
C. Asia, Africa and North America  
D. Europe, Africa and North America
- The \_\_\_\_\_ tribes are ancestors of the highland Scots, the Irish and the Welsh.  
A. Danish  
B. Celtic  
C. Anglo-Saxon  
D. Viking
- Which of the following statements about Roman Britain is true?  
A. The Romans remained in control of Britain for over 500 years.  
B. The Romans never treated the Britons as a subject people of slave class.  
C. During the four centuries, Romans and Britons had a lot of intermarriages.  
D. The Romans had no impact on the language or culture of ordinary Britons.
- Under \_\_\_\_\_, the feudal system in England was completely established.  
A. Edward I  
B. Henry II  
C. King Alfred  
D. William the Conqueror
- \_\_\_\_\_ was, above all, responsible for the religious reform of the Church in the 16th century.  
A. Henry VII  
B. Henry VIII  
C. Edward IV  
D. Edward VI

6. Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots, was Elizabeth I's \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. sister B. daughter  
C. cousin D. half-sister
7. The English Renaissance was largely \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. literary B. political  
C. religious D. philosophical
8. Loosely speaking, \_\_\_\_\_ opposed absolute monarchy and supported the right to religious freedom for Nonconformists.  
A. the Whigs B. the Tories  
C. the House of Lords D. the House of Commons
9. Which of the following statements about World War II is true?  
A. Britain lost about 250,000 lives during the war.  
B. Britain became a powerful empire after the war.  
C. Britain only devoted part of its entire strength to the war.  
D. Britain suffered far more military casualties in World War II than in World War I.
10. The Industrial Revolution refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ and the consequent changes in social and economic organizations in Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries.  
A. urbanization of Britain B. reformation of the Church  
C. mechanization of industry D. mechanization of agriculture
11. The oldest institution of government in the U.K. is \_\_\_\_\_, which goes back to at least the 9th century.  
A. the Monarchy B. the Parliament  
C. the Privy Council D. the Metropolitan Police
12. The maximum duration of a Parliament in the U.K. is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. two years B. four years  
C. five years D. six years
13. The husband of Queen Elizabeth II is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Prince Andrew B. Prince Philip  
C. Prince Charles D. Prince William
14. The Lords Temporal in Britain's House of Lords consists of all the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. life peers  
B. hereditary peers  
C. Lords of appeal of "law lords"  
D. the Archbishops of Canterbury and York
15. The House of Commons in the U.K. had its first woman speaker in \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 1990 B. 1991  
C. 1992 D. 1993
16. In England and Wales, lay magistrates ("justice of the peace" or JPs) are appointed by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. the Monarch B. the Parliament  
C. the Prime Minister D. the Lord Chancellor
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the largest single employer of labor in the U.K.  
A. British Airways B. British Petroleum  
C. National Health Service D. British Telecommunications
18. \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in 1969, and began its first course in 1970.  
A. Glasgow University B. Aberdeen University

- C. The Open University                      D. St Andrews University
19. \_\_\_\_\_ is the most typical English sport in England.
- A. Golf    B. Cricket
- C. Tennis    D. Football
20. \_\_\_\_\_ is a contemporary British musical composer.
- A. David Hare                                      B. Tom Stoppard
- C. Harold Pinter                                      D. Lloyd Webber
21. The United States of America, with a population of 255.5 million in 1992, was the \_\_\_\_\_ most populous country in the world.
- A. second    B. third
- C. fourth    D. fifth
22. Statistically \_\_\_\_\_ have been the fastest growing states in population for the last 20 years.
- A. Arizona, Nevada and Florida
- B. California, Nevada and Florida
- C. Arizona, New Jersey and Nevada
- D. Arizona, New Mexico and Florida
23. The war at \_\_\_\_\_ in Northern New York proved to be a great turning point of the War of Independence.
- A. Lexington    B. Concord
- C. Yorktown    D. Saratoga
24. The Federalist Papers written under the name of *Publius* were co-authored by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Alexander Hamilton, John Locke and John Jay .
- B. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay
- C. Andrew Jackson, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson
- D. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson
25. The American expansionist movement produced a theory called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. New Frontier    B. New Darwinism
- C. Manifest Destiny    D. Roosevelt Corollary
26. Which of the following statements is NOT considered the valid reason for the disappearance of black slavery in the American North in the early 1800s?
- A. The price of slaves was too high.
- B. Slavery was simply illegal in the North.
- C. The Africans could not stand cold winters in the North.
- D. As the North turned toward industry, mechanics and not farmhands were needed.
27. In the political area, the Progressive Movement demanded \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the banning of child labor
- B. improve living conditions
- C. industrial accident insurance
- D. reforming the city and state governments
28. The 19th Amendment of voting right for women was adopted during the \_\_\_\_\_ Administration.
- A. J.F.Kennedy's    B. Woodrow Wilson's
- C. Franklin Roosevelt's    D. Theodore Roosevelt's



29. As a result of the Great Depression, many people lost their land and other properties because of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. bankruptcy B. foreclosure  
C. speculation D. profiteering
30. The aim of measures in the New Deal, as President Roosevelt put it, was to \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. "save American democracy"  
B. "regulate and reform the banking system"  
C. "strengthen government intervention in business"  
D. "raise the role of labor in the relations of production"
31. The first summit between the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain during World War II was held in \_\_\_\_\_ in November 1943.  
A. Yalta B. Cairo  
C. Tehran D. Potsdam
32. The open declaration of the containment policy was made by U.S. President \_\_\_\_\_ on March 12, 1949.  
A. Hoover B. Truman  
C. Roosevelt D. Eisenhower
33. Since 1945 the United States entered a 25-year economic boom, and the cornerstones were the \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. automobile, housing and shipping  
B. farming, housing and defense industries  
C. automobile, housing and defense industries  
D. automobile, shipping and defense industries
34. \_\_\_\_\_ turned out to be the longest war the United States ever fought (1950-1975) as a result of its policy of containment of Communism.  
A. The Civil War B. The Korean War  
C. The Vietnam War D. World War II
35. Which statement about the Watergate Scandal is NOT true?  
A. After the scandal American disillusion grew.  
B. Nixon was the second president to resign in U.S. history.  
C. Nixon finally handed over the complete tapes, which would condemn him.  
D. By the early 1980s far fewer Americans still clung to the belief that their system was the most powerful.
36. The U.S. President can veto any bill passed by Congress unless overridden by \_\_\_\_\_ vote in each house.  
A. one-third B. two-thirds  
C. two-fifths D. three-fourths
37. When a bill emerges from the Senate and the House, it is usually referred to a \_\_\_\_\_ composed of equal number of members from each house to resolve the differences.  
A. revenue committee B. standing committee  
C. permanent committee D. conference committee
38. The fourth party period began with \_\_\_\_\_ and lasted till the \_\_\_\_\_ with the Democratic Party dominant.  
A. Jimmy Carter, 1990s B. Herbert Hoover, 1920s  
C. Franklin Roosevelt, 1980s D. Theodore Roosevelt, 1900s
39. Which statement about American education is NOT true?  
A. Elementary and secondary education is free and noncompulsory.  
B. There are more public elementary and secondary schools than private ones.  
C. Public schools are financially supported and governed by states or communities.



D. Public and private schools refer to the way in which these institutions are funded and controlled.

40. In his masterpiece *Leaves of Grass*, \_\_\_\_\_ praised the ideas of equality and democracy and celebrated the dignity and the self-reliant spirit of the common man.

- A- T. S. Eliot  
C. Walt Whitman
- B. Mark Twain  
D. Emily Dickson

41. Ireland kept out of World War II \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. to declare itself a republic  
B. to make a new constitution  
C. to vote itself out of the Commonwealth  
D. to demonstrate its continued displeasure with the British

42. The most popular religious belief in Ireland is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Methodism  
B. Christianity  
C. Catholicism  
D. Protestantism

43. In Canada, it is difficult to do farming in Atlantic provinces because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. the region is too hilly  
B. dairying is more popular than farming  
C. the weather is too extreme in those provinces  
D. the growing season is short and the soil is poor

44. The Inuit and Indians in northern Canada .

- A. have stopped hunting  
B. have moved from tents to houses in towns  
C. have experienced much change in their life styles  
D. have totally got used to the non-native Canadian way of life

45. As a result of World War II, Canada \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. established the Canadian Navy  
B. experienced a rapid growth in its territory  
C. increased the control over its foreign relations  
D. found its place among the nations of the world

46. Established in 1788, \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest state of Australia.

- A. Victoria  
B. Queensland  
C. South Australia  
D. New South Wales

47. Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, is world famous for its \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. agriculture  
B. arts festival  
C. shipbuilding  
D. valuable minerals

48. Taupo is \_\_\_\_\_ in New Zealand.

- A. the biggest lake                      B. the longest river  
C. the largest plain                      D. the highest mountain

49. Most animals in New Zealand are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. native to the land  
B. brought from England  
C. introduced from North America only  
D. ill adapted to New Zealand conditions

50. According to the Treaty of Waitangi, \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to make laws in New Zealand.

- A. the Maori people  
C. the Queen of England
- B. the British settlers  
D. the New Zealand government

**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. Was the religious reform of Elizabeth I radical?
52. Who is the head of state of the U.K.?
53. What is the House of Lords made up of?
54. What is the major reason for many early settlers to come to the English colonies in North America?
55. What are the three kinds of the American high schools?
56. What are the three branches of government in the United States?
57. Besides being the capital city of Canada, what is special about the city of Ottawa in terms of language?
58. How does the hot and dry weather in Australia affect the vegetation?
59. How do the New Zealanders usually refer themselves to?
60. In which way is Ireland unique among the European countries in terms of its national population?

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

61. Cabinet (U.K.)
62. Quality Papers (U.K.)
63. Muckrakers (U.S.)
64. Marshall Plan